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## ***Club Notes***

Since the last Notes were written we have played three games in the Third Division, one at home which we won by the only goal scored in a not very convincing game and two away which were lost with an aggregate of ten goals against and none for. The Reserve team lost their home game against Queen's Park Rangers by two goals to one and the 'B' team were beaten by Portsmouth in the F.A. Challenge Cup by 6-0. Altogether a depressing report, but the position, fortunately, is not so hopeless as it seemed this time last year. At that time we had gained three points after twelve games, having won one and drawn two. We were firmly entrenched on the bottom of the league and the financial position seemed bleak, indeed. It was difficult then to have any confidence in the future but to-day, despite our intense disappointments we can face the future in a much better frame of mind. Due to the wonderful success of the Supporters' Club's new efforts, and they are tremendous efforts, we have been able to commence the task of finding a manager and more players. Despite the apparent lack of news about these matters the facts are that many hours of sustained work have been put into the job of sifting, sorting and discussing various applications and recommendations, in watching players and making enquiries from different sources. As a result we sincerely hope that in the very near future we shall be able to make an announcement concerning the managerial post, and may be our search for players will also meet with some success. It is easy at such times of stress to make mistakes and our concern is to do what we have to do after giving it full consideration rather than to come to a hurried decision which might

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have disastrous results. It is also easy at such times for the natural disappointment of our friends and supporters to give rise to ill-considered condemnations and criticisms. We must expect this and trust that the results of our deliberations will justify our request which we make for a continuance of that good-will and support which we have been so fortunate to have received this season. To sum up, we feel that bad as the present situation is, it was much worse twelve months ago, and that the future can, and must be, much brighter.

Despite the heavy defeat by our boys in their match against Portsmouth we do not feel there was any cause for despondency here. Against an older, more experienced side they fought to the last and their spirit and determination was a pleasure to watch. Here again is hope for the future, and though we cannot expect immediate rewards we are confident that some, if not all, of these lads will do much to bring our hopes for the Club to fruition. The supporters have had plenty of evidence in the past that with their full support the team can bring out that little bit extra so for the benefit of the players and for your own pleasure, please do your part in helping the lads forget the results of the last two games.

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Particular interest will today be focussed on Torquay's new signing from Southampton, Goalkeeper Gill. He played a big part in the United's home 1-1 draw with Shrewsbury Town on Wednesday last. The United's goalscorer on that occasion was left-half James.

The Club's leading goalscorer to date is centre-forward Calland with six to his credit, but last season R. Collins turned in an outstanding performance when he was top goalscorer in the four divisions with 40 goals in 45 games.

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