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## INSIDE THE COTTAGE

DISCUSSING Jim Taylor in a recent programme we asked what a centre half had to do more than Jim has done this season to get a place in the England side. A few days later Jim was chosen for the Football League against the League of Ireland in Dublin.

Today we ask again: What sort of form DOES a player have to show before he gets an England cap? Jim's performance at Dublin was brilliant. That was the verdict of the national Press without exception, yet he was passed over when the team to meet Scotland at Wembley today was selected.

We need hardly say that Jim was disappointed, but we can tell you that the rest of our team were not only surprised but amazed when they learned on the way to Sheffield that another player had been given the place. The news cast a blight over the whole of our visit to Yorkshire, but we are going to say for ourselves and on your behalf: Congratulations, Jim, on your grand game in Dublin, and may you be knocking harder at the door when the teams

are chosen for next season's internationals!

Since we last appeared in print we have put on two points, and if our position in the League table hasn't improved we have at least substantiated it. In any discussion on our recent performances the fact cannot be overlooked that we have been without the services of Archie Macaulay and Bobby Brennan.

Archie is having a particularly bad spell, and we are very concerned about his left knee. We thought as he played centre forward with the reserves at West Ham over a fortnight ago that his trouble was over, but he was again injured in an awkward tackle. Everything possible is being done to get him right again, and we are still hopeful that he will re-appear in the first team before the season is over.

Bobby Brennan showed by his performance in the reserve team last Saturday that he has just about shaken off the ankle injury he sustained in training. As a matter of fact, we would say that he has never played with greater

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skill than he did against Leyton Orient reserves, and we are now looking forward to more great football from him.

It was at his own request that he did not go to Sheffield. He was actually selected, but respect was paid to his desire to stand down when he told Bill Dodgin that he did not feel as fit as he would have liked. This gave young Bobby Robson his chance, and it was a grand Division I debut that the ex-miner made.

Watching his first Fulham match for some weeks was Tommy Trinder, one of our directors. The game was only ten minutes old when Tommy turned to Bill Dodgin and said: "Robson has Division I written all over him."

The Wednesday brought up to seven the number of teams from whom we have taken three points this season. Our draw at Sheffield was thoroughly earned for in every department the lads played well, and it seemed to all that a division of the points was fair enough. We took the lead through a tenacious goal by Bob Thomas, but lost it before half-time, when we stood at 2-1 down.

However, the second half was mostly ours, and but for some great work by the Wednesday 'keeper we would have gone in front again. It was Jimmie Bowie who put us on terms with a grand shot after slipping a defender, and at that stage we looked set for the winning goal.

As Bedford Jezzard did not seem over-happy on the left wing he was switched to the centre for the last twenty minutes, Bob Thomas taking his place. The change seemed to put more punch into the front line, but we were unable to get that goal that would have given us our first League double of the campaign.

Bill Dodgin was a puzzled man when the game was over. "I just can't understand why the Wednesday are at the foot of the table. They are playing real good football," he said. Upon reflection he added: "The only answer is a bad run of the ball. We've had some of that ourselves this season."

Our match with Cup finalists Newcastle United at the Cottage the previous week will stand out as one of the best on our ground this campaign. It was spectacular and full of great football from both sides, not the least notable incident being Fairbrother's save when he spoiled Arthur Stevens' record as an ace penalty kicker.

We had no grounds on which to cavil at being held to a draw; rather do we say that our team showed the best fighting spirit in recovering from that worst of all evils—a goal down on your own ground in the first few minutes. Our chief misfortune was the groin injury to Johnny Campbell which kept him out of the side last Saturday, before the end of the week he was back in training.

We have now received the itinerary of our tour of the Dominion of Canada. The party sails from Liverpool on May 15th aboard the "Empress of Scotland" and arrive Quebec on May 22nd. The matches arranged are:—

- May 24. Toronto—Toronto All Star XI
- 27. New York—Glasgow Celtic
- 29. Montreal—Representative XI
- June 2. Edmonton— " "
- 5. Vancouver— " "
- 7. Victoria— " "
- 9. Vancouver— " "
- 13. Winnipeg— " "
- 16. Toronto—Glasgow Celtic
- 20. Montreal—Glasgow Celtic

Well, the boys will see plenty of Canada on that trip, and we reckon that by the time we get back we shall have covered something like 15,000 miles.

## TODAY'S REFEREE

Cartilage trouble drove Mr. A. C. Williams, of Upper Lewes Rd., Brighton, to refereeing, and he comes to take charge of our game today with 29 years as an official behind his him. He was a useful amateur in his younger days, and he was playing with Shoreham when he had to give up.

Playing the part of a spectator did not suit Mr. Williams, however, and before long he was refereeing boys' matches on Southampton Common. He soon caught the eye. Within three seasons he was fully qualified, and four years later was appointed to the League list of lineemen. Now, he says, he has "reached the ripe old age of 45," and has forgotten the number of first-class matches he has taken.

He clearly remembers, though, controlling the game between Luxembourg and Afghanistan in the Olympic Games, a star-studded match between an F.A. XI and the Army and last year's Amateur Cup semi-final between Bishop Auckland and Wycombe Wanderers.

When he is not involved with football (and that means, for him, plenty of time spent in keeping fit) Mr. Williams devotes his leisure hours to work on behalf of the Hospital Saving Association. He is a railway clerk in charge of the material section of the district engineers' office at Brighton, and is Hon. Secretary of the British Railways' Southern Region branch of the Association. This involves organisation work concerning 30,000 contributors in 280 groups.

He tells young referees to treat every match as the most important they have ever taken; to remember always that the game is more important than the individual, and that the spirit of the law is as important as the letter.

## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

Tickets are on sale at the Hut, 2/6 each, for the Dance on April 21st when all proceeds will be given to the Fund for the dependants of the victims of the Tottenham Supporters' coach crash. Please support this good cause.

Names and deposits must be given in as soon as possible for the Dinner and Dance on May 12th, 8/6 each or Dance only 3/6. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

We shall be entertaining Viewsey Football Club to an Inter-Games and Social on Monday, 16th April at 8 o'clock. Bring your friends along and have a pleasant evening at the Bridgeway Club.

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Tottenham	38	21	9	6	77	40	55
Man. Utd.	38	21	7	10	62	39	49
Blackpool	38	19	9	10	75	47	47
Middlesbrough	38	18	10	10	74	58	46
Arsenal	39	18	8	13	69	52	44
Newcastle	37	15	13	9	57	49	43
Burnley	39	14	14	11	47	38	42
Portsmouth	38	14	13	11	60	61	41
Bolton	37	17	6	14	60	54	40
Liverpool	38	15	10	13	51	55	40
Stoke City	39	12	14	13	43	47	38
Wolves	36	12	7	14	68	50	37
Derby City	37	14	7	16	73	67	35
West Brom.	39	12	10	17	49	55	34
Sunderland	38	10	14	14	54	70	34
Charlton	38	13	8	17	57	74	34
FULHAM	38	11	11	16	45	60	33
Aston Villa	38	10	11	17	55	62	31
Huddersfield	38	13	5	20	59	84	31
Everton	38	11	8	19	46	74	30
Chelsea	36	8	8	20	43	60	24
Sheff. W.	37	8	8	21	50	78	24

## GOALSCORERS

Fulham—Stevens 10, Thomas 10, Jezzard 8, Brennan 4, Bowie 3, Quested 3, Campbell 2, Macaulay 2, Freeman 1, Hinde 1, McDonald 1, Total 45.  
 Arsenal—Lishman 16, Goring 15, Logie 9, Lewis 7, Roper 6, Forbes 4, Barnes 3, Holton 4, Cox 2, Marden 2, o.g. 1, Total 69.

## EXHIBITION OF SPORTING TROPHIES

The F.A. Cup will be on view at the National Sporting Trophy Exhibition at Hutchinson House (formerly the London home of Lord Derby), Stratford Place, Oxford Street, on the morning of April 28th before the Cup Final between Blackpool and Newcastle at Wembley. To meet the convenience of those arriving in the early hours of the morning the Exhibition will be open at 8 a.m. and it will be possible to obtain light refreshment before proceeding to Wembley. The Exhibition, of which His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh is President, and Lord Aberdeen Chairman, promises to be one of the most interesting attractions in London during the Festival of Britain.

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	LEWIS	LOGIE
6	5	4
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COMBINATION CUP COMPETITION

MONDAY, APRIL 23rd 1951 Kick off 3.15 p.m.

WATFORD  
MID-WEEK LEAGUE



# FIXTURES

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
Aug. 19	Manchester Utd.	Away	1 3
" 23	Charlton Athletic	Home	1 3
" 26	Wolves	Away	2 1
" 30	Charlton Athletic	Away	0 0
Sept. 2	Sunderland	Away	1 0
" 4	Blackpool	Away	0 4
" 13	Aston Villa	Home	2 1
" 16	Derby County	Away	2 2
" 16	Liverpool	Home	2 2
" 30	Portsmouth	Away	2 1
Oct. 7	Everton	Home	1 1
" 14	Stoke City	Home	1 1
" 21	Huddersfield T.	Home	1 1
" 28	Middlesbrough	Away	1 1
Nov. 4	West Brom. A.	Home	0 1
" 11	Newcastle Utd.	Away	2 1
" 18	Sheffield Wed.	Away	4 2
" 25	(1) Arsenal	Away	1 2
Dec. 2	Burnley	Home	4 1
" 9	(2) Chelsea	Away	0 2
" 16	Manchester Utd.	Home	0 2
" 23	Wolves	Away	1 1
" 25	Bolton Wan.	Away	1 0
" 26	Bolton Wan.	Away	1 0
" 30	Sunderland	Home	1 0
Jan. 6	(3) Sheffield Wed.	Home	1 0
" 13	Aston Villa	Away	0 2
" 20	Derby County	Home	9 8
" 27	(4) Millwall	Away	1 0
Feb. 3	Liverpool	Away	0 2
" 10	(5) Chelsea	Away	1 1
" 14	Charlton	Home	3 0
" 17	Portsmouth	Away	0 1
" 24	(6) Blackpool	Away	0 1
" 24	Everton	Home	1 0
March 3	Stoke City	Home	0 0
" 10	(S.F.) H'nd T.	Away	2 1
" 17	(S.F.) M'orough	Home	0 0
" 20	Tottenham H.	Home	0 1
" 24	West Brom. A.	Away	0 2
" 24	Tottenham H.	Home	1 1
" 31	Newcastle Utd.	Home	1 1
April 7	Sheffield Wed.	Home	2 2
" 14	Arsenal	Away	1 1
" 21	Burnley	Away	2 1
" 28	(F.) Chelsea	Home	1 1
May 5			

## COMBINATION CUP COMPETITION

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
1951			
Jan. 27	West Ham Utd.	Home	0 0
Feb. 3	Southampton	Away	1 0
" 10	West Ham Utd.	Away	—
" 24	Millwall	Home	0 2
March 3	Leyton Orient	Away	—
" 10	Reading	Home	2 2
" 17	Portsmouth	Away	2 2
" 23	Charlton Athletic	Away	0 0
" 24	Southampton	Home	1 0
" 26	Charlton Athletic	Home	2 4
" 31	Millwall	Away	1 1
April 7	Leyton Orient	Away	2 1
" 21	Reading	Away	1 1
" 21	Portsmouth	Home	—

## MID-WEEK LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result
Sept. 14	Tottenham Hotspur	Home	2 0
" 18	Leyton Orient	Away	1 2
Oct. 4	Southampton	Away	2 1
" 18	Crystal Palace	Away	0 3
" 26	Arsenal	Home	2 1
Nov. 1	Reading	Away	0 8
" 9	Leyton Orient	Home	1 1
" 15	Southend United	Away	1 2
" 25	Crystal Palace	Home	5 4
" 30	Queens Park R.	Away	1 1
Dec. 7	Brentford	Home	5 2
" 18	Charlton Ath.	Away	0 2
" 18	Southampton	Home	—
Jan. 4	West Ham U.	Away	—
" 11	Reading	Home	1 2
" 17	Arsenal	Away	1 2
" 24	Brentford	Away	1 6
Feb. 7	West Ham U.	Home	2 3
" 14	Luton Town	Away	0 3
" 21	Southend Utd.	Home	—
" 22	Luton Town	Away	1 0
" 28	Portsmouth	Away	4 0
March 8	Queens Park R.	Home	1 2
" 14	Watford	Away	0 3
" 28	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	1 2
April 9	Millwall	Home	—
" 19	Charlton Ath.	Home	—
" 23	Watford	Home	—
" 28	Millwall	Away	—
May 3	Portsmouth	Home	—

## FULHAM PERSONALITIES—No. 20

## LEN GEARD



Photo by Ideal Studios.

There is no better way of catching a good footballer than catching him when he is young. This Fulham did in the case of Len Geard, who, at left half back, has been one of the strong pillars of the youthful Fulham "A" team which has played so refreshingly in the London Mid-Week League. Len Geard joined Fulham almost straight from school. He was only fifteen when he came to Craven Cottage, and now, at the age of seventeen

years and one month, he has had two years of valuable experience and stands on the threshold of a promising career.

Len was born at Hammersmith and played his early football with Hammersmith schoolboys. Then he was a centre forward, and scored a good many goals. In his last year at school it was suggested he should play at left half, and the new position suited him admirably. He has played for Middlesex County youths and has been a London trialist.

His appearances in the Middlesex Youth side number ten, and this season he is their captain. Under his leadership they have reached the final of the F.A. Youth County Championship, in which they play Leicestershire later this season.

In joining Fulham, Len Geard followed in his big brother's footsteps. His brother is a goalkeeper who played for Fulham as an amateur before the war and as a professional after it.

Len Geard plays with an earnestness and an industry that bodes well for his future. He plays his football as if he enjoys the game and he plays it hard and well. I have watched him in several of Fulham's Mid-Week League games, in which he has sometimes had to contend with opposition much older and more experienced than himself, and he has always acquitted himself well. He hopes to become a professional at the end of the present season. He is 5ft. 8ins., weighs a little over 10 stones, and, of course, is still growing.

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Even in a season like the present, one of those rare ones in these modern times in which Arsenal can claim to be neither the F.A. Cup winners nor the Football League champions, the old glamour still surrounds the name of Arsenal. Tom Whittaker, who in the course of his thirty years' connection with the club has been player, assistant trainer, trainer, assistant manager and secretary manager, served his apprenticeship under the great Herbert Chapman and carries on in the same manner as his famous predecessor.

During the second half of this season Tom Whittaker has infused some new blood into the Arsenal team, has rejuvenated it. Among the youngsters he has introduced are Cliff Holton, Reuben Marden, Ray Daniel, Dave Bowen, Arthur Milton, Alfred Kealey. All promise to play to the old Arsenal pattern.

Arsenal's history reads almost like a novel. From the somewhat sombre days of Plumstead they trekked to a brand new ground at Highbury just before the first world war. It was a speculative move, and could well be regarded as such right up to the time when Herbert Chapman left Huddersfield to lay the corner stone for the present Arsenal

greatness. First came the building of a great side, with Alex James and David Jack in it. There followed Arsenal's first F.A. Cup win (1930), their first League championship the next season, then another Cup Final (a losing one), and after that three Football League championships in a row to equal the record set up by Huddersfield under Herbert Chapman ten years earlier. The following season (1936) came Arsenal's second Wembley win. In 1938 another League championship. Two seasons after the restart of the League following the war, Arsenal won the championship again and equalled the record of Aston Villa and Sunderland with six wins.

Last year, of course, Arsenal won the Cup again, their third success at Wembley in five appearances. In seventeen seasons (war years excepted), Arsenal have won the League championship six times, the F.A. Cup three times, and have also played unsuccessfully in two Cup Finals. No team, not even the great Newcastle side of 40 years ago, has a record anything like it.

In the beginning the Arsenal, known as Woolwich Arsenal, was a club of humble origin, formed by workers in the famous arsenal in 1886. For a while the club was known as Royal Arsenal as well as Woolwich Arsenal. Entrance to the Football League was gained in 1893. At Plumstead, where the club first played, attendances were comparatively small, and the move to Highbury in 1913 was part of the club's fight for existence.

At Highbury also the start was on modest lines, but now the Arsenal Stadium claims two first class stands, of the double-decker variety and well planned terraces that permit nearly 75,000 spectators to attend the games.

When Herbert Chapman, architect of Arsenal's fortunes, died suddenly in 1934, his place was taken by George Allison, who resigned his directorship to become secretary-manager. Under George Allison the policy of Herbert Chapman was implemented; and when George Allison resigned just after the war, Tom Whittaker took charge and has well maintained the club's great traditions. Tom has the invaluable asset of having been an Arsenal player. Who should know better how to build an Arsenal team?

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