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GIGG LANE GLEANINGS

THE very bright hopes of a fortnight ago, that is before we dropped a point to Halifax Town and then allowed Newport County to take away both points a week ago have been dimmed a little, but the setback, which we believe is only temporary, is of course being accepted as a challenge. The disappointment at the loss of three home points must not be allowed to act as a damper on our optimism for we are still very well placed. The struggle for honours is hotting up, but if we can recover the consistency which has marked the play of the side for several months then the points total indicator will soon be moving upwards. Certainly none of us should allow the disappointment of the last two matches to create a feeling of tension and uncertainty.

Many letters lie on the manager's desk. Supporters are never slow to express their comments when a result is not according to expectations. As Mr. Russell states in his "Manager Reports . . ." paragraph, helpful letters are always welcome, but when supporters put pens to paper it is not easy for many of them to prevent the pen running away with their feelings. And while talking of supporters' letters, we liked the one in which it was stated: "This isn't where everyone packs up and says 'it can't be done'. At this point the team, the Board and the supporters must roll up their sleeves and give their answer to the remaining sides that face Bury . . . Come on, Bury."

Because of the silly doubts which have apparently assailed some supporters we must clearly and categorically rebut any misgivings there may be about the policy of the Board and management. Promotion to the Second Division remains our sole target, and everything we can do to achieve this very necessary result will be done. And let it be

added that every player is eager to take the Club back into senior football again.

As has been suggested this is the time for a renewal of the all-out effort which has been such an encouraging feature of the season to date. The best of sides experience temporary setbacks, but the surest way to make them as brief as possible is for everyone to do a little more. This dictum applies to the supporters who can do so much to help or hinder by their response to the efforts of the players. A little encouragement can go a long way to helping the side cast aside its less effective mood. After all it is but three Saturdays since we slammed Mansfield Town 5-1 after our boys had given such spirited displays in the Cup games with Bolton Wanderers. Do let us try to keep things in perspective, for if we do then the prospect can very quickly be changed for the better.

The defeat by Newport County was our third at home this season, and while not denying the Welsh side the merit of their success had we taken our scoring chances we would not have been beaten.

In the lucky programme competition at the game with Newport County the winning number, 891, was held by J. W. Simmonds, 87, Wesley Street, Tottington. No 1316 was not claimed.

GOAL SCORERS

(League matches only).

First Team: Jackson 9, Hubbard 9, Calder 8, Watson 8, Holden 3, Hepton 3, Atherton 2, Turner 2, Neill 2, McGrath 1, Bartley 1.
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At the start of the present season he was troubled with a leg injury, but is now playing with his earlier confidence and is again knocking on the door of the first eleven. Brian is keen to make the top grade and with luck he must get there.

Signature

FIXTURES, 1959-60

1959		F.	A.	1960		F.	A.		
Aug. 22	Colchester United ...	H	3	1	Jan. 2	Southend United ...	H	3	0
" 24	York City	A	0	1	" 9	(3)Bolton Wanderers	H	1	2
" 29	Southend United ...	A	4	0	" 16	Mansfield Town	A	5	1
Sept. 1	York City	H	2	0	" 23	Halifax Town	H	2	2
" 5	Mansfield Town	H	4	1	" 30	(4) Newport Coun. ...	H	0	1
" 8	Brentford	A	1	1	Feb. 6	Swindon Town	H		
" 12	Halifax Town	A	0	1	" 13	Barnsley	A		
" 15	Brentford	H	1	0	" 20	(5) Southampton.....	H		
" 19	Swindon Town	A	0	1	" 27	Coventry City	A		
" 23	Norwich City	A	0	2	Mar. 5	Bradford City	H		
" 26	Barnsley	H	0	2	" 12	(6) Queen's Park R. ...	A		
" 29	Norwich City	H	1	0	" 19	Accrington Stanley ...	H		
Oct. 3	Southampton	A	2	0	" 26	(S.F.) Wrexham ...	A		
" 6	Reading	H	1	0	April 2	Tranmere Rovers ...	H		
" 10	Coventry City	H	2	1	" 9	Bournemouth & B.A. ...	A		
" 14	Reading	A	1	0	" 15	Port Vale	H		
" 17	Bradford City	A	0	0	" 16	Chesterfield	H		
" 24	Queen's Park R. ...	H	2	0	" 18	Port Vale	A		
" 31	Chesterfield	A	2	0	" 23	Newport County ...	A		
Nov. 7	Wrexham	H	3	2	" 30	Grimsby Town	H		
" 14	(1) Hartlepool's Utd. ...	H	5	0	May 7	Final			
" 21	Bournemouth & B.A. ...	H	0	2					
" 28	Accrington Stanley ...	A	3	1					
Dec. 5	(2) Oldham Athletic ...	H	2	1					
" 12	Grimsby Town	A	2	2					
" 19	Colchester United ...	A	0	3					
" 26	Shrewsbury Town ...	A	2	0					
" 28	Shrewsbury Town ...	H	2	1					

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LEAGUE TABLES

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Bury — — —	30	18	4	8	48	26	40
Southampton -	27	16	6	5	69	45	38
Coventry City -	28	15	6	7	56	37	36
Norwich City -	29	15	5	9	55	40	35
Shrewsbury T.-	28	13	8	7	67	47	34
Grimsby Town-	29	11	11	7	59	47	33
Bournemouth -	29	13	7	9	50	46	33
Colchester U. -	30	12	7	11	50	48	31
Queen's P.R. -	29	12	6	11	50	37	30
Bradford City-	28	11	8	9	49	44	30
Port Vale — —	28	13	4	11	51	48	30
York City — —	30	10	10	10	41	46	30
Brentford — —	29	11	7	11	50	45	29
Newport C. — —	28	13	3	12	50	52	29
Barnsley — — —	29	10	8	11	43	45	28
Swindon T. — —	29	11	5	13	39	47	27
Halifax T. — —	29	10	7	12	37	50	27
Reading — — —	29	9	7	13	60	60	25
Tranmere R. -	30	8	8	14	52	55	24
Southend U. -	28	9	4	15	42	52	22
Chesterfield —	28	9	3	16	42	59	21
Wrexham — — —	29	9	3	17	48	70	21
Accrington S. -	30	8	4	18	41	76	20
Mansfield T. -	27	6	5	16	48	77	17

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Man. United — —	27	18	6	3	83	41	42
Liverpool — —	28	14	9	5	62	33	37
Sheffield Utd. -	27	15	7	5	54	34	37
Stoke City — —	27	14	8	5	55	33	36
Blackburn R. -	27	14	6	7	54	43	34
Sheffield Wed. -	26	13	6	7	45	40	32
Wolves — — —	27	13	6	8	60	40	32
Preston N.E. — —	27	9	12	6	51	44	30
Derby County -	28	11	7	10	49	45	29
Bury — — — —	26	9	10	7	46	36	28
Everton — — —	24	10	7	7	47	34	27
West Brom. A. 26	12	3	11	48	41	27	
Burnley — — —	26	11	5	10	39	38	27
Newcastle U. -	28	9	8	11	56	40	26
Aston Villa — —	28	8	6	14	59	50	22
Man. City — — —	25	9	3	13	49	54	21
Bolton W. — — —	28	6	8	14	35	66	20
Blackpool — — —	27	6	7	14	50	59	19
Huddersfield T. 26	5	9	12	30	37	19	
Chesterfield — —	27	6	7	14	30	62	19
Leeds United —	27	4	5	18	36	79	13
Barnsley — — —	26	4	3	19	24	89	11

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The Manager Reports . . .

MY experience of Soccer in every aspect has taught me never, as they say, to "go off the deep end", but to keep on assessing every position realistically. The defeat by Newport was, of course, a big disappointment, but it would be a wonder side which went through a season without experiencing some shocks. This does not of course mean the management are not conscious of the shortcomings in attack.

We are clearly not scoring enough goals to make less likely

TODAY'S VISITORS
SWINDON TOWN

SWINDON TOWN, managed by Mr. Bert Head our former captain and later chief scout, are a side to be respected wherever they play, for they are a solid, workmanlike combination. They do not score many goals, and especially when visiting pay most attention to keeping their own goal intact. Although they have been beaten thirteen times this season, oftener than not the margin has been of the smallest, so it would seem there is going to be a stiff test for our altered front line.

The Town's big signing this season was Jimmy Gauld from Plymouth Argyle, the former Everton inside left. Full back Walter Bingley is the former Bolton Wanderer, and outside left Arnold Darcy hails from Blackburn and at one time was an amateur with Accrington Stanley.

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surprise results, but we hope the changes made for this afternoon's match bring the desired improvement. Intensive efforts have been made in training hours this week to find a more effective forward formation, and it will be interesting to see the results.

No-one can guarantee a regular flow of goals, but we are hoping for better results. I thank the many supporters who have written me during the past week, especially those who have striven to be constructive. They merely underline how success is a co-operative effort with everyone playing a part.

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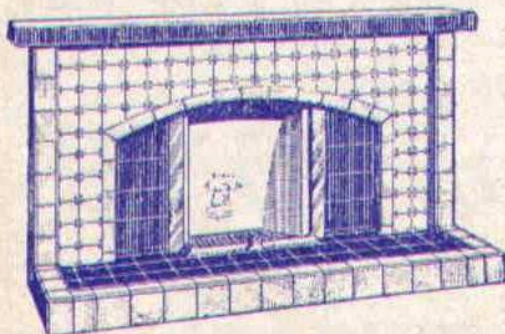
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