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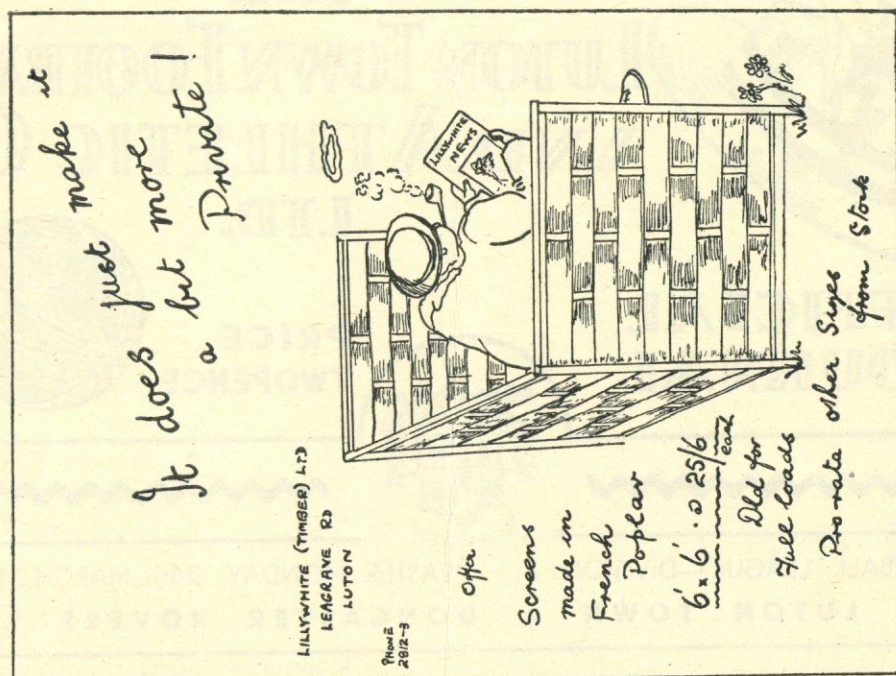
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CLUB NOTES

AS these Notes were being prepared last Wednesday evening the rain was coming down as hard as it could, the wind was blowing, it was cold, and the prospect for a sunny Easter seemed very remote indeed. We sincerely hope that the weather has been nice this holiday after all, for after the long and tedious Winter a warm Easter will make a big difference to everyone's outlook on life generally. If allied to a warm Easter our lads have been able to avoid defeat in their two away games then life will certainly seem sweeter.

Our previous home game with Bury proved a tonic for all, and helped us to face the future with much more certainty than had been our lot lately. Bury certainly have their Goalkeeper to thank for playing such a big part in keeping our score down to four goals, for a less capable goalie would have been beaten at least on four other occasions, and could not have been blamed had he done so. It was good to see our forwards having so many pots at goal, and considering the appalling conditions of the pitch a very good game was witnessed. There certainly were a lot more happier faces in Luton that week-end. We know our lads can do it, but unfortunately only in patches have they been able to show it throughout the season, although it must be admitted we have suffered some shocking luck at times. However if the lads can continue this good work then there need be nothing to fear.

Although space is short today we feel we must mention the splendid achievement of the Stiffs in coming away from Coventry last Saturday week with a share of the spoils. It was a very good performance, for the "Bantams" had a very strong and experienced side in action and were fully expected to win. If our lads have won both their matches this Easter time then they are in a very comfortable position in their particular Section today. Their football lately has certainly been worth watching, and if they can keep up their good work should be appearing in the Semi-Finals of the Combination Cup on April 28th next. We wish them Good Luck in their efforts.

Today we have the pleasure of meeting Doncaster Rovers in a League II fixture. What happened at Doncaster last Friday we of course did not know when these notes were being penned, but if we escaped defeat it was a very good performance. Doncaster were last season's Third Division (North) Champions, and have proved this season that it was no flash in the pan. No matter what happens now they will not again have the galling experience of going back to the Third Division the season following their promotion, as was their unhappy lot at the end of season 1947/48. Although their Player Manager is at present not able to take an active part on the field due to a most unfortunate accident a few weeks ago when he broke his leg, Peter Doherty is still very much the brains behind it all. He is very determined that

the accident will not end his playing career, and we at Luton wish him all the very best in his efforts to achieve that hope.

Here are pen pictures of the team we hope are taking the field this afternoon against us:

Ken Hardwick, goalkeeper. Local born 'keeper who came into first team when Archie Ferguson went to Wrexham. Safe, reliable and unspectacular 'keeper who contrives to use the ball well. Rovers his only club.

Brian Makepeace, right back. One of this season's young discoveries. Only 19, but improving each week. Came into first team a month ago and this local lad who joined Rovers as centre half justifies his selection. Keen tackler.

Len Graham, left back. Irish international. Out of first team for part of season owing to knee injury but now back in his best form. Hails from Belfast.

Walter Jones, right half. Brother of Jones, the former Blackpool international. Joined Rovers during the close season and took Lowe's place. Fearless tackler and strong attacking wing half.

Syd Bycroft, centre half. Veteran of side, joining Rovers as forward in 1936 season. Converted to centre half and playing as well as ever. Holds middle of the field and never gives up. Captains the Rovers.

David Miller, left half. Formerly with Derby County and now a stalwart of the Rovers. Fine attacking player who is always ready to get a goal. Demonstrated this a week last Saturday when scoring winning goal with header against Coventry City.

Alfred Calverley, outside right. Previous experience with Huddersfield Town, Preston, Arsenal and Mansfield. Usually plays on left wing, but has revealed brilliant form in recent games on opposite flank. Splendid ball control and speed.

Tommy Martin, inside right. Rovers paid £6,000 for him from Stirling Albion and this thoughtful, scheming player has doubled his value. Clever tactician and ball player.

Raymond Harrison, centre forward. Signed from Burnley during close season. Lost his form in earlier matches but now back and leading Rovers attack with great skill. Two footed player who gets surprise goals.

Kit Lawlor, inside left. Eire international and without doubt one of Doncaster's greatest captures from Eire. Capped this year and second in Rovers goalscoring list. Great forager and always on the ball.

Herbert Tindill, outside left. Forceful player with terrific shot in either foot. Normal position is right wing, but can play anywhere in forward line. Made 115 consecutive appearances for Rovers.

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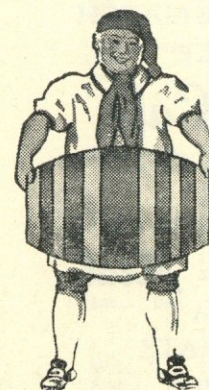
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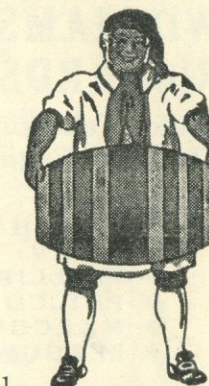
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2
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Right Back

4
Morton
Right Half

7
Stobbs
Outside Right

8
Watkins
Inside Right

Referee—
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11
Tindill
Outside Left

10
Lawlor
Inside Left

6
Miller
Left Half

3
Graham
Left Back

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Shirts Red and White Hoops
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Streten
Goal

5
Owen
Centre Half

9
Moore
Centre

9
Harrison
Centre

5
Bycroft
Centre Half

Hardwick
Goal

Football League—Division II

3
Aherne, T.
Left Back

6
McAuley
Left Half

10
Davie
Inside Left

11
Gardiner
Outside Left

Linesmen—
Red Flag: Mr. C. H. ALLEN (Croydon)
Orange Flag: Mr. L. W. PARKER (Watford)

8
Martin
Inside Right

7
Calverley
Outside Right

4
Jones
Right Half

2
Makepeace
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FIRST LIST

A BOLTON WAN	BLACKPOOL	0-0
B CHELSEA	BURNLEY	0-1
C DERBY CO'NTY	MANCH. UN.	2-3
D EVERTON	.....	WEDNESDAY	0-0
E PORTSMOUTH	.....	ARSENAL	1-0
F STOKE CITY	.....	MIDDLESBRO'	2-0
G SUNDERLAND	.....	NEWCASTLE U.	2-1
H TOTTENHAM	.....	FULHAM	2-0
K WEST BROM.	.....	HUDDERSFIELD	0-0
L WOLVES	.....	ASTON VILLA	0-2
M BARNLEY	.....	BLACKBURN R.	1-0
N CARDIFF C.	.....	BIRMINGHAM	2-0

SECOND LIST

A CHESTERFIELD	.....	BURY	0
B LEEDS UNITED	.....	HULL CITY	0
C MANCH. CITY	.....	NOTTS. CO'TY	0
D PRESTON N.E.	.....	LEICESTER C.	1
E SHEFFIELD UN.	.....	BRENTFORD	1
F SOUTHAMPTON	.....	QUEEN'S P. R.	0
G SWANSEA T.	.....	WEST HAM U.	1
H BRISTOL CITY	.....	READING	0
K CRYSTAL PAL.	.....	PORT VALE	1
L EXETER CITY	.....	BOURNEM'UTH	0
M IPSWICH T.	.....	WATFORD	0
N NORWICH C.	.....	NEWPORT CO'	1

THIRD LIST

A NOTTS. FOR	.....	BRISTOL ROV.	0
B PLYMOUTH AR.	.....	MILLWALL A.	1
C SOUTHEND U.	.....	GILLINGHAM	0
D SWINDON T.	.....	ALDERSHOT T.	0
E TORQUAY U.	.....	COLCHESTER U.	1
F WALSALL	.....	LEYTON O.	0
G ACCRINGTON	.....	MANSFIELD T.	1
H BRADFORD	.....	OLDHAM A.	1
K GATESHEAD	LINCOLN C.	2
L ROTHERHAM	CARLISLE UN.	0
M STOCKPORT C	HALIFAX T.	0
N WREXHAM	TRANMERE R.	0

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FIXTURES, 1950-51**FIRST XI Division II**

			1949/50	F. A.
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	...	...	1 1
" 30	Leeds United	...	1 2 A 1	2
Sat., Oct. 7	Preston North End	...	1 1 H 1	2
" 14	Notts. County	...	...	2 2
" 21	Queens Park Rangers	...	1 2 H 2	0
" 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	0
" 25	Birmingham City	...	...	0 3
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 1	1
Mon., " 25	Swansea Town	...	0 0 A 2	0
Tues., " 26	Swansea Town	...	1 2 H 3	1
Sat., " 30	Southampton	...	1 2 A 1	1
Sat., Jan. 6	Portsmouth (F.A. Cup—3)	...	H 2	0
" 13	Barnsley	...	3 1 H 1	1
" 20	Sheffield United	...	2 2 A 1	2
" 27	Bristol Rov. (F.A. Cup—4)	...	H 1	2
Sat., Feb. 3	Manchester City	...	H 2	2
" 10	Aston Villa (Friendly)	...	H 1	2
" 17	Leeds United	...	1 0 H 2	3
" 24	Preston North End (6)	...	1 0 A 0	1
Sat., Mar. 3	Notts. County	...	H 1	1
" 10	Queens Park Rangers	...	0 3 A 1	1
" 17	Bury	...	2 1 H 4	2
Fri., " 23	Doncaster Rovers	...	...	A
Sat., " 24	Leicester City	...	2 3 A	1
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	...

LEAGUE TABLES, 1950-51

(Up to and including, Saturday, March 17th)

LEAGUE DIVISION II

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Preston North End	34	22	4	8	77	37	48
Blackburn Rovers	34	17	7	9	58	50	41
Cardiff City	33	13	13	7	45	38	39
Manchester City	32	14	10	8	66	52	38
Birmingham City	33	16	6	11	53	46	38
Coventry City	34	16	5	13	65	47	37
DONCASTER R.	33	12	12	9	50	54	36
Leeds United	33	14	7	12	51	48	35
Southampton	33	13	9	11	53	57	35
Leicester City	33	12	10	11	53	43	34
West Ham United	33	13	8	12	56	56	34
Sheffield United	32	12	9	11	56	49	33
Notts County	33	12	9	12	58	52	33
Hull City	33	11	11	11	58	58	33
Brentford	34	13	7	14	55	61	33
Barnsley	33	12	7	15	60	55	31
Queens Park Rangers	33	10	9	14	54	67	29
Swansea Town	33	13	2	18	42	62	28
LUTON TOWN	33	5	12	15	40	52	24
Bury	34	9	6	19	48	70	24
Chesterfield	34	7	10	17	33	52	24
Grimsby Town	33	6	11	16	53	80	23

COMBINATION CUP—Section III

	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Birmingham City	8	4	2	2	13	15	10
Ipswich Town	6	4	1	1	10	4	9
Coventry City	6	3	2	1	9	4	8
LUTON TOWN	7	3	2	2	17	11	8
Leicester City	6	1	3	2	7	7	5
Norwich City	6	1	3	2	10	10	5
Watford	7	0	4	3	7	15	4
Northampton Town	6	1	1	4	7	14	3

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

			1949/50	F. A.
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	Swansea Town	...	2 2 H 1	0
Sat., " 9	Millwall	...	0 0 H 0	1
Thurs., " 14	Swansea Town	...	1 1 A 2	2
Sat., " 16	Crystal Palace	...	0 1 A 1	0
Thurs., " 21	Queens Park Rangers	...	3 2 A 3	7
Sat., " 23	Fulham	...	3 1 H 5	1
Tues., " 26	Southend United	...	1 0 A 1	0
Sat., " 30	Southend United	...	0 0 H 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 2	1
Mon., " 25	Reading	...	4 1 H 1	1
Tues., " 26	Fulham	...	2 3 A 1	1
Sat., " 30	Crystal Palace	...	1 2 H 1	1
Sat., Jan. 6	Queens Park Rangers	...	1 0 H 1	3
Sat., Jan. 27	Combination Cup	...	...	...
Sat., Feb. 3	Birmingham City	...	2 5 A 1	2
" 10	Northampton Town	...	0 0 A 4	1
" 17	Norwich City	...	1 3 A 4	4
" 24	Birmingham City	...	3 2 H 6	0
Sat., Mar. 3	Ipswich Town	...	2 3 A 0	3
" 10	Leicester City	...	0 2 H 1	0
" 17	Coventry City	...	1 5 A 1	1
Fri., " 23	Northampton Town	...	0 3 H	...
Sat., " 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

NEXT MATCH

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