

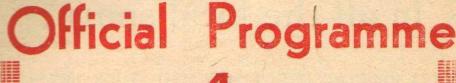
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CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS

Good Afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen.—
Our pre-season optimism has received a very severe shock during the past two weeks, and were it not that we firmly believe that the form shown by the team is too bad to be true, we should now be well and truly depressed.

These notes were written prior to the midweek game with Southend, and at the time of writing, we had played five matches without a single win, one of the worst starts for many seasons, but a more alarming feature of the situation is the dearth of goals; in only one

game have goals been scored.

It so often happens that a team can play several games in a row without showing their real ability, it being that they just do not manage to "click"; that seems to be the case with us just now; the team is not fitting in together, in consequence, they show very little constructive work, still less combination, with the result that we are ingloriously propping up the rest of the teams in the Third Division.

With five games played last season we had collected only three points, which wasn't much better, but that is no consolation because we all had hopes of a great improvement, with visions of finishing in the right half of the table. It is too early yet to despair and the disappointing beginning will only spur us on to greater effort. At Reading last Saturday the team showed better form and although they lost by three goals to nil they really did play well enough to deserve a better fate. Reading had that little wisp of fortune that swung the game their way, but in spite of the setback in goals, our lads never gave up trying and fought desperately to retrieve the situation, but from our point of view Dame Fortune was smiling on the wrong team.

Team:—Amos; Jefferson, Jackson; Rainey, Henry, Wetton; Walters, Lacey, Gaynor, Menzies, Tyrer.

At home, the Reserves came unstuck against their First Division opponents Leicester City. Until half-time there was not much to choose between the sides, but after the interval the superior skill and experience of the visitors paid dividends against our side which included several amateurs who were being "blooded" into Combination football. With Roy Marshall injured we had to field a substitute goal-keeper, who did his best but lacked experience. Our only goal against Leicester's four was scored by Ron Mann from a penalty-kick.

Team:—Burgess (Army); Lawless, Mann; Gibson, Price, Neave; Ford, Gregory, R. Bur-

gess, H. Boon, D. Parnell.

We extend greetings to-day to officials and players of Swindon Town F.C. Our Wiltshire visitors have a partiality for this ground and usually give as good as they get. Last season they drew here 2—2 after we had beaten them 2—1 on their ground for the first time in postwar years. Since 1946/47 the record between the two Clubs is as follows:—

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It is always commendable to start at the foot of a ladder and work one's way to the top, but it is doubtful whether such a policy is so commendable with a football team. However, we seem to be following that idea, starting at the bottom of the League after last Saturday's game, we move up one place by virtue of our win at Southend. All we ask of the team now is to maintain the upward climb.

Southend's record this season made our trip to the seaside on Wednesday seem rather a forlorn journey, but the "unpredictables" surprised us all and returned with both points. From all accounts we were a little lucky to win, but the fact is that we took our chances

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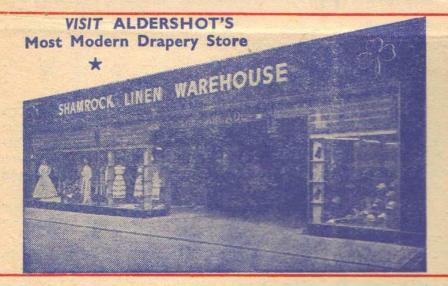


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Team:—Amos; Jefferson, Jackson; Lacey, Henry, Wetton; Walters, Matthews, Gaynor,

Menzies, Tyrer.

The return match with Southend will be played next Wednesday, September 18th. Supporters please note that the kick-off is 5.30 p.m. and not 6 p.m. as advertised.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

There was more joy in the Aldershot camp on Thursday morning than I have seen all the season, thanks to a hard-worked-for win Wednesday evening at Southend, in which everyone in the team gave all he knew for ninety minutes. and I think they made their own luck; nobody gave in even during the last ten minutes when Southend had more corners than I would like to mention. That very good centre-forward Roy Hollis missed the most glaring of chances when Gordon Henry slipped and let him through. After the match my thoughts wandered to the many times that has happened to us at Aldershot, more missed chances than enough. In this game Southend had twice as many chances as us, and believe me, we had our share, but we took two in great style.

How these lads fight away from home. Even at Reading, where we lost 3—0, they did enough to come away with a point; we were a greatly improved side. Perhaps it is the Aldershot air that doesn't agree with the lads, though the lads have other ideas. We think that a bit more encouragement from the Supporters when things are going wrong would

help, with less barracking the first time a player does anything wrong; however, you, the Supporters, help to pay our wages and are entitled to act as you please, but I would like you all to give this matter serious thought.

An explanation on the Reserve match against Leicester City might not come amiss here, and might pacify the critics deploring the weak team fielded. We had six players injured and on Friday afternoon Roy Marshall cried off with a slightly-pulled muscle. I had to chase around and do the best I could to fix up a deputy. It is just one of those things that happen at this time of the year with so much football to be played.

H. A. EVANS.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES.

I am pleased to tell Supporters that all Members of the Supporters' Club are once again this season covered by our Free Insurance Scheme against any accident to them on the Football Ground or when travelling to away Matches.

Further to my notes regarding Old Age Pensioners, we are increasing the rebate for a trial period of three months. The rebate will be 1/-for 1st Team Matches and 6d. for Reserves. Any O.A.P. holding a Season Ticket can obtain equivalent rebate in bulk for this trial period. This rebate is only applicable to Members of the Supporters' Club. Further particulars can be obtained from Mr. J. T. Parsons at the Supporters' Hut.

Members who visited Bristol City with us at the end of last season will no doubt remember the grand way they entertained us. I am pleased to say that Fulham F.C. Supporters' Club have invited Members to a Social Evening and Dance on 19th October. Watch this space for further details.

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