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CLUB NOTES

Today, after a lapse of three weeks, sees a welcome return to the County Ground of Division III football.

Our visitors, Halifax Town, are newcomers who are having quite a good season, and defeated us earlier in the season by one goal to nil.

The biggest disappointment to the Club was the defeat of the Reserve Team by Brentford. The crowd of 2,600 undoubtedly felt the disappointment, but sympathized with the players. It certainly was not for the want of effort. In fact, the lads fought too hard. If only they would keep in their places and continue to play within themselves their normal game.

There it is however, their enthusiasm and spirit runs away with them, and determination tends to alter the whole formation.

We have really enjoyed some splendid Reserve games this season, with excellent support. May we quickly recover from this one slip, as we still hold a high position in the London Combination Table.

Mention is frequently made of referees. May we point out all referees and linesmen are men of character and integrity, who have come up the hard way, *i.e.*, by beginning at the bottom and refereeing on local Recreation Grounds. All appointments are made by the respective Leagues. We have to support the officials in every way. Remember every incident can be viewed from at least two different angles — the 'Home' team and the 'Away' team.

The Youth game on the County Ground in the morning last week was most enjoyable, and although Hampshire were the better side, Wiltshire certainly did not deserve to be beaten by such a wide margin. The meagre support was extremely disappointing.

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out of hospital. The latest casualty is our genial Secretary, Ron Morse, who is confined to bed with a chill. We are sure you send him best wishes for a rapid return to health and duty.

Finally, congratulations to our friends Norwich City on their victory over Cardiff City, and the fact that they are the only Division III Club to figure in the last sixteen.

Good Luck Canaries in the next round.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES (Continued).

In the meantime we extend our best wishes to the Reserves in their efforts to secure promotion to Division I of the Football Combination. There appear to have been some misunderstandings about this, and we have found some supporters who thought that the Reserves could not be promoted while the First team remain in Division III of the Football League. We are pleased to correct this impression, and hope to see the Reserve teams of some of the Division I Clubs next season.

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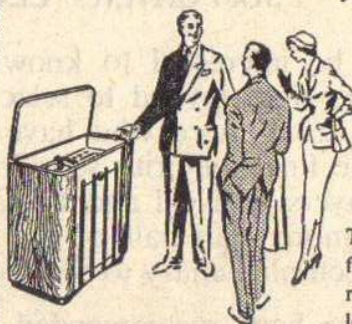
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Occasionally we have recommended supporters to visit the Football Combination matches in larger numbers and, no doubt, it was inevitable that we should stick out our necks too far, sooner or later. To those who saw the Reserve Team for the first time last Saturday, we hasten to say that they were far below usual form, and such an unprogressive display was entirely at variance from the majority we have seen this season. We have no hesitation in asking supporters to "try again."

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