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Club Notes

If Dame Fortune smiled on us at Walsall on Saturday last, she certainly made up for it on Wednesday. In defeating us by 3 goals to 2, Gillingham obtained the double at our expense but without a shadow of doubt will have regarded themselves very fortunate to have done so. Some bad mistakes were made on the part of ourselves, but rarely can such mistakes have proved so disastrous. Apart from the fact that the lucky goals which were scored by our visitors put our team at a disadvantage it also had a tendency to dishearten them for a time and none more so than those responsible for the lapses. It says much for their morale and fighting spirit that after being three goals down they scored twice and came within inches of scoring on other occasions. With the slightest bit of luck in front of the Gillingham goal they would have saved at least one point. However, the fact remains that in the last ten games at home we have failed to win. This is a depressing thought, not only for our supporters, but also for the players and officials and it seems that a superhuman effort is required to break the sequence. You, as supporters, did your part last Wednesday extremely well by encouraging the team in every way when they were fighting back in the second-half. Will you do the same to-day, right from the kick-off?

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Next Wednesday we have the last of our mid-week home fixtures when we play Queens Park Rangers, kick-off 6.30 p.m. The game will be completed under floodlights and the time of the kick-off should be more convenient for our supporters.

There is a match on this ground this evening when the 'B' team meet Pewsey Vale in the Borough League, kick-off 6.30 p.m. There were seventeen goals scored in the 'B' team's game last week, so if it's goals you want to see, and who doesn't, why not come out this evening?

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Ipswich have made a bad start to the season having secured only four points from their first eight games. They are at present in twenty-second position in the League, one place below us. They have lost all of their four away games, while we have lost all of our four home games! Our meeting on the County Ground last season resulted in a 1-0 win for Ipswich Town.

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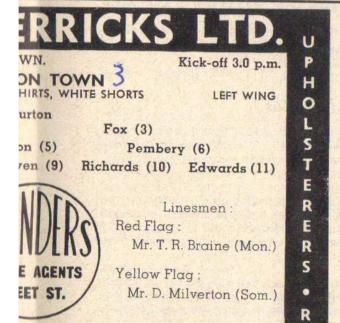
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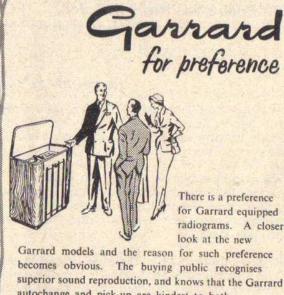
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These notes are being written before the Gillingham match and it may be that by now, we have had our first home points. Whether or not this is so, it is certain that rumours are maintaining the interest which the match results have not yet achieved, and there is no doubt that there is enormous potential support for a successful team.

It was unfortunate that the Gillingham match could not be played by floodlight, as the earlier kick-off prevented many supporters from the outlying districts from attending. On the other hand some of these enthusiasts have pointed out that the 7.30 kick-off at the Brentford match caused many of them to leave early in order to be able to get home! May we respectfully suggest to the Management that a happy medium at 7 p.m. would be very acceptable to all who desire to attend midweek matches where it is possible to play under floodlights.

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