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CLUB NOTES

IT was with a note of relief that we were able to announce that the half-time score on Saturday last at Bury had been maintained to the end. One goal lead away from home at half-time is not much margin and means that if our lads cannot score again that the defence have not to make any mistakes. Our defence played a magnificent game in the second half and so were able to keep a clean sheet, but the outstanding figure was undoubtedly Bernard Streten who played a great game. Bury started off with the same formation which they found so successful at West Ham last Thursday, which is a sort of an exaggerated M formation. The Town however were ready to combat it and so were complete masters during the whole of the first half. We should have obtained more than the one goal lead, for there were several chances of doing so, but desperate last split second interventions prevented us from doing so, although even then at least one other goal should have been scored. However, we came away with two very valuable points and so we are off to an early start this season of away wins. Last season we had to wait until Christmas before we had this satisfaction. The goal incidentally scored by George Stobbert was one in a million. The goalkeeper took a goal kick but hit the ball too far up and it hardly rose from the ground. Hart, the Bury centre half, had his back to his own goal. The ball struck him and before he knew what was happening Stobbert had quickly sized up the situation, had run passed him and as the goalkeeper came out to try and retrieve the ball, George flicked it past him into the net. It was even more unexpected that the first goal scored by Swansea on the opening day of the season, and that indeed was a goal out of the blue. Bury returned to more orthodox methods for the second half, when they were much more dangerous, but as already stated they were prevented from scoring by a grand defence.

We have very attractive visitors for our game here this evening, when we are hosts to Sheffield United. They have started the season magnificently having scored 12 goals in three matches against 2, points 6. This is indeed championship form and already the Press are looking upon them as potential promotion candidates. When we visited them a week last Monday they played delightful football, making the ball do the work, moving into the open spaces, and making it look all so easy. The master mind behind all this stratagem is of

course that ever-green player Jimmy Hagan, who has begun this season as good even if not better than ever. With two fast and direct wingers to take full advantage of the openings he creates and Fred Smith, having completely recovered after his cartilage operation, the "Blades" forward line is going to give much better teams than Luton Town something to think about this season. We shall therefore see some very good football here this evening, and it will not be for the want of trying if our lads do not take revenge for that defeat at Sheffield last week.

The Stiffs, after a very good opening to the season when they held the "Spurs" to a draw at White Hart Lane and beat a very strong "Hammers" side here last Wednesday, had to admit defeat to a much stronger and experienced side from Portsmouth, here last Saturday. Undoubtedly their first goal had a very unsettling effect on our lads for it was most unexpected, particularly coming so soon after the ball had twice been kicked off the "Pompey" goal line with the 'keeper well beaten. Until then our lads had enjoyed all the game, but when our visitors added a second goal, and again it was only their second real attack on our goal, the sting seemed to have been taken out of our much younger and less experienced lads. Such a goal as that first one brings it home very forcibly that ten players of the eleven may make a mistake and get away with it but the goalkeeper very rarely. However Eric Stibbards must not take this too much to heart, for he had already played two very good games, and we are none of us infallible.

We are asked by the F.A. to bring to the notice of our supporters, two of their current publications. One is the "Football Association Year Book, 1951/52," price 2/8, which contains many interesting articles on the game and its management, and much statistical information, very useful to keen followers of football. The other is the "F.A. Pocket Diary," price 3/-, also containing much information besides being a diary covering the 1951/52 season. Both prices are inclusive of postage. These publications can be obtained direct from The Naldrett Press Ltd., 29, George Street, London, W.1.

We have another two away games after tonight's match before we see the first team in action again, and that will be against Notts County on Saturday, 8th September. Tickets for this match with Notts County are going very quickly so those of you thinking of purchasing a ticket are advised to do so without delay, price 6/- each.

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9 Brook Centre

5 Toner Centre Half

10 Birgin Goal

Football League—Division II

3 Aherne Left Back

6 Shanks Left Half

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11 Mitchell Outside Left

Linesmen—
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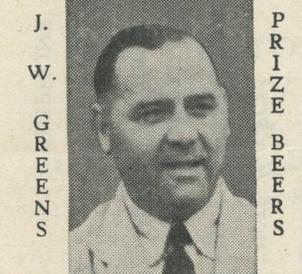
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			1950/51	F. A.
Sat.,	Aug. 18	Swansea Town	3 1 H	2 2
Mon.,	" 20	Sheffield United	1 2 A	0 3
Sat.,	" 25	Bury	1 4 A	1 0
Wed.,	" 29	Sheffield United	0 0 H	
Sat.,	Sept. 1	Leicester City	1 3 A	
Wed.,	" 5	Barnsley	1 6 A	
Sat.,	" 8	Notts. County	1 1 H	
"	" 15	Queens Park Rangers	1 1 A	
"	" 22	Blackburn Rovers	1 1 H	
"	" 29	Hull City	3 5 A	
Sat.,	Oct. 6	Notts. Forest	...	A
"	" 13	Brentford	2 0 H	
"	" 20	Doncaster Rovers	2 5 A	
"	" 27	Everton	...	H
Sat.,	Nov. 3	Southampton	1 1 A	
"	" 10	Sheffield Wednesday	...	H
"	" 17	Leeds United	1 2 A	
"	" 24	Rotherham United	...	H
Sat.,	Dec. 1	Cardiff City	1 2 A	
"	" 8	Birmingham City	1 1 H	
"	" 15	Swansea Town	2 0 A	
"	" 22	Bury	4 2 H	
Tues.,	" 25	West Ham United	1 2 A	
Wed.,	" 26	West Ham United	1 1 H	
Sat.,	" 29	Leicester City	0 2 H	
Sat.,	Jan. 5	Notts. County	2 2 A	
"	" 12	F.A. Cup—Round 3	...	A
"	" 19	Queens Park Rangers	2 0 H	
"	" 26	Blackburn Rovers	0 1 A	
Sat.,	Feb. 2	F.A. Cup—Round 4	...	H
"	" 9	Hull City	1 2 H	
"	" 16	Notts. Forest	...	H
"	" 23	F.A. Cup—Round 5	...	H
Sat.,	Mar. 1	Brentford	0 1 A	
"	" 8	Doncaster Rovers (6)	3 1 H	
"	" 15	Everton	...	A
"	" 22	Southampton	0 1 H	
"	" 29	Sheffield Wednesday	...	A
Sat.,	Apr. 5	Leeds United	2 3 H	
"	" 12	Rotherham United	...	A
Mon.,	" 14	Coventry City	1 1 H	
Tues.,	" 15	Coventry City	1 4 A	
Sat.,	" 19	Cardiff City	1 1 H	
"	" 26	Birmingham City	0 3 A	
Sat.,	May 3	Barnsley	1 1 H	

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

			1950/51	F. A.
Sat.,	Aug. 18	Tottenham Hotspur	...	A 0 0
Wed.,	" 22	West Ham United	...	H 3 2
Sat.,	" 25	Portsmouth	...	H 0 3
Thurs.,	" 30	West Ham United	...	A
Sat.,	Sept. 1	Ipswich Town	...	H
Wed.,	" 5	Bristol City	...	H
Sat.,	" 8			
Wed.,	" 12	Arsenal	1 1 A	
Sat.,	" 15	Brighton & Hove A.	...	H
Wed.,	" 19	Brighton & Hove A.	...	A
Sat.,	" 22	Bournemouth & B.	...	A
Wed.,	" 26	Swindon Town	...	A
Sat.,	" 29	Arsenal	1 2 H	
Wed.,	Oct. 3	Swindon Town	...	H
Sat.,	" 6	Southampton	...	H
"	" 20	Watford	...	H
"	" 27	Plymouth Argyle	...	A
Sat.,	Nov. 3	Bristol Rovers	3 0 H	
"	" 10	Southampton	...	A
"	" 17	Norwich City	...	H
"	" 24	Watford	...	A
Sat.,	Dec. 1	Plymouth Argyle	...	H
"	" 8	Bristol Rovers	4 5 A	
"	" 15	Tottenham Hotspur	...	H
"	" 22	Portsmouth	...	A
Tues.,	" 25	Charlton Athletic	...	H
Wed.,	" 26	Charlton Athletic	...	A
Sat.,	" 29	Ipswich Town	...	A
Sat.,	Jan. 5	Norwich City	...	A
"	" 12	Bournemouth & B.	...	H
"	" 19	Bristol City	...	A
Combination Cup				
Sat.,	Jan. 26	Northampton Town	7 0 H	
Sat.,	Feb. 2	Northampton Town	4 1 A	
"	" 9			
"	" 16	Norwich City	4 4 A	
"	" 23	Ipswich Town	0 3 A	
Sat.,	Mar. 1	Watford	1 1 H	
"	" 8	Birmingham City	1 2 A	
"	" 15	Leicester City	1 0 H	
"	" 22			
"	" 29	Norwich City	2 1 H	
Sat.,	Apr. 5	Watford	2 2 A	
Fri.,	" 11	Coventry City	1 1 H	
Sat.,	" 12	Birmingham City	6 0 H	
Mon.,	" 14	Coventry City	1 1 A	
Sat.,	" 19	Leicester City	2 2 A	
"	" 26	Ipswich Town	2 3 H	

LEAGUE TABLES, 1951-52

LEAGUE DIVISION II	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Sheffield United	3	3	0	0	12	2	6
Doncaster Rovers	4	2	1	1	7	6	5
Brentford	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Sheffield Wed.	4	2	1	1	8	7	5
Queens Park Rangers	3	1	2	0	3	1	4
Notts Forest	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Rotherham U.	4	2	0	2	7	6	4
Leicester City	4	2	0	2	7	6	4
Cardiff City	4	2	0	2	9	8	4
Barnsley	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Notts County	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
West Ham United	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Coventry City	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Everton	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
LUTON TOWN	3	1	1	1	3	5	3
Birmingham City	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
Swansea Town	3	0	2	1	5	6	2
Leeds United	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Hull City	3	0	2	1	2	5	2
Southampton	3	1	0	2	2	6	2
Bury	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Blackburn Rovers	4	0	1	3	5	12	1

NEXT MATCHES

Saturday, September 1st
FOOTBALL COMBINATION
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Ipswich Town Res.
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