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FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION 2

ALBION v. BURY

Played at Bury on Saturday, November 30th, 1946. Result: Bury 4, Albion 0.
Team: Grimley; Pemberton, Shaw; Witcomb, Tranter, Millard; Elliott, Clarke, Walsh, Barlow, Hodgetts.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

ALBION RESERVES v. MANCHESTER CITY RES.

Played at The Hawthorns on Saturday, November 30th, 1946. Result: Albion Reserves 6, Manchester City Reserves 4.
Scorers: Lunn (2), Finch (2), Butler (2).
Team: Sanders; Aldridge, Bradley; Drury, Gripton, Ryan; Richards, Lunn, Thomas, Finch, Butler.

BIRMINGHAM COMBINATION

ALBION COLTS v. WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS COLTS

Played at Dudley on Saturday, November 30th, 1946. Result: Albion Colts 3, Wolves Colts 2.
Scorers: Banks (2), Williams (penalty).
Team: Tighe; Parker, Robinson; Williams, Hood, Insley; H. J. E. Morrow, Jones, Banks, Evans, Saunders.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION 2

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts	Goals
Newcastle	17	8	3	6	45	18	22	
Birmingham City	18	10	6	2	30	17	22	
Tottenham Hotspur	17	8	3	6	31	21	22	
Burnley	17	7	2	8	23	17	22	
Manchester City	16	8	3	5	32	16	21	
Chesterfield	16	7	2	7	18	10	21	
West Bromwich Albion	17	8	6	3	38	8	33	19
Leicester City	17	8	6	3	28	25	19	
Plymouth	16	7	4	5	31	28	19	
Barnsley	18	7	7	4	36	40	18	
Fulham	17	7	6	4	32	36	18	
Bradford	16	6	5	5	25	23	17	
Southampton	17	6	6	5	30	27	17	
Luton Town	17	7	8	2	32	29	16	
Coventry City	17	4	6	7	23	26	15	
Swansea Town	17	5	8	4	26	27	14	
Nottingham Forest	16	5	8	3	25	29	13	
Millwall	17	5	9	3	24	36	13	
Bury	17	2	7	8	27	31	12	
West Ham	16	5	9	2	22	32	12	
Sheffield Wednesday	17	4	10	3	27	39	11	
Newport County	17	3	13	1	25	60	7	

VISITORS

Luton Town have visited the Hawthorns only once before in a League game—that was in 1938-9, when we won 3-0. The corresponding match at Luton was won by them 3-1. We have played four times in war-time games, and last season's games were both won by ourselves.

Luton have excelled in their last three home games, beating Barnsley, Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle United, the latter after being three goals down. They hope to field an unchanged side, only the left back being doubtful.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, Season 1946-47
Football League, Division 2

Date	Name of Club	Where Played	Result For	Agst
1946				
Aug. 31	Swansea Town	away	3	2
Sept. 2	Coventry City	away	2	3
" 7	Tottenham Hotspur	home	3	2
" 14	Burnley	away	2	0
" 18	Birmingham City	home	3	0
" 21	Barnsley	home	2	5
" 25	Birmingham City	away	0	1
" 28	Newport County	away	7	2
Oct. 5	Southampton	home	2	0
" 12	Nottingham Forest	away	1	1
" 19	Millwall	away	2	1
" 26	Bradford	home	1	1
Nov. 2	Manchester City	away	0	5
" 9	West Ham United	home	2	3
" 16	Sheffield Wednesday	away	2	2
" 23	Fulham	home	6	1
" 30	Bury	away	0	4
Dec. 7	Luton Town	home		
" 14	Plymouth Argyle	away		
" 21	Leicester City	home		
" 25	Newcastle United	away		
" 26	Newcastle United	home		
" 28	Swansea Town	home		

SPOTLIGHT



L. MILLARD

The war began, and Len's work claimed most of his attention, but he managed to find time to turn out for the works team "Sunbeam."

A short spell with Bilston Borough, whilst under the wing of the "Throstle," completes the record of his junior football. 5 ft. 9½ in. and 10 st. 12 lbs. of energy, Len remembers mostly his two duels with Stanley Matthews; of Stoke, in the 1944-45 season. He said: "I just about held my own in the first half, but in the second he led me a bit of a dance." Those who saw these two games will remember that Len, who was playing at left back, did as well as anyone against the "Wizard of Dribble."

In passing, he added he liked to remember the first time he played centre-forward for the team, scoring a hat-trick against Leicester City, a feat he repeated against the Wolves a little later.

MR. L. J. NURSE

We regret to announce that Mr. L. J. Nurse, who has been Chairman of the Club since the death of the late W. I. Bassett, is suffering from the effects of a seizure. Mr. Nurse has been unwell for some time, but, of late, was thought to be improving. This relapse is viewed with concern by all connected with the Club, and we are sure we can offer the good wishes of all our supporters to Mr. Nurse, for his immediate recovery.

NOTES

At the moment of writing it is doubtful whether Elliott or Kinsell will be fit for to-day's game. Should Billy Elliott miss this match, it will be the first he has missed this season, and his place will be taken by Geoff Richards.

Richards is a Wolverhampton boy who has played in the Central League side this season, having joined us at 14½ as an amateur. The Albion is his first Club since leaving school, where he was captain of the Wolverhampton Grammar School. He has taken up a commercial appointment in Wolverhampton, in addition to his football career. He is 17½ years of age.

HONOUR

One of our amateurs, Sub-Lt. Donald Warrender, R.N., has been selected to play for the Royal Navy-Royal Marines team v. an F.A. XI at Portsmouth on December 11th. Warrender is a right full-back. Congratulations!

CENTRAL LEAGUE Match No. 19

ASTON VILLA RESERVES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1946.
Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE Match No. 20

LEICESTER CITY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st 1946
Kick-off 2-15 p.m.

Len Millard, left half-back in all but one of this season's matches, last week made his 170th appearance in the first team since September 19th, 1942, when he became a professional player for the Albion. Len joined us on May 6th, 1939, as an amateur, and has shown consistent form since that date. A seemingly tireless player, who works as hard as anyone on the field, he has filled almost every position at short notice, and has never played a bad game in any of them. In fact, he has played in every position except goal and outside-right.

Educated at Christ Church School, Coseley, he played for the School team and, after leaving, turned out for Wallbrook. Coseley Town was the next team to claim his services, and here he was in the position of centre half.

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Right	PEMBERTON (2)	GRIMLEY	KINSELL (3)	Left
	WITCOMB (4)	TRANTER (5)	MILLARD (6)	
	ELLIOTT (7)	CLARKE (8)	WALSH (9)	BARLOW (10) HODGETTS (11)
	Referee: Mr. R. N. PORTER (Darlington)	Kick-off 2.15 p.m.	BLUE GILLETTE BLADE MADE IN ENGLAND	Linesmen: Mr. T. G. PLANT (Chester) (Red) Mr. T. HITCHEN (Winsford) (Blue)
	DUNCAN (11)	DRIVER (10)	BILLINGTON (9)	DANIEL (8) WAUGH (7)
		GARDINER (6)	GAGER (5)	SOO (4)
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Left		BYWATER		Right

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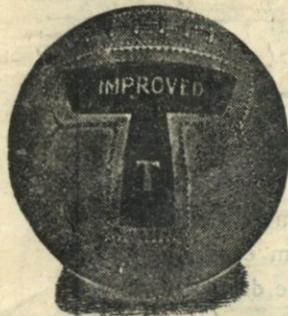
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TO-DAY'S RESULTS

The Score of the Home Team, whose name is given first, is top on the board.

	Half-Time	Final		Half-Time	Final
A Bolton Wanderers v. Huddersfield T.	1 0		L Burnley v. Millwall	2 0	
B Charlton Athletic v. Derby County	0 2		M Coventry City v. Fulham	1 0	
C Chelsea v. Everton	1 0		N Newcastle United v. Plymouth	0 2	
D Grimsby Town v. Aston Villa	0 1		P Newport County v. Manchester City	0 3	
E Liverpool v. Wolverhampton W.	0 4		S Nottingham Forest v. Sheffield Wed.	1 2	
F Manchester United v. Brentford	1 0		T Southampton v. West Ham United	1 1	
G Sheffield United v. Portsmouth			V Swansea Town v. Leicester City		
H Stoke City v. Blackpool	2 1		W Tottenham Hotspur v. Chesterfield	2 1	
J Barnsley v. Bradford	1 0		X Walsall v. Cardiff City	2 1	1 1
K Birmingham City v. Bury	1 0		Y Derby County Res. v. Albion Res.	0 1	