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**CLUB NOTES**

WE really did think at the half-way stage at Griffin Park, last Saturday, that we were at last to record our first away win of the season. During the first half there had only been one team in it and it is no exaggeration to say that with any luck at all we would have had the ball in the back of the net on at least three occasions. In the second half Brentford had as much of the game as ourselves and in fact their approach work looked the more dangerous, and yet the only real chance they had of scoring they accepted. During this second half we struck the upright twice and the crossbar once, and somehow or other that ball just would not cross the line. Considering the awful conditions both sides put up a very good show and are to be congratulated for entertaining the crowd, small though it was, in the way they did. Not many people had left the ground before the final whistle, proof indeed of an interesting match on such a cold day. Our recent capture from St. Mirren had a very good match, particularly in the first half, when he made football even under those trying conditions look easy and at the same time effective. His quickness in getting the ball under control and on the move in the same movement stamped him as a born footballer, and Billy Havenga responded very well to the better service he received. Willie Davie is undoubtedly going to make a big difference to our forward line; we all sincerely trust he will settle down in Luton very quickly and if his form of last Saturday is merely a precursor then he is going to be a very popular member of the Luton community.

Mention of our even more recent capture than Willie Davie would not be out of place here. He is Patrick Joseph McAuley (Pat for short) and comes from Glasgow Celtic, having joined them in 1941. He was Celtic's regular left half until an injury received a few weeks ago, and is a player of considerable experience. He has been chosen several times as first reserve for Scotland and has played for the Scottish League against the Irish League; we are hoping his experience will make our already good defence into an even stronger power. We all wish him good fortune with the "Hatters" and may he escape any further injury and settle down very quickly to his new surroundings.

We welcome Blackburn Rovers to Kenilworth Road on this, the first of the Christmas matches, and under the circumstances a very good game is

bound to be the outcome. Blackburn, being only two points behind the leaders are, of course, hoping to improve that position by winning here today which, on paper, looks a feasible possibility. But we behind the scenes feel that the tide has turned and that we are no longer going to be anybody's chopping block. Even though we lost last week there was a feeling that the tide had turned and that 1951 will prove a much happier time for the Club. We may be wrong of course, it may be just wishful thinking on our part, but there it is and if that confidence can be carried on by our supporters who knows where it will get us. We are not in the doldrums by any means and we have made up our minds that we are going to get away from the bottom of that Table. Are you with us all you supporters? Then cheer the lads on, give them that feeling of your confidence. We have the material, help us to make the best use of it by giving the lads all the encouragement you can.

Looking at Blackburn's away record makes very interesting reading. They have won four times away from home and yet have scored only six more goals than we, fifteen against our nine. Their goals against of course reads better than ours, twenty compared with our twenty-seven, but it is remarkable that for only scoring six more goals than ourselves they have the satisfaction of four away wins against our nil. They have obtained one point out of their last three away matches, having drawn with Notts. County one goal each, and lost at Leicester two goals to nil and against Queens Park Rangers by three goals to one. Despite their imposing position in the League we can however approach this match with confidence, especially in view of these last three results and particularly from what has been said earlier. Last year when Blackburn were our visitors the match was nearly postponed because of the heavy rain which fell on the Friday and Saturday morning—earlier this week it looked as if this fixture might also be affected but fortunately the Clerk of the Weather felt in a better mood after the hectic weekend and so the game will take place as arranged. George Stobart scored four goals if you remember upon Blackburn's last visit here—what a difference it would make to our Christmas festivities if he repeated that performance today!

All Officials and Players wish all our Supporters a Very Happy and Joyous Christmas and all the Very Best in the New Year which is just upon us. May it be a happier one for us in every respect.

**Boxing Day, Tuesday, December 26th, 1950**

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION II

○ KICK-OFF 2.30 p.m.

**LUTON TOWN v. SWANSEA TOWN**

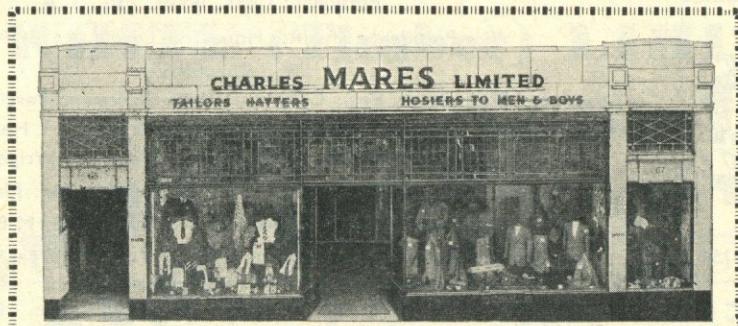
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Inside Right

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**11**  
**Priday**  
Outside Left

**10**  
**Todd**  
Inside Left

**6**  
**Bell**  
Left Half

**3**  
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**Streten**  
Goal

**5**  
**Owen**  
Centre Half

**9**  
**Stobart**  
Centre

**10**  
**Davie**  
Inside Left

**11**  
**Havenga**  
Outside Left

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Red Flag: Mr. D. R. WILDMAN  
(Kettering)

Orange Flag: Mr. E. P. HAYNES

(Godalming, Surrey)

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**Crossan**  
Inside Right

**7**  
**Wharton**  
Outside Right

**4**  
**Campbell**  
Right Half

**2**  
**Suart**  
Right Back

## Football League—Division II

**3**  
**Aherne, T.**  
Left Back

**6**  
**McAuley**  
Left Half

**10**  
**Davie**  
Inside Left

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**Havenga**  
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

## FIRST LIST

- A WOLVES ..... FULHAM .....
- B TOTTENHAM ..... ARSENAL .....
- C SUNDERLAND ..... LIVERPOOL .....
- D STOKE CITY ..... WEST BROM. ....
- E ASTON VILLA ..... DERBY CO'NTY .....
- F BURNLEY ..... WEDNESDAY .....
- G CHARLTON A. ..... BLACKPOOL .....
- H PORTSMOUTH ..... HUDDERSFIELD .....
- K MANCH. UN. ..... BOLTON WAN .....
- L EVERTON ..... NEWCASTLE U. ....
- M CHELSEA ..... MIDDLESBRO' .....
- N WEST HAM U. ..... DONCASTER R. ....

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- B SHEFFIELD UN. ..... SOUTHAMPTON .....
- C QUEEN'S P.R. ..... LEICESTER C. ....
- D BARNSLEY ..... CHESTERFIELD .....
- E BURY ..... MANCH. CITY .....
- F GRIMSBY T. ..... BIRMINGHAM .....
- G PRESTON N.E. ..... COVENTRY C. ....
- H NOTTS. CO'TY ..... CARDIFF C. ....
- K LEEDS UNITED ..... BRENTFORD .....
- L SOUTHEND U. ..... WALSALL .....
- M READING ..... LEYTON O. ....
- N PLYMOUTH AR. .... IPSWICH T. ....

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- E CRYSTAL PAL. ..... SWINDON T. ....
- F NORTHANTS ..... PORT VALE .....
- G NEWPORT CO' ..... TORQUAY U. ....
- H GILLINGHAM ..... BRISTOL CITY .....
- K EXETER CITY ..... WATFORD .....
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## F. A.

			1949/50
Sat., Aug. 19	Brentford	1 0	H 2 0
Thurs., " 24	West Ham United	0 0	A 1 2
Sat., " 26	Blackburn Rovers	0 0	A 0 1
Wed., " 30	West Ham United	2 2	H 1 1
Sat., Sept. 2	Southampton	1 1	H 0 1
Wed., " 6	Hull City	0 3	H 1 2
Sat., " 9	Barnsley	0 1	A 1 6
" 16	Sheffield United	1 3	H 0 0
" 23	Manchester City	... A 1 1	1
" 30	Leeds United	1 2	A 1 2
Sat., Oct. 7	Preston North End	1 1	H 1 2
" 14	Notts. County	1 2	H 2 0
" 21	Queens Park Rangers	2 2	A 1 4
" 28	Bury	2 5	A 1 4
Sat., Nov. 4	Leicester City	1 0	H 0 2
" 11	Chesterfield	1 0	A 1 1
" 18	Grimsby Town	0 0	H 4 3
" 25	Birmingham City	... A 0 3	1
Sat., Dec. 2	Cardiff City	0 0	H 1 1
" 9	Coventry City	0 1	A 1 4
" 16	Brentford	1 1	A 0 1
" 23	Blackburn Rovers	5 2	H 0 1
Mon., " 25	Swansea Town	0 0	A 1
Tues., " 26	Swansea Town	1 2	H 0 1
Sat., " 30	Southampton	1 2	A 1
Sat., Jan. 6	F.A. Cup—Round 3	... H	
" 13	Barnsley	3 1	H
" 20	Sheffield United	2 2	A
" 27	F.A. Cup—Round 4	... H	
Sat., Feb. 3	Manchester City	... H	
" 10	F.A. Cup—Round 5	... H	
" 17	Leeds United	1 0	H
" 24	Preston North End (6)	1 0	A
Sat., Mar. 3	Notts. County	... H	
" 10	Queens Park Rangers	0 3	A
" 17	Bury	2 1	H
Fri., " 23	Doncaster Rovers	... A	
Sat., " 24	Leicester City	2 3	A
Mon., " 26	Doncaster Rovers	... H	
Sat., " 31	Chesterfield	1 1	H
Sat., Apr. 7	Grimsby Town	1 6	A
" 14	Birmingham City	... H	
" 21	Cardiff City	0 0	A
" 28	Coventry City	2 0	H
Sat., May 5	Hull City	1 1	A

## FIXTURES, 1950 - 51

## RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

1949/50

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Sat., Aug. 19	Cardiff City	0 2	A 0 1
Wed., " 23	Northampton Town	1 0	H 1 0
Sat., " 26	Arsenal	2 0	H 1 2
Sat., Sept. 2	Birmingham City	2 4	A 0 2
Mon., " 4	Millwall	2 0	H 0 1
Sat., " 9	Swansea Town	1 1	A 2 0
" 14	Crystal Palace	0 1	A 1 3
" 16	Queens Park Rangers	3 2	A 3 7
Sat., " 21	Fulham	3 1	H 5 0
Sat., " 23	Southend United	1 0	A 1 1
Sat., " 26	Southend United	0 0	H 2 1
Sat., " 30	Southend United	0 0	A 2 1
Thurs. Oct. 5	Northampton Town	3 3	A 3 3
Sat., " 7	Leyton Orient	2 3	A 4 1
" 14	Coventry City	4 1	H 1 3
" 21	Leicester City	0 3	A 0 2
" 28	Leyton Orient	2 1	H 2 1
Sat., Nov. 4	Reading	0 0	A 1 2
" 11	Cardiff City	0 0	H 1 2
" 18	Millwall	1 3	A 3 4
" 25	Leicester City	0 3	H 2 1
Sat., Dec. 2	Arsenal	4 0	A 1 1
" 9	Birmingham City	0 2	H 2 1
" 16	Bristol Rovers	0 0	A 4 5
" 23	Coventry City	1 1	A
" 25	Reading	4 1	H
Sat., " 26	Fulham	2 3	A
Sat., " 30	Crystal Palace	1 2	H
Sat., Jan. 6	Bristol Rovers	4 5	H
" 13	Queens Park Rangers	1 0	H
Combination Cup			
Sat., Jan. 27	Norwich City	2 4	H
Sat., Feb. 3	Birmingham City	2 5	A
" 10	Northampton Town	0 0	A
" 17	Norwich City	1 3	A
" 24	Birmingham City	3 2	H
Sat., Mar. 3	Ipswich Town	2 3	A
" 10	Leicester City	2 3	H
" 17	Ooventry City	0 2	H
" 23	Northampton Town	0 3	H
" 24	Watford	5 0	H
" 31	Watford	0 3	A
Sat., Apr. 7	Coventry City	2 0	H
" 14	Leicester City	1 1	A
" 21	Ipswich Town	0 0	H
Sat., May 5			

## LEAGUE TABLE, 1950-51

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION—Section "A"

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Manchester City	21	11	6	4	49	34	28
Coventry City	22	12	3	7	46	26	27
Southampton	22	11	5	6	33	33	27
Birmingham City	22	11	4	7	37	28	26
<b>BLACKBURN R.</b>	22	11	4	7	34	32	26
Barnsley	22	10	5	7	49	29	25
Preston North End	22	11	3	8	43	30	25
Cardiff City	21	7	10	4	27	21	24
Hull City	21	8	7	6	39	32	23
West Ham United	21	10	3	8	36	37	23
Sheffield United	21	8	6	7	39	32	22
Doncaster Rovers	21	7	8	6	31	33	22
Leicester City	21	7	6	8	35	31	20
Notts. County	21	7	6	8	30	20	20
Leeds United	21	7	6	8	32	31	20
Queens Park Rangers	21	7	4	10	34	47	18
Chesterfield	22	5	8	9	26	37	18
Brentford	22	7	4	11	28	48	18
Bury	21	6	4	11	25	36	16
Swansea Town	21	7	2	10	30	45	16
Grimsby Town	21	4	6	11	37	54	14
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	21	3	6	12	21	36	12

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th, 1950

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

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