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## NEWS AND VIEWS

BY SCANNER

Good Afternoon, Everybody,

Second Division promotion and relegation issues have become more complex, rather than clarified, since the last publication of this programme. Only a fortnight hence Brentford will have completed their League fixtures, but even then they may have to wait for the result of the Stoke City v. Plymouth match on Monday, April 26th, to know their fate. Following that unfortunate defeat on the Notts Forest ground, the Bees have collected three points from their last two games; but although our prospects of staying in the Second Division have improved, safety can be reached only by a tremendous effort in the next fortnight. Brentford are better placed than some of the clubs at the bottom of the table, in that three of their four games, including this afternoon's match with

Luton Town, are to be played at Griffin Park. Please remember, supporters, that the players need all the help and encouragement you can give them in these vital struggles.

### SWANSEA DEFEATED

Retaining faith in the men so narrowly defeated at Nottingham, Brentford made no change for the game with Swansea Town on this ground a fortnight ago. Team: Newton; Bragg, Latimer; Bristow, Dargie, Coote; Robertson, Gazzard, Dare, Rainford, Dudley.

Things looked ominous for the Bees after 20 minutes when Reg Newton fumbled a long-range shot from the Swansea right-half, Williams, thereby allowing the visitors to get the first goal; but, as in recent home games, our men refused to let an early reverse get them down. A simple goal to Gazzard levelled the scores, after



which a complete switch of the forward line seemed to put the Bees right on top. Soon after the interval Robertson headed the goal that sent Brentford in front, and a dozen minutes from time Dudley scored from short range to put the result beyond doubt. It was the first time this season that Brentford had won three successive home games.

#### POINT COLLECTED AT ROTHERHAM

Doncaster Rovers and Lincoln City have done the double over Brentford this season; Leicester City alone can follow suit. For a splendid performance by the Bees at Millmoor last Saturday prevented Rotherham United from repeating the victory they gained at Griffin Park in November. Once again our team was unchanged, and Billy Sperrin travelled to Yorkshire as twelfth man.

Brentford got away to a good start, and the first shot of note came from Kenny Coote, who went close with an awkwardly dropping ball which seemed likely to go in just under the bar. Too often, however, our forwards failed to turn their chances to account, Gazzard and Dare being the chief culprits, and the team as a whole did not make the best use of their numerical advantage during the brief period the Rotherham centre-forward was off the field. Severest test for the home goalkeeper came when Dudley closed in from the left to test him with a terrific drive from an acute angle.

For the second half Brentford switched their forwards from right to left, as in the Swansea game, but Rotherham set up a series of strong attacks, during which Guest put them ahead by lobbing the ball into an empty net after Newton had done well to beat down his first attempt. For

a quarter of an hour the United continued to have the better of the argument, but then our fellows staged an all-out effort for a point. The finishing, however, was still weak, excellent scoring chances being wasted by Robertson, Dudley and Dare.

Keward for persistence came ten minutes from the end. The Bees were awarded a free-kick for a foul a yard or so outside the penalty area, and skipper Frank Latimer deputised Wally Bragg to do duty. The right-back's first intention was to chip the ball over the heads of the usual block of players, leaving it to somebody else to apply the finishing touch. But he saw a space between the end of the "block" and a post, and decided to try a direct shot. Second thoughts were best, for the ball tore threw the gap and shook the rigging. Even then the excitement was not over, for our defence had to deal with an indirect free-kick inside the penalty area, but time was signalled with each side claiming a goal. Our fellows were well worth their point—the first they have gained away from home since January.

#### RESERVES' REVIEW

The Reserves continue to show form far in advance of anything they produced in the first half of the season, and the three games of the past fortnight have brought two victories and a defeat.

Visiting the Dell a fortnight ago, they lost by the odd goal in three, and with eleven fit men throughout they would probably have saved at least a point. But Bill Sperrin, taken ill soon after the start, played no effective part in the game, and he was moved to outside-right after the interval. Monk converted a penalty to give Brentford the only goal of the first half, but subsequently the Saints netted twice. A hand

injury to Ledgerton had to be treated at a Southampton hospital before the team returned to London. Brentford team: Jefferies; Lowden, Horne; Harper, Hart, Bassham; Goodwin, Towers, Monk, Sperrin, Ledgerton.

Four days later the Reserves returned to winning form, beating Watford 3-1 in a mid-week match at Griffin Park. Len Roe and Avis replaced Sperrin and Ledgerton as a left-wing pair. Although our lads had much the better of the first half, they scored only once, Towers netting from a corner by Goodwin. After the interval Watford gave the game a new twist with an unexpected equaliser, and our lads had to get busy again. Penalty expert Monk duly obliged when Towers was brought down; and the latter, whose shooting was a pleasing feature of the match, rounded off an encouraging display by hitting the third goal, following up a rebound after his first shot had been smothered. Lowden showed good form at right-back in a defence which was rarely subjected to a strenuous test.

Another home victory came our way last Saturday, when Swansea Town Reserves were beaten by the only goal scored. Geard replaced Bassham at left-half; otherwise our team showed no change from that which beat Watford.

Fifteen minutes from the start Jim Towers scored the decisive goal from a through pass by Monk.

Our Reserves are away to Aldershot this afternoon.

#### THE JUNIORS

Brentford Town Juniors have won their last two games in the North Surrey Minor League. At Mitcham a fortnight ago they defeated Elderwood B.C. by eight goals (Hayes 2, Carter 2,

Brown, Andrews, Biggs, Darling) to one. Last Saturday, on this ground, they beat Crystal Palace Juniors by four goals to one. Hayes, Andrews, Biggs and Hayes scored in that order for the Bees in a keen game.

Immediately following to-day's League match with Luton Town, the Juniors will take the field for a North Surrey Minor League match with Surbiton B.C. On Monday evening (6 p.m.), they meet Chase of Chertsey (Leyton Orient Juniors) here in the Final of the Chertsey Charity Cup.

#### EASTER PROGRAMME

On Good Friday morning (kick-off 11.15 a.m.), Brentford's League XI will be at home to Bury. An hour or two after the finish of that game they entrain for Devon, where they face Plymouth at Home Park on Saturday. They have no Easter Monday fixture, as the away game with Bury was played on January 30th.

The Reserves begin the holiday by visiting the Kingstonians on Good Friday morning. Then comes Saturday's Football Combination match with Queen's Park Rangers Reserves at Griffin Park (kick-off 3.15 p.m.), followed by another home game with Coventry City Reserves on Easter Monday (kick-off 3.15 p.m.). That concludes the Reserves' home programme, after which they have to visit Crystal Palace, Southend United and Bristol Rovers.

#### OUR VISITORS

Luton Town, who visit us this afternoon, were one of the founder members of the Southern League 60 years ago, and, together with Brentford, they 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 stirring struggles with the Town, and the series contains no match more exciting than the battle at Kenilworth Road in 1933, when the Bees, after being 4-1 down at the interval, fought back to draw at 5-5. Johnny Holliday scored all five goals that afternoon, one coming from the penalty spot.

Luton gained promotion to the Second Division four seasons after Brentford, but by that time the latter had moved up into the First. As a consequence, apart from the Regional League games during the War, and the transitional season following the end of hostilities, Luton and Brentford did not meet again until the Bees' reappearance in the Second Division for the 1947-48 season.

At Kenilworth Road last November, Brentford and Luton drew 1-1, Jimmy Robertson getting our goal, but the Second Division record to-date favours neither club. Of the 13 matches, three have been drawn, and each club claims five victories. Here is the list, with Brentford's score given first in each instance.

	Brentford	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
1952-53 ...	1-1	1-0
1953-54 ...	—	1-1

Still fresh in the memory are the F.A. Cup struggles of 1951-52, when Brentford and Luton met three times in the Fourth Round. A 2-2 draw was played at Kenilworth Road, and no goals were scored in the Griffin Park replay. Luton qualified for the Fifth Round by winning 3-2 in the second replay at Highbury, the deciding goal coming in extra time.

As in 1952-53, Luton occupy

a high place in the table, and their challenge for promotion would have been considerably stronger, and perhaps successful, but for an injury to their International forward, Jesse Pye, who has been out of action for more than half of the season.

#### LUTON PERSONALITIES

Below are brief notes on the men who may wear the Luton colours this afternoon:—

Bernard Streten (goal). A native of Gillingham who played for Notts County and Shrewsbury before going to Luton in 1948. He is the possessor of both amateur and full International Caps.

Les Jones (right-back). A product of local league soccer, this 23-year-old defender took over the position from Seamus Dunne, Eire International, and has played consistently well since getting his place in the senior side.

Tom Aherne (left-back). Born at Limerick, and gained two Irish International Caps, at left-half and left-back, while on the books of Belfast Celtic. Since then numerous other honours have come his way. Transferred from Linfield to Luton four seasons ago.

Robert Morton (right-half). Joined Luton from Waterlow's, of nearby Dunstable, seven years ago, and will be remembered by Brentford fans as the scorer of the "extra time" goal which put Brentford out of the Cup. Played at centre-half against the Bees in November in the absence of Owen.

Sid Owen (centre-half). Born at Birmingham, where he played for the City before going to Kenilworth Road in 1947. Toured Australia with the F.A. party in 1951. One of the most stylish pivots in the Second Division.

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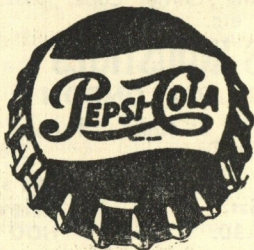
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Cummins (inside-right). Joined Everton from Dublin area junior football in 1950 and quickly made his mark, taking part in the F.A. Cup semi-final last season. Was transferred to Luton only a week before the opening of 1953-54.

Gordon Turner (centre-forward). Made his debut for the Town in the 1950-51 season and scored 16 goals last winter.

Johnny Downie (inside-left). A forward who has got around a bit since coming to the front with Bradford. He went to Manchester United in 1949 at a fee reputed to be £18,000, and moved on to Luton during the last close season. Born at Lanark.

Albert Mitchell (outside-left). A native of Stoke who began his career with the Potteries' club. Subsequently he was with Blackburn Rovers and Kettering before joining Luton two seasons ago.

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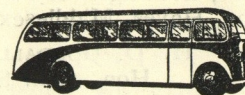
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Bury	37	8	14	15	44	66	30
Swansea	37	11	8	18	49	73	30
Brentford	38	9	11	18	35	70	29
Plymouth	36	7	14	15	52	68	28
Oldham	35	7	8	20	36	76	22

#### HALF-TIME SCORES

##### PART I LEAGUE—DIV. I

A—Arsenal v. Liverpool  
B—Aston Villa v. Burnley  
C—Blackpool v. Manchester U.  
D—Cardiff v. West Brom.  
E—Chelsea v. Bolton  
F—Huddersfield v. Tottenham  
G—Manchester C. v. Middlesbrough  
H—Portsmouth v. Newcastle  
J—Sheffield U. v. Preston N. E.  
K—Sunderland v. Sheffield W.  
L—Wolves v. Charlton  
LEAGUE—DIV. II  
M—Blackburn v. Birmingham  
N—Bristol R. v. Plymouth  
O—Bury v. West Ham  
P—Derby C. v. Notts F.  
R—Doncaster v. Leeds U.

##### PART II LEAGUE—DIV. II

A—Everton v. Stoke  
B—Hull v. Leicester  
C—Lincoln v. Swansea  
D—Notts C. v. Rotherham  
E—Oldham v. Fulham

##### LEAGUE—DIV. III (S.)

F—Bournemouth v. Norwich  
G—Brighton v. Aldershot  
H—Coventry v. Newport  
J—Gillingham v. Exeter  
K—Ipswich v. Q.P.R.  
L—Leyton O. v. Colchester  
M—Millwall v. Southampton  
N—Northampton v. Shrewsbury  
O—Reading v. Crystal Palace  
P—Southend v. Bristol C.  
R—Watford v. Swindon

## BRENTFORD SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

#### LUTON TOWN F.C. SUPPORTERS' CLUB

To-day we extend a warm welcome to the Officials and Members of the Luton Town F.C. Supporters' Club, and wish them every success in their efforts.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR 1954-55 COMMITTEE

Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, for Officers and Members of the Committee should be sent to the Hon. General Secretary, in writing, not less than 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Candidates for the Executive Committee, their proposers and seconders, shall have been members of the Supporters' Club during the two complete years immediately preceding the date of nomination.

Members, please note that your Annual General Meeting will be held at St. Paul's Hall, St. Paul's Road, Brentford, Middlesex, on Friday, 25th June, at 8 p.m.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

Now for your monthly Outings. Please Note—TO-NIGHT the Social Section put on its first local attraction. It is "JANE STEPS OUT", presented by Kenneth Horne, at St. Paul's Hall, St. Paul's Road (near the Half Acre) Brentford. So make it a bumper effort. Admission by programme on sale at all the Huts on the ground, 2/6. Then on Saturday, 24th of April, at the Osterley Hotel, you have your Annual Dinner and Dance, where your Officials and Players of the Parent Club will be present. Tickets 12/6 each. This event is after the last match of the season. On Wednesday, 26th of May, a visit will be made to the Prince of

Wales Theatre to see Frankie Howerd and Winifred Atwell in the New Folies Bergere Revue "Pardon My French". Then there is your Annual Summer Outing, which will be to Bourne-mouth, on Sunday, 6th June. Further details will be in the next issue. If you have not booked yet for any of the above, do so as soon as possible: contact Mr. C. W. Tyler, 2, Coningsby Cottages, Ealing, W.5 (EAL 9079) or Mr. K. Smith, 771, London Road, Hounslow, Middx. (Soc. Sec.).

#### SPORTS SECTIONS

Results of recent matches of the "Queen Bees" of the Netball, are as follows "A" Team v. Bach Sports Club was a draw, 11 goals each, In the return game the Bees lost, 14 goals to 11. "B" Team, after a well fought game v. A.T.P. Studios, they were beaten by 10 goals to 9. And then again by Pears Soap Ladies by 14 goals to 5. Matches to follow for both teams are "A" Team v. Western Area Tele Operators. "B" Team v. Greenford Community Centre. Both these matches are at Ravenscourt Park.

Now the "Bumble Bees" of the Table-Tennis. A very good evening was spent at the Metal Box Co., at Perivale, where the Gents lost by 8 games to 2. But the Ladies went one better and won by 7 games to 2. Well done both Sections.

#### BLIND SCHEME

If there are any Blind Persons who have not been to one of our home games yet, and would like to do so, please write to Mr. E. White, 48, Penbury Road, South-hall, or Mr. G. King, 6, Clithe- (Continued on page 12)



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1953			Result	1953			Result
Aug.	19—Stoke City	A	D 1—1	Aug.	22—Arsenal	H	W 2—1
"	22—Derby County	A	L 1—4	"	26—Crystal Palace	A	L 0—3
"	27—Blackburn Rovers	A	H 1—4	"	29—		
"	29—Fulham	H	W 2—1	Sept.	3—Queen's Park Rangers	H	D 1—1
"	31—Blackburn Rovers	A	D 2—2	"	5—Queen's Park Rangers	A	L 0—3
Sept.	5—Bristol Rovers	A	H 1—0	"	8—Southend United	A	L 1—6
"	10—Doncaster Rovers	H	L 1—4	"	12—Southend United	H	L 1—3
"	12—Lincoln City	A	L 1—2	"	17—Chelsea	H	D 3—3
"	16—Doncaster Rovers	A	L 0—3	"	19—Brighton & Hove A.	A	L 1—5
"	19—Notts County	H	D 0—0	"	22—Arsenal	A	W 5—3
"	26—Hull City	A	L 0—2	"	26—Crystal Palace	H	D 1—1
Oct.	3—Everton	A	W 1—0	Oct.	1—Brighton & Hove A.	H	L 2—6
"	10—West Ham United	A	W 1—0	"	3—Tottenham H.	A	L 2—5
"	17—Leeds United	H	W 2—1	"	5—Chelsea	A	L 0—1
"	24—Birmingham City	A	L 1—5	"	10—Tottenham Hotspur	H	L 0—3
"	31—Nottingham Forest	A	L 1—1				
Nov.	7—Luton Town	H	D 1—1				
"	14—Plymouth Argyle	A	W 1—0				
"	21—(1) Swansea Town	A	L 0—1				
"	28—Rotherham United	A	L 0—1				
Dec.	5—Leicester City	A	L 0—6				
"	12—(2) Stoke City	H	D 0—0				
"	19—Derby County	H	D 0—0				
"	25—Oldham Athletic	H	W 3—1				
"	26—Oldham Athletic	A	L 0—2				
1954							
Jan.	2—Fulham	A	L 1—4				
"	9—Hull City (3)	A	D 0—0				
"	14—Hull City (replay)	A	D 2—2				
"	16—Bristol Rovers	A	D 0—0				
"	18—Hull City (2nd replay)	A	L 2—5				
"	23—Lincoln City	A	L 0—1				
"	30—Bury	A	D 1—1				
Feb.	6—Notts County	A	L 0—2				
"	13—Hull City	A	D 2—2				
"	24—Everton	A	L 1—6				
"	27—West Ham United	H	W 3—1				
Mar.	6—Leeds United	A	L 0—4				
"	13—(6) Birmingham City	A	W 2—0				
"	20—Nottingham Forest	H	L 1—2				
"	27—Swansea Town	A	W 3—1				
April	3—Rotherham United	A	D 1—1				
"	10—Luton Town	A	H 4—1				
"	16—Bury	A	H 4—1				
"	17—Plymouth Argyle	A	H 4—1				
"	24—Leicester City	A	H 4—1				

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