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#### Club Notes

So to the fourth game, and the second home match of the season. Played three, won one, lost one and drawn one. Three games—three points. So far so good, but what of the immediate future? After the splendid win over Newport hopes soared high, then followed a hard earned point at Watford. The players fought like Trojans and deserved the point, but how costly—three players injured, all forwards.

In the first programme we wrote "Can we just have that little luck, and the run of the ball which we deserve?" Well, possibly we had the run of the ball in the first game, but that little luck is still missing. At the time of writing it appears quite probable we shall be short of four of the original forward line, as Maurice Owen was injured at Port Vale. To any club the loss of four forwards is a great blow.

We feel, however, with your continued support we can soon overcome all difficulties. In the previous programme we said "Please encourage the players. The young players with little experience now being drafted into the team need that encouragement. Please give it!" May we thank you all for the great support on the first game. Almost 14,000. Will you please continue to support the team during the next few weeks and help in every way to overcome the awkward position arising from injuries? Yes, we need your help, all fifteen thousand of you.

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At the moment the playing strength is made up of 32 professionals,

of whom 23 are full-time, 4 part-time and 5 in the services.

The Club is managed by Mr. Neil McBain, who was a player and manager with Watford before the war. After a spell in South America he returned to Scotland, and in his first season with Ayr United he took them to the top of Division II.

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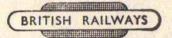
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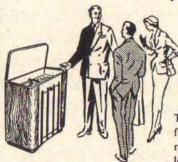
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Lists of Committee Members and "Ministers without Portfolios" will follow in future programmes. It is hoped that this information will assist Supporters who may require information, or, indeed, may be able to make useful suggestions in the running of the Club. We are always grateful for new ideas, particularly if they are legal.

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L.B.—BOB BELL—Signed from Ayr United during the close season.

R.H.—GEORGE CATLEUGH—Came to Watford from Nuneaton Borough as an inside forward.

C.H.—CHARLIE BILLINGTON—Came to Watford from Norwich in the close season. Was born in Chesterfield. Tallest player in the team at 6ft. 3ins.

L.H.—BILL BARBER—A product of the Watford Youth Team, he signed professional shortly after reaching his 17th birthday.

O.R.—PETER WALKER—A Watford boy, Peter is at home in any forward position.

I.R.—SAMMY CHUNG—Joined Watford from Norwich with Billington, formerly with Reading.

C.F.—MAURICE COOK—Maurice is a local boy, and was selected for the Southern Section in 1954/55.

I.L.—LES GRAHAM—Ex-Blackburn and Newport, Les has been with the Club for two seasons and was leading goalscorer each season.

O.L.—TONY COLLINS—In his second spell with Watford, Tony rejoined the Club from Torquay in the close season after being with Norwich.

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