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CLUB NOTES

WE have made a most thrilling start to this season, and our brilliant win at Barnsley last Wednesday evening was a climax to a most difficult opening programme. After our most exciting game against Sheffield United, about which everybody who saw it is still talking, we were thwarted only by a last minute goal from taking maximum points from Leicester last Saturday, and then to go on to Barnsley and beat them has put us on top of the world at the moment. How long this thrilling state of affairs will last only the gods can tell, but our lads are playing the right type of football which is going to bring in a lot more points and the prospect, barring injuries, is lovely in its contemplation. Having negotiated the difficult opening so successfully of four away games out of the first six matches we can confidently look forward to our best season since football was resumed in 1946.

Coming right on top of this splendid run is the visit today of that colourful side, Notts County, who themselves have been hitting the high spots so far this season and playing well enough to be included among those considered good enough for promotion. The fact that Tommy Lawton has regained all his old confidence has made a tremendous difference to the County, together with a return to his old form of Leon Leuty who has taken a long time to settle down since leaving Derby, but who has undoubtedly done so now. Frank Broome, now at inside right, is supplying craft and generalship, while Ian McPherson, late of the Arsenal and ex-Glasgow Rangers, on the right wing, with ex-Notts Forest winger Tom Johnston on the left and Bob Crookes at inside left, are already making quite an impression on other team's defences. At the time these notes were being prepared the result of the Notts County v. Hull City match was not known, but before that match the County were the only unbeaten side in the Second Division; but here it must be pointed out that out of the four games so far then played only one had been away from home, at Swansea, where they drew one goal each. With both teams playing so well a most interesting and exciting game can be confidently anticipated here this afternoon. This is reflected in the fact that we have sold more reserved tickets for this match, than for a long time, barring of course Cup Ties.

We would like to congratulate Jack Taylor, on being the first of our players to score a hat-trick this season, and a well-taken one it was too. Each goal beautifully taken, but the crowning one was undoubtedly the last, when, from a lovely through pass by Wally Shanks, Jack allowed the ball to run on under perfect control for quite forty yards and then cracked it past the oncoming City's goalie. A

magnificent effort and one which will be remembered for a long time by all those who saw it. Each member of the team played his part nobly and although a little disappointed that we had to be content with a share of the spoils, nevertheless our lads played very well and the big contingent from Luton, were well satisfied with the football they had seen. The football played by our lads at Barnsley on Wednesday evening last, however, was better still particularly during the first half. The ball was passed from man to man right down the field, and only splendid goalkeeping by the Barnsley custodian prevented a reversal of the scores on our last visit to the Oakwell ground. One lovely movement which stands out in our memory among many, was one which the ball was passed from one Luton player to another seven times without going anywhere near a Barnsley man. First Division football was a comment by one of the people present in the Board Room at half time. For about fifteen minutes in the second half our lads lost control of the game and it was during this time that the goal was scored against them. But the corner was turned without any further loss and then from that time until the end Luton were again masters of the situation. The goal incidentally scored by Bert Mitchell was a peach, coming right across from Roy Davies who, incidentally had a splendid match and quite the best forward on the field. Bert cracked it with his left foot for the far side of the goal and it was a goal all the way. The winning goal again came from Jack Taylor after good work by all the forwards, making his tally 6 to date. The whole team again played well and are to be congratulated on putting up such another splendid show.

The "Stiffs" came right back into form here on Wednesday evening, when they comfortably won their match with Bristol City Reserves by five goals to two. It was lovely to see the forwards moving with such slickness, particularly during the first half when four well-taken goals were scored. In the second half, although again having by far most of the play, our lads could only beat a well-packed defence, aided by some brilliant goalkeeping, once more against two run-away goals scored by the visitors. A good game helped by the good news from Barnsley.

We feel we must not let these Notes finish without some reference to the bad sportsmanship shown by a few, only a few but there it was, at our Reserve game here last Saturday. We refer to the slow handclap coming from a section of the Stand at one period of the second half when we admit the football just at that time was not very entertaining, but certainly did not warrant such action. If a lad is not doing very well, surely encouragement should be given rather than derision, for after all players are only human like ourselves, and to decry their efforts is not the best way of getting results.

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Smith Goal

Football League—Division II

3 Aherne Left Back

6 Shanks Left Half

10 Davie Inside Left

11 Mitchell Outside Left

Linesmen—
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8 Broome Inside Right

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D EVERTON	ROTHERHAM
E NOTTS. FOR.	LEICESTER C.
F SHEFFIELD UN.	WEDNESDAY
G SOUTHAMPTON	LEEDS UNITED
H SWANSEA T.	BLACKBURN
K WEST HAM	BARNESLEY
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FIRST XI Division II

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

RESERVE FIXTURES Football Combination F. A.

		1950/51		F. A.	
Sat., Aug. 18	Tottenham Hotspur	...	A 0 0		
Wed., " 22	West Ham United	...	H 0 3		
Sat., " 25	Portsmouth	...	H 0 3		
Thurs., " 30	West Ham United	...	A 1 5		
Sat., Sept. 1	Ipswich Town	...	H 1 2		
Wed., " 5	Bristol City	...	H 5 2		
Sat., " 8	...	...	...
Wed., " 12	Arsenal	1 1	A 1 1		
Sat., " 15	Brighton & Hove A.	...	H 1 1		
Wed., " 19	Brighton & Hove A.	...	A 1 1		
Sat., " 22	Bournemouth & B.	...	A 1 1		
Wed., " 26	Swindon Town	...	A 1 1		
Sat., " 29	Arsenal	1 3	H 1 1		
Wed., Oct. 3	Swindon Town	...	H 1 1		
Sat., " 6	Southampton	...	H 1 1		
" " 13	...	...	...
" " 20	Watford	...	H 1 1		
" " 27	Plymouth Argyle	...	A 1 1		
Sat., Nov. 3	Bristol Rovers	3 0	H 1 1		
" " 10	Southampton	...	A 1 1		
" " 17	Norwich City	...	H 1 1		
" " 24	Watford	...	A 1 1		
Sat., Dec. 1	Plymouth Argyle	...	H 1 1		
" " 8	Bristol Rovers	4 5	A 1 1		
" " 15	Tottenham Hotspur	...	H 1 1		
" " 22	Portsmouth	...	A 1 1		
Tues., " 25	Charlton Athletic	...	H 1 1		
Wed., " 26	Charlton Athletic	...	A 1 1		
Sat., " 29	Ipswich Town	...	A 1 1		
Sat., Jan. 5	Norwich City	...	H 1 1		
" " 12	Bournemouth & B.	...	H 1 1		
" " 19	Bristol City	...	A 1 1		
Combination Cup					
Sat., Jan. 26	Northampton Town	7 0	H 1 1		
Sat., Feb. 2	Northampton Town	4 1	A 1 1		
" " 9	...	...	...
" " 16	Norwich City	4 4	A 1 1		
" " 23	Ipswich Town	0 3	A 1 1		
Sat., Mar. 1	Watford	1 1	H 1 1		
" " 8	Birmingham City	1 3	A 1 1		
" " 15	Leicester City	1 0	H 1 1		
" " 22	...	...	...
" " 29	Norwich City	2 1	H 1 1		
Sat., Apr. 5	Watford	2 2	A 1 1		
Fri., " 11	Coventry City	1 1	H 1 1		
Sat., " 12	Birmingham City	6 0	H 1 1		
Mon., " 14	Coventry City	1 1	A 1 1		
Sat., " 19	Leicester City	2 2	A 1 1		
" " 26	Ipswich Town	2 3	H 1 1		

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	Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.			
Sheffield United	5	4	0	1	17	7	8			
Sheffield Wed.	6	3	2	1	12	9	8			
LUTON TOWN	6	3	2	1	10	10	8			
NOTTS COUNTY	4	3	1	0	9	3	7			
Leicester City	6	3	1	2	13	9	7			
Brentford	6	3	1	2	6	5	7			
Everton	6	3	1	2	7	6	7			
Queens Park Rangers	6	2	3	1	7	7	7			
Coventry City	6	3	1	2	8	12	7			
Cardiff City	5	3	0	2	11	8	6			
Rotherham U.	6	3	0	3	10	8	6			
Notts Forest	6	3	0	3	11	10	6			
Swansea Town	5	1	3	1	13	8	5			
Hull City	5	1	3	1	7	7	5			
Doncaster Rovers	6	2	1	3	8	10	5			
Birmingham City	6	1	3	2	5	10	5			
Southampton	6	2	0	4	8	14	4			
West Ham United	5	1	2	2	5	9	4			
Barnsley	5	1	1	3	7	11	3			
Leeds United	5	0	3	2	4	7	3			
Bury	5	1	1	3	7	6	3			
Blackburn Rovers	6	0	1	5	6	15	1			

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