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8  
Inside Right  
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(African)

5  
Centre Half  
**O. BEACHY**  
(African)

9  
Centre Forward  
**P. O. PLAR**  
(French)

10  
Inside Left  
**M. A. RITIMEPINE**  
(French)

11  
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**B. IRCH**  
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3  
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### CLUB NOTES

AFTER our splendid start to the season, including eight consecutive games without defeat, we badly blotted our copy-book on Saturday last when we visited Nottingham Forest. Our lads never produced the form which they have been showing prior to this match and try as they might, they just could not get out of the lethargic mood they were in. They were very disappointed with themselves, especially when they had their biggest following for some time. The best thing to do is to forget this match and try and avoid a repetition. With the players all so keyed up such a match had to come sooner or later, and we are glad it is now behind us.

We have our near neighbours from Griffin Park as our visitors today and extend to them a hearty welcome. The "Bees," like ourselves, have made a very good start to the season, being only one point behind us from the same number of games played. We have a slight advantage here in that Brentford have played six away matches out of the eleven played whereas we have played seven away. A win today for us will show us three points ahead of the "Bees," with the same number of away games played. It is very vital therefore if we are going to keep our nose in the lead, that we obtain the two points from this encounter.

Brentford were relegated from the First Division at the end of the 1946/47 season together with Leeds United. In the 1947/48 season we won both our matches with Brentford, the score being three goals to nil in our favour on each occasion, Hughie Billington scoring all six goals. Since then however our meetings have resulted in home wins for each side. Although we say today as usual, may the points go to the team most deserving of them, we hope the "Bees" are not going to spoil this sequence just yet. It is noted that Ken Coote was brought into the side last Saturday for the first time this season and scored the only goal, repeating the feat of last season when he played against us at Griffin Park for the first time and scored again the only goal, to rob us of at least a share of the spoils to which we thought we were entitled on that occasion. We remember that Jacky Gibbons was a very ill man round about that time and his team was not doing too well. Within one minute of the final whistle his wife was ringing the Club to know the result. It may be coincidence or it may not but from that day Jacky Gibbons rapidly got better and his team went from strength to strength, finishing with twelve points more than ourselves—not bad going from mid-December when our two Clubs were practically level on points. We are very glad that Jacky is in full harness again and suffers no ill effects from his very painful illness.

Our Reserves put up a very fine show here last Saturday against the present leaders, Southampton Reserves, and fully deserved their four goals to one victory. Our second goal was a most unusual affair, and it was this that seemed to take the sting out of the "Saints" side. The goalkeeper took a goal kick, and noticing that his right back was standing a few feet outside the penalty box upfield with no one within yards of him, decided to give him the ball intending no doubt for the back to take the ball on a few yards before parting with it. Billy Havenga on our left wing saw the intention and ran forward quickly to tackle the back while in possession. The back saw an opposing player approaching him and

played for safety by passing the ball back to his goalkeeper. The pass under normal circumstances would have been fast enough, but Havenga by this time was travelling at no little speed, ran past the back and reaching the ball a split second before the goalie, slipped it past him into the net. A very well taken goal full of opportunism. A similar goal kick was not undertaken again that afternoon. Full marks must go to the whole defence for their splendid work against a very experienced forward line, Ray Smith showing he has lost none of his quick tackling despite his long lay-off, Les. Jones for a very effective display in his new position of centre half, also to Doug. Johnson for a much improved display between the sticks. The forward who caught the eye most was Edgar Bennett at outside right, playing in his first game for the "Stiffs" he played a very intelligent game and was full of confidence. When it is remembered that he was up against Norman Kirkman, a back of great experience, this display was all the more praiseworthy. Edgar will not always have such a good game, but at least he showed he has the right material and we have great hopes of him. Altogether it was a great show and most enjoyable, partly because it was so unexpected a victory over such an experienced side.

On Wednesday next, October 17th, we have a Metropolitan Fixture with Brighton "A" side at Kenilworth Road, kick-off 3 p.m. Our youngsters are now settling down into quite a good side after a shaky start and we should see some good football from them.

Saturday morning next, October 20th, we shall be staging a match between Bedfordshire Youth and Middlesex Youth as a Trial Match to the F.A. County Youth Championship. Bedfordshire have a bye in the first round and it was thought that here was an opportunity to try and play another County in order to gain valuable experience. Middlesex, who were last season's Champions, readily agreed to come down, and so the match has been arranged for Saturday next, kick-off 11 a.m. It should prove a most entertaining match, and we hope to see a very good crowd give these youngsters a most encouraging start.

**Wednesday, October 17th, 1951**

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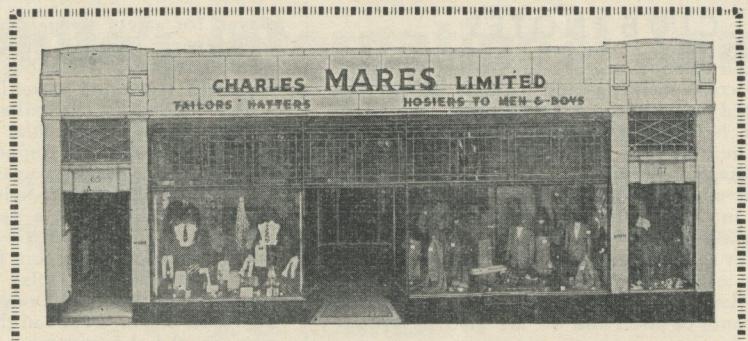
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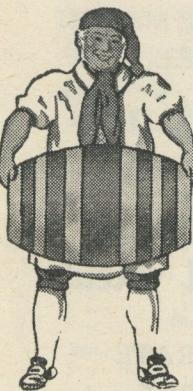
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Centre

10 Davie  
Inside Left

11 Mitchell  
Outside Left

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Orange Flag: Mr. A. L. BURNHAM  
(Market Harborough)

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7 Dare  
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2 Horne  
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F. A.

1950/51

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	3
Wed., " 5	Barnsley	1 6	A 2	1
Sat., " 8	Notts. County	1 1	H 6	0
" 15	Queens Park Rangers	1 1	A 0	0
" 22	Blackburn Rovers	1 1	H 1	1
" 29	Hull City	3 5	A 2	1
Sat., Oct. 6	Notts. Forest	0	A 0	2
" 13	Brentford	2 0	H	
" 20	Doncaster Rovers	2 5	A	
" 27	Everton	0	H	
Sat., Nov. 3	Southampton	1 1	A	
" 10	Sheffield Wednesday	1	H	
" 17	Leeds United	1 2	A	
" 24	Rotherham United	0	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	A	
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	0	A	
" 19	Queens Park Rangers	2 0	H	
" 26	Blackburn Rovers	0 1	A	
Sat., Feb. 2	F.A. Cup—Round 4	0	A	
" 9	Hull City	1 2	H	
" 16	Notts. Forest	0	H	
" 23	F.A. Cup—Round 5	0	A	
Sat., Mar. 1	Brentford	0 1	A	
" 8	Doncaster Rovers (6)	3 1	H	
" 15	Everton	0	A	
" 22	Southampton	0 1	H	
" 29	Sheffield Wednesday	0	A	
Sat., Apr. 5	Leeds United	2 3	H	
" 12	Rotherham United	0	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

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

**LEAGUE TABLES, 1951-52****LEAGUE DIVISION II**

Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Sheffield United	12	8	2	2	39	16
Rotherham Utd.	11	7	1	3	28	18
Cardiff City	12	6	2	4	23	16
LUTON TOWN	11	5	4	2	19	14
Notts Forest	12	5	4	3	21	16
Swansea Town	12	4	5	3	27	24
Notts County	12	5	3	4	19	17
BRENTFORD	11	5	3	3	11	10
Doncaster Rovers	12	4	4	4	18	17
Bury	11	4	3	4	19	14
Leicester City	11	3	5	3	20	17
Sheffield Wed.	12	4	3	5	23	27
Birmingham City	12	2	7	3	12	16
West Ham United	12	4	3	5	17	23
Queens Park Rangers	11	3	5	3	11	15
Hull City	12	3	4	5	20	23
Leeds United	11	3	4	4	14	17
Everton	12	4	2	6	14	20
Southampton	12	3	4	5	14	21
Barnsley	11	3	2	6	16	21
Coventry City	11	3	2	6	12	25
Blackburn Rovers	11	2	2	7	13	6

Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Southampton	15	9	2	4	32	19
Tottenham Hotspur	13	9	1	3	24	19
Plymouth Argyle	13	8	2	3	41	28
Ipswich Town	15	8	2	5	26	22
Arsenal	13	7	3	3	29	18
Norwich City	13	7	1	5	22	24
Charlton Athletic	14	6	3	5	25	28
Brighton & Hove	14	6	3	5	30	15
West Ham United	14	6	2	6	31	27
Bournemouth	13	6	1	6	18	14
Watford	14	5	3	6	18	21
Portsmouth	13	5	1	7	25	26
LUTON TOWN	14	3	5	6	31	38
Swindon Town	13	1	5	7	20	30

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