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Club Notes and Comments

FOR the fourth time in the League history of our club we are members of the Second Division. On the first occasion our stay was limited to one season, and we carried off the championship. Descending again two years later, it took us seven seasons to gain promotion and once more we finished at the head of the table. Our third spell in the lower circle lasted only four years, and though we did not win the championship, we created a record by being the only club ever to gain promotion and win the F.A. Cup in the same season.

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From this it will be seen that our absences from the First Division have ended in our return—strengthened by the necessity of building up a team capable of achieving that end. This is the task that now lies before us, and our supporters may accept the assurance that it will be tackled by the present directorate in a spirit of determination to succeed. We realise that it is not an easy one, but it can be accomplished, even in one season, as Manchester United have just demonstrated. Competition grows keener every year, and the end of each season finds more clubs maintaining until the closing stages of the campaign an interest in the question of promotion. It is our ambition to be one of the successful aspirants as early as possible.

SECOND DIVISION CHANGES

It is interesting to compare the opposition we have to meet with that which faced us in the season of 1930-31, when we last regained First Division status. Of the then members of the Second Division, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Preston North End, Everton, Stoke City and Charlton Athletic are now in the upper sphere. Port Vale, Bradford City, Oldham Athletic, Bristol City, Barnsley, Reading and Cardiff City have descended into the Third Division. These twelve clubs have been replaced by Sheffield United, West Ham United, Blackburn Rovers, Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle United, Manchester City (who have lost First Division status), Tranmere Rovers, Coventry City, Fulham, Chesterfield, Luton Town and Norwich City (who have risen from the Third Division). Comparing the clubs which have gone down with those which

have come up, it is evident that there has been a definite strengthening of the Second Division compared with season 1930-31. We shall be meeting Tranmere Rovers, Coventry City, Luton Town, and Norwich City for the first time under League auspices.

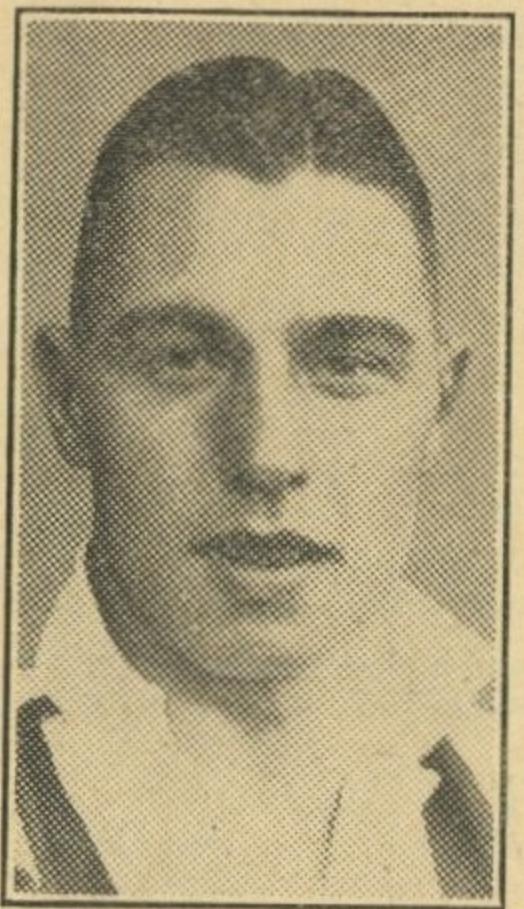
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How are we equipped for the strenuous campaign upon which we are entering to-day? Two of our old stalwarts, George Shaw and Stanley Wood, have departed from the Hawthorns, as well as a number of younger players, but we have retained most of the tried and tested men who composed our first eleven last season. Among these we include Johnson and McNab, though they are recent acquisitions of whose value we had only a short experience. The ex-Stoke City left winger was unluckily injured just when we needed him most and played in only three of the concluding ten matches.

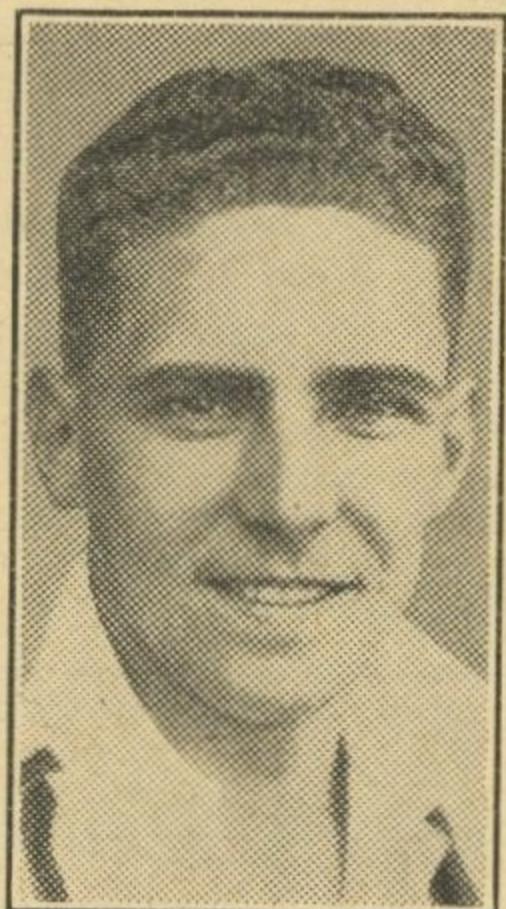
PLAYING ACQUISITIONS

It was in the closing stages of the campaign that we were hardest hit by the loss of the services of players through injury and no small part of the responsibility for our relegation was attributable to this. We were forced to bring into the team for vital matches young and untried lads. Several of them showed such promise that we are very sanguine they will constitute a valuable addition to our resources. Baldwin, who created so great an impression as deputy for Adams in goal; Bassett, a strong upstanding full-back, and Davies, the local born centre half, are three outstanding examples. But we have also made several notable acquisitions. Meynell Burgin, a clever inside-left from Nottingham Forest, and Ernest Hoyland, an outside right from Blackpool, are expected to strengthen our attack. Other newcomers are Stanley Butler, a 19-year-old outside-left from Scunthorpe United, for whom he played as an amateur; John Shield, a 6-foot left half-back from Wolverhampton Wanderers; Alfred Holder, an inside forward from Cheltenham Town, and Wilfred Saunders, a goalkeeper from Banbury Spencer. Another new professional is Harry Kinsell, an ex-Cannock Schools International full back, who has been employed on our ground staff since he left

school and became a paid player in May last, when he attained the age of 17. He is a remarkably well-developed lad for his age, and his progress in Birmingham Combination football has fulfilled expectations. A full list of our professional staff appears elsewhere.



M. BURGIN



E. HOYLAND

We are making an interesting experiment this season by running a fourth eleven, composed of amateurs from 15 to 19 years of age. This team will compete in the Senior League of the Birmingham J.O.C., playing their home games on the ground of Morris Commercial, adjacent to the Hawthorns. In this team we shall be able to give an extended trial to the large number of young players who are brought to our notice, but for whom places cannot be found in our Combination team. Such as are deemed likely to develop will be further tested in Combination football. In this way we are hoping to create a nursery from which to obtain the new blood that is essential, without the necessity of entering the transfer market.

The annual meeting of shareholders is reported elsewhere, but there is one aspect of it upon which some comment may be made. In the course of a discussion in which several present voiced their views upon the management of the club, it was suggested that a more definite policy was needed, that the development of young players should receive more attention, that the first team defence required strengthening, that the training arrangements should be overhauled, and that the scouting staff should be reviewed. Because of the obvious unwisdom of discussing in public the internal aspects of the club's affairs some of these points went unanswered, but it can be said that every one of them had previously received and will continue to receive the consideration of the Board. As a matter of fact, steps had already been taken to deal with all of them, because the directors had quite realised the necessity of action in those directions. They have a very definite policy in view, the creation of a reserve of young players of sufficient ability to take their places in the first team and the maintenance of the strength of that team by the replacement as necessity arises of the older members by younger men. That is a policy which should meet the needs of the club.

League Jubilee Fund

SATISFACTORY RESULT OF OUR MATCH WITH ASTON VILLA

TO mark the Jubilee of its existence, the Football League has founded a Jubilee Trust Fund, a sum of £100,000 being aimed at, for the purpose of giving assistance to necessitous players and ex-players and their dependents, necessitous club and League officials, and educational and vocational training for players so that they may possess the ability to earn their livelihood when their playing career has ended. First Division clubs have been asked to contribute £1,000 each, Second Division clubs £500 each and Third Division clubs £250 each. As a means of raising these amounts Fund matches were played last Saturday, local rivals being pitted against each other as far as possible. We played Aston Villa at Villa Park. There were 26,640 spectators and the gate receipts were £1,514, so that the financial aspect may be regarded as satisfactory.

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While Aston Villa fielded the team which gained them promotion, we included two of our close season recruits, Hoyland and Burgin. The result was a draw of one goal each. That was a fair ending on the run of the play. We took the lead after eight minutes when Jones cleverly eluded a tackle by Cummings and drew Biddlestone out of goal before shooting into the net. We had the best of the early exchanges and when the Villa pressed fine work by Adams kept them at bay, so that we held an interval lead of one goal to nil. Early in the second half we were awarded a penalty when Cummings handled a shot from Heaselgrave that would have scored, but Shaw with the kick sent against the foot of a post. After 66 minutes Broome equalised by an individual effort, and that completed the scoring. There was one occasion when Jones was pushed in the back and it seemed a clear case for a penalty, but the referee negatived our appeal.

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It was a well-contested game, but as there was nothing at stake the players did not take such risks as are essential in League contests, and were content to achieve their ends by polish rather than dash. Nevertheless they did much clever work. The display of our team as a whole was distinctly encouraging. Davies made an excellent deputy for Sandford, who did not play because of slight eye trouble, and McNab stood out among the halves for his sound constructive work. The newcomers, Hoyland and Burgin, showed good form and the promise of better to come when they have settled down. As a practice game for to-day's opening League encounter the match fulfilled a useful purpose.

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A special souvenir programme published by the League was on sale at all Fund matches. It contains a message from the President of the League, Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, outlining the objects of the Fund, a brief history of the League, many interesting records and photographs and fixtures to the end of October. The price is threepence and copies can be obtained from the Secretary's office at the Hawthorns.

Our Annual Meeting

REVIEW OF PAST YEAR AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

THERE was a large attendance of shareholders at the annual general meeting of our club at the Hawthorns on Tuesday, August 16th, and the proceedings proved to be of more than usual interest. All the directors were present.

At the outset the Chairman, Mr. L. J. Nurse, referred with regret to the loss by death of a number of shareholders since the last annual meeting. These were Mr. Clement Keys, who for many years had been the club auditor, Mr. Arthur Griffin, Mr. W. Wilson, Mr. Arblaster, and Mr. A. Mogg. Those present stood in silence for a minute as a tribute to their memory.

The 48th annual report of the Board expressed regret at the relegation of the club to the Second Division. It stated that injuries to players at a vital period of the season undoubtedly prejudiced our position and also pointed out that only on very rare occasions have clubs been relegated with the number of points we obtained last season. "However," the report proceeded, "we offer no excuses, and our mission is to get back to the First Division at the earliest possible moment." Congratulations were tendered to players who had gained honours, and the announcement was made that a junior amateur eleven would compete in the Birmingham J.O.C. in the coming season, thus giving young players suitable training preparatory to promotion.

The statement of accounts showed a loss on the year of £2,299. The directors proposed to write off 20 per cent. depreciation (£651) leaving a surplus of assets over liabilities of £18,060. They recommended payment of a dividend of 5 per cent. free of tax for the past year. The attendances of directors, who were called to 47 meetings, were: Mr. L. J. Nurse 47;

Major H. Wilson Keys 45, Mr. J. S. Round 44, Mr. W. H. Thursfield (called to 44 meetings) 43; Councillor Norman W. Bassett (called to 44 meetings) 43; Mr. A. C. Jephcott 41.

Moving the adoption of the report and accounts and the payment of the dividend, the Chairman said the past season had been one of the most worrying and strenuous they had experienced. He emphasised that until the last matches of the season it was impossible to say who would be relegated, and pointed out that only once in the last ten seasons, and on only four occasions since the war, had a club been relegated with the number of points obtained by the Albion and Manchester City. He thought the injuries to Adams and Johnson at a vital period brought about the Albion's trouble. "Eight new professionals are now on the staff," he proceeded, "and we hope, with this new blood and the many promising young players on the books, to build up a team to get us back into the First Division quickly."

He pointed out that the net gate receipts showed a decrease of £1,600 because in the previous season the club reached the semi-final of the F.A. Cup. Transfer fees had increased because of the acquisition of Johnson and McNab and travelling and hotel expenses increased because of special training, but there was a decrease in ground expenses and income tax. He announced that the directors were exploring the question of improving the Halford Lane stand and they also thought the Articles of Association might be modernised and improved. The shareholders would be advised of the Board's proposals in due course.

Mr. W. Bastable, who seconded the motion, was the first of a number of shareholders who expressed some criticism of the Board, but most of them emphasised that it was intended to be constructive and not condemnatory. Space does not permit us to

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OUR VISITORS**Luton Town**

THIS is the first time we have met Luton Town in a League match, but not their first appearance at the Hawthorns. They came here in the first round of the F.A. Cup in 1924-5 season, and we beat them by four goals to one. Old members of the Southern League, they had three seasons in the Second Division, 1897-8, 1898-9, and 1899-1900. Then they lost their place and returned to the Southern League, but entered the Football League when that competition was taken over as the Southern Section of the Third Division in 1920-21. Their membership was continuous until 1936-7, when they won the Championship with 58 points. Last season they finished in the 12th position from the top of the Second Division with 40 points from 42 matches. Of those points 14 were obtained from away games.

Well-known players in their team are Nelson, a centre-half who has had experience with Cardiff City and Wolverhampton Wanderers; Dunsmore, a new back from Hibernians; Loughran, the former Birmingham half-back and Carroll, an outside right who was with Leicester City last season. Roberts is a West Bromwich man who went from a local works club to Birmingham, but after a promising debut in their League team soon lost his place and eventually was transferred to Luton. Vinall was formerly with Norwich City, Stephenson went from Derby County and Dolman, who was originally with Darlaston, has had a spell at Chesterfield.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

Our next two Second Division matches are away from home. On Thursday we visit Norwich City and on Saturday we meet Plymouth Argyle at Plymouth.

Next Wednesday evening we play our first Central League match at home, with Birmingham Reserves as our opponents, the kick-off being at 6.15. On Saturday Stoke City Reserves appear in the same competition at the Hawthorns, the kick-off being at 3.15.

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report the details of the discussion, the main points of which appeared in the Press.

The resolution was eventually carried unanimously.

The Earl of Dartmouth was re-elected as President; Dr. A. E. W. Hazel, Mr. F. O. Roberts, M.P., Sir W. Waters Butler, Sir A. Ramsay and Mr. W. W. Hackett were re-elected as vice-presidents and the retiring directors, Mr. J. S. Round and Major Keys, were also re-elected. Both the latter returned thanks, and emphasised the intention of the Board to do everything possible to secure the return of the club to the First Division.

Messrs. Clement Keys & Son were re-elected as auditors, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Nurse for presiding, and to the directors and staff for their services during the year.

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

SEASON 1938-39.

BIRMINGHAM COMBINATION, MIDLAND MID-WEEK LEAGUE AND FRIENDLIES.

Date	Opponents	Where Played	Score For Agst
1938			
Aug. 27	Cheltenham Town	BC	A
Sept. 3	Gloucester City	BC	H
" 10	Solihull Town	BC	H
" 20	Banbury Spencer	BC	A
" 24	Darlaston	BC	A
" 28	Walsall Res.	BC	*H
Oct. 1	Atherstone Town	BC	A
" 5	Aston Villa	MWL	H
" 8	Coventry City "A"	BC	A
" 12	Chesterfield	MWL	A
" 15	Halesowen Town	BC	H
" 19	Derby County	MWL	H
" 22	Evesham Town	BC	A
" 27	Leicester City	MWL	A
" 29	Tamworth	BC	H
Nov. 2	Aston Villa	MWL	A
" 5	Redditch	BC	A
" 9	Stoke City	MWL	H
" 12	Bromsgrove Rovers	BC	H
" 16	Leicester City	MWL	H
" 19	Bournville Athletic	BC	A
" 23	Derby County	MWL	A
" 30	Birmingham	MWL	A
Dec. 3	Hinckley United	BC	A
" 7	Chesterfield	MWL	H
" 10	City Transport	BC	H
" 15	Nottingham Forest	MWL	A
" 17	W'hampton Wan. "A"	BC	A
" 24	Gloucester City	BC	A
" 31	Aston Villa "A"	BC	A
Jan. 7	Solihull Town	BC	A
" 11	B'ham University	F	H
" 14	Birmingham "A"	BC	A
" 19	Stoke City	MWL	A
" 21	Banbury Spencer	BC	H
" 25	Saltley College	F	H
" 28	Darlaston	BC	H
Feb. 1	Birmingham "A"	BC	*H
" 4	Atherstone Town	BC	H
" 8	Port Vale	MWL	H
" 11	Coventry City "A"	BC	H
" 18	Halesowen Town	BC	A
" 22	Wrexham	MWL	A
" 25	Evesham Town	BC	H
" 27	Port Vale	MWL	A
March 4	Tamworth	BC	A
" 8	Birmingham	MWL	H
" 11	Redditch	BC	H
" 15	W'hampton Wan. "A"	BC	*H
" 18	Bromsgrove Rovers	BC	A
" 22	Dudley Training Coll.	F	H
" 25	Bournville Athletic	BC	H
" 29	Nottingham Forest	MWL	H
April 1	Walsall Reserves	BC	A
" 8	Hinckley United	BC	H
" 15	City Transport	BC	A
" 19	Wrexham	MWL	H
" 22	Walsall & District F.A.	F	A
" 26	Aston Villa "A"	BC	*H
" 29	Cheltenham Town	BC	H

With the exception of those marked with an asterisk, which will be played at the Hawthorns, all the Birmingham Combination games will be played on the ground of the opposing club.

Birmingham Trams, the Combination club, have changed their title to Birmingham City Transport, and Shirley Town to Solihull Town.

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The F.A. have ruled that football pools betting is coupon football betting within Rule 45, which says that an official of an Association or club, referee, linesman or player proved to have taken part in coupon football betting shall be permanently suspended from taking any part in football or football management.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, Season 1938-39.**FOOTBALL LEAGUE Division 2.**

Date	Opponents	Where Played	Result	Score		Albion Goal Scorers
				For	Agst	
1938						
Aug. 20	Aston V (League Jubilee Fund)	A	Draw	1	1	Jones
" 27	Luton Town	H				
Sept. 1	Norwich City	A				
" 3	Plymouth Argyle	A				
" 7	Newcastle United	H				
" 10	Sheffield United	H				
" 14	Newcastle United	A				
" 17	Burnley	A				
" 24	Tottenham Hotspur	H				
Oct. 1	Southampton	A				
" 8	Coventry City	H				
" 15	Chesterfield	H				
" 22	Tranmere Rovers	A				
" 29	Manchester City	H				
Nov. 5	Bury	A				
" 12	Sheffield Wednesday	H				
" 19	Fulham	A				
" 26	Blackburn Rovers	H				
Dec. 3	Millwall	A				
" 10	West Ham United	H				
" 17	Bradford	A				
" 24	Luton Town	A				
" 26	Swansea Town	H				
" 27	Swansea Town	A				
" 31	Plymouth Argyle	H				
Jan. 7	F.A. Cup, 3rd Round					
" 14	Sheffield United					
" 21	Burnley (or F.A. Cup)					
" 28	Tottenham Hotspur					
Feb. 4	Southampton					
" 11	Coventry City (or F.A. Cup)					
" 18	Chesterfield					
" 25	Tranmere Rovers					
March 4	Manchester City (or F.A. Cup)					
" 11	Bury					
" 18	Sheffield Wednesday					
" 25	Fulham (or F.A. Cup)					
April 1	Blackburn Rovers					
" 7	Nottingham Forest					
" 8	Millwall					
" 10	Nottingham Forest					
" 15	West Ham United					
" 22	Bradford					
" 29	Norwich (or F.A. Cup)					
May 6						

SECOND TEAM FIXTURES, Season 1938-39.**CENTRAL LEAGUE.**

Date	Opponents	Where Played	Result	Score		Date	Opponents	Where Played	Result	Score
				For	Agst					
1938										
Aug. 27	Manchester United	A				" 27	Wolverhampton Wan.	H		
" 31	Birmingham	H				Jan. 7	Stoke City	A		
Sept. 3	Stoke City	H				" 14	Preston North End	H		
" 7	Newcastle United	A				" 21	Burnley	A		
" 10	Preston North End	A				" 28	Sheffield United	H		
" 14	Newcastle United	H				Feb. 4	Bolton Wanderers	A		
" 17	Burnley	H				" 11	Leeds United	H		
" 24	Sheffield United	A				" 18	Aston Villa	A		
Oct. 1	Bolton Wanderers	H				" 25	Manchester City	A		
" 8	Leeds United	A				" 11	Derby County	H		
" 15	Aston Villa	A	</							

**Football League Jubilee
Trust Fund**

ASTON VILLA v. ALBION

Played in aid of the Fund at Villa Park on Saturday, August 20th. Result: Aston Villa 1, Albion 1.

Teams:

Aston Villa.—Biddlestone; Callaghan, Cummings; Massie, Allen, Iverson; Broome, Haycock, Shell, Starling, Houghton.

West Bromwich Albion.—Adams; Bassett, Shaw; Sankey, Davies, McNab; Hoyland, Heaselgrave, Jones, Burgin, Johnson.

Referee: Mr. W. P. Harper, (Stourbridge.)

Goal record:

8 minutes: Albion 1, Aston Villa 0. Jones.
66 minutes: Albion 1, Aston Villa 1. Broome.

OUR PRACTICE MATCHES

We have held two public practice matches. The first took place on Saturday, August 13th, the teams being:

Whites.—Adams; Bassett, Shaw; Sankey, Davies, McNab; Hoyland, Clarke, Pike, Robbins, Butler.

Stripes.—Saunders; Finch, Kinsell; Lowery, Sandford, Shield; Mahon, Heaselgrave, Jones, Burgin, Johnson.

Referee: Mr. G. S. Blackhall.

Result: Whites 2, Stripes 2.

Goal scorers: Whites—Pike (2). Stripes—Jones (2).

The second was played on Wednesday, August 17th, the teams being:

Whites.—Baldwin; Kinsell, White; Lowery, Shield, Rix; B. Clift, J. Duggan, Holder, Banks, Butler.

Stripes.—Harris; J. Pemberton, Screen; Witcomb, Gripton, L. Millard; Spencer, Clarke, Richardson, Dudley, Mahon.

Referee: Mr. S. E. Law.

Result: Stripes 3, Whites 2.

Goal scorers: Stripes—Richardson, Spencer, Clarke. Whites—Butler, Banks.

Kinsell sustained an injury and Finch replaced him for the second half, during which Baldwin had to retire with a shoulder injury, Lowery deputising in goal.

OUR TRANSFERRED PLAYERS

Of the players who have left the Hawthorns, G. E. Shaw has become player-manager of Stalybridge Celtic, members of the Cheshire County League. The clubs to which others have gone are: Wood, Halifax Town; Coen, Coventry City; Male, Walsall; Lewis (J.), Crystal Palace; Timmington, Chelmsford; Light, Colchester United.

J. Duggan, an amateur inside-forward who played in our second practice match, is a Droitwich youth who last season assisted West Ham United.

Trentham, our former full-back, has been retained by Hereford United for this season.

Players' Roll Call

We start the season with 36 professional players, the list being as follows:—

Name and Birthplace.	Height ft. ins.	Weight st. lbs.
Goalkeepers		
Adams, J., Norton Canes	5 9	12 0
Harris, W. Oakham, Dudley	5 10	10 0
Baldwin, H., Aston, B'ham	5 9	11 1
Saunders, W., Banbury	5 11 1/2	11 2
Backs		
Bassett, I. C. H., Brittdir, Glam.	5 10	11 10
Finch, A. R., Hedgesford	5 8	11 12
Screen, J., Oldbury	5 9	11 2
Shaw, C. E., Mansfield, Notts.	5 10	13 0
Kinsell, T. H., Cannock	5 11	11 5 1/2
White, H., Wednesbury	5 10	11 1 1/2
Half-backs.		
Davies, C., West Bromwich	5 11	11 9
McNab, A., Glasgow	5 7	10 9
Lowery, H., Moor Row, Cumberland	5 11	10 5
Murphy, J. P., Pentre	5 6	10 2
Shield, J. G., Whitburn, Durham	6 0	11 11
Rix, J., Lintz	5 8	10 9
Sandford, E., Handsworth	5 10 1/2	13 0
Sankey, J., Winsford	5 7	12 1
Tudor, W., Shotton, Wales	5 10 1/2	12 2
Gripton, W. E., Princes End, Tipton	5 11	11 7
Witcomb, D., Cwm, South Wales	5 8	10 2
Forwards.		
Clarke, I., Princes End, Tipton	5 7 1/2	10 6
Heaselgrave, S. E., Smethwick	5 6 1/2	9 12
Jones, H. J., St. Helens	5 10 1/2	11 1
Mahon, J., Gillingham	5 8 1/2	11 10
Richardson, W., Framwellgate Moor	5 7 1/2	10 13
Robbins, W. W., Ely, Cardiff	5 10	12 7 1/2
Spencer, G., Crewe	5 8 1/2	11 5
Pike, R. S. G., Finchley, London	5 10	11 12
Holder, A. G., Brittdir, Glam.	5 10	11 6
Burgin, M., Sheffield	5 9	11 0
Hoyland, E., Thurnscoe	5 8	10 0
Butler, S., Stockton-on-Tees	5 6	9 7
Banks, G. E., Wednesbury	5 7	11 0
Dudley, G., Glasgow	5 9 1/2	11 0
Johnson, J. A., Grimsby	5 8	10 7

OUR CRICKET MATCHES

Our players were called up to commence training on Thursday, July 28th, and as usual, played a few cricket matches. On July 30th they met West Bromwich Dartmouth at Sandwell Park. Batting first, Dartmouth declared at 248 for five wickets, W. E. Jones making 112, Eric Perry 68 and F. D. Perks 31. The footballers found the bowling of Oakley, the Dartmouth professional, too good for them and were disposed of for 74. Sandford was top scorer with 24 and Heaselgrave made 16. Oakley took seven wickets for 35 runs, and we suggest it would make this annual contest more entertaining to the spectators if in future the Dartmouth relied on their amateur bowlers.

On the following Wednesday we met Aston Villa on the Aston Unity ground in the annual match for the Taylor Cup, of which we were the holders. The Villa had first knock and made 127, Sockett scoring 41 not out. Hoyland took four wickets for 26 runs and Sandford four for 53. We were dismissed for 69, of which Hoyland made 24 and Heaselgrave 23. Martin obtained three wickets for four runs and Hardy four for 31. The cup was presented to the winners by Mrs. A. F. Taylor.

On Thursday, August 11th, we played a match with a Staffordshire County Police team at Darlaston by which £9 6s. 6d. was raised for the Darlaston District Nursing Institute. The police declared at 152 for seven wickets, R. E. Lowe making 45 not out and J. Whitfield 36. Mahon took five wickets for 52 runs. Our team replied with 171 for five, Sandford contributing 86, Hoyland 41 and E. Smith 24.

**HEASELGRAVE BROTHERS SIGNED
AS AMATEURS**

Among a number of young amateurs who have signed to play for us are R. V. and J. L. Heaselgrave, two younger brothers of S. E. Heaselgrave, who last season gained his place in our first team forward line. Like their brother, they are both forwards. R. V. Heaselgrave, who is 17, plays at inside right, and J. L. Heaselgrave, who is 15, prefers outside right. The other newcomers to our amateur ranks are J. H. Bevan, outside right, of Bangor University; J. Dixon and D. Huxley, inside-left and right full back respectively of Silverdale, a North Staffs club.

SPORTS BROADCASTS

The sports broadcasts this evening include the Saturday talk on sport, from National at 6.30; eye-witness accounts of Birmingham v. Sunderland, Worcestershire v. Northamptonshire, and the five miles national grass championship of the N.C.U. at 7 from Midland. The international speedway racing match, England and Australia v. U.S.A. and Canada, will be described at 10.5 on National.

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Mr. C. Wreford Brown, the old amateur international, has been elected chairman of the International Selection Committee of the Football Association.

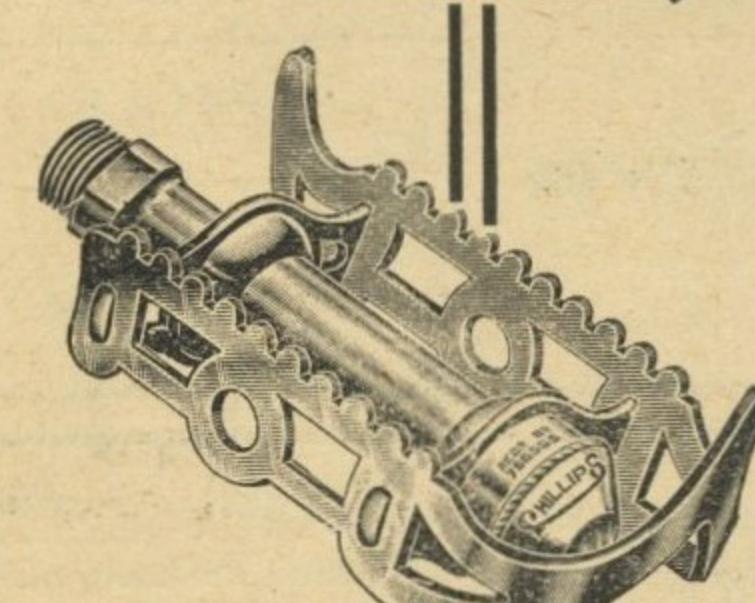
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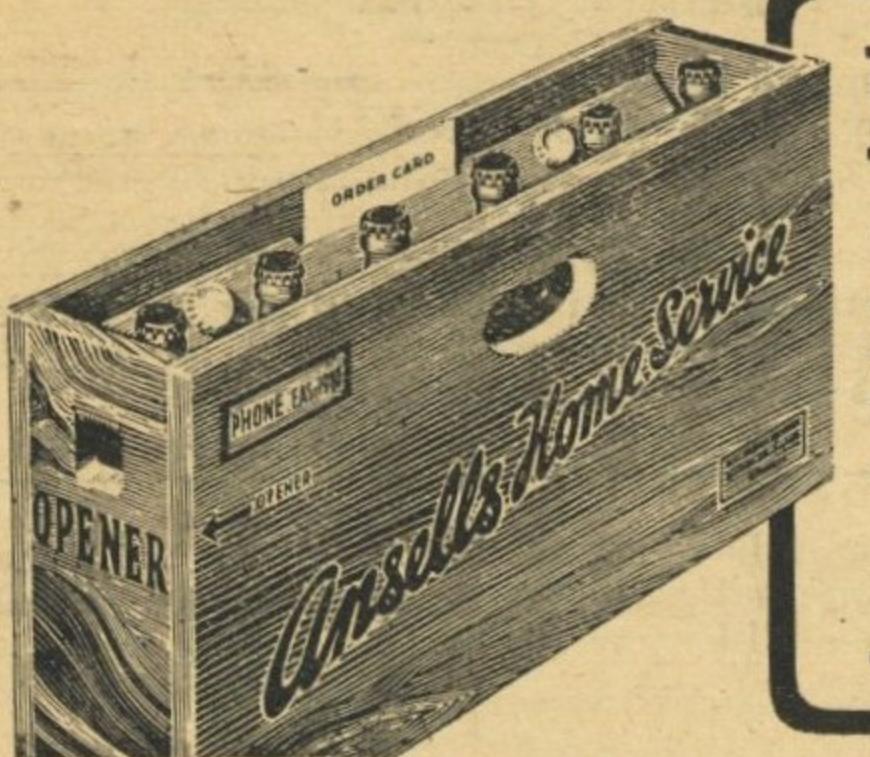
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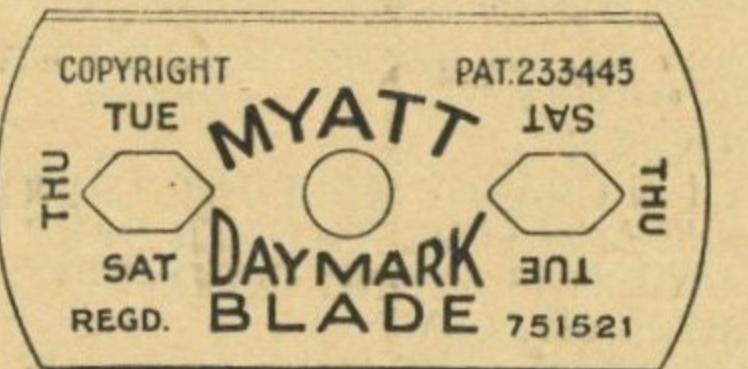
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	Half-time	Final		Half-time	Final
A Arsenal v. Portsmouth			L Middlesbrough v. Manchester U.		
B Birmingham v. Sunderland			M Blackburn Rov. v. Tranmere Rov.		
C Blackpool v. Everton			N Coventry City v. Burnley		
D Bolton Wan. v. Charlton Athletic			P Manchester City v. Swansea		
E Brentford v. Huddersfield Town			S Newcastle Utd. v. Plymouth A.		
F Derby County v. W'ton Wanderers			T Norwich City v. Bradford		
G Grimsby Town v. Aston Villa			V Sheffield Wednesday v. Bury		
H Leeds United v. Preston N.E.			W Southampton v. Tottenham		
J Leicester City v. Stoke City			X Brighton v. Walsall		
K Liverpool v. Chelsea			Y Manchester U. Res. v. Albion Res.		

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