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Club Notes

Our hopes that we should be able to record to-day an improvement in the league position have been dashed, not because of any lack of effort on the part of the players, but because of an atrocious run of bad luck insofar as injuries are concerned.

The well-deserved win against Watford on the occasion of our last home game took us off the bottom of the table and we looked set for a happier time, but the injury to Stan Earl was the first set-back. Despite the weakened team the lads fought well at Millwall and were unfortunate not to get at least one point. The next blow was when George Hunt had to call off because of illness and with two reserve full-backs we suffered a heavy defeat at Shrewsbury. Even then, by all accounts, we were unlucky to have such a big score against us. With a re-arranged team to play the third successive away game at Brighton we met our worst stroke of luck. With Jimmy Lee taken off the field after a few minutes with a dislocated elbow and Tony McShane also led off immediately after the interval with a broken bone in the leg the team fought magnificently in the mud to keep the score against us down to two goals.

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more of you." We should also like to say thank you to the Ambulance men, the Doctor and the Hospital Staff who were all so helpful.

We hope this afternoon will see a change for the better in our fortunes and of one thing we can assure you, every one connected with the Club is determined we shall not finish the season in our present lowly position.

Next Saturday morning, kick-off 11.0 a.m., the Swindon Boys meet West Ham Boys in the English Schools Shield Competition. We feel sure they will receive your support and that you will join us in wishing them the best of luck.

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Of the team expected to be on duty today, seven were members of the first team on occasions last season. Of these Dorman made 45 appearances and scored 3 goals. The danger man is Richards, the former Birmingham City centre-forward, who scored 15 goals in 34 appearances. Haddington with 42 games and McPherson 38 are both stalwarts of a hard tackling resolute defence.

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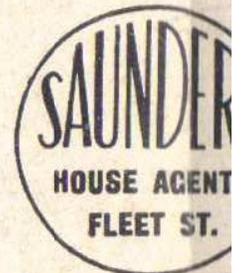
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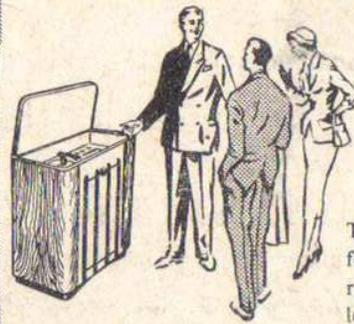
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The New Year did not provide the players with the good luck for which we had been hoping, but all Supporters will wish them a change of fortune, and to Mr. Head a speedy solution to his various team-building problems.

We are pleased to be able to report steady progress with our Membership Enrolments since last these notes appeared, and we still hope that our Competition members will enrol through their agents, in order that we may effect the maximum possible saving of Income Tax. As previously mentioned, Postal enrolments may be made through our Membership Secretary, Mr. E. Clark, 8, Calvert Road, Walcot, Swindon.

These notes are being written just prior to our monthly Committee Meeting, and it is probable that, before this programme is published, we

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We understand that there is no truth in the rumours that the Directors and Management are to be prosecuted by the R.S.P.C.A. and similar bodies. Apparently there was a misunderstanding, owing to the composition of the fullbacks — for a long time, Hunt Fox, and later, Hunt Deer (—sorry, Dear).

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