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Club Notes

With only one of our four teams winning last Saturday it was not a particularly happy day, but the first team came close to obtaining a point at Newport. This was a very good, hard game and it was a pleasure to see the way in which the team fought to the finish. Billy Lucas remarked after the game that his lads had known they had been playing and it was, in his opinion, the hardest game they had had this season.

The Reserve and the 'A' teams had disappointing results but the 'B' team recorded another fine win against Pinehurst Y.C. in the Wilts County Youth Cup Competition.

Although Cup-tie fever is beginning to grip our supporters, this afternoon's game should provide plenty of excitement, because not only have we to fight hard to get away from our uncomfortable position at the foot of the table, but our opponents are our old friends and rivals from Reading. They are, perhaps, more welcome than any one else at the County Ground and their wonderful gesture last year when they came to our assistance at a most critical time will be long remembered. After this afternoon's game we wish them every success.

It was also just over a year ago that Geoff Fox came to us and now that he has left football to follow his other career full time it would seem opportune to express our appreciation for his services to the Club and to wish him well in the future.

Cup-ties, apart from the excitement and hopes which they engender, also bring their own difficulties. As far as we are concerned our greatest difficulty is that of seating accommodation. After the allocation to the visiting club and the reser-

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vation of seats for season-ticket holders we have only about 200 left for disposal whereas we could probably sell 1000. We are extremely sorry that we cannot accommodate all those who apply for tickets but for those of you who are really keen we would suggest that a season-ticket is a good investment. When the demand for seats at each league game causes embarrassment we shall be forced to do something about it. May that position arise soon!

Season-ticket holders are reminded that this is the last day for claiming their seats for next Saturday's Cup-tie and if they have not already done so they should call at the office after the match. For the benefit of our supporters and particularly for those who may have to get to the ground early next week we hope to put on an added attraction in the shape of the Newark Imperials Carnival Band. This band gives an excellent display of music, marching and counter-marching and if they are able to pay us a visit they should put supporters in a good frame of mind for the match to follow.

On Monday next another interesting game will take place on this ground when the English Universities Union play the University of Wales, kick-off 7.15 p.m. We are very pleased to be able to place the ground at their disposal and trust they will receive the support that such a fixture deserves.

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The Club's leading goalscorers are Dixon with 10 goals and Whitehouse who has scored 9. Both players are included in today's line up.

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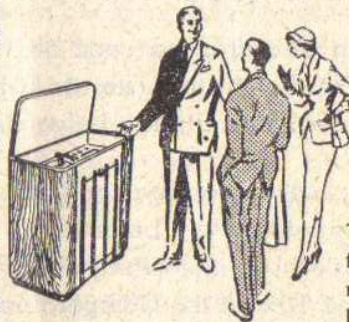
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We earnestly repeat our appeal and would add that we hope that the 15,000 members of our Competition will be amongst the 20,000. In this way 20,000 shillings will be worth considerably more than £1000 to the Club, as we shall also gain exemption from Income Tax on the Competition profits. This liability would amount to something like £6,500 during the course of the season. We hope we are as patriotic as anyone, but, in this particular case, we would prefer that the money should be spent by Mr. Head, than by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue; so roll out the shillings — we ordered a new supply of membership cards this week! Any member of the Committee will be pleased to enrol newcomers and former supporters alike. Postal applications to Mr. E. Clarke of 8, Calvert Road, Walcot, Swindon. We also

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