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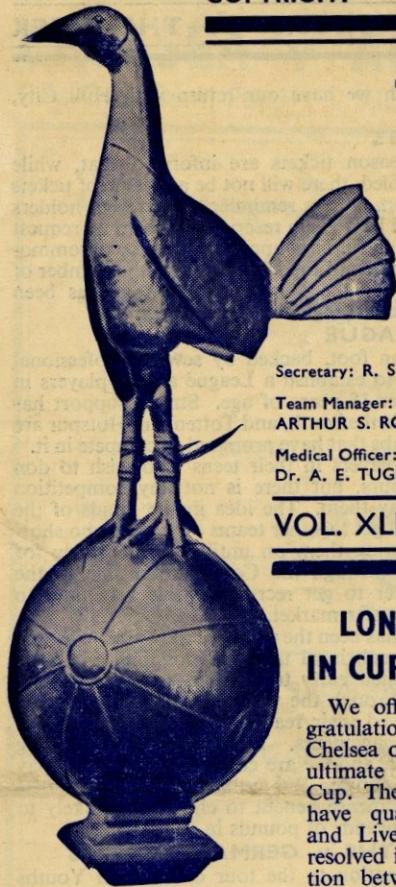
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LONDON CLUBS IN CUP SEMI-FINALS

We offer our hearty congratulations to Arsenal and Chelsea on reaching the penultimate stage of the F.A. Cup. The other two clubs that have qualified are Everton and Liverpool. It has thus resolved itself into a competition between Liverpool and London.

Arsenal this season have had a remarkable run of good fortune in the Cup. They were drawn at home in each of the four Rounds, and in three of their Ties they met Second Division clubs. The latter upheld the prestige of the Division of the League in which they play. Sheffield Wednesday went under by an only goal, Swansea Town by the odd goal of three, and Leeds United last Saturday by an only goal. In the Fifth Round Burnley lost at Highbury by two clear goals.

Chelsea were twice drawn away and twice at home. They won at Brentford 1-0, then knocked out Newcastle United at Stamford Bridge 3-0. In the following Round they went to Chesterfield, where they drew 1-1, and won the replay at Stamford Bridge 3-0. Their finest achievement was last Saturday, when they triumphed over Manchester United, favourites for the Cup, and leaders of the League, by 2-0. It was a glorious victory.

SEMI-FINAL TIE FOR TOTTENHAM

When the draw for the Cup Semi-Final Ties was made on Monday in London they came out in the following order:

Chelsea v. Arsenal

Liverpool v. Everton.

The F.A. Council decided that the Tie between the London clubs should be played here next Saturday, kick-off 3.0 p.m. If the teams are level at the end of 90 minutes' play there will not be any extra time. The replay will be here on the following Wednesday, when there would be extra time if necessary.

There is immense interest in the Tie, and in the interests of the public it will be an all-ticket game. The attendance has been limited to 68,000 and the demand for tickets

has been so great that tens of thousands of applicants must be disappointed. The F.A. has fixed the admission charges as follows: Stand seats reserved £1 1s. and 10/6, Enclosure (standing) 6/-, Admission to ground 2/6.

It will be useless for those who have not been able to obtain tickets to journey here in the hope that there will be some available. The quota allotted to Tottenham for general sale was disposed of in a comparatively few hours after the draw was made.

A BOGEY LAID

For many years the Coventry ground was a bogey pitch for the Spurs. So far as I am able to trace we had not won there for several years—some thirty. Many of us were anxious of the outcome of our visit there a week ago. Would the bogey be laid? That was the question the answer to which was hopefully awaited by the thousands who watched our Combination Cup game with Chelsea.

There was some degree of satisfaction when the result of the first third of the opening half was shown. Neither side had scored. And as the figures 0-0 were unaltered when the fifth fifteen minutes had been played there was modified satisfaction that the Spurs were not losing.

Then came an electrifying moment. The results board showed Tottenham 1, Coventry 0. That was the finish. What a mighty cheer went up. There was a full-throated roar. The tension was relieved. Yet once more the season's extraordinary form away from home had brought in a couple of precious points. The total is now 52, with eleven more games to play—five at home, and six away. Our nearest rivals are Sheffield United, who have collected a dozen less points, and they have played two more games.

Our away goal record is imposing. It is only a fraction less than two to one in our favour, the actual figures being 27 for and only 14 against. It is interesting to note that we have the best goal average in the League, and that we have conceded a less number of goals than any other club. Those facts reveal all-round strength, and there must be all-round strength to win League honours. We are proud of our team, and there is abundant justification for that pride.

RAMSEY'S RAID

While we congratulate our own team we must not forget to tender a meed of praise to Coventry. They are fighting to retain their status. They had good reason to suppose they would at least be able to hold their own, as in their previous

THE ENFIELD CENTRAL BAND WILL PLAY AT EACH HOME GAME

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home match they had trounced Sheffield Wednesday 3-0. As minute succeeded minute, and their forwards were held in such a vice-like grip by Burgess and his colleagues that they could not open their account, their hopes probably centred on a draw.

Five minutes from the finish that seemed a certain result. We had not scored. True that both sides had had half chances to drive the ball between the posts, but not one had been snapped up. It was then that Ramsey was quick to notice there was inadequate covering at the moment in Coventry's left defence. It was the tide in the fortunes of the game that asked to be taken at the flood. Ramsey seized the opportunity.

Coventry were both surprised and out-maneuvered by the long dribble Ramsey made that took him to within some ten yards of the goal line, not far from the corner flag. Then came a judicious centre, and the opportunist Medley, closing in, got his head to the ball, and in between the posts it went. It was a goal of great intrinsic value, and it was the outcome of an inspiration by Ramsey, and perfect collaboration by Medley. And it took us another step towards the realisation of our ambition—promotion to the First Division.

OUR RESERVES

Our Reserves met Chelsea Res. here in the Combination Cup. They should have won easily, but there was a lack of accurate finishing, and as the only goal of the game was obtained by Chelsea after ends were changed we suffered defeat.

The "A" Team were at Gorleston in the Eastern Counties' League. We won 2-0, and head the League with 34 points from 22 games. Our goal record is excellent. It is 68 against 31. Bally for our "A's."

SPURS v. LUTON TOWN

This afternoon our visitors are Luton Town, and we extend to them a cordial welcome. What a series of fine battles we have had with them in the past both in the old-time Southern League, and since then in the Football League. Almost invariably when we are opposed to each other there is a very keen tussle. Last season we drew away 1-1, and at home the odd goal of three enabled us to garner the two points. Bally scored our goal at Luton, and Bennett obtained the two in the return game.

This season we went to Luton on October 22nd, when Walters scored the only goal of the first half. The Town played desperately after ends were changed, and they were rewarded for their efforts when Stobart brought the scores level. The point we dropped at Luton was our second of the season away from home.

In their away fixtures Luton have the following record: Wins, 2, draws 5, losses 9; goals for 12, goals against 27. Each of their away wins was by 1-0, and their most severe defeat was at Grimsby, where the score was 1-6 against them. In the Cup they were drawn at home to Grimsby Town, and they lost by the odd goal of seven. The results of Luton's last dozen competition games are appended:

Dec. 17-(A) West Ham United	..	draw 0-0
Dec. 24-(H) Sheffield United	..	lost 1-3
Dec. 26-(H) Southampton	..	draw 1-1
Dec. 27-(A) Southampton	..	lost 1-2
Dec. 31-(A) Grimsby Town	..	lost 1-6
Jan. 7-(H) Grimsby Town (Cup)	lost	3-4
Jan. 14-(H) Queen's Park Rangers	lost	1-2
Jan. 21-(A) Preston North End	..	won 1-0
Feb. 4-(H) Swansea Town	..	lost 1-2
Feb. 18-(A) Leeds United	..	lost 1-2
Feb. 25-(A) Leicester City	..	lost 2-3
Mar. 4-(H) Bury	..	won 2-1

EASTER HOLIDAY GAMES

Good Friday will be on April 7th. We shall be at home to Hull City on that day. Supporters should make a note of the fact that the kick-off will be at 11.15 in the morning. On the following day we shall play our return with Preston North End in the afternoon with a 3.15 kick-off. On Easter

Monday, April 10th we have our return with Hull City, at Hull.

SEASON TICKETS

Applicants for season tickets are informed that, while all applications are filed, there will not be any issue of tickets until the close season. Just a reminder that present holders of season tickets will have them reserved for them by request in the Old Stand at £5 5s. New applicants will be accommodated in the centre block of the New Stand to the number of 2,000. The charge for the New Stand Seasons has been fixed at £6 6s. There is a big demand for them.

A YOUTH'S LEAGUE

A movement is on foot, backed by several professional clubs in the South, to establish a League all the players in which must be under 18 years of age. Strong support has been promised for it in the South, and Tottenham Hotspur are one of the several clubs that have promised to compete in it.

There are many players in their teens who wish to don the Tottenham colours, but there is not any competition in which we can play them. The idea in the minds of the clubs is that they will get together teams of youths who show promise and then bring them on until they are ready for "A" games, thence through the Combination side to the League. Much better to get recruits in this way than to depend upon the transfer market.

For many years it has been the policy of the Spur to search out and coach as much local talent as possible. We have picked out lads in their early teens, kept an eye on them, and brought them through the various grades of the game until they have proved their readiness to take part in our Football League engagements. That policy has paid big dividends in the past, and we are confident that it will pay big dividends in the future. We are sanguine that the new League will be of immense benefit to clubs. It is likely to save them many thousands of pounds in transfer fees.

ENGLAND YOUTHS v. GERMAN YOUTHS

Again we call attention to the tour of German Youths who will visit this country this month under the auspices of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, from which the home teams will be selected. The tour is being sponsored by the Football Association, and judging from the itinerary that has been prepared the lads from Germany will have a good time.

The first match of the tour will be played on Saturday, March 18th, the kick-off being at 11.0 a.m. It was originally arranged to play here next Saturday, but there is a change of venue because of the Semi-Final Cup Tie. The game will now be played on the Arsenal Stadium at Highbury. You will be able to watch this match and then come here for the Semi-Final. The second match of the tour will be on the Aston Villa ground on Thursday, March 23rd, the third at Sunderland on Saturday, March 25th, and the last will be on the Notts County ground on Thursday, March 30th.

OUR BAND

At the Central Hall, Westminster, Our Band, of which our Director, Mr. E. D. Hornsby is President, won the "Graison" Challenge Trophy, and a cash prize of £40. They also qualified to compete for the All-Britain Championship at the Royal Albert Hall in October. Seventy Bands competed.

TOTTENHAM'S 1919-20 RECORD

Supporters ask to be informed of Tottenham's record in the 1919-20 season, when they gained the Second Division Championship, and promotion, with 70 points. That is the record number of points for the First and Second Divisions of the League, but in the 1946-47 season Doncaster Rovers won the championship of Third North with 72 points, that being the record for all Divisions of the League.

In 1919-20 the Spur were not defeated at home. They won 19 of the 21 games, and drew the other two. Away they won 13, drew 4, and lost 4. The home goal record was 60 for and 11 against, and away 42 for and 21 against. Those figures show that the Spur scored more than three to one. We had a three to one record for a considerable part of this season, but we are just under that to-day.

On Saturday, 18th March

CHELSEA v ARSENAL

F.A. Cup, Semi-Final Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

On Saturday, 25th March

WEST HAM UNITED

Football League, Div. II. Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

ROOM FOR 50,000 UNDER COVER

Football League, Div. II.

March 11th, 1950

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

White Shirts, Blue Knickers

RIGHT WING

GOAL

DITCHBURN 1 BACKS

RAMSEY 2

NICHOLSON 4

WALTERS 7

REES 8

DUQUEMIN 9

WITHERS 3

BURGESS (Capt.) 6

BAILY 10

MEDLEY 11

Kick-off 3.15

LEFT WING

WYLDEN 11

STOBART 10

JINKS 9 FORWARD

KIERNAN 8

GLOVER 7

GARDINER (Capt.) 6 OWEN 5 HALF-BACKS

AHERNE 3

HUGHES 1 BACKS

GOAL

LUTON TOWN

Red Shirts, White Knickers

RIGHT WING

ANY ALTERATION WILL BE NOTED ON THE BOARD

HALF-TIME SCORES

The appended Code corresponds with letters on the Scoring Board thus: A¹ means the first-named Club has scored 1 and their opponents 0. A⁰ Not played.

O	Brentford v. Leeds United	..	..	..
P	Bury v. Barnsley	..	..	..
Q	Cardiff City v. Coventry City	..	..	..
R	Chesterfield v. Grimsby Town	..	..	..
S	Hull City v. Swansea Town	..	..	..
T	Leicester City v. West Ham United	..	..	..
U	Plymouth Argyle v. Queen's Park Rangers	..	..	..
V	Sheffield Wednesday v. Preston North End	..	..	..
W	Bristol Rovers v. Millwall	..	..	..
X	Crystal Palace v. Torquay United	..	..	..
Y	Leyton Orient v. Northampton Town	..	..	..
Z	Watford v. Aldershot	..	..	..

YOUR BEST WAY HOME IS BY

LONDON TRANSPORT



Trolleybuses from outside the ground serve Manor House and Finsbury Park Stations

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals For	Goals Ag.
Sat. Aug. 20	Brentford	Away	4	1
Mon. " 22	Plymouth Argyle	Home	4	1
Sat. " 27	Blackburn Rovers	Home	2	3
Wed. " 31	Plymouth Argyle	Away	2	0
Sat. Sept. 3	Cardiff City	Away	1	0
Mon. " 5	Sheffield Wednesday	Home	1	0
Sat. " 10	Leeds United	Home	2	0
Sat. " 17	Bury	Home	3	1
Sat. " 24	Leicester City	Away	2	1
Sat. Oct. 1	Bradford	Home	5	0
Sat. " 8	Southampton	Away	1	1
Sat. " 15	Coventry City	Home	3	1
Sat. " 22	Luton Town	Away	1	1
Thur. " 27	Cambridge University	Away	3	4
Sat. " 29	Barnsley	Home	2	0
Sat. Nov. 5	West Ham United	Away	1	0
Thur. " 10	Oxford University	Away	3	1
Sat. " 12	Sheffield United	Home	7	0
Sat. " 19	Grimsby Town	Away	3	2
Sat. " 26	Queen's Park Rangers	Home	3	0
Sat. Dec. 3	Preston North End	Away	3	1
Sat. " 10	Swansea Town	Home	3	1
Sat. " 17	Brentford	Home	1	1
Sat. " 24	Blackburn Rovers	Away	2	1
Mon. " 26	Chesterfield	Home	1	0
Tues. " 27	Chesterfield	Away	1	1
Sat. " 31	Cardiff City	Home	2	0

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Sat. Jan. 7	Stoke 3rd Rd. F.A. Cup.	Away	1	0
Sat. " 14	Leeds United	Away	0	3
Sat. " 21	Bury	Away	2	1
Sat. " 28	Sunderland 4th Rd. F.A.C.	Home	5	1
Sat. Feb. 4	Leicester City	Home	0	2
Sat. " 11	Everton 5th Rd. F.A.C.	Away	0	1
Sat. " 18	Bradford	Away	3	1
Sat. " 25	Southampton	Home	4	0
Sat. Mar. 4	Coventry City	Away	1	0
Sat. " 11	Luton Town	Home		
Sat. " 18	Barnsley	Away		
Sat. " 25	West Ham United	Home		
Sat. April 1	Queen's Park Rangers	Away		
Fri. " 7	Hull City	Home		
Sat. " 8	Preston North End	Home		
Mon. " 10	Hull City	Away		
Sat. " 15	Sheffield United	Away		
Sat. " 22	Grimsby Town	Home		
Sat. " 29	Swansea Town	Away		
Sat. May 6	Sheffield Wednesday	Away		

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals For	Goals Ag.
Mon. Oct. 17	Charlton Ath. (L.C.Cup 1st Round, Replay)	Away	1	3
Sat. " 22	Southampton	Home	3	2
Sat. " 29	Norwich City	Away	2	1
Sat. Nov. 5	Bristol City	Home	3	1
Sat. " 12	Southampton	Away	0	4
Sat. " 19	Chelsea	Home	1	2
Sat. " 26	Bristol City	Away	1	1
Sat. Dec. 10	Chelsea	Away	2	0
Sat. " 24	Ipswich Town	Home	4	0
Sat. " 26	Portsmouth	Away	0	0
Tues. " 27	Plymouth Argyle	Away	2	2
Sat. " 31	*Brentford	Away	1	3
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Sat. Jan. 7	*Crystal Palace	Away	0	2
Sat. " 14	*Brentford	Home	3	1
Sat. " 21	*Southend United	Away	0	2
Sat. " 28	*Brighton & Hove A.	Away	2	0
Sat. Feb. 11	*Southend United	Home	1	2
Sat. " 18	*Crystal Palace	Home	2	2
Sat. " 25	*Queen's Park Rangers	Away	2	2
Sat. Mar. 4	*Chelsea	Home	0	1
Sat. " 11	*Arsenal	Away		
Sat. " 18	*Brighton & Hove A.	Home		
Sat. " 25	*Chelsea	Away		
Sat. April 1	*Queen's Park Rangers	Home		

* Football Combination Cup

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground	Goals For	Goals Ag.
Sat. Dec. 3	Newmarket Town	Away	3	2
Sat. " 10	Wisbech (F.)	Away	1	1
Sat. " 17	St. Neots (F.)	Away	5	2
Sat. " 24	Gillingham	Away	1	0
Tues. " 27	Chelsea	Home	3	0
Sat. " 31	Bury St. Edmunds	Away	2	2
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Wed. Jan. 4	Arsenal	Away	4	0
Sat. " 14	Lowestoft Town	Away	4	0
Sat. " 21	Arsenal	Home	2	1
Sat. " 28	King's Lynn	Away	1	2
Sat. Feb. 11	Newmarket Town	Away	4	3
Sat. " 18	Headington United (F.)	Away	1	4
Sat. Mar. 4	Gorleston	Away	2	0
Wed. " 22	Chelmsford City	Away		
Sat. " 25	Gorleston	Away		
Sat. April 1	King's Lynn	Away		
Sat. " 8	Aldershot	Away		

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIV. II

Up to and incl. Mar. 4th.	Goals
P. W. D. L. F. A. Ps.	
Tottenham Hotspur	31 24 4 3 70 24 52
Sheffield United	33 14 12 7 47 41 40
Sheffield Wed.	30 13 11 6 50 40 37
Hull City	31 16 5 10 57 55 37
Southampton	31 13 10 8 48 38 36
Leeds United	31 13 9 9 39 31 35
Bury	31 13 6 12 52 41 32
Preston North End	32 12 8 12 42 39 32
Swansea Town	31 13 5 13 45 42 31
West Ham United	31 11 9 11 38 37 31
Barnsley	31 10 10 11 53 50 30
Leicester City	33 9 12 12 44 52 30
Brentford	32 10 10 12 31 40 30
Grimsby Town	30 11 7 12 56 56 29
Chesterfield	32 11 7 14 30 36 29
Cardiff City	30 12 5 13 29 36 29
Blackburn Rovers	31 11 6 14 41 44 28
Luton Town	31 7 11 13 32 46 25
Coventry City	31 7 10 14 37 47 24
Plymouth Argyle	32 6 12 14 38 53 24
Queen's Park Ran.	32 7 10 15 30 45 24
Bradford	31 8 7 16 44 60 23

COMBINATION CUP

Up to and incl. Mar. 4th.	Goals
P. W. D. L. F. A. Ps.	
Arsenal	8 5 2 1 14 7 12
Southend United	8 5 2 1 18 9 12
Chelsea	8 4 4 0 9 5 12
Brentford	10 5 1 4 15 14 11
Tottenham Hotspur	9 2 2 5 11 15 6
Crystal Palace	9 1 4 4 10 16 6
Brighton & H. A.	9 2 1 6 9 16 5
Queen's Park Ran.	7 1 2 4 11 15 4

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE

Up to and incl. Mar. 4th	Goals
P. W. D. L. F. A. Ps.	
Tottenham Hotspur	22 16 2 4 68 31 34
Gillingham	21 15 1 5 64 28 31
King's Lynn	18 13 3 2 59 21 29
Arsenal	26 12 5 9 45 41 29
Gt. Yarmouth	21 12 3 6 44 29 27
Clacton Town	24 11 4 9 52 52 26
Chelsea	24 9 5 10 45 44 23
Norwich City	23 9 4 10 43 39 22
Lowestoft Town	19 8 4 7 38 42 20
Chelmsford City	20 8 4 8 42 55 20
Colchester United	23 6 6 11 43 40 18
Bury St. Edmunds	22 6 6 10 35 41 18
Harwich & Park	16 5 6 31 31 15
West Ham United	23 6 2 15 35 55 14
Newmarket Town	21 6 1 14 28 35 13
Ipswich Town	22 5 3 14 24 54 13
Gorleston	19 4 4 11 38 48 12