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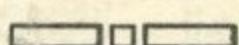
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'pitch' being officially opened during Easter Week, 1897. Now the Lower Aston Ground is Villa Park, the most famous football ground in England.

In the sixty years that have come and gone since the youthful Wesleyans kicked a ball in 1874 the 'Villans' of Villa Park have done great things in football and for football. In 1887 they met their neighbours, West Bromwich Albion, in the Final of the Football Association Cup and won by two clear goals after beating Glasgow Rangers in the Semi-Final. This final tie, played at the Oval, drew a record crowd of well over 20,000! Since 1887 the Cup has found a resting place at Villa Park five times—1895, 1897, 1905, 1913 and 1920.

TONIGHT we stage our initial home come back to Division II of the Football League after an interval of thirty-seven years, and what club could we desire more to assist us in this house warming than that famous club of traditions, Aston Villa. Therefore to the Directors, Officials, Players and Supporters of Aston Villa present this evening we accord you a hearty welcome to our ground, and when you arrive back in Birmingham we trust you will carry away with you nothing but pleasant memories of the hospitality extended to you by Luton Town.

The cradle of the famous Villa club, doubtless the outstanding professional organisation of the world, was a Wesleyan Chapel on the Aston side of Birmingham. Away back in the early seventies some of the young men and boys connected with the chapel kicked a football; then they formed a club—Aston Villa. It was a bold step, because the Birmingham Cricket and Football Club, which played on the Lower Aston Grounds, had most of the support the good people of the great Midland City were prepared to give to Soccer, but although the youthful Wesleyans had very little in the way of friends and very little knowledge of the game they played, they stuck to their guns, and in due course received a certain amount of support.

Then George Ramsay, for so many years the guide, philosopher and friend of football in 'Middle England,' came along. He brought Glasgow football to Birmingham and he made the Villa. A playing pitch at Perry Barr was secured at a yearly rental of five pounds and the first 'gate' amounted to five shillings and threepence. Trouble, however, arose at Perry Barr owing to the landlord's knack of asking for—and obtaining—a higher rent as the financial position of the Club improved. Eventually a move was made to the Lower Aston Grounds, the

The Villa was one of the original members of the Football League and were runners-up to Preston North End in its first season. The championship came to them in the season of 1893-4. Altogether the 'Villans' have 'topped' Division I six times and have been runners-up on seven other occasions. Their greatest 'failure' came the season before last, when for the first time in their history they had to play in League II football, but many will contend that this 'failure' did more good to soccer than perhaps anything previously or since. That the 'Villans' are all out to regain their lost prestige is only too well known and should they ultimately succeed at the end of the present season no one in Luton will not say them nay.

A list of famous players who have worn the famous claret and light blue shirts would doubtless fill a book but a few can be mentioned, Archie and Andy Hunter, A. Brown, H. Vaughton, Dennis Hodgetts, T. Robertson, John Davey, Howard Spencer, J. Cowan, H. Hampton, T. Waring, W. H. Walker, Frank Barson and W. E. Thoughton.

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FIRST LIST

A	Arsenal v. Huddersfield Town
B	Birmingham v. Middlesbrough
C	Brentford v. Preston North E.
D	Derby C. v. Wolverhampton	.....
E	Leeds U. v. Chelsea	.....
F	Liverpool v. Portsmouth	.....
G	Manchester City v. Everton	.....
H	Newcastle U. v. Barnsley	.....
K	Notts Forest v. Stockport C.	.....
L	Southampton v. Chesterfield	.....
M	Aldershot v. Reading	.....
N	Bournemouth v. Clapton O.	.....

NOTE—The Letter in the Programme corresponds with the letter on the Board—thus A 0-1 means that the first-named Club has scored 0 and their opponents 1.

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A	Brighton & H. v. Southend U.
B	Exeter City v. Notts County
C	Gillingham v. Newport County
D	Swindon T. v. Crystal Palace	.....
E	Watford v. Bristol City	.....
F	Bradford City v. Southport	.....
G	Crewe A. v. New Brighton	.....
H	Darlington v. Oldham Athletic	.....
K	Hartlepools U. v. Accrington S.
L	Wrexham v. Lincoln City
M	York City v. Doncaster Rovers
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| 4  | Finlayson<br>Right Half    |
| 5  | Nelson<br>Centre Half      |
| 6  | Fellowes<br>Left Half      |
| 7  | Hancock<br>Outside Right   |
| 8  | Dawes<br>Inside Right      |
| 9  | Payne<br>Centre            |
| 10 | Roberts<br>Inside Left     |
| 11 | Stephenson<br>Outside Left |
| 12 | Maund<br>Outside Left      |
| 13 | Starling<br>Inside Left    |
| 14 | Broome<br>Centre           |
| 15 | Haycock<br>Inside Right    |
| 16 | Phillips<br>Outside Right  |
| 17 | Iverson<br>Left Half       |
| 18 | Allen<br>Centre Half       |
| 19 | Massie<br>Right Half       |
| 20 | Cummings<br>Left Back      |
| 21 | Callaghan<br>Right Back    |
| 22 | Biddlestone<br>Goal        |

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11  
Stephenson  
Outside Left

15  
Haycock  
Inside Right

16  
Phillips  
Outside Right

17  
Iverson  
Left Half

18  
Allen  
Centre Half

19  
Massie  
Right Half

21  
Callaghan  
Right Back

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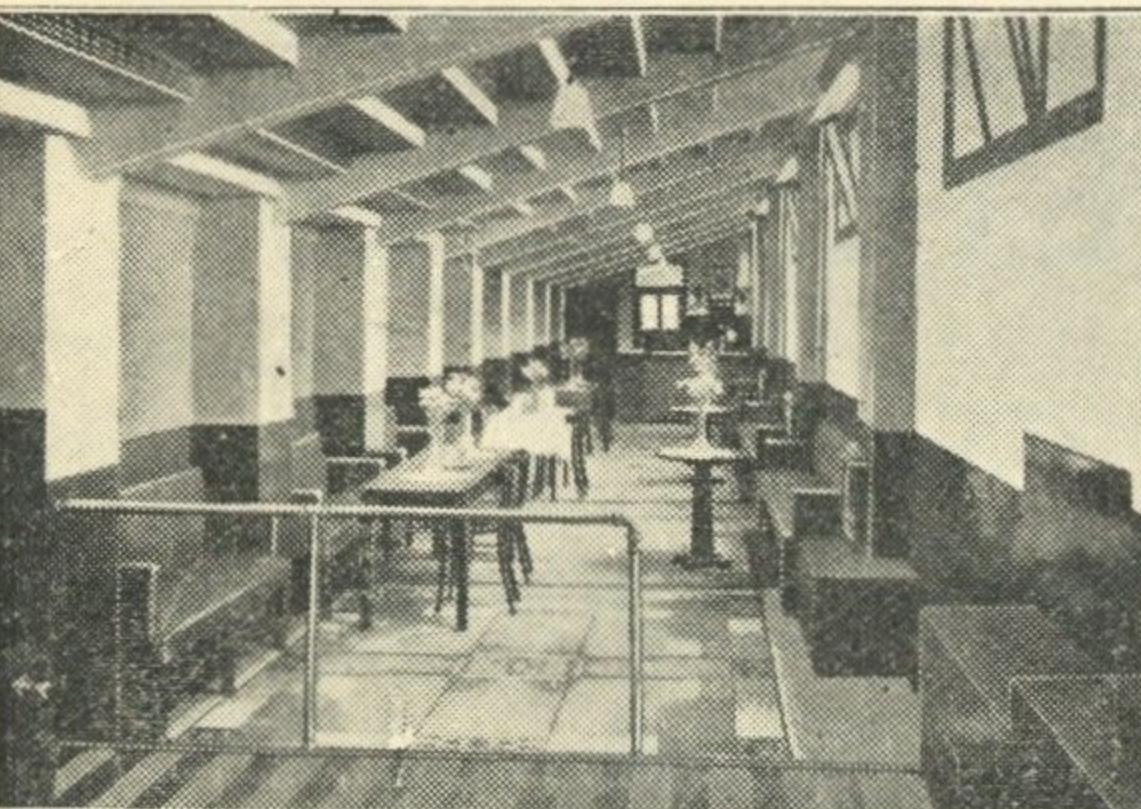
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The Bobbers Committee desire to take this opportunity of wishing the Boys every success in the coming season. At the same time may we remind the supporters, whether Bobbers or not, that some responsibility for the success of the team rests on ourselves and we hope all will do their part. We feel that the good results obtained last season were due in no small part to two factors, the magnificent way in which the supporters rallied round the Club and the splendid team spirit amongst the players.

Now a word in regard to the Bobbers Stand Club and its activities. We want to be of service both to you and the Club and we can only do this if you will help and support us. First of all we want everyone to join our Club. The Membership Fee is only 1/2 per annum. Membership Forms are issued to all the Tea Bars on the Ground and can also be obtained in the Club Room. Membership entitles you to take part in the Winter Tournaments

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that the Games Committee intend to run amongst the Members. The Refreshment Bars round the Ground have all been built by us and these, we are sure, will be well patronised. By so doing you will not only assist us to give you something for your cash, but at the same time will aid the Directors of the Football Club in regard to finance. All the catering on the Ground is now under the management of the Bobbers Stand Club. Last, but not least, it is our intention to organise excursions for away matches at cheap rates. This with the co-operation of the Railway Company. To do this, however, it must be realised that we shall have to have early applications. Last Saturday we took a train load to Stockport, and those that went have asked for another run to be booked up, so do not fail to purchase a Programme to find out in these notes all full particulars. Failing this look in at the Club Room on match days.

Now an appeal to the lady supporters. We were very pleased to see so many ladies travel by the train to Stockport. We have over 400 lady members in our club, but we want more, so now is a chance for you to become a Bobber. Membership saves you a lot of trouble when you wish to go away to watch your favourites play. We send small parties as well as long corridor trains, so just make up your minds and join at once.

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## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

## FIXTURES 1937-8

## FIRST XI Division II

|               |                     | F. A. |
|---------------|---------------------|-------|
| Sat., Aug. 28 | Stockport County    | A 1 2 |
| Wed., Sept. 1 | Aston Villa         | H 3-2 |
| Sat., " 4     | Manchester United   | H     |
| Mon., " 6     | Aston Villa         | A     |
| Sat., " 11    | Sheffield United    | A     |
| Wed., " 15    | Newcastle United    | A     |
| Sat., " 18    | Tottenham Hotspur   | H     |
| Sat., " 25    | Burnley             | A     |
| Sat., Oct. 2  | Bury                | H     |
| Sat., " 9     | Coventry City       | A     |
| Sat., " 16    | Bradford            | A     |
| Sat., " 23    | West Ham United     | H     |
| Sat., " 30    | Southampton         | A     |
| Sat., Nov. 6  | Blackburn Rovers    | H     |
| Sat., " 13    | Sheffield Wednesday | A     |
| Sat., " 20    | Chesterfield        | H     |
| Sat., " 27    | Plymouth Argyle     | A     |
| Sat., Dec. 4  | Fulham              | H     |
| Sat., " 11    | Swansea Town        | A     |
| Sat., " 18    | Norwich City        | H     |
| Sat., " 25    | Barnsley            | A     |
| Mon., " 27    | Barnsley            | A     |
| Sat., Jan. 1  | Stockport County    | H     |
| Sat., " 8     | Manchester United   | A     |
| Sat., " 15    | Sheffield United    | H     |
| Sat., " 22    | Tottenham Hotspur   | A     |
| Sat., " 29    | Tottenham Hotspur   | H     |
| Sat., Feb. 5  | Burnley             | H     |
| Sat., " 12    | Bury                | A     |
| Sat., " 19    | Coventry City       | H     |
| Sat., " 26    | Bradford            | H     |
| Sat., Mar. 5  | West Ham United     | A     |
| Sat., " 12    | Southampton         | H     |
| Sat., " 19    | Blackburn Rovers    | A     |
| Sat., " 26    | Sheffield Wednesday | H     |
| Sat., April 2 | Chesterfield        | A     |
| Sat., " 9     | Plymouth Argyle     | H     |
| Fri., " 15    | Nottingham Forest   | A     |
| Sat., " 16    | Fulham              | A     |
| Mon., " 18    | Nottingham Forest   | H     |
| Sat., " 23    | Swansea Town        | H     |
| Sat., " 30    | Norwich City        | A     |
| Sat., May 7   | Newcastle United    | H     |

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|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Sat., Aug. 28 | Southend United     | 5 1 H 3 1                           | 7-0   |
| Thur. Sept. 2 | Clapton Orient      | 0 1 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 4     | Portsmouth          | 0 3 A                               |       |
| Wed., " 8     | Clapton Orient      | 0 1 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 11    | Chelsea             | 3 2 H                               |       |
| Wed., " 15    | Bournemouth         | 1 3 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 18    | Tottenham Hotspur   | 1 5 A                               |       |
| Wed., " 22    | Leicester City      | 1 2 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 25    | Queens Park Rangers | 4 0 H                               |       |
| Mon., " 27    | Leicester City      | 1 2 A                               |       |
| Sat., Oct. 2  | Charlton Athletic   | 0 3 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 9     | Brighton & Hove A.  | 1 2 H                               |       |
| Wed., " 13    | Bristol City        | 1 1 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 16    | Swansea Town        | 2 0 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 23    | Crystal Palace      | 1 2 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 30    | Reading             | 6 2 H                               |       |
| Sat., Nov. 6  | Fulham              | 1 1 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 13    | Millwall            | 5 3 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 20    | Brentford           | 0 3 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 27    | Arsenal             | 1 1 H                               |       |
| Sat., Dec. 4  | Southampton         | 0 5 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 11    | West Ham            | 1 2 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 18    | Watford             | 3 3 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 25    | Coventry City       | 1 2 A                               |       |
| Mon., " 27    | Coventry City       | 0 5 H                               |       |
| Sat., Jan. 1  | Southend United     | 1 1 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 8     | Northampton Town    | 3 4 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 15    | Portsmouth          | 1 1 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 22    | Chelsea             | 1 2 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 29    | Tottenham Hotspur   | 3 2 H                               |       |
| Sat., Feb. 5  | Queens Park Rangers | 1 2 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 12    | Charlton Athletic   | 1 1 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 19    | Brighton & Hove A.  | 3 2 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 26    | Swansea Town        | 1 0 A                               |       |
| Sat., Mar. 5  | Crystal Palace      | 2 5 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 12    | Reading             | 1 1 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 19    | Fulham              | 4 0 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 26    | Millwall            | 2 9 A                               |       |
| Sat., April 2 | Brentford           | 4 2 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 9     | Arsenal             | 0 10 A                              |       |
| Sat., " 15    | Northampton Town    | 1 4 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 16    | Southampton         | 3 1 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 19    | Bristol City        | 1 1 H                               |       |
| Sat., " 23    | West Ham            | 1 6 A                               |       |
| Sat., " 30    | Watford             | 5 1 H                               |       |
| Wed., May 4   | Bournemouth         | 2 1 H                               |       |

## LEAGUE TABLES

## LEAGUE DIVISION II

|                     | Pld. | Won | Lost | Drn. | For | Agst. | P. |
|---------------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|----|
| Tottenham Hotspur   | 2    | 1   | 0    | 1    | 4   | 0     | 3  |
| Coventry City       | 2    | 1   | 0    | 1    | 1   | 0     | 3  |
| Aston Villa         | 1    | 1   | 0    | 0    | 2   | 0     | 2  |
| Chesterfield        | 1    | 1   | 0    | 0    | 1   | 0     | 2  |
| Manchester United   | 2    | 1   | 1    | 0    | 3   | 1     | 2  |
| Plymouth Argyle     | 2    | 1   | 1    | 0    | 5   | 2     | 2  |
| Stockport County    | 1    | 1   | 0    | 0    | 2   | 1     | 2  |
| Bradford            | 1    | 1   | 0    | 0    | 4   | 3     | 2  |
| Norwich City        | 1    | 1   | 0    | 0    | 4   | 3     | 2  |
| Sheffield United    | 2    | 1   | 1    | 0    | 2   | 2     | 2  |
| Blackburn Rovers    | 2    | 1   | 1    | 0    | 4   | 4     | 2  |
| Swansea Town        | 2    | 1   | 1    | 0    | 4   | 4     | 2  |
| West Ham United     | 2    | 1   | 1    | 0    | 2   | 3     | 2  |
| Burnley             | 2    | 1   | 1    | 0    | 2   | 4     | 2  |
| Bury                | 2    | 1   | 1    | 0    | 1   | 2     | 2  |
| Barnsley            | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0    | 3   | 4     | 0  |
| Southampton         | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0    | 3   | 4     | 0  |
| LUTON TOWN          | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0    | 1   | 2     | 0  |
| Notts Forest        | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0    | 1   | 2     | 0  |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0    | 0   | 1     | 0  |
| Newcastle United    | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0    | 0   | 3     | 0  |
| Fulham              | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0    | 0   | 4     | 0  |

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| Fulham              | ...  | 2   | 2    | 0    | 0   | 2     | 0  |
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| West Ham United     | 1    | 1   | 0    | 0    | 4   | 0     | 2  |
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| Portsmouth          | ...  | 1   | 1    | 0    | 0   | 2     | 2  |
| Crystal Palace      | ...  | 1   | 1    | 0    | 0   | 1     | 0  |
| Arsenal             | ...  | 2   | 1    | 0    | 0   | 6     | 1  |
| LUTON TOWN          | ...  | 1   | 1    | 0    | 0   | 3     | 1  |
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| Bournemouth         | ...  | 1   | 0    | 0    | 1   | 1     | 1  |
| Tottenham Hotspur   | 1    | 0   | 0    | 1    | 1   | 1     | 1  |
| Watford             | ...  | 1   | 0    | 1    | 0   | 3     | 0  |
| Charlton Athletic   | 2    | 0   | 2    | 0    | 1   | 3     | 0  |
| Southend United     | 1    | 0   | 1    | 0    | 1   | 3     | 0  |
| Brentford           | ...  | 1   | 0    | 1    | 0   | 0     | 1  |
| Reading             | ...  | 1   | 0    | 1    | 0   | 0     | 1  |
| Southampton         | ...  | 1   | 0    | 1    | 0   | 0     | 2  |
| Leicester City      | ...  | 1   | 0    | 1    | 0   | 0     | 4  |
| Swansea Town        | ...  | 1   | 0    | 1    | 0   | 0     | 0  |
| Brighton & Hove A.  | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0     | 0  |
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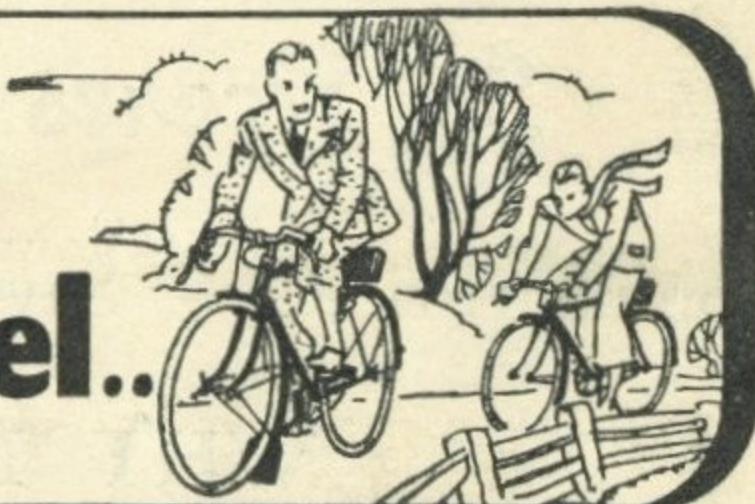
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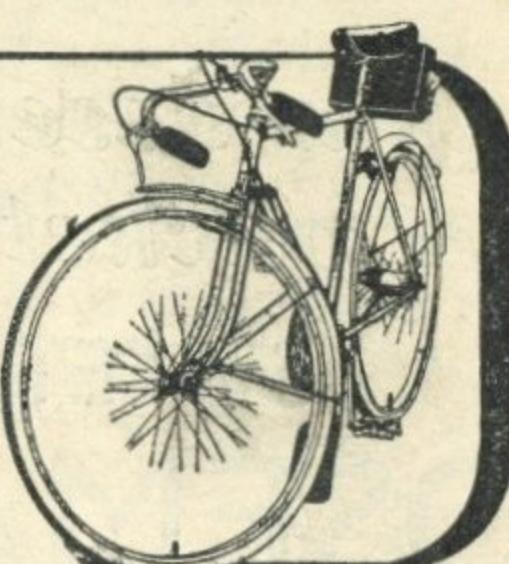


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