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L. A. UREL
(Chile)

8
Inside Right
P. LYWOOD
(Russian)

Referee: F. AREDEEL (British)

3
Left Back
C. EDAR
(Canadian)

5
Centre Half
M. A. RITIMEPINE
(French)

9
Centre Forward
P. O. PLAR
(French)

6
Left Half
S. AWDUST
(Cosmopolitan)

10
Inside Left
O. BEACHI
(African)

11
Outside Left
B. IRCH
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We all have our own way of working, of planning the hours of the day

And it isn't long before we all find the easiest way

But we mustn't be arbitrary with it and think other ways wrong

And criticise other folks' methods because ours have suited so long

We all think our own way is better, and better for us it may be

But the other man's way is the better for him, so let us all work naturally

Last week we made the journey down to Wales

But that defeat will not make us lower our sails

Yes, too well we know it is two losses in a run

So now we look for two points from the team from "Brum"

And remember Boys when the going is light

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CLUB NOTES

IT was a very disappointed party on the way home from Cardiff on Saturday last, for the final result showed Cardiff City 3, Luton Town 0, and on the face of it looked like a severe beating. The result of course now cannot be altered and it has made a big difference to our position in the Table, but there was most definitely not three goals difference between the two sides and a draw would have been a more equitable result on the day's play. In fact if one or two chances had been accepted the boot would have been on the other foot. It was a grand game and a fine exhibition of football at its best. Again we were complimented on being the best team so far this season to visit that particular ground. The defence played very well indeed, Bob Morton being the best player, if not on the field then certainly on behalf of the "Hatters," with Sid Owen and the two backs as close seconds. Charlie Watkins too had a good match despite the fact that Blair had a hand in all three goals scored. The forwards played some neat and at times delightful football, but no goals came of it all, although Cardiff were lucky on at least two occasions to keep a clean sheet. We still however have the best away record in the Second Division, and we still have played three more matches away than at home, so that we have not given up hope yet by any means of being promoted at the end of this season.

The month of December will have a big bearing on these hopes, for of the seven matches we are to play, four of them will be at home, which provides us with a great chance of regaining lost ground. Let us hope we experience no more slip-ups at home. The six points we have already lost are making a big difference to our position.

We welcome our old friends from Birmingham here this afternoon, knowing we are going to see a great struggle for supremacy. The Blues have conceded only 24 goals so far this season in the 20 matches played, which all points to their defence being as strong as ever. We have always found them a most difficult team to beat here, and with Gilbert Merrick playing well enough to be automatic choice for England, our forwards will have to have their shooting boots on this afternoon if we are going to finish on the right side. In their last two

away matches Birmingham have gathered maximum points, defeating Queens Park Rangers by two clear goals a fortnight ago, and the two weeks previous defeating Hull City at Hull by the only goal scored. In our last three home games therefore we have gathered the same number of points as Birmingham have obtained from their last two away matches—an interesting comparison and an omen for a ding-dong battle here today.

Congratulations to Billy Cooke on making his 200th appearance for the Town on Saturday last. Billy has been a great Club man and has always given of his best. He signed for us on 29th December, 1945, from Bournemouth after guesting for us for about twelve months, and the fee we paid for his transfer has been most reasonable in view of the service we have had from him. We paid a full Benefit to Bill about this time last year and it would indeed give us great pleasure to pay him another Benefit in four years time if he is still with us.

Our young reserve team was no match for the Plymouth Argyle second string here last Saturday, losing heavily by six goals to two. The Argyle had a much more experienced side than we put on the field, but even then our lads were holding their own until that penalty was given against us for some obscure reason. Then Ken Hawkes early in the second half had to leave the field through injury and we were then never able to get a grip on the game. The Argyle have a very useful side and are easily the best reserve side we have seen down here this season. On this showing they are worthy of their place at the head of our Section of the Combination Table.

We shall have the pleasure of once more seeing the Schoolboys in action here on Saturday morning next, when they are meeting Leicester Schoolboys in the Divisional Final of the English Schools' Trophy Competition, kick-off 11 a.m. The Luton Boys in their three previous matches in this Competition have scored 19 goals against 2, a really splendid performance. On the other hand Leicester Boys lay claim to an equally fine record and so a most exciting game is bound to be the outcome of this meeting. We hope that the weather is kind next Saturday and that there will be a good crowd to cheer our Boys into the next Round.

Saturday, December 15th, 1951

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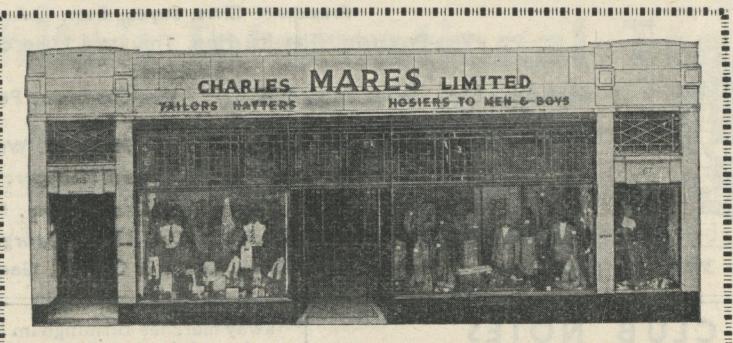
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Inside Right

Referee—
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(Yeovil)

11 Wardle
Outside Left

10 Smith
Inside Left

6 Warhurst
Left Half

3 Badham
Left Back

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Streten
Goal

Football League—Division II

3 Aherne
Left Back

5 Owen
Centre Half

9 Stobart
Centre

10 Davie
Inside Left

11 Mitchell
Outside Left

Linesmen—
Red Flag: Mr. C. H. GAYLER
(Harrow)

Orange Flag: Mr. P. J. SMYTH
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8 Purdon
Inside Right

7 Stewart
Outside Right

4 Boyd
Right Half

2 Green
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F. A.

			F. A.
		1950/51	
Sat., Aug. 18	Swansea Town	3 1	H 2 2
Mon., "	Sheffield United	1 2	A 0 3
Sat., "	Bury	1 4	A 1 0
Wed., "	Sheffield United	0 0	H 2 1
Sat., Sept. 1	Leicester City	1 3	A 3 2
Wed., "	Barnsley	1 6	A 2 1
Sat., "	Notts. County	1 1	H 6 0
"	Queens Park Rangers	1 1	A 0 1
"	Blackburn Rovers	1 1	H 1 1
"	Hull City	3 5	A 2 1
Sat., Oct. 6	Notts. Forest	0	A 0 2
"	Brentford	2 0	A 1 1
"	Doncaster Rovers	2 5	A 1 1
"	Everton	0	H 1 1
Sat., Nov. 3	Southampton	1 1	A 3 2
"	Sheffield Wednesday	1 5	H 5 3
"	Leeds United	1 2	A 1 1
"	Rotherham United	0	H 1 1
Sat., Dec. 1	Cardiff City	1 2	A 0 3
"	Birmingham City	1 1	H 0 3
"	Swansea Town	2 0	A 0 3
"	Bury	4 2	H 2 0
Tues., "	West Ham United	1 2	A 0 3
Wed., "	West Ham United	1 1	H 0 3
Sat., "	Leicester City	0	H 2 0
Sat., Jan. 5	Notts. County	2 2	A 0 3
"	F.A. Cup—Round 3	0	H 2 0
"	Queens Park Rangers	2 0	H 0 3
"	Blackburn Rovers	0 1	A 0 3
Sat., Feb. 2	F.A. Cup—Round 4	1 2	H 0 3
"	Hull City	0	H 2 0
"	Notts. Forest	0	H 2 0
"	F.A. Cup—Round 5	0	H 2 0
Sat., Mar. 1	Brentford	0 1	A 0 3
"	Doncaster Rovers (6)	3 1	H 0 3
"	Everton	0	A 0 3
"	Southampton	0 1	H 0 3
"	Sheffield Wednesday	0	A 0 3
Sat., Apr. 5	Leeds United	2 3	H 0 3
Mon., "	Rotherham United	1 1	H 0 3
Tues., "	Coventry City	1 1	H 0 3
Sat., "	Cardiff City	1 1	H 0 3
"	Birmingham City	0 3	A 0 3
Sat., May 3	Barnsley	1 1	H 0 3

		1950/51	F. A.
Sat., Aug. 18	Tottenham Hotspur	0	H 0 0
Wed., "	West Ham United	0	H 3 0
Sat., "	Portsmouth	0	A 1 5
Sat., Sept. 1	West Ham United	0	H 1 2
Wed., "	Ipswich Town	0	Bristol City
Sat., "	Bristol City	0	H 5 2
Sat., Aug. 22	Arsenal	1 1	A 5 6
Sat., "	Brighton & Hove A.	0	H 2 3
Wed., "	Brighton & Hove A.	0	A 4 4
Sat., "	Bournemouth & B.	0	H 0 4
Wed., "	Swindon Town	0	A 1 1
Sat., "	Arsenal	1 2	H 2 2
Wed., "	Swindon Town	0	A 3 3
Sat., "	Southampton	0	H 4 1
Sat., Oct. 3	Watford	0	H 2 1
Sat., "	Plymouth Argyle	0	A 2 3
Sat., Nov. 3	Bristol Rovers	3 0	H 3 2
"	Southampton	0	H 2 2
"	Norwich City	0	H 1 1
Sat., Dec. 1	Plymouth Argyle	4 5	H 2 6
"	Tottenham Hotspur	0	H 0 4
"	Portsmouth	0	A 2 2
Tues., "	Charlton Athletic	0	H 0 4
Wed., "	Charlton Athletic	0	A 1 1
Sat., "	Ipwich Town	0	A 1 1
Sat., Jan. 5	Norwich City	0	H 1 1
"	Bournemouth & B.	0	H 1 1
Sat., Jan. 26	Northampton Town	7 0	H 1 1
Sat., Feb. 2	Northampton Town	4 1	A 1 1
"	Norwich City	4 4	A 1 1
"	Ipwich Town	0 3	A 1 1
Sat., Mar. 1	Watford	1 1	H 2 0
"	Birmingham City	1 2	A 1 1
"	Leicester City	1 0	H 1 1
"	Norwich City	2 1	H 1 1
Sat., Apr. 5	Watford	2 2	A 1 1
Fri., "	Coventry City	1 1	H 1 1
Sat., "	Birmingham City	6 0	H 1 1
Mon., "	Coventry City	1 1	A 1 1
Sat., "	Leicester City	2 2	A 1 1
"	Ipwich Town	2 3	H 1 1

LEAGUE TABLES, 1951-52

Up to and including December 1st

LEAGUE DIVISION II

Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Rotherham Utd.	19	12	3	4	48	27
Brentford	19	10	5	4	25	25
Sheffield United	19	11	3	5	53	25
Cardiff City	19	10	4	5	33	24
Notts. Forest	20	8	8	4	38	24
Sheffield Wed.	20	10	4	6	44	24
Leeds United	19	8	6	5	29	22
LUTON TOWN	19	7	8	4	31	22
BIRMINGHAM C.	20	7	8	5	24	22
Leicester City	19	7	7	5	40	21
Doncaster Rovers	20	7	6	7	31	20
Everton	20	7	6	7	32	20
Swansea Town	20	5	8	7	35	18
Notts. County	20	7	4	9	30	18
West Ham United	20	6	6	8	28	18
Bury	19	6	5	8	37	17
Barnsley	19	6	5	8	30	17
Southampton	20	6	5	9	28	17
Queens Park Rangers	19	3	8	8	21	14
Coventry City	19	4	4	11	23	12
Hull City	20	3	5	12	25	11
Blackburn Rovers	19	4	2	13	18	10

Pld.	Won	Drn.	Lost	For	Agst.	P.
Plymouth Argyle	22	15	2	5	62	32
Tottenham Hotspur	20	15	1	4	44	31
Southampton	23	12	5	6	49	35
Charlton Athletic	23	12	4	7	56	40
Arsenal	20	11	5	4	46	27
West Ham United	23	12	3	8	51	38
Ipwich Town	21	11	2	8	40	24
Norwich City	21	11	1	9	37	36
Portsmouth	20	10	1	9	47	21
Bournemouth						

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