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Club Notes

The seriousness of our position is apparent to all our supporters and this afternoon's game, when we play our comrades in distress, will probably reflect that seriousness. We can only hope that the team will recover some of that sustained effort and ability of which we know they are capable but which has been sadly lacking in the last two games. This is a situation which demands the co-operation of everyone. On occasions, in the past, you have by your encouragement, helped the team to rise above themselves and shake off that despondency which seems to affect every team going through a bad phase. We ask you to do it again because bad as things are at the moment the future can be very bright indeed. The tremendous assistance we are receiving from the Supporters' Club makes it certain that we can rise from our troubles even though the struggle this season will not be easy. We offer our sincere thanks for their latest gift of £1,000.

Last Wednesday the lads gained a 3-1 victory in the Wilts. Professional Shield at Trowbridge and will now meet Salisbury in the Final.

The Reserve team did exceptionally well to beat Luton in the Football Combination and are attracting increasing 'gates'. They are providing good entertainment and winning for themselves the approval of supporters for their whole-hearted endeavours. Make a point of watching them next Saturday.

On Wednesday next, kick-off 7.15 p.m., we shall be fielding a team against the pick of the Wilts Premier League. This is a Challenge Match for the benefit of the League funds. We doubly welcome this opportunity to stage the match, firstly because it will give our supporters the chance to see the County's best amateurs in action and secondly because it enables us to say 'thank you' to those friends of ours who worked so hard to make the league possible and who have welcomed us so heartily on their various grounds.

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Torquay	37	15	3	0	59	17 ... 4	6	9	16	42	47			
Ipswich	36	15	2	1	60	12 ... 4	5	9	22	29	45			
Walsall	37	9	7	2	44	19 ... 5	5	9	27	38	40			
Brighton	37	11	5	2	42	21 ... 4	5	10	23	34	40			
Southampton	34	11	4	3	38	16 ... 5	3	8	18	21	39			
Reading	36	11	3	4	36	22 ... 5	4	9	32	39	39			
Q.P.R.	35	10	5	3	32	18 ... 5	4	8	17	28	39			
Brentford	37	10	6	2	47	26 ... 4	5	10	20	39	39			
Bournemouth	35	11	6	0	44	15 ... 3	4	11	23	33	38			
Shrewsbury	35	8	6	2	35	18 ... 4	8	7	23	42	33			
Northampton	36	12	4	3	42	19 ... 2	4	11	15	35	36			
Gillingham	37	7	6	5	26	22 ... 5	5	9	25	40	35			
Millwall	36	10	6	2	37	23 ... 3	3	12	16	50	35			
Newport	32	10	6	1	34	15 ... 1	6	8	11	26	34			
Aldershot	36	9	3	5	36	30 ... 4	5	10	32	46	34			
Watford	35	8	3	6	35	27 ... 5	4	9	23	32	33			
Southend	35	9	3	6	29	20 ... 2	6	9	23	37	31			
Plymouth	36	7	6	5	30	27 ... 5	1	12	23	34	31			
Crystal Pal.	36	6	7	6	24	24 ... 3	5	9	21	35	30			
Coventry	35	9	3	6	35	27 ... 1	6	10	16	41	29			
Exeter	37	7	7	5	28	23 ... 2	4	12	18	42	29			
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The attack is almost the same with Peter Gordon joining Norwich in 1949 as an amateur from Northampton and William Coxon signing in 1951 the two oldest members.

This points to the fact that most of the Norwich team is of the older, but more experienced type player, a combination which is always useful in matches as vital as today's.

When Norwich visited the County Ground last season the game ended in a 1-1 draw, our scorer being Owen.

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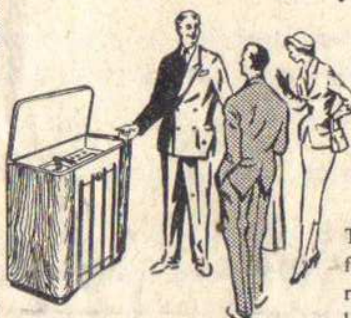
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At our Committee Meeting, held last week, a further £1,000 was voted to the Football Club from Competition profits, making £9,000 paid over from this source to date.

It was reported that Club Membership is now around the 7,000 mark.

It has been decided not to run a weekly competition during the summer months, but it is hoped to organise one or two draws, (strictly within the scope afforded by the Small Lotteries and Gaming Act, 1956), in connection with the Derby and other important races.

It is a feature of Supporters' Club work that it is never finished. If money is not required for team building purposes, or to purchase houses, then a stand collapses or catches fire. One day, perhaps, our money will be devoted to the cost of an imposing new Stand, (when other more pressing needs have been satisfied). In this connection we heard recently of a Club in the South of France,—in the Basque

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H — Aldershot	v.	Southampton
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