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Wednesday, 22nd April, 1953.

News and Views

By SCANNER

Good Evening, Everybody,

Although several clubs have been more desperately placed than ourselves in the lower half of the table, it was not until Saturday's 3—3 draw with Leeds United on this ground that Brentford made absolutely sure of another season's Second Division membership. The relegation problem has now resolved itself as to which club, Southampton or Bury, will make the drop into the Third Division with Barnsley; and that issue may be decided by this evening's match between Southampton and Blackburn at the Dell.

With little more than a quarter of an hour gone, it seemed that Brentford were on the way to a comfortable victory over

Leeds, for at that stage we were two goals up. Terry Ledgerton opened the scoring in the second minute and soon afterwards took the corner from which Kenny Coote increased the lead with a header, this being his own first goal of the season. But Leeds, playing bright football, hit back strongly, and after John Charles had reduced the arrears, he provided the pass from which Forrest secured the Yorkshiremen's equaliser.

There were several narrow escapes at either end in the second half before Brentford regained the lead, Lawton heading in a free kick by Monk. But Leeds would not be denied, and with only a few minutes to go, Charles headed the goal which gave the United a point.

Leeds and Brentford are all square on the season. The United won the League game at Elland Road in November, drew the return on Saturday, but lost their Third Round F.A. Cup-tie on this ground in January. Each side claims seven goals, and it is noteworthy that six of the United's seven have been netted by John Charles.

OUTSTANDING GAMES

The football season is rapidly drawing to a close, and after this evening's match with Luton Town only one Second Division match remains to be played at Griffin Park. That will also be an evening game, for the fixture with Birmingham City, due to be played here on Saturday, May 2nd (Cup Final Day), has been brought forward to the previous evening.

Brentford Reserves conclude their home programme by entertaining Southend United Reserves on Saturday (kick-off at 3.15 p.m.).

LUTON TOWN'S VISIT

This evening's game with Luton Town should have been played on Saturday, December 6th, but that fixture, in common with most of those in the South of England, was fogged off, play being so obviously impossible that the gates were not opened. At that time Luton were sixth in the table, and throughout the season they have been on the heels of the promotion favourites, hoping for a slip on the part of Huddersfield Town or Sheffield United. They still have an outside chance of going up, and while the slightest hope remains of achieving their ambition, they will be even harder than usual to beat. Brentford and Luton meet at Kenilworth Road on Saturday in the return match.

One of the nine founder members of the Southern League 59 years ago, Luton, with Brentford, joined the Football League when the Third Division (Southern Section) came into being in 1920. Prior to gaining promotion to the Second Division in 1933, Brentford had many exciting tussles with the Bedfordshire side, and local enthusiasts, in both camps, still talk about that memorable battle at Kenilworth Road in 1932-33, when the Bees, after being 4-1 down at the interval, drew 5-5. Johnny Holiday, now on the coaching staff at Griffin Park, scored all five Brentford goals, one of them from the penalty spot.

Four seasons after Brentford had gained promotion, Luton followed them into the Second Division, but by that time the Bees were up in the First. Consequently the two clubs did not meet again until the Regional League games of the War era. They came together twice in the 1945-46 transitional season, when the 44 clubs comprising the First and Second Divisions were divided into Northern and South-east Sections, the Bees registering a double by winning 6-1 at home and 4-1 at Kenilworth Road.

Since the resumption of League football on a normal basis after the War, Brentford and Luton have met 13 times. Of the ten Second Division matches, Luton have won five, lost four and drawn one. The list of results is given below, with Brentford's score first in each instance:—

	At Brentford	At Luton
1947-48 ...	0-3	0-3
1948-49 ...	2-0	1-2
1949-50 ...	1-0	0-1
1950-51 ...	1-0	0-2
1951-52 ...	3-3	2-0

Last reason, it will be recalled, Brentford and Luton met three times in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup. In the first game, at Kenilworth Road, the clubs played a 2-2 draw. In the first replay, at Griffin Park, no goals were scored. But Luton qualified for the Fifth Round by beating us 3-2 in the second replay at Highbury, the winning goal coming in extra time. Luton went on to beat Swindon before going out to the Arsenal.

LUTON PERSONALITIES

Of the 22 players selected to represent Brentford and Luton on December 6th, barely a dozen are likely to be on view this evening. Wally Bragg was billed to make his first appearance at centre half in that fogged-off match, and will probably be glad that he now faces Jesse Pye with half a season's experience of the pivotal position behind him.

Here are brief notes on the men likely to wear the Luton colours this evening:—

Ron Baynham is a 22-years-old goalkeeper from Worcester City who came into the League side halfway through the present season, and has since performed so consistently well that English International Bernard Stretton has been unable to regain his place.

Les Jones, a 22-years-old right back from local league soccer, is another to have replaced an international in the Luton side, the man to lose his place being Seamus Dunne, the Eire right back. Still another to dispose an Irish International (in this case, Tom Aherne) is left back Pemberton, who made only two appearances in Luton's League team last season.

Robert Morton (right half) was secured from Waterlow's, of

nearby Dunstable, some six seasons ago. He will be remembered as the half back who netted the "extra time" winner against Brentford on the Arsenal ground last year.

Sid Owen (centre half) has reverted to his normal position after a few recent runs at wing half. Born at Birmingham, he played for the club of that name before throwing in his lot with Luton in 1947. He was included in the F.A. Touring Party for Australia in 1951.

Wally Shanks (left half) was at one time on the books of Chelsea. Equally at home at wing half or inside forward, he has given Luton consistent service in both positions since the War.

Roy Davies (outside right) hails from South Africa and was signed by Luton from Clyde in May, 1951. He is a useful cricketer. Has now fully recovered from a serious injury sustained in last season's Cup-tie with the Arsenal.

Jesse Pye (centre forward) has been largely responsible for the maintenance of Luton's promotion bid this season, though all-round team-work, of course, is the underlying reason for the club's success. Born at Rotherham, Jesse was originally on the books of Sheffield United, who gave him a free transfer before the War. Capped with Notts County, he moved to Wolverhampton in 1946, where he added to his international honours and gained a Cup-winner's medal. Little more than a year ago he was on the point of coming to Brentford, but signed for Luton during the close season. Between Davies and Pye is Turner, who made 11 League appearances for Luton last season.

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BRENTFORD SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

NOMINATIONS FOR 1953/54 COMMITTEE

Nominations duly proposed and seconded for Officers and Members of the Committee should be sent to the Hon. General Secretary not less than 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting which this season takes place at Ealing Town Hall on Friday, June 26th, at 8 p.m. Candidates for the Executive Committee shall have been members of the Supporters' Club for not less than two years.

WHIST DRIVE

The next Whist Drive of the Supporters' Club will be held at Ealing Town Hall (Nelson Room), on Friday, April 24th, 1953, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 1s. 3d. at the door.

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

The Annual Dinner and Dance will take place at the "Star and Garter" Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 15th May, 1953. Tickets 12s. 6d. may be obtained from Social Secretary.

JUNIORS' SOCIAL

A Social Evening has been arranged for Juniors and will be held at Braemar Hall, Braemar Road, on Thursday, 23rd April, 1953.

CUP FINAL TICKETS

It is hoped to obtain an allocation of Cup Final Tickets from the Parent Club. Members wishing to partake in the Draw for these please send name and address, and membership number on a post card to the Hon. General Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 28th.

CORONATION BROOCHES

A number of Red and White Coronation Brooches have been purchased and may be obtained from the General Secretary, price 2s. 6d.

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By DENIS FOSTER

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2. Three of this season's F.A. Cup Final players were selected for last Saturday's England-Scotland International at Wembley. Who are they?

3. Which of the ninety-two Football League clubs has the lowest number of points this season?

4. Last Saturday week Pegasus gained the biggest F.A. Amateur Cup Final victory for twenty-one years. What was the score, and who were their beaten opponents?

5. What is the name of the Anglo-Scottish inter-club competition to be held in Glasgow at the end of the season?

6. This year's F.A. Cup Final will be the twenty-fifth to be played at Wembley. Which is the only club to have won there four times?

7. Which famous soccer personality recently announced his intention to take over the managementship of Walsall?

8. How many times has a London club won either the F.A. Cup or the Football League Championship since the end of war?

9. Which three countries will England play during this summer's F.A. South American tour?

10. If a referee discovers at the interval that he has inadvertently played the first half a few minutes short, can he add the "balance" on to the second half?

(Answers on page 13)

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Charlie Watkins (inside left) is a Glaswegian at one time on the books of the Rangers at Ibrox. He signed for Luton as a left half five seasons ago.

Albert Mitchell (outside left) is a native of Stoke and formerly played for the club of that town. Subsequently he saw service with Blackburn, Kettering and Northampton. He is now in his second season with Luton, for whom he obtained 16 goals from the wing in 1951-52.

Luton Town have figured prominently in the post-war transfer market, both as buyers and sellers, famous players who have been through their hands in recent years being Davie (who went to Huddersfield), Taylor (Wolves), Stobbart (Millwall), Brennan (Fulham), Gager (Notts Forest), Billington and Hughes (Chelsea) and Frank Soo (no longer playing).

JUNIORS WELL BEATEN AT OLD TRAFFORD

Hopes that Brentford Town Juniors would reach the Final of the F.A. Youth Challenge Cup in that competition's first season were dashed in no uncertain manner at Old Trafford last Wednesday, when Manchester United Juniors defeated our lads by six goals to nil in the second leg of the Semi-final. As they had won the first leg at Griffin Park four days earlier by the odd goal in three, the Mancunians qualified for the Final with a goal aggregate of 8-1.

In the Griffin Park game our Juniors obtained the lead only three minutes from the start, Hawes being the scorer. The Manchester lads failed to find the net in the first half, but they did so soon after the interval. The Bees had a great opportunity to get in front again with a penalty kick, but Roy Hurrell sent the ball

high over the bar, and the United scored again ten minutes from the close. Our team was as follows:—

G. Cakebread; R. Yeatman, R. Hurrell; J. Murray, D. Reynolds, R. Halliday; H. Bird, Heath, Avis, Pearson, C. Hawes.

For the second leg of the tie, at Manchester on Wednesday evening, Avis moved to left half to replace the injured Halliday, and Bates led the forwards. With Murray unable to make the trip, Garnier came in at right half.

Although our lads never gave up the fight, Manchester were the better side, and they scored three times in each half. The pitch, already watered by hose (that is the usual Manchester United custom), became sodden as rain fell heavily throughout the game, and conditions were greatly in favour of the more experienced home side. Manchester were able to field eight full-time Professionals, of whom four have already made their debuts in First Division Football. Pegg, inside left in the Junior side, is the regular right winger for Manchester United's League XI.

Congratulations must be extended to our Juniors, despite their heavy defeat, for their fine achievement on reaching the Semi-final, on the way to which they accounted for the Junior sides of Hendon, Barnet, Bexley Heath and Welling, Brighton, and Queen's Park Rangers.

In the Final of the Winchester Cup, Brentford Town Juniors meet Mansford F.C. on this ground to-morrow evening. The kick-off is a 6 p.m.

SEASON TICKETS, 1953/54

In recent years the cost of running a Football League Club has risen very steeply. Players wages have increased, travelling and hotel expenses have gone up,

and the prices of footballs, playing kit, etc., are higher than ever. Nevertheless, the Brentford Board of Directors have decided to reduce the price of Season Tickets for 1953/54. Moreover, to encourage more patrons to take up Season Tickets there will be a grading of prices for the respective Season Ticket Stands, as follows:—

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Brentford League Challenge Cup Final between Brentford West F.C. and Penguin Sports F.C. will take place on this ground on Monday, 27th April, kick-off at 6.30 p.m.

The London Passenger Transport Road Services Cup Final between Clapham and Merton will take place on this ground on Thursday, 30th April, kick-off at 6 p.m.

Admission at both these matches will be by Braemar Road Entrance only—Adults 1s., Boys 6d. Stands extra.

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Charlton Athletic (losing to Manchester City on 4th April) and Bristol Rovers (losing to Swindon Town on 6th April).

2. Nat Lofthouse and Malcolm Barrass (Bolton Wanderers and England), and George Farm (Blackpool and Scotland).

3. Barnsley—only 17 points out of a possible 80.

4. 6-0 — Harwich and Parkeston.

5. Coronation Cup.

6. Newcastle United—in the seasons of 1923-24, 1931-32, 1950-51, and 1951-52.

7. Major Frank Buckley.

8. Four—Charlton Athletic won the Cup in 1946-47; Arsenal, the League in 1947-48 and the Cup in 1949-50; and Tottenham Hotspur, the League in 1950-51.

9. Argentina (two matches), Uruguay, and Chile.

10. No, the fact must stand?

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Division II

1952	Result
Aug. 23—Lincoln City	H W 1-0
27—Huddersfield Town	A D 0-0
30—Hull City	A D 2-2
Sept. 3—Huddersfield Town	H L 1-3
6—Blackburn Rovers	H W 3-2
8—Sheffield United	A L 2-3
13—Nottingham Forest	A L 0-3
17—Sheffield United	H D 0-0
20—Everton	H L 2-4
27—Bury	A L 0-3
Oct. 4—Doncaster Rovers	A W 2-0
11—Southampton	H W 3-0
18—Notts County	A L 0-4
25—Leicester City	H W 4-2
Nov. 1—West Ham United	A L 1-3
8—Fulham	H D 2-2
15—Rotherham United	A L 1-4
22—(1) Plymouth Argyle	H L 1-2
29—Leeds United	A L 2-3
Dec. 6—(2) Luton Town	H Post.
13—Birmingham City	A L 1-3
20—Lincoln City	A D 0-0
25—Barnsley	H W 4-0
26—Barnsley	A W 2-0
1953	
Jan. 3—Hull City	H W 1-0
10—(3) Leeds United	H W 2-1
17—Blackburn Rovers	A L 0-3
24—Nottingham Forest	A D 1-1
31—(4) Aston Villa	A D 0-0
Feb. 4—(4-replay) Aston V.	A L 1-2
7—Everton	H L 0-5
14—(5) Bury	H D 2-2
21—Doncaster Rovers	H W 1-0
28—(6) Southampton	A W 2-0
Mar. 7—Notts County	H W 5-0
14—Leicester City	A W 3-2
21—West Ham United	A H 1-4
28—Fulham	A L 0-5
April 3—Swansea Town	H D 0-0
4—Rotherham United	H D 1-1
6—Swansea Town	A L 2-3
11—Plymouth Argyle	A L 0-1
18—Leeds United	A H 3-3
22—Luton Town	H A
25—Luton Town	H A
May 1—Birmingham City	H

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1952	Result
Aug. 23—Bristol City	A W 2-0
27—Brighton & Hove A.	A W 3-1
30—Swindon Town	H W 1-0
Sept. 1—Queen's Park Rangers	A L 1-2
6—Ipswich Town	A L 1-2
10—Leicester City	A L 1-3
13—Leyton Orient	H D 1-1
15—Leicester City	A L 0-7
24—Watford	H L 0-3
27—Aldershot	H D 0-0
Oct. 1—Southend United	H L 1-2
4—Swansea Town	H L 0-3
9—Watford	A L 0-2
16—Swansea Town	A D 0-0
18—Bristol Rovers	H L 1-3
25—Aldershot	A L 1-3
Nov. 1—Luton Town	H L 1-7
8—Luton Town	A L 1-4
15—Bournemouth & Bos.	H W 2-1
22—Brighton & Hove A.	A L 1-5
29—Crystal Palace	A W 2-0
Dec. 13—Southend United	A L 0-1
17—Crystal Palace	A W 2-0
20—Bristol City	H W 4-0
26—Bournemouth & Bos.	A W 2-1
1953	
Jan. 3—Swindon Town	A D 0-0
17—Bristol Rovers	A L 2-3
24—Leyton Orient	A D 0-0
28—Ipswich Town	H L 2-3
Feb. 25—Queen's Park Rangers	H W 2-1
Football Combination Cup	
Jan. 31—Tottenham Hotspur	H L 0-1
Feb. 7—Chelsea	H W 3-0
14—Tottenham Hotspur	A L 0-3
21—Arsenal	A L 2-4
28—Southend United	A W 2-1
Mar. 7—Queen's Park Rangers	A L 0-1
25—Chelsea	A D 1-1
28—Queen's Park Rangers	H L 0-3
30—Arsenal	H L 0-2
April 6—Crystal Palace	H L 1-2
11—Brighton & Hove A.	A L 0-3
15—Crystal Palace	H A
25—Southend United	H
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