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CLUB NOTES

ON this most sombre day of the year we have Swansea Town as our guests in a League II fixture, extending to them a warm welcome. Nicely placed just above the half-way mark in the Table they have no worries either of relegation or of promotion (although their form since the turn of the year if continued could bring them into the Talent Money Group for they have obtained 19 points in 11 matches against our 11 points in 10 matches) means that they face this heavy Easter programme of three matches in four days with no anxiety attached to it. We ourselves can also face the Easter programme without anxiety although all points gained from now on will be most welcome for a run of defeats could land us in near queer street again. The way our lads have been playing these last few weeks however when we have picked up seven points out of a possible ten has brought about more confidence and of course a more healthy position in the Table. Our win at Ipswich last Saturday was thoroughly earned and in fact there were several occasions when the ball just missed entering the Ipswich net by inches only whereas Ron Bayham did not have a direct shot to save throughout the match. His handling of the ball dealing with high crosses incidentally showed all the old Bayham touch, a fact which the Ipswich crowd were not slow in showing their appreciation for it was skill which the spectators do not mind paying to see.

Swansea Town, Founded in 1911, was one of the original members of the Third Division when formed in 1920. In their forty years membership of the League it is rather surprising they have never attained First Division status for they have had many fine Internationals on their books both before and after the War, since the War such names as Ivor and Len Allchurch, Mel Charles, Terry Medwin, Cliff Jones, Mel Nurse, Noel Dwyer, Roy Paul, T. Feeney, T. Keane, J. O'Driscoll, J. Griffiths, W. Lucas, F. Scrine come to mind and there were several others perhaps not so well known in this part of the world. We see from Press reports that Swansea have recently turned down a £30,000 offer for Mel Nurse following Len Allchurch's move to Sheffield United for a substantial fee. It is not often that Swansea go in the market for a player but last August they signed Noel Dwyer from West Ham United which proved a successful move for he is their regular goalkeeper and playing very well.

We agreed to a 2.45 p.m. kick-off today to enable the Swansea lads to get a connection back to Swansea tonight in reasonable time for their home match with Southampton tomorrow.

Our Reserve team rather blunted their chances of finishing in second place in the Combination Table next May when they went down to Brentford last Saturday evening by four goals to two. It was a most disappointing show from our lads,

never at any time in the game, and the fact that several youngsters were brought in to give them experience was no excuse. We took advantage of the opportunity to play the match in the evening to test the strength of support for Saturday evening football, but it was not a success and certainly will not be tried again unless circumstances warrant it. As the Football Combination next season will be split up between 18 teams in the Saturday Section and 18 in the Mid-Week Section there is no promotion or relegation at the end of this season so there is no outstanding merit in finishing the season in the top three places except of course the honour of doing so for the records. But whether honours are due at the end of the season or not it does not reduce the disappointment felt when the team goes down before its own crowd as ours did last Saturday evening. Although the better balanced and more experienced side the four goals scored by Brentford should all have been prevented, but after that first goal our lads never seemed to try to get back into the game until curiously enough the fourth goal had been registered against us and then they showed how easily the Brentford defence could be beaten by scoring a second goal, then went back into their lethargic mood. A most disappointing show.

Since our last Programme we have arranged for the Luton Schools F.A. to have the use of our Ground on Saturday, April 22nd when both First and Second teams are playing away. The Luton Schoolboys will be playing in the Seaward Trophy Competition, but opponents have not yet been finalized. Kick off will be at 2.30 p.m., and then at 4.15 p.m. our Youth side playing in the South East Counties League will kick off against Charlton Youth. The one admission charge will of course only be made for the two matches.

Our extra Programme to the normal Saturday one now therefore reads as follows—

Wednesday, April 12th. Luton Town Reserves v. Peterborough Reserves. Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

Monday, April 17th. Luton Town v. Partick Thistle. Floodlight Friendly. Kick-off 7.15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19th. William Pease Jubilee Trophy Final. Kick-off 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 22nd. Luton Schools F.A. Seaward Trophy. Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

South East Counties League. Luton Youth v. Charlton Youth. Kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Monday, April 24th. Constabulary Cup Final Kick-off 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26th. Luton Town v. Charlton Athletic. League II fixture. Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

Thursday, April 27th. Wednesday League Cup Final. Kick-off 6 p.m.

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Right Half
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Outside Left
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Baynham
Goal

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3 Bramwell
Left Back
5 Kelly
Centre Half
9 Turner
Centre Forward
10 Cummins
Inside Left
11 Fleming
Outside Left



8 Davies, R.
Inside Right
5 Reynolds
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4 Davies, P.
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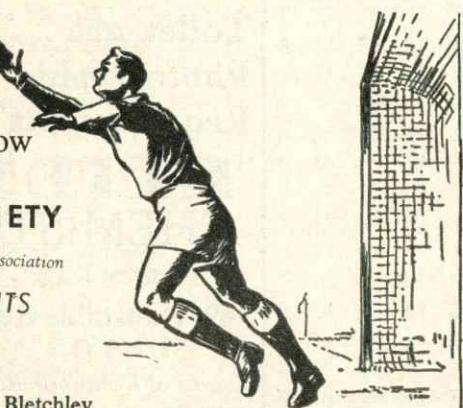
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1960 FIRST XI - Division 2		Attendance	F	A
Aug. 20 Sat.	Huddersfield Town	18156	A	1 1
" 24 Wed.	Portsmouth	17514	H	1 0
" 27 Sat.	Sunderland	17632	H	3 3
" 31 Wed.	Portsmouth	15176	A	2 3
Sept. 3 Sat.	Plymouth Argyle	21408	A	1 1
" 7 Wed.	Liverpool	27339	A	2 2
" 10 Sat.	Norwich City	22252	H	0 2
" 14 Wed.	Liverpool	10055	H	2 1
" 17 Sat.	Charlton Ath.	11788	A	1 4
" 24 "	Sheffield United	13726	H	1 4
Oct. 1 "	Stoke City	9395	A	0 3
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	9373	H	4 2
" 15 "	Derby County	13447	A	1 4
" 22 "	Leyton Orient	11037	H	0 1
" 29 "	Scunthorpe United	8733	A	0 1
Nov. 5 "	Ipswich Town (1)	11221	H	3 2
" 12 "	Brighton & Hove	14011	A	0 1
" 19 "	Middlesbrough	12579	H	6 1
Dec. 3 "	Southampton	12927	H	4 1
" 10 "	Rotherham United	6187	A	2 5
" 17 "	Huddersfield T.	11219	H	1 0
" 26 Mon.	Lincoln City	15283	H	3 0
" 27 Tues.	Lincoln City	10240	A	1 1
" 31 Sat.	Sunderland	28695	A	1 7
1961				
Jan. 7 Sat.	F.A. Cup-3 Northampton	26220	H	4 0
" 14 "	Plymouth Arg.	13873	H	3 2
" 21 "	Norwich City	21290	A	1 2
" 28 "	F.A. Cup-4 Manchester C.	23727	H	Abd.
Feb. 1 Wed.	F.A. Cup-4 Manchester C.	15583	H	3 1
" 11 "	Sheffield United	16716	A	1 2
" 18 "	F.A. Cup-5 Barnsley	12820	A	0 1
" 23 Thurs.	Stoke City	12142	H	4 1
" 25 Sat.	Bristol Rovers	13105	A	1 4
March 4 "	Derby County (6)	13001	H	1 1
" 8 Wed.	Leeds United	9995	A	2 1
" 11 Sat.	Leyton Orient	11918	A	1 2
" 18 "	Rotherham (S.F.)	10179	H	2 1
" 25 "	Ipswich Town	21744	A	1 0
" 31 Fri.	Swansea Town	...	H	0
April 1 Sat.	Leeds United	...	H	0
" 3 Mon.	Swansea Town	...	A	0
" 8 Sat.	Middlesbrough	...	A	0
" 15 "	Brighton & Hove	...	H	0
" 22 "	Southampton	...	A	0
" 26 Wed.	Charlton Ath.	...	H	0
" 29 Sat.	Scunthorpe Utd.	...	H	0
May 6 "	F.A. Cup-Final

1960 Reserve XI Fixtures		Attendance	F	A
Aug. 20 Sat.	Coventry City	2415	H	3 2
Sept. 1 Thurs.	Notts. County	773	A	4 3
" 3 Sat.	Colchester Utd.	1736	H	3 2
" 10 "	Crystal Palace	1793	A	4 1
" 13 Tues.	Swansea Town	404	A	1 3
" 17 Sat.	Plymouth Arg.	1797	H	3 4
Oct. 1 "	Reading	1643	H	3 0
" 8 "	Bristol Rovers	1357	A	3 4
" 15 "	Northampton	1882	H	4 2
" 22 "	Shrewsbury	917	A	1 3
" 29 "	Millwall Athletic	922	H	2 2
Nov. 5 "	Southend United	1980	A	2 2
" 12 "	Fulham	1781	H	2 0
" 19 "	Brentford	515	A	0 2
" 26 "	Aldershot	2165	H	3 1
Dec. 10 "	Bristol Rovers	1573	H	3 0
" 17 "
" 26 Mon.	Peterborough Utd.	2151	A	2 1
" 31 Sat.	Notts. County	2163	H	5 2
1961				
Jan. 7 Sat.	Q.P.R.	778	A	1 2
" 14 "	Colchester United	974	A	1 4
" 21 "	Crystal Palace	1889	H	2 1
Feb. 4 "	Plymouth Argyle	1803	A	2 4
" 11 "	Swansea Town	1937	H	2 4
" 18 "	Reading	1192	A	1 1
" 25 "	Shrewsbury	879	H	5 1
Mar. 4 "	Millwall Ath.	1103	A	2 0
" 11 "	Southend Utd.	1368	H	3 1
" 15 Wed.	Q.P.R.	1084	H	5 2
" 18 Sat.	Fulham	676	A	1 0
" 25 "	Brentford	...	H	2 4
" 31 Fri.	Mansfield Town	...	A	0
April 1 Sat.	Aldershot	...	A	0
" 3 Mon.	Mansfield Town	...	H	0
" 8 Sat.	Swindon Town	...	H	0
" 12 Wed.	Peterborough U.	...	H	0
" 15 Sat.	Northampton T.	...	A	0
" 20 Thurs.	Swindon Town	...	A	0
" 22 Sat.	Coventry City	...	A	0
" 29 "

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Ipswich Town	34	21	6	7	78	44	48
Sheffield United	35	21	5	9	66	42	47
Liverpool	34	18	8	8	72	46	44
Middlesbrough	35	15	12	8	69	57	42
Norwich City	35	16	9	10	56	46	41
Sunderland	34	14	12	8	67	46	40
Southampton	34	17	6	11	76	62	40
Plymouth Arg.	35	15	7	13	68	67	37
SWANSEA TOWN	35	14	8	13	58	61	36
Scunthorpe United	34	12	11	11	60	55	35
Charlton Ath.	33	12	9	12	80	74	33
LUTON TOWN	34	13	6	15	57	66	32
Leeds United	35	13	6	16	61	73	32
Derby County	33	11	9	13	62	64	31
Bristol Rovers	34	12	7	15	62	70	31
Rotherham United	34	10	10	4	45	45	30
Leyton Orient	34	12	6	16	47	68	30
Stoke City	33	10	9	14	44	45	29
Brighton & Hove	34	9	9	16	49	61	27
Huddersfield Town	35	9	8	18	49	62	26
Portsmouth	35	8	9	18	49	80	25
Lincoln City	35	6	6	23	39	80	18

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