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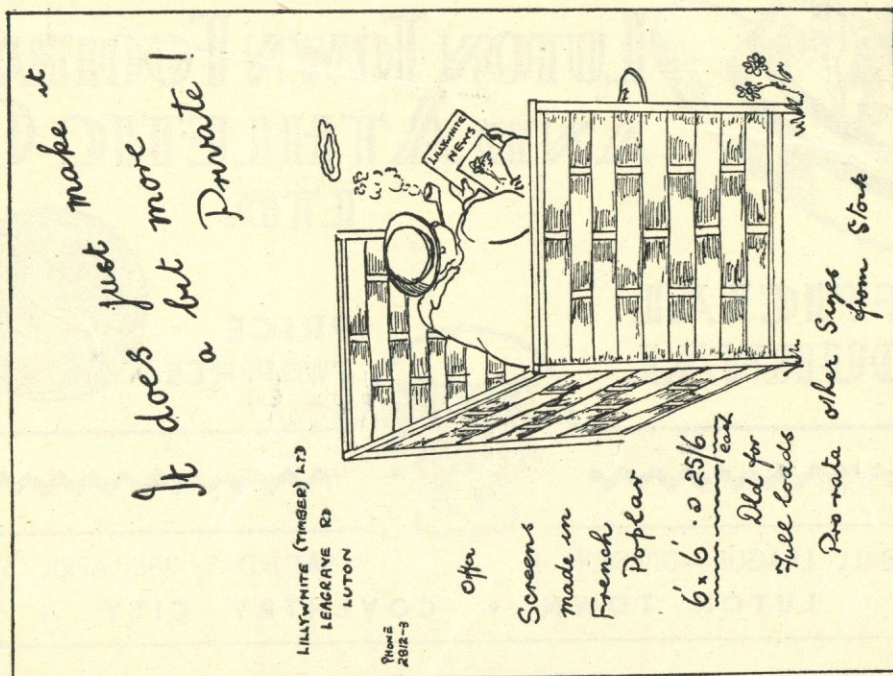
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CLUB NOTES

AFTER all the trials and tribulations of this very difficult season we come to our last Football League home fixture, and although it is our last League fixture there is still a lot of interest in this match for we require one more point to make us absolutely safe from the big drop, whereas our opponents have not yet given up hope of earning talent money by finishing in one of the top four positions. Proof that the Coventry supporters are hoping that their team will finish very near the top is shown by their demand for tickets for today's match, Coventry's last of the season. This match is the only one throughout the season, apart from the two Cup Ties, when we have sold all our tickets, and the biggest portion of these have undoubtedly gone to Coventry supporters. In fact we have had to refuse several applications from party organisers who had applied for well over a hundred tickets between them. All this on the day of the F.A. Cup Final too!

We welcome our old friends from Coventry here today, and no doubt we shall see a continuance of those hard struggles which is always the case when we meet. We have also that score of four goals to one to wipe off which was the extent of our defeat at their hands when we met at Coventry early last December. All things considered therefore we can confidently anticipate a thrilling encounter.

It will be observed that our game at Cardiff last Saturday was the eleventh occasion this season when we have lost a League II match by the odd goal—added to this we have drawn thirteen times. What a difference to our position in the League that other goal would have made on each of these occasions. Perhaps this is just idle conjecture, but it might easily have been!

Our Stiffs let us down rather badly last Saturday when they let Ipswich Reserves take both points home with them in a London Combination Cup fixture. A win by our lads would have made the fight for leaders of our Section a very open affair but Ipswich are now assured of taking part in the quarter-finals of this competition. We wish them further success in their endeavours to win the Combination Cup for the first time. Our lads could not adapt themselves to the changed conditions as well as the Ipswich team, who of

course had the added inspiration behind them that if they won this match they could not be overtaken. Our Reserve Team played much better last Wednesday evening against a very strong Coventry team and did well to finish on level terms. After an indifferent first half our lads settled down after change of ends to a much improved display, and how the Coventry goal escaped on several occasions nobody knew.

The Stiffs last official match of the season will be played here on Wednesday evening next, kick-off 6 p.m., when they play Bristol Rovers in the Combination League. This is the match which was postponed on January 6th when we met Portsmouth here in the F.A. Cup.

In the two Festival of Britain matches which have been arranged to be played on this Ground, the Scottish Club, Ayr United will be playing here on Saturday, May 12th, kick-off 3 p.m., and on Whit-Monday we play one of the leading Dutch Clubs, Schiedam V.V., when the kick-off has been arranged for 6.30 p.m. so as to interfere as little as possible with the arrangements taking place at Wardown Park. We trust to see a very good crowd at both these matches.

Next Saturday the First Team is at Hull, and as the Stiffs will have completed their programme we have arranged for our "A" Team to play on this Ground, when they will be playing Twickenham in a Metropolitan League fixture. After a very poor start to the season these youngsters have played the last Sixteen matches without defeat and at present lie fourth place. This match with Twickenham should provide some good football. Kick-off 3 p.m.

Last season one of the Limbury Old Boys, Peter Sterry (age 16), had the misfortune to break a leg, and upon recovery suffered from a nervous breakdown which the hospital attribute to the shock from the break. The accident plus the illness has necessitated this youngster being away from his work for over eleven months, and to try and compensate him in some way the Committee of his Club have arranged a Benefit Match on his behalf, the Luton Amateur Club having kindly agreed to provide the opposition. This match will take place on Wednesday evening next, May 2nd, on the the Alder Crescent Playing Fields, kick-off 6.30 p.m. Tickets sixpence each can be obtained from their Honorary Secretary, Mr. Knights of 44, Marsh Road, Luton, and anyone who would like to witness this match will be very welcome.

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Streten
Goal

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Owen
Centre Half

9
Moore
Centre



9
Briggs
Centre

McDonnell
Centre Half

Taylor
Goal

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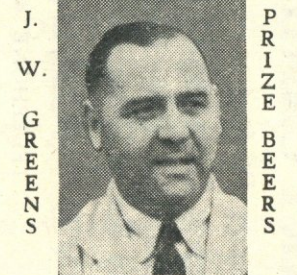
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NOTE. The letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

FIRST LIST

F.A. CUP—FINAL			
A	BLACKPOOL	NEWCASTLE U.	.....
LEAGUE GAMES			
B	BOLTON WAN	WOLVES	.....
C	CHARLTON A.	MIDDLESBRO'	.....
D	DERBY CO'NTY	EVERTON	.....
E	FULHAM	CHELSEA	.....
F	MANCH. UN.	HUDDERSFIELD	.....
G	SUNDERLAND	WEST BROM.	.....
H	TOTTENHAM	WEDNESDAY	.....
K	BARNLEY	LEICESTER C.	.....
L	HULL CITY	NOTTS. CO'TY	.....
M	LEEDS UNITED	CARDIFF C.	.....
N	SHEFFIELD UN.	MANCH. CITY	.....

SECOND LIST

A	SOUTHAMPTON	CHESTERFIELD	.....
B	SWANSEA T.	GRIMSBY T.	.....
C	WEST HAM U.	BIRMINGHAM	.....
D	ALDRSHOT T.	BOURNEM'UTH	.....
E	BRIGHTON & H	WALSALL	.....
F	BRISTOL ROV.	MILLWALL A.	.....
G	COLCHESTER U.	BRISTOL CITY	.....
H	CRYSTAL PAL.	WATFORD	.....
K	NEWPORT CO'	LEYTON O.	.....
L	NORTHANTS	PLYMOUTH AR.	.....
M	NORWICH C.	IPSWICH T.	.....
N	NOTTS. FOR.	SOUTHEND U.	.....

THIRD LIST

A	PORT VALE	READING
B	SWINDON T.	GILLINGHAM
C	TORQUAY U.	EXETER CITY
D	BRADF'D CITY	OLDHAM A.
E	CREWE ALEX.	TRANMERE R.
F	DARLINGTON	BARROW
G	HALIFAX T.	CARLISLE UN.
H	HARTLEPOOLS	ACCRINGTON
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FIXTURES, 1950-51

FIRST XI Division II				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			
" 30	Leeds United	...	1 2 A	1 2			
Sat., Oct. 7	Preston North End	...	1 1 H	1 2			
" 14	Notts. County	...	...	A 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 A	4 0			
" 25	Birmingham City	...	...	A 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 2 5			
Sat., " 24	Leicester City	...	2 3 A	1 3			
Mon., " 26	Doncaster Rovers	...	H 3 1				
Sat., " 31	Chesterfield	...	1 1 H	3 0			
Sat., Apr. 7	Grimsby Town	...	1 6 A	2 0			
" 14	Birmingham City	...	H 2 2				
" 21	Cardiff City	...	0 0 A	1 2			
" 28	Coventry City	...	2 0 H				
Sat., May 5	Hull City	...	1 1 A				

LEAGUE TABLES, 1950-51

LEAGUE DIVISION II							
	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst	P.
Preston North End	42	26	5	11	91	49	57
Manchester City ...	39	19	11	9	87	59	49
Cardiff City ..	40	17	15	8	53	43	49
Birmingham City ...	41	19	9	13	62	52	47
Blackburn Rovers ...	42	19	8	15	65	66	46
COVENTRY C. ...	41	19	6	16	74	58	44
Leeds United ...	40	18	8	14	59	55	44
Brentford	41	18	8	15	74	72	44
Sheffield United	40	16	10	14	71	61	42
Doncaster Rovers ...	41	15	12	14	63	67	42
West Ham United	40	16	9	15	67	67	41
Southampton ...	40	14	12	14	63	71	40
Barnsley ...	41	15	9	17	74	68	39
Hull City ...	40	14	11	15	68	67	39
Leicester City ...	40	14	10	16	65	56	38
Notts County ...	39	13	12	14	59	56	38
Queens Park Rangers	41	14	10	17	68	80	38
Swansea Town ...	40	16	4	20	53	72	36
Bury ...	41	12	8	21	58	83	32
LUTON TOWN ...	40	9	13	18	53	64	31
Chesterfield ...	41	9	11	21	43	68	29
Grimsby Town ...	40	7	11	22	56	92	25

COMBINATION CUP—Section III							
	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Ipswich Town ...	13	10	1	2	28	13	21
Leicester City ...	13	7	4	2	26	13	18
LUTON TOWN ...	14	5	6	3	34	21	16
Coventry City ...	13	6	4	3	19	12	16
Birmingham City ...	12	5	2	5	14	19	12
Watford ...	13	2	6	5	17	27	10
Norwich City ...	14	1	6	8	16	25	8
Northampton Town ...	14	1	3	10	12	36	5

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination				F. A.			
1949/50							
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	0 1			
Sat., " 9	Millwall	...	0 0 H	1 0			
Thurs., " 14	Swansea Town	...	1 1 A	2 0			
Sat., " 16	Crystal Palace	...	0 1 A	1 3			
Thurs., " 21	Queens Park Rangers	...	3 2 A	5 1			
Sat., " 23	Fulham	...	3 1 A	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			
Jan. 20	Queens Park Rangers	...	1 0 H	1 3			
Sat., May 2	Bristol Rovers	...	4 5 H				
Combination Cup							
Sat., Feb. 3	Birmingham City	...	2 5 A	1 2			
" 10	Northampton Town	...	0 0 A	4 4			
" 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	7 0			
Sat., " 24	Watford	...	5 0 H	1 1			
" 31	Watford	...	0 3 A	2 2			
Sat., Apr. 14	Leicester City	...	1 1 A	2 2			
Wed., " 18	Norwich City	...	2 4 H	2 3			
Sat., " 21	Ipswich Town	...	0 0 H	2 3			
Wed., " 25	Coventry City	...	2 0 H	1 1			

NEXT MATCHES

Wednesday, May 2nd, 1951
COMBINATION LEAGUE
Luton Town Res. v. Bristol Rovers Res.
Kick-Off 6 p.m.
Usual Reserve Team Prices of Admission
Saturday, May 5th, 1951
METROPOLITAN LEAGUE
Luton Town 'A' v. Twickenham
Kick-Off 3 p.m.
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