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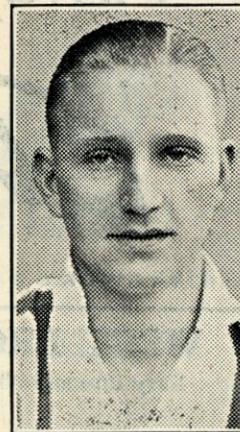
## FIXTURES

### Football League (Div. II)

Date	Opponents	Gr'nd	Result	
			For	Agst
1948				
Aug. 21	Nottingham Forest	away	1	0
" 25	Chesterfield	home	0	0
" 28	Bury	home	2	3
Sept. 1	Chesterfield	away	0	0
" 4	West Ham United	away	0	1
" 8	Lincoln City	home	5	0
" 11	Tottenham Hotspur	home	2	2
" 15	Lincoln City	away	3	0
" 18	Brentford	away	0	0
" 25	Leicester City	home	2	1
Oct. 2	Leeds United	away	3	1
" 9	Fulham	away	2	1
" 16	Plymouth Argyle	home	3	0
" 23	Blackburn Rovers	away	0	0
" 30	Cardiff City	away	2	0
Nov. 6	Queen's Park Rangers	home	2	0
" 13	Luton Town	home		
" 20	Bradford	away		
" 27	Southampton	home		
Dec. 4	Barnsley	away		
" 11	Grimsby Town	home		
" 18	Nottingham Forest	home		
" 25	Sheffield Wednesday	home		
" 27	Sheffield Wednesday	away		
1949				
Jan. 1	Bury	away		
" 8	3rd Round F.A. Cup			
" 15	West Ham United	home		
" 22	Tottenham Hotspur	away		
" 29	4th Round F.A. Cup			
Feb. 5	Brentford	home		
" 12	5th Round F.A. Cup			
" 19	Leicester City	away		
" 26	Leeds United (or 6th Round F.A. Cup)			
March 5	Fulham	home		
" 12	Plymouth Argyle	home		
" 19	Blackburn Rovers	home		
" 26	Cardiff City (or Semi-Final F.A. Cup)	away		
April 2	Queen's Park Rangers	home		
" 9	Luton Town	away		
" 16	Bradford	home		
" 18	Coventry City	home		
" 19	Coventry City	away		
" 23	Southampton	away		
" 30	Barnsley (or Cup Final)	home		
May 7	Grimsby Town	away		

### Central League

Date	Opponents	Gr'nd	Result	
			For	Agst
1948				
Aug. 21	Everton	home	2	1
" 25	Bury	away	0	0
" 28	Stoke City	away	2	2
Sept. 4	Burnley	home	1	0
" 11	Preston North End	away	0	2
" 15	Barnsley	home	4	2
" 18	Leeds United	home	3	2
" 22	Barnsley	away	2	0
" 25	Manchester City	away	1	1
Oct. 2	Sheffield Wednesday	home	3	1
" 9	Sheffield United	home	1	3
" 16	Manchester United	away	1	3
" 23	Huddersfield Town	home	1	1
" 30	Blackburn Rovers	away	3	2
Nov. 6	Derby County	home	2	1
" 13	Blackpool	away		
" 20	Liverpool	home		
" 27	Bolton Wanderers	away		
Dec. 4	Aston Villa	home		
" 11	Wolverhampton Wanderers	away		
" 18	Everton	away		
" 25	Newcastle United	away		
" 27	Newcastle United	home		
1949				
Jan. 1	Stoke City	home		
" 8	Chesterfield	away		
" 15	Burnley	away		
" 22	Preston North End	home		
" 29	Bury	home		
Feb. 5	Leeds United	away		
" 12	Manchester City	home		
" 19	Sheffield Wednesday	away		
March 5	Sheffield United	away		
" 12	Manchester United	home		
" 19	Huddersfield Town	home		
" 25	Blackburn Rovers	home		
April 2	Derby County	away		
" 9	Blackpool	home		
" 16	Liverpool	away		
" 19	Chesterfield	home		
" 26	Bolton Wanderers	home		
" 30	Aston Villa	away		
May 7	Wolverhampton Wanderers	home		



T. H. KINSELL

Harry left the Services under the Class B Release Scheme, for his job in the building trade, but has since become a full-time professional. His clean, powerful kicking makes him one of the outstanding personalities in the Albion side. He has played in every game during the present season and will shortly be celebrating his 150th first team game.

Our supporters will be interested to know that a comprehensive "History of West Bromwich Albion" has just been published. Compiled by Mr. W. E. Jepcott, a well known sports journalist, this latest addition to the "Famous Football Clubs" Series is full of authentic stories of great games, and great players of the club of past and present, with many unique photographs.

The price is One Shilling from any newsagent. It can also be purchased by sending a postal order for 1s. 3d. to Newservice Ltd. (Dept. W), Field House, Breams Buildings, London, E.C.4.

# SPOTLIGHT

Harry Kinsell, long-kicking Albion left back, is now playing as well as at any time in his career. Harry joined the club as a boy from school and at the age of 14 was making the journey to The Hawthorns from his home at Cannock.

He had played for the Cannock Schoolboys team at centre-forward and inside left before settling down to left back and when he joined the Albion ground staff he had already decided that he had found his best position.

Harry played in the Albion's junior teams until he was old enough to become a professional and on June 4th, 1938, he left the ground staff for the ranks of the players.

He played in the Colts and Reserves for experience until the outbreak of the war, when, too young for the Services call-up, he took a job in the building trade. Harry was in this job for three years, playing in Albion First and Reserve sides, so that when he was called up he was able to guest with Grimsby, Middlesbrough and Blackpool, and it was with the latter club that he reached his full stature as a footballer. He helped the seashiders to win the Wartime Cup and played for Army representative games all over the country. His exceptional ability was recognised by his country when he was selected three times in 1946 for the national team, playing against Switzerland, Ireland and Wales.

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## LEAGUE TABLES

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE, Division 2

League table to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for	agst	Pts
ALBION	16	9	2	5	27	9	23
Tottenham Hotspur	16	8	3	5	31	15	21
Southampton	16	8	4	4	32	16	20
Sheffield Wednesday	16	8	5	3	25	19	19
Barnsley	16	5	4	7	26	20	17
Bury	15	7	5	3	24	19	17
Leeds United	16	5	4	7	28	26	17
Brentford	16	5	4	7	14	15	17
Sheffield Wednesday	16	6	6	4	31	28	16
Bradford	16	6	6	4	28	27	16
Blackburn Rovers	16	6	6	4	26	26	16
West Ham United	16	5	5	6	18	18	16
Chesterfield	16	4	4	8	19	22	16
Luton Town	16	5	5	6	18	22	16
Queen's Park	16	6	6	4	17	25	16
Grimsby Town	16	5	7	4	28	31	14
Cardiff City	15	5	6	4	19	22	14
Leicester City	16	4	6	6	25	32	14
Plymouth Argyle	16	5	8	3	18	24	13
Nottingham Forest	16	5	8	3	13	20	13
Coventry City	16	4	10	2	22	33	10
Lincoln City	16	2	9	5	17	37	9

### CENTRAL LEAGUE

League Table to date:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for	agst	Pts
Burnley	16	10	2	4	29	9	24
Manchester United	16	10	3	3	34	14	23
Liverpool	16	10	3	3	39	19	23
Sheffield Wednesday	16	9	3	4	33	19	22
Wolverhampton Wan.	16	9	3	4	26	18	22
Stoke City	17	9	5	3	36	21	21
Preston North End	17	9	6	2	27	21	20
ALBION	15	8	3	4	26	21	20
Newcastle United	15	7	5	3	28	22	17
Sheffield United	16	6	5	5	24	27	17
Barnsley	16	7	7	2	26	23	16
Bolton Wanderers	16	7	7	2	17	16	16
Manchester City	16	6	7	3	25	24	15
Aston Villa	16	4	6	6	13	22	14
Bury	15	3	6	6	15	21	12
Everton	16	5	10	1	15	28	11
Huddersfield Town	16	3	8	5	9	33	11
Leeds United	15	3	8	4	18	28	10
Chesterfield	16	2	9	5	18	33	9
Blackpool	16	4	11	1	16	30	9
Derby County	16	3	10	3	15	31	9
Blackburn Rovers	16	4	11	1	20	39	9



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2—Who was the first Channel Island native in history to have become a Football League professional?

3—How many men in history have first played in and later managed a F.A. Cup-winning team?

4—Who was the player who figured in a F.A. Cup-tie and an International Championship match in another country two days later—a unique event in the game's history?

5—What was the most disastrous Football League debut any player in history ever made?

6—Who ranks as the only man in history to have played in a team which experienced both promotion and relegation and to have managed another club which also did so?

Answers on Page Six

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	HAINES (10)	HODGETTS (11)

Referee Mr. R. G. HAINES,  
Swindon, Wilts.

Kick-off 2.45 p.m.



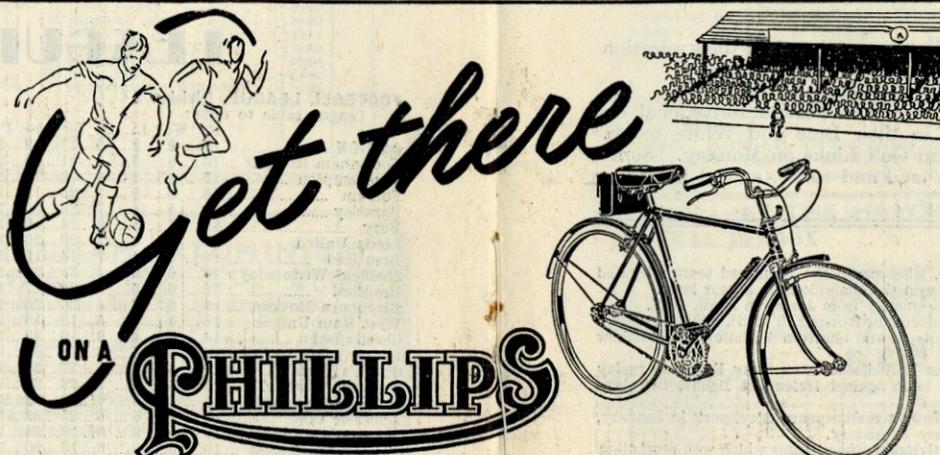
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D. R. WILDMAN, Kettering (Blue)

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GARDINER (6)	HALL (5)	MORTON (4)		
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## Visitors!

Luton Town, founded in 1885, are to-day's visitors. The "Hatters" as they are nick-named, have not played many games against the Albion in the past, and it was not until 1924-5 that the two sides clashed for the first time. This was in the F.A. Cup and resulted in a 4-0 win for the Albion.

Season 1938-9 was the first season we met them in the League, the Town team reaching the Second Division for the first time since 1900 in 1936-7 and Albion falling from the higher circles in 1937-8.

During the war some games were played between Albion and Luton, and in these, Albion had the greater share of wins, but with two wins in the first post-war Football League season, Luton have won one more League game. The home supporters will be expecting this to be redressed to-day, whilst the visiting fans, complete with straw hats, will be very disappointed if they do not break our run of success. Well—we shall see—meanwhile, the record of games played between the two clubs is as follows:

Played 6—Albion have won 2, lost 3, drawn 1; goals for 7, against 8.

Luton Town's home and away record reads as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for	agst	Pts
Home	8	3	0	5	10	4	11
Away	8	2	5	1	8	18	5
Totals	16	5	5	6	18	22	16

They are in 14th position in the table.

## Birmingham Combination

Date	Opponents	Gr'd	Result	For	Agst
1948					
Aug. 21	Redditch	..	away	2	4
22	Bromsgrove Rovers	..	away	3	4
Sept. 1	Walsall	..	home	1	0
8	Moor Green	..	away	5	1
11	City Transport	..	away	5	1
18	Walsall	..	away	4	4
20	Stourbridge	..	away	2	2
25	Tamworth	..	home	2	3
Oct. 2	Bilston	..	away	1	1
9	Hinckley	..	away	2	2
16	Atherstone	..	away	4	2
23	Stafford	..	home	5	1
Nov. 6	Bedworth T...	..	home	1	3
13	Banbury Spencer	..	home	3	3

## LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	for	agst	Pts
Stourbridge	11	8	1	2	34	12	18
Nuneaton	10	7	0	3	31	10	17
Bedworth	10	7	1	2	36	17	16
<b>ALBION</b>	14	5	4	5	40	31	15
Hednesford	8	6	1	1	33	17	13
Tamworth	9	6	2	1	25	14	13
Walsall	10	5	3	2	31	18	12
Wolverhampton Wan.	10	5	3	2	26	22	12
Dudley	9	5	3	1	15	13	11
Hinckley	12	4	5	3	24	28	11
Stafford	10	4	2	2	21	23	10
Bromsgrove	8	4	3	1	23	18	9
Redditch	9	3	3	3	20	21	9
Atherstone	13	3	7	3	28	31	9
Banbury Spencer	8	2	3	3	13	18	7
Darlaston	9	3	5	1	19	25	7
Bilston	10	1	6	3	17	33	5
Moor Green	8	1	6	1	13	35	3
Birmingham	12	1	10	1	15	37	3
City Transport	12	1	11	0	14	55	2

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## CLUB NOTES



J. T. W. HAINES

Another grand win at Queens Park brings the undefeated run up to 11 games. Jack Haines played a fine game and gave David Walsh a beautiful pass for David to open the scoring. Frank Hodgetts, returned to the wing in place of Bobby Barker, got the second goal.

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We have received several letters from Queens Park supporters congratulating us on the display of football and sportsmanship.

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Arthur Fitton, former Albion left winger for ten seasons, took his first game as Assistant Trainer last Saturday. We wish him well in his new position. W. "G." Richardson, last holder of

this job, has now been appointed Coach. Fred Reed is still in charge of the First team "magic sponge".

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Jack Vernon and David Walsh are once again to be congratulated on their selection for Ireland. This time they are to play against Scotland over the border.

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The Albion team were interested spectators at the Villa Park International on Wednesday last. The team travelled as a party in their Blue and White coach. They had another day at Droitwich Brine Baths and Golf Links on Monday. Some of the lads were equally out of their depth both on land and water, and at least one is thinking of taking a steel helmet next time.



D. J. WALSH

### HERE ARE THE ANSWERS

- 1—Archie Macaulay, the Scottish international wing half-back, who was in the Brentford team relegated from the First Division in 1946-47 and in the Arsenal side which won the championship a year later.
- 2—Elie Hurel, an inside forward whom Everton brought to this country from Jersey in April, 1936.
- 3—Only four—Peter McWilliam (with Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspur in turn), William Walker (Aston Villa and Sheffield Wednesday), James Seed (Tottenham Hotspur and Charlton Athletic), and Matthew Busby (Manchester City and Manchester United).
- 4—Alexander Bell, a left half-back, who was in the Manchester United side in an away F.A. Cup replay against Blackburn Rovers in March, 1912, and in the Scotland team against Ireland at Belfast two days later.
- 5—That of Stanley Milton when he made his debut as Halifax Town's goalkeeper at Stockport in January, 1934. County won by 13-0—the biggest Football League victory in history.
- 6—John Bestall, who before the war was the inside-right of the Grimsby Town teams which won promotion from the Second Division and also was relegated from the First Division. He was manager of Doncaster Rovers when they won the Northern Section Championship in 1946-47 and when they were relegated from the Second Division a year later.

## Important Announcement

Which entrance did you use to-day? Many of our supporters are apparently still unaware of the easy entrance which can be obtained through the twelve new turnstiles on the Car Park at the Handsworth side of the Ground.

These twelve turnstiles afford admission direct to the terraces at a point level with the half-way line and what is more important IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO WAIT FOR LONG PERIODS IN QUEUES.

To prove that this statement is founded on fact, the Albion v. Cardiff City game attracted 46,036 spectators, who entered the ground as follows:

Stands and Stand Terraces	.....	.....	.....	6,044
Woodman Corner (7 Turnstiles)	.....	.....	.....	8,809
West Bromwich Corner (9 Turnstiles)	.....	.....	.....	10,312
Smethwick Corner (10 Turnstiles)	.....	.....	.....	12,556
Handsworth Car Park (12 New Turnstiles)	.....	.....	.....	7,315
Total	.....	.....	.....	46,036

Three of the turnstiles at the Smethwick Corner each dealt with over 1,500 spectators for this game, whilst six of the new turnstiles had to deal with less than 500 each in the same time, two of them handling only a little over 200 each. This in spite of the fact that their layout is so arranged to deal with queues faster than the old method.

In view of the above, it is easy to see why there were queues at the Smethwick and West Bromwich corners of the ground after the game had commenced, whilst other turnstiles were standing empty and idle.

**How do you reach these new turnstiles?** Assuming you are coming from Smethwick—Up Halford Lane, turn right along Birmingham Road to The Woodman Inn, 20 yards past the "Woodman" turn right again down the private road and 40 yards away you will see this block of entrances. If there are queues at the first few stiles, walk round the back of the queues and enter by the stiles furthest from the road.

Will you wait outside the ground until after the crowd's roar tells you the game has commenced, or will you try these new entrances?

## LAST WEEK'S MATCHES

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE, Division 2—ALBION v. QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS

Played at Queens Park Rangers on Saturday, November 6th, 1948. Result: Albion 2, Queens Park Rangers 0.

Scorers: Walsh, Hodgetts.

Teams:

Albion—Sanders; Pemberton, Kinsell; Millard, Vernon, Hood; Elliott, Williams, C., Walsh, Haines, Hodgetts.

Queens Park Rangers—Allen; Powell, G., Jefferson; Powell, I., Smith, Farrow; Adams, Ramscar, McEwan, Stewart, Hartburn.

### CENTRAL LEAGUE—ALBION RESERVES v. DERBY COUNTY RESERVES

Played at The Hawthorns on Saturday, November 6th, 1948. Result: Albion Reserves 2, Derby County Reserves 1.

Scorers: Barlow, Smith.

Albion team—Heath; Cox, Hicklin; Ryan, Horne, Wilcox; Gordon, Smith, Whitehouse, Barlow, Rowley.

### BIRMINGHAM COMBINATION—ALBION "A" v. BANBURY SPENCER

Played at Banbury on Saturday, November 6th, 1948. Result: Albion "A" 3, Banbury Spencer 3.

Scorers: Vickers (2), Richards.

Albion team—Cooper; Morris, Bradley; Insley, K. H. Walters, Dudley; Richards, Finch, Vickers, Evans, C., Morrow.

### FRIENDLY—ALBION COLTS v. SPARKBROOK AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Played at Stirchley on Saturday, November 6th, 1948. Result: Albion Colts 6, Sparkbrook and District Football League 4.

Scorers: Martin (3), Stalker, Evans (2).

Albion team—Sharpe; B. Webster, H. Homer; A. J. Cole, J. Jackson, W. Mouldridge; C. Martin, C. Stalker, E. Evans, B. Micklewright, V. Tooth.

### FOOTBALL AT THE HAWTHORNS

#### CENTRAL LEAGUE

## Liverpool Reserves

SATURDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER 20th

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#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## SOUTHAMPTON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

#### CENTRAL LEAGUE

## Aston Villa Reserves

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### TO-DAY'S RESULTS

THE SCORE OF THE HOME TEAM, WHOSE NAME IS GIVEN FIRST IS TOP ON THE BOARD

A Birmingham City v. Huddersfield Town ....	L Chesterfield v. Queens Park Rangers ...
B Charlton Athletic v. Bolton Wanderers ...	M Coventry City v. Plymouth Argyle ....
C Chelsea v. Manchester United ....	N Leeds United v. Fulham ....
D Middlesbrough v. Arsenal ....	P Leicester City v. Nottingham Forest ....
E Newcastle United v. Derby County ....	S Lincoln City v. Cardiff City ....
F Portsmouth v. Blackpool ....	T Sheffield Wednesday v. Blackburn Rovers
G Preston North End v. Aston Villa ....	V Tottenham Hotspur v. Barnsley ....
H Stoke City v. Wolverhampton Wanderers	W West Ham United v. Southampton ....
J Brentford v. Grimsby Town ....	X Walsall v Millwall ....
K Bury v. Bradford ....	Y Blackpool Reserves v Aibion Reserves ...