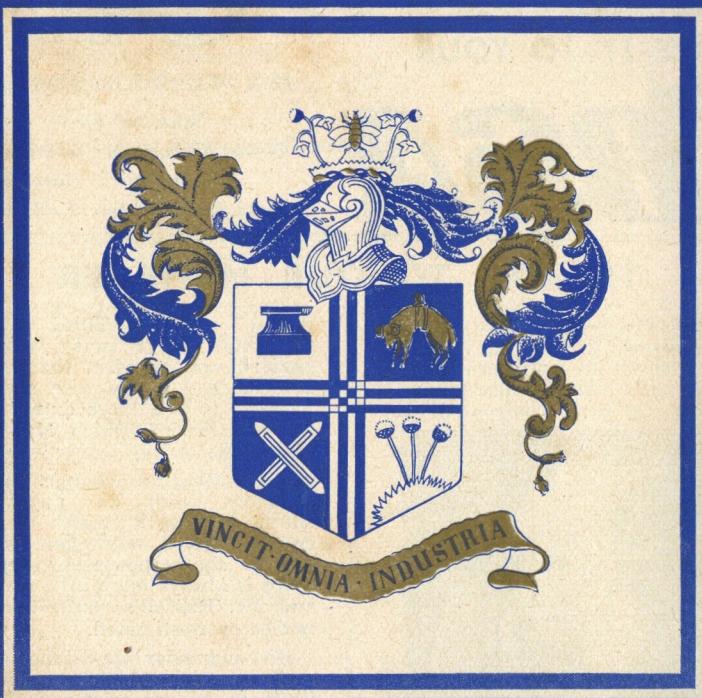


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legation to the Third Division. Certainly, there was widespread anxiety, and the fact that we have now reached safety with something to spare is to a large extent due to the contribution which Mr. Russell has made.

Very often a change effects or coincides with an improvement simply because it creates a new circumstance. A new effort is called for and the response is given. But there is always more in it than that, and Mr. Russell's contribution cannot be over-estimated.

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Saturday, April 24th, 1954.

Bury v. Luton Town

## GIGG LANE GLEANINGS

THE tumult and the uncertainty is over. Our tremendous victory at Leeds last Saturday made absolutely certain we would finish in a safe position in the Second Division table, whatever Brentford might accomplish at Plymouth. The narrow defeat of the Griffin Park team created a gap of five points between ourselves and the Londoners, and if we can finish the season with a victory over Luton Town this afternoon we shall have collected a total of 38 points. When we recall that at the beginning of November we had only just reached double figures the fighting rally made by the side since those gloomy days is indicated.

When a crisis is ended and the "patient" wins through, there is a natural tendency to forget the seriousness of the sickness which has been overcome. In the closing hours of this season we cannot, however, forget the strain and struggle which has been experienced, not for the first time, and resolve that every possible effort be made to see that similar conditions are not met with next winter. It is not going to be easy; it never is with a club like Bury and its limited income, but the directors are determined to build a side capable of bidding for honours and thus giving the sporting public the chance to respond.

Perhaps the biggest, the most urgent, job for the club officials, is the creation of an ever-widening reservoir of support. Our average gate of about 14,000 spectators is not enough to enable the club to pay its way, let alone build reserves for the purchasing of ready-made players which, however successful the scouting services, are periodically required to strengthen the team.

But these last Gleanings of the season must not end on a complaining note. On the contrary, everyone interested in the Club must be grateful we have once again retained our proud record of never having fallen out of senior football. To the players and to the officials, and to everyone concerned, "thank you" for a magnificent fight which in every way was worthy of the great traditions of the old club.

### GOOD WISHES.

The happiness of the week-end was marred by the sad accident to Eddie Gleadall at Brentford. It will, of course, be several weeks before the plaster is removed from the injured leg. He was due to return home yesterday from the West Middlesex Hospital. It is the hope of everyone at Gigg Lane, and of all the supporters, we are sure, that Eddie makes a complete recovery, and that he will be back in the side next season.



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