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News and Notes

By HISTORIAN

Good Evening, Everybody.

We have now reached the half-way mark of the League season and our points total of 18 is less than we anticipated when the ball started rolling, back in August. Home results have left much to be desired, but on our travels the lads have by no means reaped a just reward in goals or points. What is now urgently required is a maintenance of faith. Have faith in the players, give them that extra support and encouragement that is so vital when things are not going right. Give the players an extra cheer when they come out today. Christmas has often proved a turning point in the Club's fortunes. May it do so again this season.

WELCOME TO THE 'ROBINS'

We are pleased to welcome Swindon Town to Griffin Park this evening. Our Football League battles go back 40 years, when our Clubs became founder-members of the Third Division. That season Swindon finished in fourth place, whilst we had to apply for re-election. Strangely, our visitors have never improved on that fourth placing, although they have equalled it many times—the last occasion being in 1958, when they were involved with Brighton, Plymouth and ourselves in that exciting finale.

In recent years the 'Robins' have concentrated on rearing and grooming their own talent. Several of their teenagers have been attracting attention from senior Clubs and four of today's expected forwards—Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt, Bob Woodruffe and David Corbett—are local discoveries who have come up through the youth side. In the middle, 'Bronco' Layne, who was signed from Rotherham 18 months ago, is seeking to improve on last season's total of 20 goals. But amongst all these youngsters two stalwarts soldier on. Sam Burton has been guarding the Swindon goal for 15 years, whilst Maurice Owen, signed in 1947, began his career as a free-scoring centre-forward, was converted to wing half, and has now switched to pivot.

HOME WIN AT LAST

Our lean home spell ended with Bristol City's visit. After a goalless first half, Jim Towers shot us in front after 57 minutes, and George Francis added a second four minutes from time. With John Hales deputising for the injured George McLeod, we fielded Cakebread; Wilson, Coote; Goundry, Dargie, Higginson; Docherty, Rainford, Francis, Towers, Hales.

150 NOT OUT

Jim Towers' goal against Bristol City was his 150th Cup and League goal. He was quite unconcerned when I mentioned this fact to him. "My wife had mentioned some time ago that I was on the 149 mark, but I had quite forgotten and today she was at home with a cold" commented Jim. For the record, it was only the second time this season that Towers and Francis had scored in the same game—the previous occasion being back in September, versus Shrewsbury Town.

TWO DOWN

Travelling to Tranmere on Monday, we lost by two goals to nil in a fantastic game. Tranmere had four shots and scored twice, whilst we dominated the game without netting once. Home keeper Payne was in magnificent form although there were times when he should have been beaten. One eye-witness told me: "Brentford should have done what Q.P.R. did—score nine times"; whilst Manager Malcolm MacDonald's comment was, "In ten years as a manager I have never seen a home team so outclassed."

We had Terry Curran at inside-left in place of Jim Towers, who had a heavy cold.

TWO REVERSES

The Reserves have lost their last two Combination fixtures by three goals to nil at Swansea and by the odd goal in three at home to Millwall. For their trip to Wales our boys were handicapped by an early injury to

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trialist John Mullen, who fractured his wrist, and did well to hold the Combination leaders to three goals with ten men. But our boys were below par against Millwall and although George Bristow gave us the lead, the visitors scored twice, to take the points.

LUTON BEATEN

Our Juniors did well when beating Luton Town by two goals to one. Blandford and Lipscombe were the marksmen.

I TALK TO . . .

No. 10. Dennis Heath

Historian: "Now, Dennis, tell us something of your early days."

Dennis Heath: "There is little to relate. You have already spoken to George Francis, Jim Towers and George Bristow, and we all came up through the same tunnel. Then I was in the Junior team with Gerry Cakebread and Vernon Avis when we reached the semi-final of the F.A. Youth Cup."

H.: "In recent years you have taken turn and turn about with Eric Parsons for the right-wing spot. How have you regarded this friendly rivalry?"

D.H.: "I have always considered it as a challenge and on losing my place have determined to improve and win it back. But it has been no disgrace to lose out to Eric. He keeps remarkably fit, and having been reared in the First Division retains the upper class touch."

H.: "Care to nominate the best back you have met?"

D.H.: "Without a doubt Williams of West Brom., when we met them in the Cup."

H.: "What about your best goal?"

D.H.: "My last—against Watford this season."

H.: "Any humorous incident to relate?"

D.H.: "Well, this was very funny to me. When I was in hospital recently I devoted some time to working on the Pools. The first week I won £76 on the aways, and the next over £70 on the points."

H.: "A very happy Christmas, Dennis, with no begging letters!"

ANOTHER £200

The Board wish to thank the Supporters' Club for their continued support with a further donation of £200.

HOLIDAY FIXTURES

Tomorrow we stage here a Seanglian League game with Crystal Palace 'A' (kick-off 2.15 p.m.), whilst on Boxing Day the Reserves entertain Shrewsbury Town Reserves (kick-off 2.15 p.m.). On Tuesday next the Juniors meet Spurs Juniors here in a South-East Counties League game (kick-off 2.15 p.m.). The Spurs youngsters have been going great guns this year under the guidance of our former back, Sid Tickridge, so come along and give our lads a cheer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Gaye and Tom Wilson, who became proud parents of a bouncing daughter last Sunday.

Our Juniors' inside forward, Jimmy Dorrington, on being chosen to play for a F.A. Youth team against the Public Schools at Beckenham next Thursday.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the Board, Manager, Secretary, players and staff may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Appearances: Cakebread 23, Coote 23, Dargie 23, Francis 22, Rainford 20, Towers 20, Goundry 18, McLeod 18, Wilson 17, Heath 15, Bristow 12, Higginson 9, Peplow 9, Avis 6, Docherty 6, Hales 5, Curran 4, Parsons 2, Summers 1.

Goalscorers: Towers 9, Francis 6, Rainford 4, Peplow 3, Goundry 2, Bristow 1, Heath 1, McLeod 1, opponents 2.

Supporters' Club News

GREETINGS

With Good Wishes and Hearty Greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year, from the Officers and Committee of the Supporters' Club to the Directors, Players, Management, Staff and all Supporters of the Brentford Football Club.

A LETTER FROM MR. D. PIGGOTT

Dear Mr. Tyler,—I have much pleasure in acknowledging your cheque value £200, being a further donation to the Club. Will you please convey to your members again the thanks of the Board for this very welcome Christmas Box. On behalf of us all at Griffin Park, may I wish you, your Committee and members a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.—Yours sincerely, D. R. Piggott, Secretary, Brentford Football Club.

WINNING TICKETS FOR SATURDAY, 10th DECEMBER

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AWAY TRAVEL TO SWINDON—26th DECEMBER

Members wishing to book with the Supporters' Club to travel by road to Swindon on Monday, 26th December, MUST book with Mr. A. Winslow, 19, Rosebank Road, Hanwell, W.7, or 'phone ISLeworth 7811 any evening after 7 p.m. prior to Christmas Day. These arrangements apply to SWINDON only.

THE CRAZY GANG SHOW

Only a few tickets remain to be sold for the Supporters' Club visit to the Victoria Palace to see the last of the Crazy Gang Shows. The visit will take place on WEDNESDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1961, and members wishing to attend must contact the Social Secretary as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S VISIT TO BERTRAM MILLS' CIRCUS

As usual, a party of MEMBERS' children will be taken to the Bertram Mills' Circus at Olympia in January. Members must send by POST to the Social Secretary, Mr. A. Winslow, 19, Rosebank Road, Hanwell, W.7, the names of their children they wish to attend the circus. The ages are from 6 to 12 years and POSTAL APPLICATIONS only will be considered.

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Torquay ...	23	10	9	4	47	35	29
Walsall ...	22	12	3	7	46	33	27
Halifax ...	22	10	7	5	42	39	27
Notts Co. ...	22	10	6	6	45	32	26
Port Vale ...	22	9	6	7	49	40	24
Newport ...	20	9	6	5	45	38	24
Watford ...	21	8	7	6	37	36	23
Barnsley ...	21	10	3	8	36	38	23
Hull ...	23	9	4	10	40	39	22
Coventry ...	23	8	6	9	42	43	22
Swindon ...	22	6	7	9	28	26	19
Shrewsbury ...	21	5	9	7	35	40	19
Bournemouth ...	23	7	5	11	29	40	19
Brentford ...	23	6	6	11	29	42	18
Bristol City ...	22	7	3	12	35	40	17
Southend ...	22	6	5	11	30	36	17
Colchester ...	22	6	5	11	32	44	17
Bradford ...	19	5	6	8	29	33	16
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