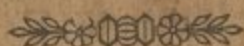


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## PREFACE.

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In this Booklet the reader will find a concise narrative of the chief events, together with interesting anecdotes, of the Tottenham Hotspur F.C. during its existence of thirty-nine years. At our disposal has been placed a voluminous mass of material, some that is of peculiar interest to those closely associated with the inner workings of the Club, and some that is of historical value and therefore of interest to the football enthusiast. It is upon the latter that the writer of this production has focussed particular attention, and the information is chronologically presented so that reference thereto may be simple and, we trust, useful. The comparatively recent achievements of the Club, of course, are fresh in the minds of the public, hence the extended space given to the earlier doings, which are known to the few. The history of the Spurs (now admittedly one of the most popular and most scientific set of exponents of the National game in the whole country) is traced from the birth of the old amateur team, to its adoption of professionalism, its gradual rise in the world of football, its wonderful performance in capturing the Association Cup, and its later entry, relegation and re-entry into the League.

The task of compilation has been made the lighter by the spontaneous and generous assistance of directors, officials, players and supporters. Messrs. Robert Buckle, L. R. Casey, and E. Beaven have lifted the curtain which had hidden, hitherto, the origin of the Club in perplexity and doubt. Messrs. J. G. Randall, W. Mason, and others, have added their testimony to the subsequent changes. The Minutes of the Club from 1885 to 1897, which were thought to have been lost, were disinterred by Mr. Buckle. These, with the handbooks, annual reports and balance sheets, which are in the possession of Mr. M. F. Cadman, have invested the History with an official correctness. This gentleman has given valuable assistance, too, in revising the proofs. Interesting material has been supplied by Dr. J. L. Sykes, Messrs. H. Goddard, G. Burt, J. W. Julian, J. B. Ross and countless other old supporters. The reminiscences of "stories from the inside," told by Mr. C. D. Roberts, will be read and re-read with eagerness. Photographs have been kindly loaned by Mrs. Fuller, Messrs. A. W. Turner (the Club's busy Secretary), W. Harston and the directors. To these and the many other ardent admirers of the Spurs who have assisted, we tender our sincere thanks.

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The gallant rooster that is perched with lofty grace on the highest pinnacle of the grand-stand, is considerably more well-proportioned than many of our readers would imagine. The following are the measurements and particulars of the emblem which is made entirely of copper:—Height from base to top of bird 9ft. 6in., Ball 31in. diameter; size of Bird 5ft. high; 3ft. 6in. from beak to tail; 15in. thick. Contract carried out by F. Braby & Co. Coppersmiths, Euston Road. Actual cost £35. Inside the ball are the souvenirs of the Club's entry into the 1st Division of the Football League in 1909 when the stand was erected; also some current coin. The bird was made and fixed by an old Amateur Spurs player, W. J. Scott, of Edmonton.

The romantic career of the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club has been sketched by several writers on various occasions. The winning of the national trophy and the entry in the Football League were events that inspired many pens. The most recent history, which made no pretence of being comprehensive, was published about 12 years ago. It is intended, in the present history, to traverse the whole period of the club's existence right from the time when the primitive ball of rag and string was being kicked about by youths to the annoyance of pedestrians in Northumberland Park.



Like the little brook that ripples its way among the hills, grows into a sturdy stream, flows on through smiling fields and desert rocks and finally expands into a mighty river, so has been the career of the famous Tottenham Club.

## IN THE BEGINNING.

About the years that such teams as the Old Carthusians, Old Etonians, and Blackburn Olympic were carving imperishable records on the monument of fame, the sporting fraternities at Tottenham were just becoming fascinated by the winter pastime. The local clubs one reads of in the files of the "Weekly Herald"—of 1881-82 included the Independent Athletic, Radicals and Latymer School, all of Edmonton, Tottenham Park, Wood Green Wasps and Hanover Athletic. The open spaces in the district afforded playing fields for many other teams who had then achieved fame. It is recalled that the Mohicans (Rugby), the Old Etonians, Blackheath, Wanderers, the Royal Engineers and others played off Lordship-lane much to the delight of the young ideas who were bursting for knowledge of how to shoot.

The birth of what was destined to become one of the most famous teams in national history is described as follows by one who prefers to shroud himself in anonymity under the pseudonym of "One of the few Surviving Founders":—

"About 40 years ago there existed a club called the Hotspur Cricket Club, which played in a field kindly lent by Captain Delano, through the intervention of one of his six nephews, the Thompson Bros., of Park Lane, all good sportsmen.

"The Club, composed mostly of boys attending Mr. Cameron's School and a few boys from the Grammar School, decided to form a football club and call it 'Hotspur F.C.' On the 5th of September, 1882, the subscriptions to the club were commenced to be received, and the same, augmented by a small sum from the Cricket Club, were expended in purchasing wood for goal and flag posts, material for flags, tape (there were no cross-bars then), stationery and stamps, and later, a ball. The goal posts, one of which is still in existence, were of amateur make and made by Mr. Casey, the father of two of the members, and painted blue and white; the first ball was given by the big brother of the same two members, and he had some time back suggested the name of 'Hotspur' when the Cricket Club started.

"The actual founders of the Football Club were:—J. Anderson, T. Anderson, E. Beaven, R. Buckle, H. D. (Sam or Ham) Casey, L. R. Casey, F. Dexter, S. Leaman, J. H. Thompson, Jr., P. Thompson and E. Wall. R. Buckle was captain, H. D. Casey the vice-captain, J. H. Thompson, Jr., secretary, and L. R. Casey the treasurer.

"The other boys who became members in 1882 and paid double entrance fees, were T. W. Bumberry, D. Davies, Fisher, R. Howlett, C. Iverson, Lovell and J. Tyrell.

"This made 18 members at the end of the year, and as all were playing members we were not keen on letting others in.

"Jack Jull, who had left Cameron's and was at a boarding school, played when at home and was a great accession to the team and, needless to say, a great favourite.

"The first match played with a club established outside the district was with Homerton College."

Mr. Cameron's school is, perhaps, better known as St. John's Middle Class School, a Scotch Presbyterian Academy, which stood in the High-road. Amongst the Hotspur's opponents and friends were the boys attending "Hemingway's," another local school situated first in the High-road, Lower Tottenham, and then in White Hart-lane.

According to "the earliest record," written by Mr. "Ham" Casey, "our first meetings used to be held in some unfinished houses in course of erection in Willoughby-lane, and our light used to be tallow candles."



## STREET LAMP DELIBERATIONS.

Impromptu committee meetings took place beneath the fitful rays of a street lamp in Northumberland Park. The lads had enthusiasm, but had yet to become organised. Their hopes, like the rays of the lamp, flickered and spluttered, and might have gone out but for the aid of other lads. For one or two years a kind of guerilla warfare had been waged amongst rival classes of lads. The High-road "cads" were the implacable enemies of the youths residing in the big houses of Northumberland Park whom they nicknamed "Northumberland Pups."

### "BARKER'S BULLDOGS."

Deadly rivals to these youths were the lads attending the Lancasterian School, who were known as "Barker's Bulldogs," and Park-lane Schools, some of whom were given the equally appropriate nickname of "Simmonds' Greyhounds." These scholars often came into conflict. Once, it is related, a "Saint" (a St. John's boy) was racing along the High-road to school when he was pushed by a "Barker's Bulldog" through a brand new plate glass window of a provision merchant and came to an unceremonious end in a tub of Danish lard.

Amongst the Council who controlled the Tottenham Young Men's Christian Association, held one or two doors away from where stands Percy House, in the High-road, was Mr. John Ripsher. Evidently he was a favourite with the lads, and although a bachelor, had a fatherly affection for these young hopefuls. Several of the lads knocked their heads together and resolved upon asking Mr. Ripsher, who was "something in the City," what he could do for them in the way of starting a football club. The required consent was forthcoming immediately. Early one week in August of 1883 he intimated his willingness to a lad who was then in the office of the Edmonton County Court, Mr. J. G. Randall, and who now resides at Ferme Park-road, Hornsey. It was agreed to hold the meeting on the following Friday evening at the Institute. Young Randall set himself to work earnestly. Seventeen postcards were written from his place of business to various lads who might be interested. The use of a basement kitchen at the front of the Institute was obtained. The result was encouraging. Twenty-one lads turned up at the meeting, over which Mr. Ripsher presided. In spite of the fact that the table was rather rickety, many of the chairs had no backs and the ceiling was badly discoloured, the lads conspired to form a football club.

### WHY HOTSPUR.

One of the chief considerations was what should be the name of the club. Several suggestions were put forward. "Northumberland Rovers" was fancied at first and was on the point of being adopted, when others present struck an idea. According to one present at this momentous gathering, several lads had been reading the history of England of 1401-2-3, and were full of admiration for Henry Percy, nicknamed Hotspur, son of the Earl of Northumberland, who performed "prodigies of valour" on the field of battle. Were not these youths, also, the sons of Northumberland-park, and was not the Institute near to Percy House, named after the redoubtable Percies! Besides, the lads belonged to the original club would have no other name than "Hotspur."

So the "Hotspur Football Club" came into being as a real organisation.

It was resolved to play matches on the Tottenham Marshes (Park-lane end), where played at that time only two other clubs, namely University College Hospital (Rugby) and Park (Association). One of the few original membership cards is in the possession of Mr. M. F. Cadman, a present director. It gives the following as the officials:—President and Treasurer, Mr. Ripsher; Captain, Mr. J. G. Randall; Vice-Captain, Mr. W. Harston; Committee, Messrs. T. W. Bumberry, W. G. Herbert, F. Dexter and W. Tyrell.

One of the rules states "That the uniform of the club be navy blue, with scarlet shield on left side of jersey with the letter H thereon, and that every member is requested to wear same in matches." The subscription was fixed to be payable on or before 8th September, 1883



The financial straits of those early days are often recalled with a smile. Some of the gear was made by the lads, while it is whispered that one youthful enthusiast gave his school fees to the Hotspur Secretary instead of to his headmaster, for which he received paternal castigation.

### THE FIRST MATCH.

It is not for the historian to pass judgment upon the memories of those early days. If in some respects they disagree, the reader, too, will temper his criticism with a generous indulgence.

The first report of a match played by the team, as shown by the files of the "Weekly Herald," states that it took place on 6th October, 1883. The report reads as follows:—"Hotspur v. Brownlow Rovers. The above match was played on 6th October, on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by 9 goals to nil. Messrs. Harston, Casey, Jull and Buckle did good service for the Hotspur."

Mr. W. Harston, who now lives at Lancaster-road, Edmonton, recalls that the following was the Hotspur team:—Stuart Leaman; W. Tyrell and F. Dexter; H. D. Casey and F. Lovis; W. Lomas, F. Cottrell, Dr. Alec Watson, J. T. Fisher, W. Harston and R. Buckle. They played with two half-backs and two centre-forwards. W. Harston acted as captain owing to the absence of Mr. Randall.

The return match took place at London Fields, but, says the "Herald" report, a definite result was not obtained "owing to the ball bursting 10 minutes from time." At that stage, the Hotspur were leading by 1—0.

### OTHER RECORDS.

It may be of interest to reproduce what others have written of those early days. The "Athletic News" records the following:—"Financial worries were unknown in the season 1882-3, when Mr. Robert Buckle and his two pals, Mr. John Thompson and Mr. Sam Casey, conceived the idea of starting a football team. . . . These pioneers were handy men and with the aid of saw and plane and wood, they quickly fashioned a set of goal posts and selected an 'imposing' site on the Marshes. There were two centre-forwards in those days and two half-backs. In the first-named position Buckle and Thompson appropriately figured in the club's early games. Sam Casey was one of the full backs. It is on record that the Committee—the three stalwarts mentioned—held their meetings in Northumberland-park, Buckle taking the 'chair,' Thompson reading the minutes, with Casey shedding the light of his countenance on the auspicious gathering. As time wore on others joined the hardy trio and chief amongst these were Mr. F. S. Walford, Mr. J. C. Jull and Messrs. F. Hatton and S. Leaman."

The Champion Football Series states: "A curious coincidence was that Mr. C. D. Roberts, the present chairman, then an accomplished Rugby player, would often ride across the Marshes past the spot where the Spurs were playing, never dreaming that in years to come he would carry to the greatest success in the football world the junior team he then passed by unnoticed."

The second game played by the Hotspur in the first season they were an organised club was against Evelyn, who were beaten at the Marshes by "five goals and one disputed goal to one." The Hotspur Juniors came into existence and the first account of them in our files was when they beat Latymer 2nd, at Tottenham, by 4—0, the Spurs' scorers being Bull (2), Thompson and Casey. Then the Hotspur beat Sekforde Rovers by 2—0 when, says the report, "Buckle, Watson and Bailee were in good form for the Spurs." At Leyton, the Hotspur played one man short but, "particularly owing to the darkness and the Spurs not knowing the ground, Leyton Rovers scored three goals to the Spurs one." The Hotspur 2nd XI. were engaged that day with Clifton, and "after 1 hour's very pleasant game the Spurs won by 3—0." The Oak were trounced at Tottenham on Boxing Day by 6—0, the goals being got by Buckle (3), Harston (2) and Lomas.



## THE LOCAL DERBY OF '83.

Fixtures between the Hotspur and Latymer, of Edmonton, were evidently full of local rivalry. These teams met just before Christmas of 1883, and our report solemnly states that "Latymer began the game with five men. In a short time two more turned up . . . . The visitors suffered much annoyance from the spectators, who, unchecked by the home team, were often coarsely personal in their remarks."

Apparently this report was annoying, for we received a letter from the Vice-Captain of the Hotspur stating "I feel it my duty to write you in reference to the one-sided report appearing in your columns. I am surprised that the decision of an experienced umpire should be publicly disputed, as he acted for both elevens. It is utterly impossible to keep a public ground free from such coarse personal remarks, and it is not pleasant for a local or any other club to be thus stigmatised by such reports."

This was not the most amusing incident between the Hotspur and ourselves. The teams met again in February of the following season, when a correspondent's account of the game, which was published in the "Herald," stated that "after 75 minutes' play the result was a draw of 1-1. The Spurs had the best of the game throughout." There was trouble over this, for when the teams met a few weeks later the report said that they were well matched and the result was a draw of no goals and an editorial comment appended to the report stated "If these clubs cannot agree, but send contradictory reports, we shall have no alternative but to reject them altogether." Fortunately for the historian this did not happen.

What games those must have been! We read further that when the Hotspur 2nd XI. met the Latymer 2nd XI. "the game was commenced by seven of the Spurs, who took in one substitute. The two teams made a determined stand for 40 minutes, at the close of which the Latymer had scored one goal to none." This year the Hotspur also played Claremont, whom they beat by 2-0 after "an hour's sharp and well contested game"; Woodgrange at West Ham Park, when the home team scored the only goal; Grafton, at Victoria Park, which the Spurs won; the Albion at Leyton, won by 3-0; Grange Park who, playing a man short, lost 1-0 at Tottenham; and Remington, at Tottenham, who lost by 2-0.

### 1884-5.

The second annual meeting was distinctly encouraging. The team was strengthened by players from clubs that had disbanded. Mr. Ripsher remained as president and treasurer; the late Mr. J. C. Jull took over the reins of captain from Mr. J. G. Randall. Mr. Casey continued as hon. secretary, and the Committee was Messrs. R. Buckle, H. D. Casey, W. Tyrell, S. Leaman, F. Cottrell, J. G. Randall and J. H. Avery. Two strong recruits were got in Messrs. Cox and Bailee, who were acquainted with first-class football. These were tutors as well as players. The season opened with a club match on September 27th, the teams being selected by the Captain and the Vice-Captain (Mr. Harston).

The Hotspur fixture list was published in the "Herald" for the first time on October 24th, 1884. It comprised 29 first team and a similar number of second team fixtures. The first team were opposed to Remington (Walthamstow), Abbey (Victoria Park), Grange Park (Leyton), Sekforde (Victoria Park), Marlborough Rovers (London Fields), Latymer (Edmonton), St. Peter's 2nd (Hadley), Fillebrook (Wanstead), Grove (Clapton), Bedford Rovers (Victoria Park), Victoria Wanderers, St. Martin's 2nd (Clapton), Silesia College (Barnet), and Mars. The opponents of the Hotspur second team included Bow, Evelyn (West Ham Park), St. Paul's 2nd (Victoria Park), Clifton (London Fields), Latymer 2nd, Primrose (Victoria Park), Granville, Forest Gate Alliance (Wanstead Flats), Albion, Hackney Rovers (London Fields), Augustines (Victoria Park), Acton Rangers, Douglas, Malvern (London Fields), and the second teams of several clubs who played the Hotspur first eleven. The extraordinary fact is recorded that when the Hotspur met Latymer the latter played with twelve men until half-time. Latymer 2nd played the same trick when they met the Hotspur 2nd. It is



reported that on other occasions the teams sometimes played two or three men short. The record for the season was:—1st Eleven: Played 30, won 18, lost 5, drawn 5, scratched 2; 2nd eleven, played 16, won 6, lost 5, drawn 5. The total goals scored were 82 for and 34 against. The receipts amounted to £5 0s. 1d., and the expenditure to £4 11s. 1d. A vote of thanks was passed at the third annual meeting to Mr. Hartin, stationmaster at Park Station, for "taking care of the goal poles, etc." A similar compliment was paid to Mr. Ripsher "with great cheering, for the way he had helped the club financially and for the tea he had provided that evening."

In this season the Hotspur had to change their name to Tottenham Hotspur owing to the existence of another club called the London Hotspur. Mr. Sam Casey found that he often received letters intended for the London Hotspur, while letters for the Tottenham club went to the other organisation.

### LEARNING TO PLAY.

Delicate footcraft and polished science have ever characterised the Spurs play and it is not a mere coincidence that at the end of the 1884-5 season the team, on the advice of Mr. Bailee, of Blackburn, scratched a match and went in a body to see the final of the Association Cup at Kennington Oval, between Blackburn Rovers and Queen's Park. The triangular football played by the Rovers' forwards left a lasting impression upon these youths of 17 and 18 years. They pondered over the styles and is it to be wondered that they tried to emulate them?

The goals in those days had not cross-bars. A piece of tape was sufficient and also very handy, for it is said that many a goal would have been scored had not the goalkeeper dexterously pulled the tape down and the ball passed harmlessly over the top.

### "THE LORD WILL PROVIDE."

A story is told which illustrates the difficulties the team was in. Often on Friday the Hotspur had no ball for the morrow's match. The boys would approach Mr. Ripsher, the president, who would reply "Well, never mind lads, turn up, the Lord will provide." And on the following day he would turn up with a football, and sometimes two under his arm.

Finance was not the most disquieting internal trouble. Within a year of the Hotspur being formed they were expelled from the Y.M.C.A. It happened in this wise. Several of the players one night were kicking a ball about in the basement which served as committee room and training quarters and made such a noise that the Council of the "Y.M." sitting in an upper chamber were disturbed in their deliberations. A member of the Council descended to the basement and meanwhile the ball went up the chimney and emerged coated with soot. Then someone put the light out. At the moment that the councillor entered, one of the lads was taking a running kick with the result that the leather struck the unfortunate councillor on the side of the face. Valiantly trying to conceal his lost pride he returned to the council chamber, where he was greeted with roars of laughter, for his face and clothes were covered with soot. This was the beginning of the trouble. A propensity for playing cards and the practice of sampling mulberries in the garden at the rear put an end to the club's existence at the "Y.M." This only served to prove the real worth of Mr. Ripsher. He came out with the lads and with the then Vicar of Tottenham (the Rev. Wilson) found a new home at No. 1, Dorset Villas, Northumberland Park. This synchronised with the foundation of a branch of the Young Men's Church of England Society. The late Mr. J. H. Thompson was a staunch friend on that occasion.

But again the Hotspur were in hot water. They had to observe a rule to attend church every Wednesday evening. This went on faithfully and well until some young rascals were caught playing cards in a church pew. This ended their two years' connection with Dorset Villas. Notwithstanding all these faults, Mr. Ripsher stuck to the lads and obtained other quarters



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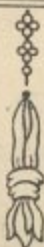
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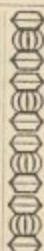
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at the Red House in the High-road. Here they stayed for about six years and were quite comfortable. They were provided with a library, draughts, chess, dominoes, cards and refreshments and there they played over in the evening many a match fixed for the following Saturday.

### THE FIRST CUP-TIE.

The season 1885-6 witnessed little change in the officials. For the first time the club had a list of vice-presidents. They were:—Messrs. Joseph Howard, J.P., John Robson, J. H. Thompson, W. A. De Pape and F. J. Bailey. Mr. W. Tyrell was elected vice-captain; Mr. W. Harston as captain of the 2nd XI., with Mr. A. Soans as vice. The Committee was as follows:—Messrs. R. Buckle, T. Bumberry, H. D. Casey, S. Leaman, W. Lomas, F. J. Powell, G. Rochford, J. H. Thompson, junr., and H. Turner. Many new players and supporters were found from the Star F.C., which had played on the Marshes beside the Spurs pitch. Mr. W. Mason, who became secretary of the Hotspur, was one of the players who left the Star F.C. This team was originally known as the Coleraine Park Amateurs and started as a cricket club. The Star and Spurs had been of mutual help to each other in lending players and the amalgamation meant a great accession in the playing strength of the Spurs. Some of the old Star players joined the Douglas and other local football clubs. The Spurs' play improved and the number of people who went to the Marshes to see them play increased from a mere handful to 100 or more. The other teams then began to lose their attraction. Incidentally two or three clubs coveted the Spurs pitch and there was a good deal of competition to get to the ground first. The Spurs entered the London Association Cup and were drawn to meet St. Albans, a London house team, which were fairly well known. The game was played at Tottenham Marshes on October 17th, 1885, in the presence of about 400 spectators. The Spurs' team comprised:—T. W. Bumberry; J. Jull (capt.), W. Tyrell; W. Casey, F. Lovis, Hedley Bull; R. Amos, F. Cettrell, W. Mason, W. Harston and R. Buckle. The umpires were T. Purdy and G. Cooke, and the referee F. Nicholls (Dreadnought F.C.). The Spurs won by 5-2. The crowd carried Billy Mason and Billy Harston shoulder high to the dressing room. Unfortunately the latter lost his overcoat in the excitement. The Spurs met their match in the second round played at Wandsworth. They had to face the Casuals, who included E. S. Curry, of Oxford, then in his prime, and H. Wetton, an Old Westminster player six feet in height. The only change made by the Spurs in their team was J. Conn for F. Lovis. The Spurs, handicapped by their lack of inches, lost by 8-0.

According to a fixture card preserved by Mr. G. F. Burt, of Church-road, an old Star and Spur player, the matches played this season numbered 37, of which 24 were won, 11 lost and two drawn, the goalage being 111 for and 51 against. Twenty matches were scratched owing to the severe frost. Wins were recorded against Selesia College (Barnet), Shamrock (Walthamstow), Grange Park 2nd, Westminster Rovers, St. Stephens, South Hackney, Dalston Rovers, Shaftesbury, Edmonston Independent, Bowes Park, St. Martin's, New Barnet, Douglas, Ilford, Rutland, Fairfield, Hermitage, Enfield, Park. The Spurs were defeated by Grange Park 1st, Casuals, New Barnet, Rutland, Fairfield, Church Institute (West Ham Park), Woodgrange, Argyll, Grange Park 2nd, Silesia College, and drew with Shamrock and Church Institute. Disdaining the old blue jerseys which had "H.F.C." stitched across their front and thus made the players appear like fishermen, the Spurs changed their colours in favour of those of their much admired team, Blackburn Rovers, viz., half light blue and half white, with the letter "H" near the shoulder. The team continued to be exponents of good football and, says an old member, "All our matches were played over beforehand at our headquarters."

### 1886-1887.

The team remained practically the same in this season, but becoming ambitious entered for the London Association Cup and the East End Association Senior and Junior Cups. They were advised to enter for the London Junior Cup, but declined. The result was that they were drawn in



the London Cup to meet Upton Park (the holders) at the Marshes, and were beaten 6—0. The Spurs team was: P. Lomas; J. Jull, W. Tyrell; H. Bull, H. D. Casey, F. Lovis; F. Cottrell, W. Randall, R. Buckle, W. Harston, W. Mason. In the East End Cup they beat Phoenix at Tottenham by 6—0. The only change in the team was that J. Anderson played in goal. In the second round they beat Park by 2—0, and in the third round defeated St. Luke's by 2—1. The final tie (first fixed for Millwall) was played on April 16th, against the Caledonians at Tottenham. On a greasy surface the ball squeezed through the legs of the Spurs' goalkeeper, and the Caley's won by the only goal of the match. The Spurs 2nd met Phoenix 2nd in the first round at Victoria Park, and, says the "Herald" report, "Phoenix won by 1—0, but the full hour was not played out as the Park gates had to be closed and the Spurs have lodged a protest." The Park team that opposed the Spurs was: P. Lomas (capt.); F. Crossley, Case; S. H. Casey, Crowne, H. Lomas; L. Lomas, W. Lomas, F. Mackey, B. Thomas and Dudgeon. At the end of the season the Spurs played Enfield Lock and won "by six and one disputed goals to nil."

The "friendly" matches of this season opened with a defeat of South Hackney at Tottenham by 13—1. The first team beat Woodford Bridge, Park, Dreadnought (Tottenham), Foxes, Fillebrook, and Edmonton Association. They were beaten by Silesia College, City Ramblers, Fillebrook, and drew with Old St. Paul's. The record of the first team, according to Mr. Burt's card, was as follows:—Played 20, won 14, lost 5, drawn 1, goals for 59, against 22. 2nd XI., played 15, won 7, lost 6, drawn 2, goals for 28, against 20. They beat Church Inst., Cygnets, Foxes II., Cheshunt, Tottenham Wanderers, Edmonton Rovers; lost to Clifton, Tottenham Wanderers, City Ramblers II., Novocastrians (Ponders End), and drew with Edmonton Association and Willoughby Park.

This season saw the first of the Spurs' matches against the Edmonton Association. Says a chronicler: "These were the matches of the season and they were fought out fiercely, no quarter being given or asked, every player sore and weary at the finish. Here we met some of our best opponents of this time, viz., Messrs. Reid, Cate, Beaven, Millbourne, Gingham, and P. Dormer."

The club's dressing-rooms were first at Somerford-grove and then at "The Milford," in Park-lane. The only changes in the officials were that Mr. S. Leaman became captain and Mr. F. Adlington vice-captain of the 2nd XI. One of the rules stated that "any member not turning up when chosen to play in a match and not giving sufficient notice enabling another to play in his place shall be fined 1s."

Mr. Mason, as hon. sec., was responsible for the first concert held by the Spurs. It took place at the Park-lane Drill Hall, which was crowded out. The profit was £15 6s. 3½d.

A story told of this period concerns an opponent who played in half jack boots (shin-guards were, of course, the rule) and another who had only one arm. Many sensitive Spurs dare not tackle him, with the result that often he got through and scored. The Foxes F.C., whom the Spurs played this season, had their home at Northumberland Park and subsequently were the Spurs' neighbours.

At a Committee meeting held about this time it was decided that "we have rope and stakes around the ground." The first annual dinner was held this season. The club was re-named the Tottenham Hotspur Athletic Club. The credit balance for the season rose to £10 10s.

### THE ROYAL ARSENAL.

The first match against the Royal Arsenal (now the Spurs' neighbours at Highbury) was on November 19th of 1887. It took place at the Marshes. The Arsenal scored a "lucky goal within ten minutes. Then the visitors were pressed, and had it not been for the splendid defence of F. Beardsley, of Notts Forest, in goal, the score would have been larger. The game was stopped 15 minutes before time owing to darkness. The Spurs were then leading by 2—1." The alterations to the Spurs were G. Baldock at half-back and J. Bird (forward). In the London Cup the Spurs lost in the first round



by 6—0 to Hendon, who were then a powerful team. The Park F.C. were disbanded hereabouts, and the Spurs were re-inforced by several of their players in Messrs. Crossley, Broadberry, Petter and Frank Hatton, the latter taking over the secretary's duties from Mr. W. Mason. Another historian writes: "Poor Frank Hatton has joined the great majority, but no history of the Spurs would be complete without a word about him. For five years he worked for us—critical times, too—but he carried out his duties most capably, genial to a degree, a thorough gentleman, and one who will always live in the memory of those who knew him or had the pleasure of working with him."

### SCHOOLBOYS?

An anecdote is told of the Spurs' visit to Luton at this time. The Luton captain remarked upon the small stature of some of the Tottenham players when he and Mr. Jull tossed for choice of ends. Jull immediately replied, "Wait until after the match, old man, before you say any more; schoolboys or not, we can beat you." And the Spurs did, too, by 2—1.

Mr. P. J. Moss, an old Spur, wrote in the "Football News" of 1900: "In some of the games played on the Marshes, with absolutely no gate-money, it is no exaggeration to say that 4,000 spectators surrounded the field of play. These were not always considerate of the feelings of visiting teams, and I well remember some East End Cup-ties in which the visitors were freely pelted with mud, rotten turnips, and other vegetable refuse."

### FIRST PRIVATE GROUND.

Hereabouts the Spurs secured many more supporters who at the present time may be seen at the team's matches. One of the most notable was Mr. M. F. Cadman. The necessary support and interest led to the members looking round for a private ground. This was found off Northumberland Park. Part of it was occupied by the Foxes F.C., while the pitch used by the Spurs was tenanted by a tennis club during the summer. Says a historian: "People said we should soon go to ruin, the public would go to see us free, but when it came to paying, would not; but we had the right men to guide us, and Robert Buckle, F. Hatton, J. Jull, and H. D. Casey, with their backs to the wall, stood firm, and we entered our new home." The first match played there, according to the "Herald" files, was the Spurs "B" team v. Stratford St. John's in the London Junior Cup, when the Spurs won by 4—1. The first game that will be remembered by many an old supporter took place on the new ground on October 13th, 1888.

### "THE DUNN SHED."

The Spurs entered the London Senior Cup and were drawn to meet the Old Etonians, who a few years previously had won the F.A. Cup. The Spurs, says our report, were the lighter team, but they scored twice in the first half and their opponents three times. The second half saw a transformation. The Old Etonians scored five times, most of the goals being shot by A. T. B. Dunn, who was then a celebrated amateur. His shots were directed at a tremendous pace, and were stopped by an old black shed behind the goal, and which for years afterwards was known as the "Dunn Shed." The Spurs' team was:—G. Baldock; J. C. Jull, A. J. Crossley; H. Bull, H. D. Casey, W. Tyrell; F. S. Cottrell, W. Mason, T. Purdie, W. Harston, and R. Buckle. The price of admission was sixpence. Other teams met that year were Plaistow (Kent), Facs (Edmonton), Old St. Mark's, Clapton, Melrose, Bowes Park, Orion Gymnasium, and Spartan Rovers. The Spurs' captain, J. C. Jull, was chosen to play for Middlesex this season—a great honour in those days.

The playing results this season were:—1st XI., played 24, won 11, lost 8, drawn 5; 2nd XI., played 19, won 11, lost 4, drawn 4. During the season the club became affiliated to the Football Association. What led to this important decision was the offer of a guinea donation if the affiliation question



were favourably settled. The club's ground was used for a North v. South match in the London Medal Competition. Mr. H. Goddard, an outside right, began a long connection with the club at this stage. The profit on the season was £6. The balance from a match with the Royal Arsenal at the Park was £1 12s. 6d. The minutes show that the officials communicated with Mr. Chirgwin regarding a concert, but the result is not stated.

#### 1889-90.

The fixture card of this season showed the following:—Patron, Mr. Joseph Howard, M.P., J.P. President, Mr. John Ripsher. Vice-Presidents, Major Stephens, Capt. J. C. Shearing, Messrs. John Avery, C. Coventry, John Jull, C. J. Knightly, John Robson, and J. H. Thompson. Captain, 1st XI., J. C. Jull; vice-captain, H. D. Casey. Captain, 2nd XI., F. J. Mackie; vice-captain, W. Hudson. Committee, Messrs. J. H. Avery, R. Buckle, M. F. Cadman, S. Leaman, W. Mason, and J. H. Thompson, junr. Hon. secretary and treasurer, F. G. Hatton. Auditors, F. C. Cottrell and A. J. Crossley. Dressing-room, "The Northumberland Arms." Colours, navy blue and white. The subscription was 7s. 6d. for playing members and 5s. for honorary members.

Against the Royal Arsenal, at Plumstead, the first match of the season, the Spurs were defeated by 10—1, but they beat Westminster at Tottenham by 13—0 on the next Saturday. They followed this with successes over the Vulcans at Willesden by 5—1, and vanquished Iona in the London Cup by 10—0, when J. C. Jull scored five goals. Edmonton II. XI. beat their reserves in the London Cup by 3—2, and when the first teams met later the result was similar. In February of 1890 the 2nd XI. met the Robin Hood, who won by 1—0. The Robins were:—Cox; E. Markham, C. W. Bayne; W. Markham, Moss, R. Markham; Fortnam, Pallett, Kemp, Bland, and Bennett. The Spurs opposed to them were:—Bumberry; Tippin, A. F. Bayne; Baldock, Leaman, Pilbrow; Stephens, W. M. Bayne, M. F. Cadman, Norman, and Casey.

In March, the Spurs played Swindon Town, who were the holders of the Wiltshire Challenge Cup. Swindon won by "one goal and one disputed goal to one." A report of a match against Edmonton in the same month shows that Edmonton won by 4—1. The Spurs team was:—F. Walford; A. Littleford, J. C. Jull; H. D. Casey, M. F. Cadman, G. Bassett; S. Lovis, F. Cottrell, C. Humber, W. Harston and R. Buckle. Edmonton were represented by:—E. Beaven; F. F. Lydon, A. H. M. Hood; A. W. Reid, N. S. Lydon, F. W. Wise; A. Dormer, P. N. Gingham (capt.), G. C. Freeman, H. Willmott, and T. H. E. Meggs. The Spurs also met Unity (holders of the West End Cup) whom they beat, Maidenhead, Dreadnought, Woodford, Wolverton, Foxes, Romford, Hampstead, Olympic, Old St. Paul's, Acton, Luton Town, Vulcan, and Clapton. The 2nd XI. met Spartan Rovers (won 13—1), Clarence, Barnet, Finchley, Noel Park, and Wanstead Old Boys.

#### £11 IN HAND.

The fifth annual gathering of what was described as "this rising and popular local club" was held at the "Red Lion" in May of 1890. Mr. J. H. Thompson presided over a large gathering. Mr. Hatton, the hon. sec., in acknowledgment of the toast "Success to the Club," said "the club at the present time is in a flourishing condition, with a balance of over £11 in hand." This statement was received with applause. The playing record for the year was:—Played 45, won 22, lost 13, drawn 10. Usually a charge of 3d. was made during the first season in Northumberland Park.

#### 1890-91.

The officials this season were:—Captain, J. C. Jull; vice-captain, H. D. Casey. 2nd XI., Captain, T. W. Bumberry; Vice-Captain, E. J. Stephens. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, R. Buckle. Committee, Messrs. J. H. Avery, M. F. Cadman, S. Leaman, W. Mason, W. Pilbrow, J. H. Thompson, Junr., and F. Walford. Auditors, J. C. Anderson and L. R. Casey. Red was the colour of the shirts favoured by the club at this time. The headquarters were the "Northumberland Arms."



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This season was opened with a victory over Hampstead in October by 6—3. The Spurs Res. lost in their first match to Heron by 2—1 at the Marshes. In the annual match with Luton Town, at Luton, the Spurs lost by 4—1. In the second round of the London Junior Cup the Spurs Res. beat Clapton by 2—1 and lost in the next round to Limehouse, at Woodford, by 3—2, but they "protested against the ground arrangements." The Spurs drew with Queen's Park Rangers in the second round of the London Cup, but won in the replay at Northumberland Park by 2—0. The spectators at the match numbered 350. They beat Barking at Tottenham in the third round by 2—0, and Barnes (away) by 1—0 in the fourth round. They met their Waterloo in the fifth round when they were away to Millwall Athletic, who beat them 5—1. A report of a smoking concert—many of which were held to help the club financially—shows that Mr. R. J. Frank, President of the Eagle Musical Society, was the chairman when the room at the "Red Lion," where the event was held, was "crowded to suffocation." The Chairman remarked it was a pity local clubs were averse to playing each other, and he suggested that the Spurs and the Tottenham F.C. should go in together.

An athletic sports meeting was held by the club in Bruce Castle Park in June. Mr. Hatton was the Hon. Secretary, and the following formed the Committee:—Messrs. H. R. Stephens, J. Jull, H. D. Casey, Bumberry, Mackie, and Buckle. A balance of £12 8s. 3d. remained at the end of the season. The playing record of both teams was:—Played 37, won 20, lost 14, drawn 3.

## 1891-2

The additions to the officials in the season 1891-2 were Capt. Bowles, M.P., J.P., as patron; Messrs. C. E. Burrows, F. G. Hatton, F. Shelton, H. R. Stephens, and J. Wilson as Vice-Presidents. Mr. Bumberry became captain of the 2nd XI., and Mr. C. V. Monk vice-captain; Mr. W. Pilbrow was elected to the Committee in the place of Mr. R. Buckle, who became joint hon. sec. and treas., with Mr. H. D. Casey, and the auditors were Messrs. J. C. Anderson and L. R. Casey. Says a Spurs' hand-book of this period: "Two most useful recruits came along in Messrs. Sykes (Dr. J. L. Sykes, of West Green-road) and Stanley Briggs."

Early in the season the Spurs Res. beat Queen's Park Rangers Res. at Park by 1-0. In the first round of the London Senior Cup the Spurs beat Caledonian Athletic at Northumberland Park by 4—3. They defeated Hampstead in the second round at the National Athletic Grounds, Kensal Rise, by 3—1. The Spurs' team then was:—Anderson; Jull, Bassett; Casey, Monk, Simpson; Lovis, Harston, Cottrell, Buckle, and Leese. They were ousted by the City Ramblers, 4—1, in the third round. Minerva beat them in the second round of the Middlesex Cup by 2—0. The first of a number of matches with the then well known Uxbridge Club was played at Northumberland Park. The Spurs won a surprise victory by 3—0. Their team was:—C. V. Monk; J. C. Jull, W. Coulson; G. Bassett, F. J. Leese, H. D. Casey; J. L. Sykes, S. Weston, W. Tyler, W. Miller, and H. Leese. Westminster Criterion was another important club that came to Tottenham. The result was a draw. The Spurs' team contained a few changes from the previous match, notably H. Bull, S. Briggs, H. Brigden, and H. Ellis. In the first round of the Luton Charity Cup the Spurs beat the Coldstream Guards at Park after a draw, but lost to the 1st Batt. Scots Guards in the next round at Burton-court, Chelsea. The Spurs went to St. Albans and lost 2—1. The Casuals were a great draw at Tottenham during this period. Amongst other clubs that played the Spurs' team were Clapton, Maidenhead, Old St. Stephen's, Orion Gymnasium, West Ham, Church Inst., Carpenters' Inst., Clapton Clifton, Shalford St. John's, Gresham, and Edmonton Rovers (whom the Spurs' Res. beat 3—2).

Mr. A. Baynes succeeded Mr. Bumberry as Captain of the 2nd XI. during the season. Messrs. G. Rice and C. Hemmingway were elected Vice-Presidents. The season's results were:—Played 58, won 31, lost 18, drawn 9. The profit for the season was £9 16s. 1d.



A report of the next annual meeting states: "All the ornamental officers were re-elected, also several of those more actively inclined, viz., Messrs. J. C. Jull and H. D. Casey, as captain and vice-captain respectively. Mr. M. F. Cadman, after being run exceedingly close in the voting by Mr. Baldock, undertakes the duties of 2nd XI. captain and Mr. Baldock of vice-captain."

Another newspaper extract states: "With an excellent ground, finely situated at Northumberland Park, Tottenham Hotspur are to be envied. They are decidedly fortunate in more ways than one, for has not Jull again consented to act as captain, this being his tenth year? At back, Jull will be partnered by Moody, late of Clapton, London Caledonians and Dreadnought, while a good reserve will always be handy in the person of Welham, who figured in the ranks of Bedminster last season. A couple of Edmonton Albion players—Ellis and Brigden—will also be found places in the eleven, and ought to form a good left wing. The other men will be Monk (goal), Simpson, Briggs, and Coulson (half-backs), and Sykes, Bell, and Cottrell (forwards). Mr. R. Buckle, who has worked so hard for the club in the past, has resigned the position of secretary, and will be succeeded by Mr. F. G. Hatton, who will have as his colleague Mr. H. D. Casey, the popular Finchley sprinter. Mr. Hatton, it will be remembered, filled the position of secretary once before—in the seasons of 1887-8 and 1888-9."

### SPURS MARCH HOME.

There were "sports" in the team in those days. A newspaper cutting of the time states that after a visit to Luton the Spurs arrived at Liverpool-street at 12.40 a.m., "when a friendly policeman informed them that the last train home had left some time since. The long march home was then begun to the tune of 'Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay' as they left the station in Indian file much to the amusement of the said 'bobby' and other midnight roamers. Soon after leaving Shoreditch the pace began to tell upon some of the party, and a couple of 'growlers' were requisitioned with which to finish the journey. Thus ended the Spurs' Bank Holiday."

About this time the Southern Football Alliance was in process of formation. Mr. J. Oliver, of Streatham, the president of the Westminster Criterion, offered the first cup and was elected president. The Spurs were amongst the ten original members.

### 1892-93.

The Spurs opened this season by beating Paddington 10-0. Says a newspaper report of that time: "The Spurs have a vastly improved team. They have secured the Edmonton Albion left wing pair, Brigden and Ellis, Lomas from Luton, and Moody, the well-known back. These all showed grand form on Saturday, as did Sykes, their right wing, and Briggs at centre-half. Jull, the popular skipper, is as fast as ever. Altogether the Tottenham 'Reds' have a brilliant prospect and many of the Alliance teams will have a warm time of it at Park when they visit that excellent enclosure." The Spurs first match in the Southern Alliance was played at Wimbledon on September 24th, when they beat the Polytechnic by 2-1. On the following Saturday they beat the Royal Arsenal Athletic at Tottenham by 3-0 before 600 spectators. The Spurs team that day was:—C. Monk; R. Moody, J. Welham; J. Jull, S. Briggs, H. Simpson; J. L. Sykes, J. Lomas, F. Cotterell, W. Harston, H. Ellis. The first match at Tottenham in the Southern Alliance was when Erith were beaten 3-2 a few weeks later.

A newspaper writer of those days recorded the following:—"I hear that the Spurs are going to provide wooden trestles for their spectators to stand upon in wet weather, for which those people liable to damp feet will be thankful. Other clubs please copy." Hitherto the "grand stand" had consisted of an unofficial wagon. In the London Senior Cup the Spurs had a bye in the first round and had a "walk over" in the second owing to the Vulcan scratching. They met the Polytechnic at Wimbledon in the third round and drew 2-2. The Spurs won the replay at Tottenham by 3-0. They were ousted by the Casuals at Tottenham in the next round by 1-0 before a record gate of 3,000 spectators. Mr. J. L. Sykes, a Spur, was selected



to play for Middlesex against Surrey about this time. In the Southern Alliance the Spurs had to meet such teams as Erith, Old St. Stephens, Slough, Windsor and Eton, Upton Park and the Polytechnic. Their reserves were defeated in the first round of the London Junior Cup by Clapton Clifton, at Walthamstow, by 6—1. In the Middlesex Junior Cup they drew with Robin Hood, 4—4. They beat Waltham Abbey in a friendly 2—0, and lost to the Novocastrians 3—0.

The Spurs were beaten 2—0 by Smethwick (Birmingham) in the semi-final tie of the Wolverton and District Charity Cup. The Spurs team that day was: W. Hart; J. C. Jull, R. Moody; S. Gamble, S. Briggs, J. N. Thornley; J. L. Sykes, J. Meggs, C. Cattell, J. Brigden, H. Ellis. The result of the season's matches was as follows:—1st Team: Played 31, won 17, lost 8, drawn 6; goals for 79, against 46. Reserves: Played 17, won 7, lost 5, drawn 5. 2nd Reserves: Played 15, won 5, lost 9, drawn 1. The Spurs finished well up in the Alliance table, their record being: Played 12, won 7, lost 3, drawn 2; goals for 29, against 21. No history of the Spurs would be complete without a reference to the charity matches between Edmonton and District versus Tottenham and District. In the first three seasons the results were as follows:—1891, Edmonton 3, Tottenham 2; 1892, Edmonton 2, Tottenham 2; 1893, Edmonton 3, Tottenham 2. The teams were selected from clubs who had their grounds in the respective districts. The match this year was played on the Spurs ground before 4,000 spectators. About this period several Spurs distinguished themselves on the running track. H. D. Casey, followed by a number including J. Brigden, F. Dexter, H. Goddard and others showed their ability. The fact was recalled at the seventh annual dinner, held at the "Red Lion," that the Spurs did not lose an Alliance match on their own ground throughout the season. The credit balance for the season was £35.

#### 1893-94.

This season the Spurs entered for the Middlesex Senior and Junior, the London Senior and Junior, the National Amateur and the Wolverton Cup Competitions. Mr. Jull remained captain and Mr. Hatton was the hon. sec. Mr. Buckle became secretary of the Southern Alliance. The Committee included Messrs. J. Baxter, R. Bullock and Tom Purdie. In the first (friendly) match the Spurs lost badly to Enfield by 5—1, but this was attributed to the number of recruits who were given a trial. The first home match was against Romford, when a draw of two goals each resulted. A new entrance was made to the ground from "Waggon Horse-lane." An enclosure was made on the east side of the ground for which a charge of twopence extra was made. The club had paid £10 a season for the use of part of the ground. They now secured the whole of it for £17 a year, but later on the rental was considerably increased. The brothers G. J. and J. T. Randall shared the duties of Assistant Hon. Secretary.

#### A PROPHET.

The Casuals came on the following Saturday, and although they won by 1—0 a contemporary critic wrote: "There is no doubt about it that North London football, and especially Tottenham football, is a power to be reckoned with. There is no reason, indeed, why this district should not be one of the best football centres in London. And it will be before long, if the Spurs and others keep pegging away." That was in 1893! The Spurs team which met the Casuals was as follows: C. V. Monk; J. C. Jull, J. W. Welham; J. C. Shepherd, S. Briggs, W. Newby; J. L. Sykes, J. Meggs, F. Cotterell, A. E. Hepburn, H. Ellis. In the London Senior Cup the Spurs drew with Old St. Mark's, but lost by 6—1 in the replay. At this age of football it was not unusual for a substitute to be taken on should a player be injured. A writer of that time bitterly complained because a team opposed to the Spurs declined to allow the latter to take on another man after one of their players had left the field through injury. In the first round of the Amateur Cup the Spurs beat the Vampires at Tottenham by 3—1. The Spurs team had two newcomers in S. Mills and S. Taylor. The Spurs Reserves beat Orion Gymnasium by 2—0 in the London Junior Cup.



## PAYNE'S BOOTS.

Amateur clubs of these days experienced great difficulty in meeting their obligations. They had to secure talent of which there was a limited quantity. Matches had to be won, and to obtain the necessary players of ability many teams had to resort to various methods. The story of "Payne's Boots" was in the nature of such an incident. However, it marked a new era in the Spurs history. Accused of professionalism, the Spurs turned their thoughts from amateurism, but let the story delineate the character of the offence. There was at this time on the books of the Fulham F.C. one named Ernie Payne. He was a footballer of whom any team would be proud. He was invited to play for the Spurs on October 21st. He consented. On the morning of the match he discovered that someone had taken his boots, shirt and knickers. He came to Tottenham in a sorry predicament. Everything was readily forthcoming for him but the boots! In the energy of desperation many pairs were tried, but none would fit. So the officials gave Payne 10s. wherewith to buy his boots. This was alleged to be a transgression of the amateur law. The Spurs were hauled before the London Football Association, who, on November 1st, 1893, reported the following as their findings:—(1) That 10s. was given to buy boots; (2) That it was a breach of Rule 10 to give money to a player to buy boots; (3) That the 10s. given to Payne for boots was an unfair inducement offered to him to play for the Spurs; (4) The Council are of opinion that the Spurs have been guilty of misconduct and, therefore, acting under Rule 9, the Council hereby suspend the Tottenham Hotspur F.C. for a fortnight from date; also that Payne be suspended for one week." A storm of protest and even an appeal failed to set the decision aside. The Spurs ground was closed for fourteen days. Payne returned the 10s., which the Spurs accepted. It was protested that Fulham did without Payne during the previous season. But Fulham's charge and the decision remained!

The Spurs spent the two weeks profitably with practice matches. When the ground was re-opened the Crusaders came in the London Charity Cup. Their team included an International goalkeeper and several other well-known players, and the Spurs did well to escape with a defeat of 5-2. The Spurs left wing that day was S. G. Taylor and J. H. Renals (whose father was at one time Lord Mayor of London). Nearly 2,000 spectators paid their sixpences to see the match. A mid-week match was played against the Friars, otherwise the Press Club, which the Spurs won by 2-1. Amongst the Friars was Mr. J. M. Dick, now of the "Evening News." The Christmas matches of 1893 were against Wolverton, at Northumberland Park, which resulted in a draw of two goals each; Southampton St. Mary's (away), lost 1-0; while the Reserves beat Waltham and District by 1-0. The Reserves' team was: J. Anderson; P. A. Perrin, E. J. Everdell; G. R. Baldock, H. J. Shaw, C. Denyar; W. B. Shaw, A. Coleman, J. Beaven, C. Westmore, W. Shearing. The Wolverton team included a goalkeeper late of Derby County. The Southampton match was witnessed by 6,000 spectators. In the Middlesex Senior Cup the Spurs drew with the 3rd Grenadier Guards, but lost on the replay. The Spurs drew with Chesham in the Wolverton Charity Cup and won the replay. In the next round they were beaten by Smethwick Carriage Works, Birmingham, at Wolverton, by 1-0. In the annual charity match, Tottenham v. Edmonton, the Spurs had five players chosen, viz., J. C. Jull, J. Shepherd, S. Briggs, J. L. Sykes and E. Payne. The Easter matches were as follows:—Scots Guards (3-1), Slough (2-0), New Brompton, away (0-2). The season concluded with a match against Crouch End, then a prominent club. The result was a draw of two each. H. C. Edwards was the Spurs centre that day, and C. F. MacLachlan and E. Payne, of "boot" fame, formed the left wing. The record for the season was:—1st team, played 35, won 10, lost 11, drawn 14. Reserves, played 26, won 14, lost 9, drawn 3. A field occupied by Mr. Marriott, at Edmonton, was rented for the Reserves for a sum of £10 for the season. Mr. Ripsher's resignation as President was accepted with great regret. The club's dressing-rooms were at the "Northumberland Arms," and their meetings were held at the "Eagle," Chesnut-road.



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During the year the Spurs conducted a competition for junior clubs in the district for which the following entered:—Shaftesbury Rovers, Waverley, High Cross Institute, Seven Sisters Rovers, Broadwater Rovers, Rochdale Rovers, Asplin Rovers, Avondale. In the final tie Asplins Rovers beat the Waverley by 2—1. Several Spurs' players were members of the Tottenham Cricket Club. Cricket matches between the latter and the Spurs were played.

#### A STAND ERECTED.

Mr. J. Oliver became connected with the club hereabouts and mainly owing to his good offices a wooden stand was erected at the Northumberland Park ground. A few weeks later part of it was blown down. The original stand was built entirely of wood and had seating accommodation for just over 100. The dressing-rooms were beneath it, and owing to the lack of daylight it was illuminated by an oil lamp. The opening match was against the Casuals (won by 3—1), when the Spurs team was:—C. Monk; J. Jull, J. Welham; J. Shepherd, S. Briggs, R. S. Dickie; A. Cubberley, D. Goodall, P. Hunter, Eccles and E. Payne. At the annual meeting of 1894-5 the following officers were elected:—Patrons, Mr. J. Howard, M.P., Capt. Bowles, M.P., and Mr. J. Ripsler; President, Mr. John Oliver; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. R. Buckle; Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. George Baldock; Auditors, Messrs. L. R. Casey and W. Mason; Captain, Mr. J. C. Jull; Vice, Mr. S. Briggs. There were 24 vice-presidents. The Committee consisted of: Messrs. J. H. Avery, R. Bullock, H. D. Casey, F. Dexter, J. Hurry, S. Leaman, C. V. Monk, J. Smallone, J. H. Thompson, J. W. Welham. Mr. Arthur Norris was engaged as trainer at 10s. a week exclusive of travelling expenses. "The Grove Tavern," Edmonton was hired as a dressing-room at £2 2s. for the season. A Mr. Clarke was employed "to look after the stand at a salary of £1 a week." The club's colours were navy blue and red. The new players included L. Burrows, of the Arsenal; Caldecott, of Basingstoke; Newby, of the reserves, and Fenn, Millwall. Among the performers at the club's smoking concerts in these days was Mr. W. H. Berry, now taking the leading comedian's part in "The Naughty Princess," at the Adelphi Theatre, W. Mr. Berry, who resides at Palmers Green, formerly lived at Tottenham, and was a close follower of the Spurs. An old secretary recalls that the first payment offered him was 5s. Later on he asked if the club could "spring" him an extra half-crown.

The Spurs created a sensation this season (1894-5) by reaching the fourth (qualifying) round of the English Cup. In the first round they beat West Herts by 3—2; second round, Wolverton by 3—2; third round, Clapton, at the "Spotted Dog," by 4—0; in the fourth round they drew with Luton 2—2, but were beaten on the replay by 4—0. The Spurs team in the fourth round was: C. Ambler; J. C. Jull, L. Burrows; J. W. Welham, J. W. Julian, W. J. Shepherd; E. Payne, J. M. Eccles, P. Hunter, D. Goodall, A. W. Cubberley. The last-named was selected to play for Middlesex at the early age of 18 years. But for an accident he might have made a name equal to that of his brother Stanley Cubberley who played seven years for Leeds City. Both were products of the Asplin Rovers. The Spurs also went a long way in the Amateur Cup. In the first (qualifying) round they beat the Old Harrovians 7—0; second round, City Ramblers, 6—1; third round, Romford, 8—0; divisional final, London Welsh, 4—2 (after a draw); first round (competition proper), Beeston, 2—0; second round, Old Carthusians lost by 5—0. After drawing with the Old Westminsters in the London Senior Cup they were beaten by 5—4. The Christmas matches were: Sheffield and District (won 7—1), West Liverpool (won 3—0), Rochdale Rovers (won 5—2). The Spurs team against West Liverpool included Oliver and McKenzie at half-back, and Payne, jnr., forward. J. W. Julian, who played for the Spurs, spent three years with the Arsenal and was captain of the first professional football team in the South of England. The Easter matches were:—Liverpool Casuals, won 6—0; Southampton St. Mary's (away), drew 0—0; Bristol South End (away), won 7—0; Scots Guards, drew 1—1. The team that toured the West of England



was:—C. Ambler; L. Burrows, J. C. Jull; A. Stirling, J. Collins, J. W. Julian; J. Pryor, J. Ward Leaver, P. Hunter, J. McElheney, E. Payne. Scores of supporters journeyed with the team in those days. Many are the stories that have been handed down, especially by that worthy trio Craig, the Surrey poet, Mr. J. Jull, senior, and Mr. J. B. Ross. The record for the year was: Played 35, won 19, lost 7, drawn 9; goals for 105, against 52. The balance due to the Treasurer was over £12, while the club owed £60 to its President for erection of stands. A writer in the "Herald" of those days said: "A number of people were able to obtain a cheap view of the matches through the enterprise of an individual owning some land which overlooks the ground and who improvised a platform, charging people a modest 2d. to see." The Committee decided to obstruct their view by erecting some boarding. For the next season the subscription was raised to £1 ls. for new members, but old ones were charged 10s. 6d. Marriott's field, at Edmonton, was again hired for the Spurs Reserves.

### A MOMENTOUS SEASON.

The season 1895-6 was the most momentous in the Spurs' history. The club had reached an eminence, but were handicapped by lack of funds. Long and expensive journeys had to be made; time had to be lost from the office and workshop. Can it be wondered that many clubs "assisted" their players, In these days of universally accepted professionalism such an action would bring no reproach, but the London F.A. had to set their faces against the practice. So this season witnessed the Spurs crossing the Rubicon and burning their amateur boats.

All the officers were re-elected at the annual meeting, and the Committee was practically the same with the notable inclusion of Mr. M. F. Cadman.

The Spurs won the opening match played at Chatham against the Training Batt. R.E., and then beat the Casuals 3—2. The Spurs' team on that occasion was:—C. Ambler; L. Burrows, J. C. Jull; J. S. Collins, S. Briggs, L. Mackenzie; H. Pryor, J. M. Eccles, P. Hunter, R. W. Clements, and E. Payne.

In the first (qualifying) round of the Association Cup the Spurs beat Luton 2—1; in the second round they lost to the Vampires, but the game was ordered to be re-played at Tottenham owing to the Vampires' ground being "improperly marked," and then the Spurs triumphed; in the third round they beat Ilford, and in the fourth round beat Old St. Stephen's. The first round, competition proper, was played after the Spurs had embraced professionalism. The team journeyed to Stoke and lost by 5—0. The Spurs' team then was:—Ambler; Hay, Montgomery; Collins, Almond, S. Briggs; Pryor, Lanham, Hunter, Clements, and Payne.

Playing for the Spurs' second team this year were C. Monk, A. Clark, T. Jull, W. Shearing, H. Clarke, D. Shearing, J. L. Sykes, Wilkinson, Gilmore, R. Smith, R. Armstrong, A. Brennan, W. Thorp, E. Rees, A. Simon, Rouse, Ramsden, P. Church, S. Brown, J. Logan, and others.

### "PROS" AND CONS.

The following report appeared in the "Herald" on December 20th, 1895:—

#### "THE SPURS AND PROFESSIONALISM.

"Every other matter, locally, so far as football is concerned, pales before the adoption of professionalism by the Spurs. For some weeks past the necessity of adopting this course has become more and more apparent, and for two or three reasons. One reason is in regard to the quality of the team.

"The question was decided on Monday night. The clubroom at the 'Eagle' was crowded with an excited gathering. Mr. J. Oliver, the President, occupied the chair. Mr. Buckle proposed the adoption of a recommendation by the Committee, that the time had now arrived when pro-



fessionalism should be adopted. The Committee, it appeared, had met on Tuesday, and after full consideration of the matter, unanimously resolved to make the recommendation. Mr. Buckle pointed out the difficulty that was now experienced in raising a good team when men were injured, and declared that unless the course suggested by the Committee were agreed upon, their gates would dwindle down to one-half of what they were at present. Mr. Ralph Bullock seconded, and the Chairman and Mr. J. H. Thompson, Senr., and others spoke in favour.

"A considerable number of questions were asked, and once or twice the meeting became very excited. One person wanted to know if a company were to be formed, and the reply was in the negative. Other questions put were as to the club's financial position, and whether the books had been called for. It appears that the club is in debt to the extent of £65, including £60 due upon the grand stand, but it was mentioned that hitherto a large number of matches had been played away. Regarding the other matter, the club's books had been called for, but not until after the notices for the meeting were issued. Another point was as to whether the players were favourable to the change. Mr. Buckle said most of them were supporting the proposal.

"At last the question was put to the vote, and the resolution was heartily carried, only one hand being held up against. Several abstained from voting."

In the first match after this all-important decision two new players appeared in C. McGahey and A. Marjoram.

### RISE TO FAME.

The Christmas matches resulted as follows:—Millwall Athletic, lost, 3—5; Accrington, won, 3—0; Freemantle, drew, 2—2. Reading visited Tottenham and the Spurs won 2—1, Millwall came and drew 1—1. The visit of Notts County drew 1,200 spectators when the County won 5—1. Burslem Port Vale were defeated at Tottenham by 4—0; the Spurs beat Woolwich Arsenal at Plumstead by 3—1; Oswaldtwistle Rovers were beaten 4—0; Middlesbrough were trounced by 5—0; Swindon triumphed by the odd goal in five; and on April 11th, 1896, the Spurs met Aston Villa for the first time. In those days the Spurs' dressing room accommodation was considered to be very good, if not luxurious, but the Villa illustrated their disgust, not only by word of mouth, but by a refusal to utilise it and they repaired to the Northumberland Arms, where their requirements were satisfied. The Villa attracted 6,000 spectators to Northumberland Park, which was a record. The Spurs' team was:—Ambler; Owen, Montgomery; Collins, Almond, Markham; Logan, Hunter, Brown, Clements, and Payne. The result was in the Villa's favour by 3—1. The Old Crocks v. Brimsdown Athletic for the "Brimsdown Charity Cup" concluded the season. The Old Crocks were:—Frank Walford; J. Jull, T. Jull; H. D. Casey, J. Oliver, H. Bull; J. M. Baxter, W. Mason, J. Logan, W. Harston, and R. Buckle. The Old Crocks won.

The record for the season was:—Played 49, won 29, lost 15, drawn 5, goals for 121, against 86. Rivalry existed between the Spurs and the London Caledonians for the championship of North London. The first of a series of dances was held this year at Seyd's Hotel, Finsbury Square. The M.C.'s. were Messrs. Ralph Bullock and H. D. Casey; and the Committee, Messrs. C. J. Jull, F. Dexter, and A. Guy. Mr. W. H. Berry held his annual concert on behalf of the Spurs.

Mr. J. C. Jull, the retiring captain of the team, was made a life member of the club, a distinction held solely by him until his death, which took place at the time this history was being written.

Players were not paid anything like the amounts they receive now. The minutes of a Committee meeting held hereabouts show that the wages of one player were increased from 20s. to 25s. a week. The Committee were strict, however, in seeing that the training regulations were carried out. One player was "given his papers for misconducting himself in such a way that he had become an undesirable companion for the other players."



## THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

The Spurs were elected to the first division of the Southern League in 1896-7. The first match was played at Sheerness against Sheppey United, when the result was a draw of three goals each. The new players included Devlin, Crump, McElhaney, Milliken, and Newbigging. The United League was also entered and the first match was against Millwall at East Ferry-road, when the Spurs lost 5-6.

At the annual meeting Mr. R. Bullock became Hon. Secretary and Mr. J. H. Thompson the Financial Hon. Secretary. Messrs. L. R. Casey and S. Leaman were the Auditors. The two grounds, Northumberland Park and Marriott's field, Edmonton, were retained. The club's colours were changed to chocolate and gold. Mr. Stanley Briggs became Captain. The Committee were as follows:—Messrs. Briggs, R. Buckle, M. F. Cadman, H. D. Casey, F. Dexter, J. Hurry, T. Hacking, C. V. Monk, W. Mason and A. S. Petter. John Campbell was engaged as trainer. One of his earliest recollections with the club, no doubt, would be trying to hide the view of those who had a "grand stand" of their own from which they were able to watch the matches without paying. A length of canvas was stretched on poles in front of the stand one Saturday. Suddenly the "stand" began to move! It was a wagon! However, the canvas moved with it and there were no more "cheap seats."

The Spurs beat Old St. Stephen's in the first (qualifying) round of the English Cup; they beat Maidenhead in the second round by 6-0; but lost in the next round to Luton 3-0. Mr. Bullock resigned his post in February and was succeeded by Mr. H. D. Casey. At Easter the Spurs drew with Notts Forest, while the Old Cocks were beaten by Blackburn Rovers. The Cocks were:—Ambler; Allen, Montgomery; Main, W. Markham, E. Markham; Lanham, Clement (junr.), Newbigging, Clement, and Edwards. The Spurs were beaten in the Wellingborough Charity Cup by the team of that town. The record for the season was:—Played 67, won 30, lost 24, drawn 13, goals for 157, against 108.

The Spurs finished fourth on the Southern League table, but were the "wooden spoonists" of the United League.

## FIRST MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

The first military tournament took place on June 26th by a celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The idea originated with Trooper C. D. Roberts, of the Herts Yeomanry, who eventually became chairman of the club. He acted as hon. sec. and had Mr. Hunnings as his assistant. Over £100 was raised by the first event, and the club's funds were considerably augmented by these functions in later years.

1897-98.

The officers for this season were:—President, Mr. John Oliver; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. Buckle; Financial Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thompson, Jun.; Trainer, John Campbell; and Committee, Messrs. S. Briggs, R. Bullock, M. F. Cadman, H. D. Casey, F. Dexter, C. McGahey, J. Hurry, J. Hawley, W. Mason and A. S. Petter. A handbook of 40 pages was published by the club. This and subsequent handbooks for several years were compiled by Mr. Ralph Bullock and Mr. H. Goddard. The new players included Cullen, Knowles, Hall, Madden, Tannahill, Davidson, Joyce, Hartley, Black, Stormont (all hailing from Scotland originally), and Evans, Meade, and Jones (J.L.), Welsh international. The season opened with a friendly fixture with Glossop North End, which the Spurs won 3-2. The team was:—Cullen; Knowles, Montgomery; Hall, Jones, Stormont; Tannahill, Meade, Hartley, Joyce, and Black. In the qualifying round of the Association Cup the Spurs beat 2nd Coldstream Guards 7-0, but lost, again, to Luton 4-2. In the first four matches "the young Spurs" scored no fewer than 48 goals to none. Sheffield United made their first appearance in February, when the result was a draw of one goal each.



## SPURS' GROUND CLOSED.

Owing to three Luton players (McCartney, now of Portsmouth, was one of them) being struck by spectators (one of whom is still an enthusiastic supporter of the Spurs) after a match at Northumberland Park, the ground was closed for a fortnight from February 21st, 1898. Three Luton players and one Spur were censured. Said the "Herald" of that time: "If the limited company is floated all right, the greatest team in Britain is promised for Tottenham."

The idea of turning the club into a Company was first raised at a Committee meeting on 28th January, 1898, when Mr. G. C. Devonshire presided. For the previous close season over £140 was obtained as guarantees for paying the players' wages. The Committee now decided to place the position of the club before a general meeting of members.

Hitherto the printing and selling of the club's programmes had been the privilege of private persons. The club decided to register the copyright of the programme themselves. Accordingly Mr. Buckle was deputed to visit the Stationers Hall. Mr. F. W. Jones recalls with amusement that being interested in the printing of the programmes he went to Stationers Hall to register his copyright on the same day. Imagine his dismay, however, upon arriving at the Hall to see Mr. Buckle leaving having secured the registration by a few minutes. According to the club's minutes "undertakings were obtained from Messrs. Jones Bros. and S. Saltmarsh not to publish the programmes in future."

## LIMITED COMPANY FORMED.

A meeting to convert the club into a limited liability company was held at the "Red Lion" on March 2nd, 1898, Mr. J. Oliver presiding. The motion to this effect was moved by Mr. R. Buckle and seconded by Mr. Bullock and carried unanimously. Soon afterwards Mr. F. E. Brettell was appointed Secretary-Manager. What is believed to be the only complete set of the club's annual statements of accounts and reports from 1895 is treasured by Mr. M. F. Cadman. At the end of 1895-6 the balance due to the President was £60, but £20 remained in the Treasurer's hands. The latter balance in the next year was £8 10s. 6d. The prospectus of the newly formed "Tottenham Hotspur Football and Athletic Company, Ltd.," stated the capital to be £8,000, divided into shares of £1 each.

## THE FIRST DIRECTORS.

The Directors were Messrs. J. Oliver, C. D. Roberts, J. H. Thompson, Junr., R. Buckle, and R. Bullock. The registered offices were 808, High-road. The prospectus showed that the Company agreed to pay to the defunct club a sum not exceeding £1,150 for all fixtures, contracts with players, effects, and other properties then forming the assets of the club. It was anticipated that during April the profit of the Company would be about £450, which would reduce the purchase price to £700. Upwards of £800 had been spent by the club in equipping the ground. The prospectus added: "The only contract relating to the formation of the Company is a contract made between John Nixon and Geo. Chas. Devonshire who have been delegated to act on behalf of the vendors of the one part and Francis Edward Brettell as trustee on behalf of the Company of the other part."

It was pointed out that during the past three seasons the gate receipts had about doubled for each respective season.

## STAND COLLAPSES.

A record crowd of 14,000 attended the Good Friday match at Northumberland Park between Woolwich Arsenal and the Spurs. Says the "Herald" report: "About 80 men and youths scaled the zinc roof of the refreshment bar taking no heed of the warning by the police and officials. Suddenly a crashing sound was heard which announced the fact that the improvised stand had broken under the weight of the people upon it." Five persons



had to be medically treated. Sunderland beat the Spurs 2—0, and the season concluded with the visit of Bolton Wanderers who drew with the Spurs. The record for the season was:—Played 65, won 38, lost 15, drawn 12, goals for 177, against 95. Mr. R. Buckle, having relinquished his duties as Hon. Secretary, was made the recipient of a handsome testimonial. The Spurs finished third on the Southern League table and second on the United League.

#### 1898-99.

The Spurs entered the Southern League, the United League, and the Thames and Medway Competition. W. Briley became the trainer. The new players included J. Cain, J. McNaught, H. Erentz, J. Cameron, J. Melia, Bradshaw, Atherton, Tom Smith, and McKay. After beating Wolverton 4—0 in a qualifying round of the Cup, the Spurs drew with Clapton, but won on the re-play 2—1. In the third round they overcame Luton 2—0 at the third time of asking. In the first round (competition proper) the Spurs beat Newton Heath on a re-play by 5—3. Sunderland came to Tottenham in the second round and before 12,371 spectators were beaten 2—1. Hopes were raised, but upon visiting Stoke in the third round the Spurs suffered defeat by 4—1. Meetings were held to infuse enthusiasm in the club. At one of these it was stated that only 296 applications for shares had been made, and two-thirds of these by people living outside the district. The total holding was 1,558 shares. The accommodation of the ground was estimated at 30,000. John Over, who had been 20 years as groundsman with the Edmonton Cricket Club, was appointed to a similar capacity at Northumberland Park. Mr. John Cameron succeeded Mr. Brettell. The record for the season was:—Played 77, won 42, lost 24, drawn 11; goals for 170, against 110. The team finished seventh in the Southern League. One of the visiting teams in the Thames and Medway Competition was the Thames Ironworks (now West Ham United) who were defeated by 3—0. Willie Joyce was the first player to take his benefit at Northumberland Park. The Spurs Res. won the London League Competition, this being the first trophy the club had ever won. The balance sheet showed an adverse balance of £501.

#### 1899-1900.

Mr. J. Oliver retired from the Board of Directors before this season commenced and was succeeded by Mr. C. D. Roberts, the present Chairman. Mr. J. H. Thompson, junr., also left the Board. The new Directors were Messrs. T. A. Deacock and J. Hawley. Mr. J. Cameron was the secretary, and the trainer was W. Johnson. The galaxy of playing talent obtained by Mr. Cameron brought fresh glory to the Spurs. The new-comers included G. Clawley, D. Copeland, E. Hughes, L. Hyde, J. Kirwan, T. Morris, T. Pratt, J. Raby and A. Tait. About this time the club colours were changed to white shirts and blue knickers. This was a compliment to Preston N.E., who were then one of the best teams in the country.

#### A NEW GROUND.

A short time before the season was opened the Spurs secured their present ground in the High-road. The Directors had stated publicly they intended seeking fresh fields and pastures new as soon as opportunity permitted, but the acquisition of the new ground was entirely the result of an accident. The story connected with it cannot be told better than in the words of Mr. Roberts, who related it as follows:—"One day, an apprentice cooper told me that a new football club was going to start on the vacant space at the rear of the 'White Hart.' Being puzzled as to what enterprising club it was I went and saw mine host, who informed me it was solely his idea. He would like to have a football club playing there. It would be good for his house. Of this he was confident, for he had just left a house at Millwall near to which a football club played on Saturdays and it was a fine thing for him.



I asked if he had heard of the Spurs. He replied that he had not, but expressed himself willing for anyone to have the ground subject to the approval of the brewers. He was agreeable to leave the matter in my hands. Within 24 hours Messrs. Charrington and Co. had been interviewed and a lease was soon made out. We now had two grounds and little money to play with. What to do with the Northumberland Park ground and the five years' lease was a poser! However, we lay low and were rewarded shortly with a handsome sum for the surrender of the old ground." Suggestions were invited for a name for the new ground. Several were received, one of which, made by that old stalwart, Mr. J. B. Ross, was "Gilpin Park." The ground was not christened, however, and for convenience sake it became known as "White Hart Lane." The club held their first meeting at Edmonton Town Hall to arouse interest. When the new ground was opened it was declared to have accommodation for 35,000. The first match there was played on 4th September, 1899, when Notts County opposed the Spurs in a friendly fixture. Appropriately enough the ceremonial kicking off was performed by Mr. Roberts. The Spurs team was:—Clawley; Erentz, Tait; Jones, McNaught (capt.), Morris; Smith, Pratt, Copeland, Cameron, Kirwan. The Spurs won 4—1. The spectators numbered 5,000 and the takings amounted to £115.

To continue Mr. Roberts' narrative:—

"As time went on we found our new venue did not rid us of the continual nightmare of how to provide proper accommodation for the increasing gate. Tons of concrete had to be blown up in making the ground. John Over had the time of his life superintending this work. Little did we think it would make it the best pitch in England. Adjoining land at both ends had to be acquired from other owners. For economy, wooden stands were erected. The upkeep, however, was alarming. On the eve of one important cup-tie we were served with notice of certain defects in the treads; hundreds were marked, but friend John was not beaten. Gangs were employed and after long hours all were replaced before the match with just time to notify the authorities that same was completed."

The appearance of the Corinthians attracted a large crowd. The Spurs won 5—0. About this time the Spurs Players Social Club, in White Hart Lane, was opened. Directors Roberts and Deacock were the prime movers in this. The Spurs were exempted from the qualifying rounds of the Cup, but in the first round competition proper were beaten at Preston by 1—0.

### FLOWER OF THE SOUTH.

For the first time in its history the Spurs first team won a trophy. It was the coveted championship of the Southern League. The club's record was played 28, won 20, lost 4, drawn 4, goals for 67, against 26, points 44. The second club was Portsmouth, with 41 points. The record for the season was: Played 68, won 48, lost 10, drawn 8, goals for 210, against 76. The club also took second place in the Southern District Combination, and the Reserves secured runners-up medals in the London League. One of the foremost local clubs that the Reserves met was the Novocastrians.

The second annual balance sheet, audited by Messrs. W. Mason and E. H. Smith, showed that the gate receipts amounted to £5,592, profit on tournament £197, season tickets £191. There was a favourable balance on the revenue account of £71 18s. 8d. The total loss for the first two seasons of the Company was £561 18s. 4d. A dinner and a series of al fresco concerts were held to stimulate interest and cement good feeling. Mr. "Bob" Buckle retired at the end of the season and was succeeded by Mr. M. F. Cadman.

### CHAMPIONS OF ENGLAND.

The season 1900-1 will ever remain the most memorable in the Spurs history. It witnessed the winning of the Football Association Cup. Their career was as follows:—1st Round: Preston 4—2 (away), after a drawn game; 2nd Round: Bury 2—1 (home); 3rd Round: Reading 3—0 (home), after a drawn game; Semi Final: West Bromwich Albion 4—0 (on Aston Villa ground). In the final they met Sheffield United at the Crystal Palace,



on April 20th. After the Spurs had gained a lead of 2—1 (both scored by Brown), the United equalised by a goal which has been the subject of controversy ever since, the argument being raised that the ball did not pass the goal-line. A record crowd of 114,815 spectators saw the match. The replay took place at Bolton, when the Spurs won by 3—1, after being a goal down at half-time. The Spurs' goals were scored by Cameron, Smith and Brown. The Spurs team on each occasion was: Clawley; Erentz, Tait; Morris, Hughes, J. Jones (capt.); Smith, Cameron, Brown, Copeland, Kirwan. Great was the enthusiasm in Tottenham that night when the team were welcomed home by a crowd of 40,000 people who dragged them in two broughams from the South Tottenham Station. The celebrations were continued on the Monday evening, when thousands visited the Spurs ground and were treated, amongst other entertainments, to a cinematograph show including pictures of the cup-tie. A Tottenham bricklayer was the first local man to fill the cup. He begged Mr. Roberts, at Bolton, to allow him to hold the coveted trophy. Before Mr. Roberts could realise what had happened, the "brickey" had filled it at his own expense. On the train, journeying homeward, Lord Kinnaird, president of the Football Association, drank from the cup, although a total abstainer. These incidents show that duke's son and cook's son have been numbered amongst the Spurs well-wishers.

The Spurs finished fifth on the table of the Southern League, their record being: Played 28, won 16, lost 8, drawn 4, goals for 55, against 33. They finished third in the Western League, when their record was: Played 16, won 8, lost 3, drawn 5, goals for 37, against 19. The playing success was accompanied by increased support, and at the annual meeting the Directors were able to declare the maximum dividend of five per cent. The credit balance on the revenue account was £2,554.

#### 1901-2.

Considerable ground improvements were carried out before the next season started. The new players included J. Barlow, P. Gilhooly, F. J. Griffiths, G. Montgomery, T. Soulsby, J. W. Stephenson.

In the English Cup the Spurs lost to Southampton (at Reading) by 2—1, after two drawn games. They finished second in the Southern League, being five points behind the champions. The Spurs League record was: Played 30, won 18, lost 6, drawn 6, goals for 61, against 22. The team occupied similar places on the Western League table and on the Premier Division table of the London League. The Reserves also performed creditably in the newly-formed South-Eastern League and, as champions, were presented with gold medals. The senior team beat the Corinthians for the Dewar Shield. The total record for the first team was: Played 73, won 41, lost 16, drawn 16, with 150 goals for and 80 against. Mr. Vivian J. Woodward, the brilliant international, became associated with the club hereabouts. A favourable balance on the season's workings amounted to £976.

#### 1902-3.

Further ground and stand alterations were carried out and the whole began to take on an appearance resembling the present enclosure. Mr. Bullock retired from the directorate and was succeeded by Mr. George Cox. Among the new players were C. Brown, J. Chalmers, R. Houston, J. Jones (known as "Bristol Jones"), D. Quinn, A. Warner, J. Watson, C. Williams. S. Mountford, of Bristol City, was appointed trainer. In the 1st round of the English Cup the Spurs beat West Bromwich Albion 2—0 (away), on a replay; in the 2nd round they beat Bristol City 1—0 (home), but lost in the 3rd round to Aston Villa 2—0 (home). They finished fourth on the Southern League table and occupied a similar position on the Western League. They became the champions of the London League, the South-Eastern League, and of the Premier Division, London League. The profit for the season amounted to £2,434. Brown, who played in the cup team, won Scotch international honours.



#### 1903—4.

The new players this season included J. Brearley, F. Mearns, J. McConnachie, and J. Walton.

In the English Cup the Spurs beat Everton 2—1 (away), Aston Villa 1—0 on the re-play, at Birmingham, through the crowd invading the playing pitch at Tottenham; in the third round they lost to the Wednesday 2—0 (away) after a draw. The fiasco at Tottenham was due to the gates being pad-locked open. This fact did not become known to the directors until it was too late. The Spurs were fined £500. After a bad commencement the club finished second on the Southern League table; they carried off the championship of the Western League; finished second in the Premier Division of the London League; second in the London League, and third in the South-Eastern League. Considerable ground improvements were made during the close season. The playing pitch was re-drained and re-turfed. The revenue during the season was the largest then on record. The profit on this account was £1,678. The gate receipts rose to the unprecedented figure of £10,800.

#### 1904—5.

An important transaction was completed before this season opened. The Spurs acquired the freehold of the new ground. The hand-book of this season referred to the benefit the club was likely to derive from the new electric tramway system that had been started. The capacity of the ground was increased by additional accommodation for 10,000 spectators. The new players included W. Bull (international), J. Eggett, J. Freeborough, P. Gallacher, J. George, A. Glen, W. McCurdy, C. Morgan, W. Murray, C. O'Hagan, H. Stansfield, and A. Swan. After beating Middlesbrough 1—0 (home) on a re-play, the Spurs lost to Newcastle 4—0 (away), also on a re-play, in the English Cup. They dropped to fifth place on the Southern League table, but their reserves again won the South-Eastern League. The team was second in the London League, but fell to eighth place in the Western League. The club was awarded, for the second time, the "Football Evening Star" merit cup, and became joint holders, with Reading, of the Southern Charity Cup. The shareholders thanks were expressed to Mr. Geo. Robey who brought a team to Tottenham free of expense. The profit on the season was £753.

#### 1905—6.

The nominal capital of the Company was £8,000, but up to this year the subscribed capital was only £2,565. The new players were C. Carrick, J. Chaplin, W. Hickling, P. Kyle, G. Leach, F. McMullan, J. Shackleton, J. Whitbourne, and A. Whyman, while J. Darnell began a connection with the club which has not yet ceased. In the Association Cup the Spurs beat Burnley 2—0 (home); beat Reading 3—2 (home); and lost to Birmingham 2—0 (away) after extra time and two drawn games. The Spurs finished sixth on the Southern League table, were runners-up of the London League and South-Eastern League, and came fourth on the table of the Western League. There was a falling away from the playing point of view at the end of the season owing to accidents and suspensions. The capacity of the ground was increased to 40,000 during the summer. Nearly 2,000 more shares were taken up and the general progressive policy pursued by the Directors began to be appreciated. The profit on the season was £2,166. Baseball was a summer pastime taken up for a few seasons at the ground.

#### 1906—7.

Owing to the increasing volume of work, the offices of Secretary and Manager were split. Mr. Cameron remained as Manager and Mr. A. W. Turner became Secretary. The latter was the promoter of the Rotherham Town F.C., and his knowledge of accountancy and Company Law proved to be of great service to the club. Among the new players were G. Badenock, C. Bird (from Page Green Old Boys), W. Dow, W. Eames, C. Hewitt, W. Jones, F. McDiarmid, A. E. Pickett, J. Reid, "Danny" Steel, R. H. Walker, and J. W. Wilkinson.



In the first round of the Association Cup the Spurs beat Hull City 1—0 (home) after two drawn games; 2nd round, beat Blackburn Rovers 2—1 (at Birmingham) after two drawn games; 3rd round, lost to Notts County 4—0 (away). The Spurs ended the season sixth on the Southern League table; were runners-up of the London League and the South-Eastern League; and were fourth on Section "B" table of the Western League. The Southern Charity Cup was brought to Tottenham. The profit for the year was £1,902.

#### 1907—8.

The Directors this year recorded with regret the death of one of their number, Mr. J. Hawley. Another Director, Mr. G. Cox, resigned owing to pressure of business. Their places were taken by Mr. V. J. Woodward and Mr. H. D. Carter. Mr. J. H. Colcock succeeded Mr. Mason as Auditor. A new Manager was secured in Mr. Fred Kirkham, of Preston, who was well known as a referee. The new players included A. Dixon, J. Gray, G. Manning, F. J. Massey, W. McNair, J. E. Pass, G. C. Payne, and M. P. Seeburg (of Tottenham and Cheshunt).

In the first round of the English Cup the Spurs lost to Everton 1—0 (away). The team finished seventh on the Southern League table and were runners-up of the South-Eastern League and Section "B" of the Western League. The profit on the season's working dropped to £448. Mr. Woodward was the captain of the English international team during this season.

#### ENTERING THE LEAGUE.

For some time the Directors had felt dissatisfied with the treatment they received from the Committee of the Southern League, but, like many other chapters in the Spurs' history, the entry into the Second League was dramatically accidental. Mr. C. D. Roberts describes it as follows:—"One evening Mr. Cadman, having attended a Southern League meeting, was asked what was the fate of an important resolution he had brought forward. Our colleague replied it did not find a seconder. 'Well,' said Mr. Roberts, to the astonished Board, 'I propose we leave them and apply to the English League. This is the last straw.' The effect was electrical. The directors almost shouted, 'We have been waiting for this; why have you not said so before, Mr. Chairman?' I really believe the whole thing was settled in five minutes. No matter what threats of fines the Southern League imposed we had not the faintest idea of ever going back."

Tremendous obstacles had to be surmounted, however. The club was not successful upon their first application to the League, and there came a period when it seemed they would be neither in the Southern League or English League. Then Mr. Roberts received a communication from Stoke which resulted in the latter withdrawing from the Second Division and the Spurs taking their place. Considerable ground improvements were made in anticipation of increased gates. Mr. Kirkham left the club before the season commenced. Mr. J. Nie was appointed trainer and new players included F. Bentley, F. Boreham, J. Brough, W. Bullock, J. H. Caldwell, E. Coquet, T. Gipps, R. Hewitson, T. Leslie, D. Macfarlane, W. J. Minter (now trainer), J. Morton, "Bobby" Steel, R. Watt, C. L. Woodruff, and N. A. Wood.

In the first round of the Cup the Spurs beat Manchester City 4—3 (away); 2nd round, beat Fulham 1—0 (home); 3rd round, lost to Burnley 3—1 (away) after a drawn game. By a decimal fraction the Spurs won their right (in company with Bolton) to enter the Premier Division. The reserves dropped to eleventh place in the South-Eastern League. The playing success increased the income, and the profit this year rose to £4,073. The gates realised over £14,000.

#### THE ARGENTINE TOUR.

During the following summer the Spurs visited the Argentine. The following are the results of the matches played there:—Everton, 2—2, 0—4; Argentinas, 1—0; Argentine League, 4—1; Monte Video, 7—0; Rosario, 8—0; Alumini, 5—0.



Thrilling as well as amusing are the stories told of that trip. One night Mr. Roberts and a party went to a tin shanty which they found to be a kind of music hall. The company had been seated barely five minutes when they heard the reports of several pistols outside. Immediately there was a stampede. But order was soon restored and the entertainment was resumed. The nerves of the Englishmen were too much upset, however, for them to enjoy the programme and they left. Next morning they learned that in the affair outside three policemen and two civilians had been shot dead.

Another story is told of when a party of the tourists were returning to the ship which was hooting for the last time before departing. The native boatmen demanded an extortionate amount for rowing the party to the ship. Feeling helpless, the Englishmen gave way to these demands. As the boat approached the ship several of the latter's crew peered curiously at the belated travellers. To them Mr. Roberts gave a certain signal with the result that the native boatmen were covered by "automatics" from the ship. While the remainder of the party clambered up the ship's ladder, Mr. Roberts paid over the recognised fare at the risk of just dogging a well-aimed blow from a native knife.

During the progress of a match the English players were not a little alarmed to suddenly behold a troop of cavalry with drawn swords charging the spectators and slashing out with the flats of their swords. Play ceased for a time, but then the mounted men withdrew. Mr. Roberts, later on, learned that the crowd had burst the gates and were being driven out of the ground to pay their "nimble dollars." Mr. Roberts speaks enthusiastically of the treatment given by the football officials in the Argentine to the tourists. The party were made honorary members of one of the finest clubs in the world—the Buenos Aires Jockey Club. On the homeward trip the team found that their fellow passengers were extremely wealthy, and when a fancy dress ball, with a prize for the best costume, was suggested, the footballers felt a little bit "out of it." Gorgeous and elaborate were the dresses that paraded before the judge in the state room, but nothing to compare with "Crusoe and Man Friday" which the Spurs turned out as a result of Mr. Roberts' ingenuity during three days self-confinement in his cabin. The first prize was brought to Tottenham. The parrot used in the competition was brought home also, but died on the day the Spurs hoped to get re-elected to the First Division in 1919. No doubt it died from the effects of the injustice it felt had been done.

#### THE FIRST DIVISION.

The retirement of Mr. Woodward in the 1909-10 season was the occasion for general regret. He was succeeded as a director by Mr. F. J. Bearman. The present grand stand was erected this year. The new players were:—D. Brown, D. H. Clark, J. Curtis, W. Harris, B. Ives, J. J. Laydon, P. McConnor, H. Middlemiss, W. D. Tull, C. H. Turrall, F. Wilkes, E. Bulling, P. Humphreys and F. Drabble. The team made an inauspicious entry into the First Division. They finished sixth from the bottom. In the last League match of the season they beat Chelsea, thus sending the West Londoners back into the Second Division. The first round of the English Cup witnessed the Spurs' success with Plymouth Argyle 7-1 (home) after a drawn game at Plymouth; in the second round they beat Chelsea 1-0 (away), but lost to Swindon 3-2 (away) in the third round. The Reserves finished ninth in the South-Eastern League. The profit on the season's working was £5,945. The gate receipts amounted to over £20,000.

#### 1910—11.

The new players this season were:—E. L. Birnie, I. Brown, B. Elkin, J. W. Joyce, J. Kennedy, T. H. Lunn, R. McTavish, E. Newman, A. Steel, A. Wilson, and A. A. Gosnell. Mr. A. H. Coleman became assistant secretary. In the first round of the Cup Millwall, were beaten 2-1 (home), but in the next round the Spurs lost to Blackburn Rovers 2-0 (home) after a draw. While the first team finished sixth from the bottom in the First Division table, the Reserves won the South-Eastern League. The gate receipts dropped to just over £17,000, and the profit was £3,493.



# WINNERS OF THE CUP, 1901



FIRST ROW : Taylor (Assist. Trainer), Erentz, Clawley, Tait, Johnson (Trainer). SECOND ROW : Cameron, Morris, Hughes, Jones, Kiewit.  
THIRD ROW : Smith (T.), Brown (A.), Copeland.



Further ground improvements had been carried out, such as ferro-concrete terracing, distributing passages, etc., which were designed, says Mr. Roberts, "to save us from our everlasting *bête noire* of insufficient accommodation and the continual expenditure on woodwork. When we look back it seems astonishing that all this has been done out of revenue from the first, for we had no wealthy men behind us, as most of the large clubs luckily had at some time or other. But then, I do not suppose any other club has had such men to work as my colleagues who for years have spent endless time summer and winter."

#### A GERMAN TOUR.

The Spurs toured Germany in the Spring of 1911. The results of the matches are as follows:—North German Combination (Hamburg) 4—1; Preussin (Berlin) 7—0; Hertha F.C. (Berlin) 4—1; Wacker F.C. (Leipzig) 8—1; Eintracht F.C. (Brunswick) 4—1; and Kickers-Victoria F.C. (Frankfort) 6—0.

#### 1911—12.

Among the new players this year were:—E. G. Bowering, T. Collins, E. Crompton, T. Forman, E. J. Lightfoot, J. McTavish, C. S. Rance, F. Webster, and A. Young. The Spurs were ousted from the Cup in the first round, played at the Hawthorns, by West Bromwich Albion 3—0. The team finished ninth from the bottom in the League, and the Reserves secured third place in the South-Eastern League. The gate receipts amounted to £16,500, and the profits were £3,593.

#### CONTINENTAL TOUR.

The team toured Belgium, Germany, and Austria Hungary in May, when the following were the results of matches played:—Hull City 0—2 (Brussels); Bewegungs 5—2 (Leipzig); Athletic Sports Club 5—3 (Vienna); Arsenal 0—4 (Vienna); Ferene-Varosi Torna Club 4—1 (Budapest); selections from Olympia players 2—2 (Budapest); other likely Olympia players 4—3 (Budapest); selected Olympia players 0—3 (Vienna). Mr. H. C. Smith became auditor in succession to Mr. E. Henley Smith, deceased.

#### 1912—13.

Among the new players this season were:—B. Bliss, R. C. Brittain, J. Elliott, G. Gliddon, A. Grimsdell, J. Holland, J. Jarvie, G. Jones, T. L. Mason, W. S. Tattersall, S. Upton, J. Williams, and C. Young. In the Association Cup the Spurs beat Blackpool 6—1 (home) after a drawn game, but lost in the next round to Reading 1—0 (away). Success did not attend them in League warfare and they dropped to fourth from the bottom. The Reserves finished third on the South-Eastern League table. The gates of their matches produced £17,600, and the profit was £332, plus £998 interest. During the season Mr. Peter McWilliam, of Newcastle United and a Scottish international, was appointed manager, and in the directorate Dr. J. F. Mackenzie succeeded Mr. H. D. Carter.

#### 1913—14.

In May of this year the Spurs spent a pleasant time in Paris. Two matches were played against Red Star Amical, which the Spurs won by 2—1 and 9—0. Chayriques, who appeared in goal for the French team, made such an impression upon the visitors that six years later they obtained his "autograph." By that time he had obtained French amateur international honours, but he never played for his English admirers.

Mr. Cadman became Vice-Chairman in succession to Mr. Deacock. Hereabouts the club reached a rather troublesome stage in their career. A poll of shareholders was taken, but business methods combined with the sporting instinct always associated with the club triumphed. The new players included J. R. Bauchop, G. Bowler, J. Cantrell, W. Cartwright, J. Fleming, A. Heggarty, A. Hobday, A. King, J. Pearson, J. Rutherford, J. A. Tate,



W. Walden, and F. Weir. In the first round of the Cup the Spurs drew at Leicester 5—5, but won at Tottenham by 2—0. They lost in the second round to Manchester City 2—1 (away). The team occupied a similar position in the League table as last season. The Reserves came third in the South-Eastern League. Home "gates" produced £21,000, and the profit was £5,087 plus £928 interest. Charity matches between the Spurs and Music Hall Artistes were begun at Tottenham.

### ON THE EVE OF WAR.

The Spurs visited the Continent again in 1914. The following matches were played: — Hanover "96" won, 6—3; Nuremberg, 1—1; Bazern (Munich), 6—0; Furth, 1—1; Zurich, 6—0; St. Gallen, 3—0; Fosdzhern, 4—0; Stuttgart, 1—0. The regrettable treatment shown to the Spurs at certain German towns is still remembered by the club's supporters. Once when the Spurs were playing in the neighbourhood of the Black Forest the referee remarked to "Bobby" Steel, the Spurs captain, who appealed for a foul, "You are not at home now, and we mean to win if we can." Mr. Roberts and Dr. Mackenzie, who accompanied the team, agree that many German people had no idea of what "playing the game" meant. Once the team were stoned, and Joyce had his head cut open with an umbrella. The German club officials refused to help in restraining the crowd, who felt that their favourites must win by fair means or foul—and generally the latter. Quite a contrast was the reception given the team in Austria-Hungary.

### 1914-1915—RELEGATION.

Among the players that came in the 1914-15 season were:—J. Banks, J. H. Bowerbanks, J. Eadon, W. Jaques, H. Lowe, A. McDonald, A. Macgregor, W. Oliver, T. Clay, H. Sparrow, and G. Woodger. In the English Cup the Spurs defeated Sunderland 2—1 (home) but lost to Norwich 3—2 (away). What was worse, however, was that the Spurs finished last but one on the League table. Their record was:—Played 38, won 8, lost 18, drawn 12, goals for 59, against 90. A record goal-scoring feat was accomplished when Middlesbrough won at Tottenham by 7—5.

War broke out in the August prior to the season and, no doubt, the loss of good players who went to uphold England's glory on the field of battle, and the general upsetting of everything contributed towards this disaster. The gate receipts tumbled to the lowly figure of £8,154, and the loss on the season's working was £3,968. Soon after the commencement of the 1915-16 season the stands were taken over by the Ministry of Munitions for the purpose of manufacturing gas masks, etc. The Directors were fortunate to secure the use of the Arsenal's ground at Highbury and the Clapton Orient ground at Homerton for their "home" matches.

### THE DARK DAYS OF WAR.

'Neath the shadow of war, football on the accustomed scale was impracticable. But the clubs were exhorted to "carry on." The national competitions were suspended and for a time minor Leagues were conducted. In 1915-16 the London Combination was formed. The Spurs finished sixth in this tourney with the following record: Played 22, won 8, lost 6, drawn 8, goals for 38, against 35. In the Supplementary Competition they ended second, when their record was: Played 14, won 8, lost 3, drawn 3, goals for 32, against 22. The directors deplored the deaths of three players in the war, viz., Sergts. Hobday and Wood and Pte. Wilson. The gate receipts amounted to £2,400, but a profit of £387 was earned. The annual meeting was held at the Edmonton Town Hall instead of at Sperling-road School, Tottenham.

In the London Combination of 1916-17, the Spurs finished fourth. Their record was: Played 40, won 24, lost 11, drawn 5, goals for 112, against 64. The gate receipts amounted to £3,200, and by judicious management a profit of £2,011 was made.



1919-20-21 PLAYERS. (Showing Second Division Shield and Norwich Charity Cup.)



Photo: W. J. Crawford, Edmonton Studios.

Top Row: Macdonald (R.), Forster, Goodman, Hunter, Jacques, French, Rance, Brown (L.).  
 Second Row: Ross, Archibald, Smith (R.), Macdonald (D. R.), Grimsdell, Walters, Pearson, Lowe, Skinner.  
 Third Row: W. J. Minier (Trainer), O'Donnell, Castle, Clay, Wilson, Sage, Findlay, Leinster, P. McWilliam (Manager).  
 Fourth Row: J. Darnell (Asst. Trainer), Seed, Banks, Ellis, Dinmore, Chipperfield.  
 Back: Walden, Cantrell, Lindsay.



Finishing fourth in the Combination in 1917-18, the Spurs had a record of played 36, won 22, lost 2, drawn 12, goals for 86, against 56. They were at the bottom of the Subsidiary Competition with a record of having played 4, won 0, lost 1, drawn 3, goals for 3, against 8. Mr. George Cox returned to the directorate owing to the retirement of Dr. Mackenzie. The directors recorded with deep regret that the supreme sacrifice in the war had been made by Sergts. Finlay Weir and E. J. Lightfoot. The gate receipts rose to over £5,000 and the profit was £2,400.

The Spurs came third from the bottom in the Combination in the 1918-19 season. Their record was: Played 36, won 13, lost 15, drawn 8, goals for 52, against 72. The gate receipts amounted to £10,400 and the profit was £3,700. The F.A. this year permitted interest to be paid. Throughout the war the club assisted handsomely in raising funds for national charities.

### IN THE SECOND DIVISION.

With the conclusion of hostilities came the question of enlarging the two divisions of the League. The decision to increase the membership of the First Division by two clubs naturally led the great football public to think that the Spurs and Chelsea, who were due for relegation, would retain their positions. According to precedent they were entitled to do this. Chelsea were re-elected, they having been the victims of a certain match result which was alleged to have been pre-arranged. The League meeting also elected the Arsenal (although a majority of representatives present was not obtained). Thus the Spurs were compelled to fight their way through the Second Division again. Surprise throughout the whole country and consternation in Spurs circle were created by the League's decision. But the result meant that the Spurs would obtain by the verdict of the ball what they had been denied by the vote. Their career in 1919-20 was practically an unbroken series of brilliant successes. Long before the season ended the championship had been virtually won. In the first round of the Association Cup they beat Bristol Rovers 4-1 (away); in the second round beat West Stanley 4-0 (home); third round beat West Ham United 3-0 (home), but lost in the fourth round to Aston Villa at Tottenham by a goal scored by a Spurs back. The reserves won the London Combination. In addition the first team beat Norwich City in the final tie of the Norwich Charity Cup. Among the players that assisted in adding these further laurels to the club were:—B. Smith, R. Macdonald, C. Walters, J. Seed, C. Wilson, J. H. Dimmock, J. Chipperfield, R. S. Brown, A. Lindsay, W. French, A. Goodman, J. F. Skinner, J. Archibald, H. Lorimer, W. Sage, S. R. Castle, A. Findlay, M. Forster, A. Hunter, D. R. Macdonald, J. O'Donnell, J. Ross, and many others already mentioned. The gate receipts sprang to a record of £61,000 and the profit was £15,639. The Club became owners in full of the stand, grounds and houses adjoining. Mr. E. Morse was the trainer.

### "CAPPED."

Arthur Grimsdell won deserved honours by being selected to play for England in all international matches. The diminutive Walden had won this distinction in 1914. Clay was also "capped" this season, and Smith (B.) was selected as a reserve for an international match. He and Bliss appeared in an international trial match.

### THE FUTURE.

The club is now engaged upon the campaign for the championship of the First Division—an honour which, judging by their high standard of football, cannot be long denied them under the astute generalship of Mr. Peter McWilliam. Early this season (1920-21) the first team were presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales upon visiting Stamford Bridge, when they routed Chelsea. W. J. Minter became trainer and J. Darnell, full of years and honours, entered upon his second season as assistant trainer. In an international trial match played at Tottenham, Grimsdell and Smith played



for England, and Dimmock and Bliss formed the left wing of the South. In the international trial match between England and the North, Grimsdell, Dimmock and Smith (the latter as a reserve) were selected among the English team. Dimmock, a youth of twenty, is an Edmonton boy, and is the best outside-left in the South, if not the whole country. The Spurs have reached a height on the First Division table which they had never reached before. Largely contributing to this happy circumstance is the fact that all engaged in the White Hart-lane camp resemble a really happy family.

### SPURS' LEAGUE RECORD.

#### SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Season	Position on Table.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For	Goals Agst.
1896-7	... 4	20	9	7	4	43	29
1897-8	... 3	22	12	4	6	52	31
1898-9	... 7	24	10	4	10	40	36
1899-1900	1	28	20	4	4	67	26
1900-1	... 5	28	16	8	4	55	33
1901-2	... 2	30	18	6	6	61	22
1902-3	... 4	30	14	9	7	47	31
1903-4	... 2	34	16	11	7	54	37
1904-5	... 5	34	15	11	8	53	34
1905-6	... 6	34	16	11	7	46	29
1906-7	... 6	38	17	12	9	63	45
1907-8	... 7	38	17	14	7	59	48

#### THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE—SECOND DIVISION.

1908-9	... 2	38	20	7	11	67	32
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#### FIRST DIVISION.

1909-10	... 15	38	11	17	10	53	69
1910-11	... 10	38	13	19	6	52	63
1911-12	... 12	38	14	15	9	53	53
1912-13	... 17	38	12	20	6	45	72
1913-14	... 17	38	12	16	10	50	62
1914-15	... 19	38	8	18	12	57	90

#### SECOND DIVISION.

1919-20	... 1	42	32	4	6	102	32
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#### LANDMARKS.

- 1882—Birth of Club.
- 1883—Re-organised.
- 1885—First credit balance, 9s.
- 1888—Moved to private ground at Northumberland Park. (First "gate," versus Orion Gymnasium, 17s.)
- 1893—"Payne's Boots" Incident.
- 1895—Adopted professionalism.
- 1898—Became a company.
- 1899—Moved to present ground.
- 1899-1900—"Flower of the South."
- 1900-1—Won Football Association Cup.
- 1908—Entered the Football League.
- 1909—Entered 1st Division.
- 1914-15—Relegated.
- 1919-20—Champions of the Second Division.
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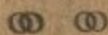
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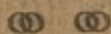
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