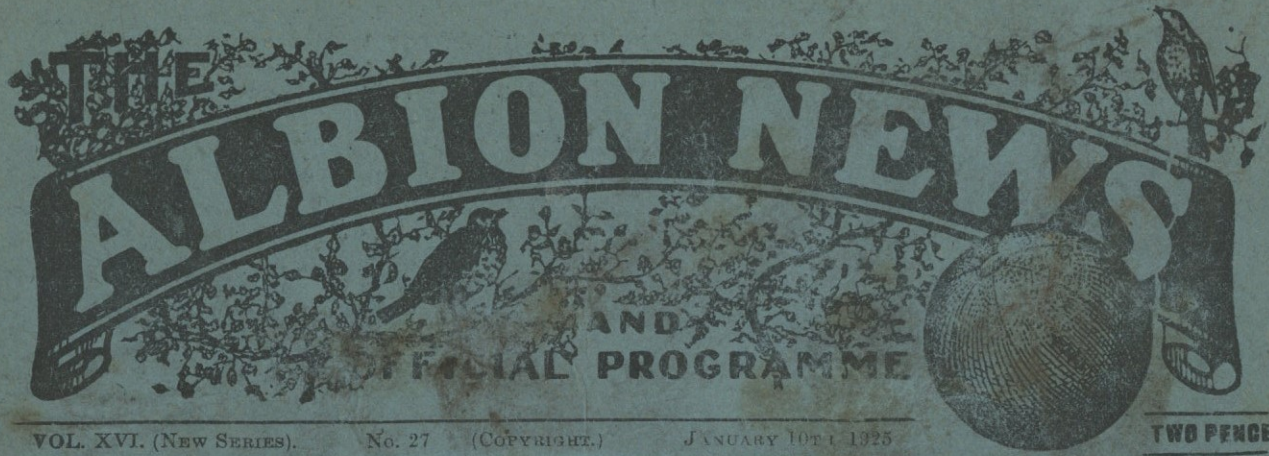


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The Football League.

The League Tables to date are as follows:—

Division I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	for agst. pts.
W.B. Albion	24	15	5	4	39	17
Huddersfield Town	24	11	4	9	37	16
Bolton Wanderers	24	11	5	8	43	25
Birmingham	25	12	7	6	28	30
Newcastle United	26	8	5	13	37	25
Liverpool	23	11	6	6	38	30
Sunderland	25	12	9	4	37	33
Bury	23	9	5	9	32	32
Manchester City	24	9	8	7	50	41
Notts County	24	9	8	7	20	17
Arsenal	24	10	10	4	31	27
Aston Villa	23	7	6	10	37	37
Tottenham Hotspur	25	6	9	10	31	31
West Ham United	24	8	10	6	29	34
Blackburn Rovers	25	7	10	8	31	37
Sheffield United	25	6	9	10	28	37
Cardiff City	24	7	10	7	32	34
Leeds United	24	6	10	8	28	33
Everton	25	6	11	8	24	37
Burnley	23	5	10	8	23	34
Nottingham Forest	24	5	13	6	19	40
Preston North End	24	6	16	2	22	49

Results of Matches, Saturday, January 3rd.

*West Bromwich Albion	3	Everton	0
James (2), Wilson.			
*Birmingham	2	Sunderland	1
*Newcastle United	4	Aston Villa	1
*Tottenham Hotspur	1	Notts County	1
Manchester City	3	*Nottingham Forest	0
*Burnley	1	Preston North End	0
*Bury	1	Bolton Wanderers	0
*Leeds United	0	Cardiff City	0
*Liverpool	2	Arsenal	1
*Sheffield United	1	Huddersfield Town	1
*West Ham United	2	Blackburn Rovers	0

*Home Team.

"blown down."

During the gale which swept Wolverhampton on Saturday night, a stand at the Molineux Football Grounds was blown down and completely wrecked, a passer-by having a narrow escape. The stand, which is about 200 feet long, was removed from the Waterloo Road side of the ground last summer and placed on the Molineux Street side, to make way for the £15,000 new grand stand now in course of erection.

Division II.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	for agst. pts.
Manchester United	24	15	3	6	36	13
Derby County	24	15	3	6	54	22
Chelsea	25	11	3	11	36	17
Leicester City	24	13	6	5	53	24
Clapton Orient	24	10	8	6	27	21
Crystal Palace	24	10	9	5	30	28
Wolverhampton W.	24	10	9	5	33	32
Portsmouth	23	7	5	11	26	30
Southampton	24	7	7	10	21	24
Sheffield Wednesday	25	10	12	3	32	35
Fulham	22	7	6	9	22	25
Blackpool	23	8	9	6	40	29
Hull City	23	8	9	6	29	29
Stoke	24	8	10	6	20	24
Bradford City	24	6	8	10	24	29
Port Vale	22	8	10	4	26	33
Middlesbrough	24	5	9	10	19	29
Oldham Athletic	25	7	12	6	19	40
Stockport County	23	6	11	6	17	34
South Shields	22	4	9	9	20	26
Barnsley	23	5	12	6	24	36
Coventry City	22	4	14	4	26	54

Results of Matches, Saturday, January 3rd.

*Bradford City	3	Wolverhampton W.	1
*Derby County	6	Portsmouth	1
*Manchester United	2	Stoke	0
*Stockport County	1	Coventry City	1
*Port Vale	2	Barnsley	0
*Blackpool	0	Hull City	0
*Chelsea	4	Oldham Athletic	1
Clapton Orient	1	*Crystal Palace	0
Leicester City	5	*Middlesbrough	1
*Southampton	1	Sheffield Wednesday	0

Postponed—South Shields v. Fulham.

*Home Team.

"The Riposte!"

Lady (boarding 'bus in pouring rain): "Sitting room, inside, conductor?"

Conductor: "No; only bathroom on top, lady."
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Another stand "wrecked."

During the storm on New Year's Day, the shelter on the popular side of the Wrexham Racecourse, erected at a cost of £360, and recently rebuilt after being wrecked by the wind, at a cost of £120, was destroyed. The roof of the shelter was caught by the wind and carried into a neighbouring field. The steel pillars were twisted and the concrete foundations disturbed. The damage is estimated at £300.

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Table with columns: P, W, L, D, Goals for, Goals agst, Pts. Lists teams like Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester City, Everton, etc.

Results of Matches, Saturday, January 3rd.

Table of match results for Saturday, Jan 3rd, including Everton vs W.B. Albion, Aston Villa vs Derby County, etc.

*Home Team.

ALBION v. EVERTON.

This return League match was played at The Hawthorns last Saturday, before twenty thousand spectators. It was a capital game to witness, although the ground was in a heavy state owing to the frequent rains. Teams:—

West Bromwich Albion.—Ashmore, goal; Smith and Perry, backs; Magee, Reed and Richardson, half-backs; Glidden, Carter, James, Wilson and Byers, forwards.

Everton.—Harland, goal; McDonald and Kerr, backs; Peacock, Reid and Hart, half-backs; Parry, Irvine, Broad, Williams and Weaver, forwards.

Referee: Mr. W. S. Turnbull (Durham). Everton won the toss and Albion defended the Birmingham Road goal. Almost in the first minute the home team were dangerous, for Glidden put the ball well across goal and Byers returned to Wilson, who however was unable to reach it in time.

Everton played with great dash but the Albion half-backs held them, ably assisted by Smith and Perry and when Ashmore was called upon he was always safe. Reed put in a hefty shot that just skimmed the crossbar, Byers put in many fine centres and Glidden was doing the same from the other wing. Reed was injured and the trainer

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"BOBBY."

A delightful snapshot of the bonny son of Lieut.-Colonel H. Ely, who has done good work as Director of the Albion for nearly twenty years, and a grandson of Sir Harris Spencer, who in his day did much spade work for the welfare of the Club as a Director for some years from thirty years ago. Master "Bobby" Ely is an enthusiastic football player for his school Club, but is always present at the Albion matches with his mother when at home on holiday. There are no more welcome visitors to The Hawthorns than Mrs. Ely and her boy.

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was called upon to give him attention but he was soon able to resume play. At last the Albion got in front but it was approaching half-time when Wilson passed out to Byers, who ran along the wing and then centred to James, who scored. Glidden next put in a fine centre but James' final shot was somewhat luckily turned round the post.

After the interval Williams got away and Ashmore had some difficulty in stopping his shot, but he got the ball away smartly. Shortly after, in saving very cleverly, Ashmore was injured, but after attention he shortly resumed. At this period of the game Everton were at their best and it was only the great defence of the Albion that prevented

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES—1924-25. Football League, Division 1.

Table of First Team Fixtures for 1924-25, listing dates, club names, where played, and results for and against.

SECOND TEAM FIXTURES—1924-25. Central League.

Table of Second Team Fixtures for 1924-25, listing dates, club names, where played, and results for and against.

the visitors from equalising. Another attack by the home team gave James a chance but Harland saved at the expense of a corner; this was well placed by Glidden and James headed the ball past Harland. Everton were by no means a beaten team, for they put up a strong attack, and almost scored, Ashmore making a fine save but was again injured in doing so. This was followed by another determined attack by Everton, but they were unable to defeat the home defenders, although they were unfortunate once in not scoring, for Broad struck the upright when Ashmore was out of position. Just on time from a free kick outside the penalty area Wilson added a third goal. Result: Albion 3, Everton 0.

THE GOAL RECORD.

41 minutes: Albion 1, Everton 0. James. 59 minutes: Albion 2, Everton 0. James. 89 minutes: Albion 3, Everton 0. Wilson.

EVERTON RES. v. ALBION RES.

This match was played at Goodison Park on Saturday. Teams:—

Everton.—Kendall, goal; Raitt and Hamilton, backs; Brown, Bain and Virr, half-backs; Forber, Wall, Cock, Chadwick and Troup, forwards.

West Bromwich Albion.—Pearson, goal; Baugh and Chamberlain, backs; Fryer, Rooke and McNeal, half-backs; Smith, Mulcahy, Davies, Jones and Fitton, forwards.

Everton had a very strong team and early in the game were frequently the more dangerous and played great football. Pearson made many magnificent saves and Baugh played an excellent game at back. Davies and Fitton were frequently dominant in attack but the home side defence was too strong for them, and Everton at the interval led by two goals to none. In the second half Everton were altogether superior to the Albion, and Chadwick again scored. This was followed by Virr and Wall making the total five. Result: Everton 5, Albion 0.

Albion "A" Team v. Birmingham Trams.

The "A" Team journeyed to the Stadium, King's Heath on Saturday last to meet a strong Birmingham Combination team of the Birmingham Trams. Hickman, our latest young centre-forward, opened the scoring in the early stages with a very good shot, quickly followed by a second by Hallows. The home team rallied and eventually equalised the scores, and later the Albion colts took up the offensive again and L. F. Cooling, our outside-right, scored two fine goals, giving the Albion a well-deserved lead on the day's play. Result: Albion "A" Team 4, Birmingham Trams 2. Albion team.—Sproson; Clansay and W. Hayes; Evans, Stallard and Parsons; L. F. Cooling, Amos, Hickman, Hallows and Poxton. Referee: Mr. White.

THE ALBION TEAM OF 1896-7.



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The above group includes nine of the eleven players that met Luton Town at Luton in the First Round of the F.A. Cup, Season 1896-7, the actual team being:—J. Reader; J. H. Horton and W. Williams; T. Perry, T. Higgins and J. Banks; R. McLeod, A. Flewitt, J. Cameron, W. Richards and A. Watson. The Luton Town team consisted of many past First and Second Division players and was as follows:—Williams; McCaskey and McEwen; Davies, Stewart and Doekerty; Gallacher, Cowper, Galbraith, McInnes and Birch. The Albion won by one goal to none, scored by Flewitt after twenty minutes' play. There was, however, very nearly a disaster which would have been serious and this was referred to by the Press of that time as follows:—

"The Albion had trained quietly at Sutton for more than a week previously, and left for Luton on the morning of the match from New Street Station. Tom Perry was not staying at Sutton owing to his work, and in some unaccountable manner misunderstood or was not clearly informed of the time the train started; at any rate he arrived at New Street Station some ten minutes after the team had left. Mr. Keys had attended at the Station to see the team off but was unable to make the journey; he waited until Tom Perry arrived and

then made enquiries as to the best way to get to Luton but found it was impossible to reach there in time by ordinary train, so he immediately ordered a 'Special.' Of course it soon spread that a 'Special' had been ordered and at once all sorts of rumours got about that there had been an accident on the line, and it had been ordered to take the doctors to attend those injured, at any rate, before the train left the station the bridge was thronged. At last everything was in readiness, and away steamed the engine drawing a single coach, in which Tom Perry and Mr. Frank Heaven (who had stayed behind) in all their glory and probably the first time that a Special Train had been chartered for a single football player."

Luton Town were one of the original Clubs to establish The Southern League when two Divisions were formed in 1894. Since 1920, however, Luton Town have been Members of the Third Division (Southern Section) of The Football League.

"injury."

Edward Taylor, the international goalkeeper, of Huddersfield Town, who sustained serious injury in the match with Manchester City at the Maine Road ground on October 18th, hopes to be able to resume play by the end of February.

HISTORY OF THE West Bromwich Albion Football Club (continued).

SEASON 1905-6.

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On March 29th the Albion directors secured the transfer of Thomas Dilly, from Everton, a first-class outside-left. For some time previous Dilly had been recognised as the best outside left playing in Lancashire Combination matches and had been "understudy" to Harold Hardman, the International forward but had had no chance to play in First League football; he did not relish this and therefore was anxious to get away where he could improve his prospects, with the result that the Albion secured his services.

Changes were made in the team that met Leicester Fosse at The Hawthorns on Mar. 31st. F. Shinton who had been playing with the Reserves was in place of E. Bradley, and C. Simmons not having recovered from his injury against Grimsby Town, let in F. Haycock. The new player, T. Dilly, taking the place of E. Perkins on the left. The Albion team was therefore:—J. Stringer; A. Adams and J. Pennington; A. Randle, E. Pheasant and J. Manners; B. Rankin, F. Haycock, F. Shinton, T. Heywood and T. Dilly. Leicester Fosse:—Smith; Ashby and Pollock; Morgan, Bannister and Trueman; Durant, Blessington, Moody, Hubbard and Bracey. Referee: Mr. J. H. Pearson (Crewe). The game was not so bright and attractive as many of those seen at The Hawthorns during the season but both sides were so well served by their defenders that the opposing forwards never had much chance of shining. There was a time early in the first half that the home attack seemed to be irresistible; by good judgment in passing the forwards continually swept along in an unbroken line but every onslaught fell at the last line but one of the defence or the ball went over the bar. Then the Fosse forwards gave Stringer some work to do to keep him warm; after this Rankin got in one of his characteristic sprints and Shinton met his centre and scored. The second half of the game was well contested, with the Albion having the better of matters and just when everyone was getting reconciled to a one goal win, Haycock received the ball from Shinton, he at once seized his opportunity and scored a capital goal. After Leicester had put in a splendid effort to reduce the lead, Haycock made a fine run and finished by scoring a third goal, the Albion thus winning by three goals to none.

The same team that defeated Leicester visited Hull to play the City Club on April 7th. Hull team:—Spendiff; Hedley and Davies; Browell, Robinson and Raisbeck; Manning, J. Smith, S. Smith, Gordon and E. D. G. Wright. Referee: Mr. J. Smith (Doncaster). This was the second match played on the new ground and for the first time that season Hull had the assistance of the Corinthian left-winger, E. D. G. Wright. The game opened in a sensational manner for the Hull forwards got away at once and Stanley Smith scored in the first minute, it needed all the resource and steadiness of the Albion defence to keep them from repeating the performance more than once in the opening stages of the game. The Albion gradually got the upper hand, Rankin making many fine runs and centres but they could do everything but score. Then suddenly and unexpectedly came Hull's second goal. One of the backs unaccountably missed and Stanley Smith got the ball, Stringer came out to meet him but Smith slipped the ball to Gordon, who put it into the vacant goal. The home team's two goal lead at the interval seemed destined to be soon reduced by the manner the Albion started the second half and play was almost entirely confined to the Hull quarters their defence being most severely tried. Spendiff cleared several times in splendid fashion while Haycock hit the post and Randle the crossbar, but score they could not. Even when a penalty fell to them, Pheasant, the usually certain penalty kicker, seemed to be disconcerted by the way Spendiff jumped and danced about for

he shot a couple of yards wide of the post. Immediately after, Wright got away and shot hard at goal, the ball came across and Stringer stopped it high up, but in trying to clear the ball went into the net. Though the Albion continued their efforts the result was beyond doubt, but three minutes from the finish Raisbeck shot splendidly and Stringer was again beaten. Result: Hull City four goals, Albion none.

The team made the journey to Barnsley on Thursday April 12th. to meet the League Club on Good Friday. Unfortunately Jesse Pennington had been taken ill and could not make the journey, G. Young therefore played at right back and Amos Adams went left back, this being the only change. Barnsley won by three goals to none; Stringer was the saviour of his side on many occasions and was unfortunate to be beaten by the second goal; Thorpe, the home team goalkeeper, played a fine game and kept his charge intact.

The following day Saturday April 14th, Lincoln City were at the Hawthorns and the teams were:—Albion.—J. Stringer; G. Young and A. Adams; A. Randle, E. Pheasant and J. Manners; B. Rankin, A. Heywood, F. Shinton, A. Lewis and T. Dilly. Lincoln City.—Buist; Dickson and Simpson; Phraser, Hood and Blow; Watson, Machan, Martin, Kelly and Fairgrey. Referee: Mr. E. Case (West Kirby). The game failed to reach a very high standard of merit for there were too many periods when both teams were practically impotent, the forwards lacking finish. All the scoring was done in a couple of minutes in the first half. After twenty-five minutes play, Manners lifted the ball over to Heywood, who headed into the net. Two minutes afterwards Lincoln equalised, Fairgrey got the ball close in and beat Stringer with a low swift shot. After this both goalkeepers were severely tested but Stringer and Buist defended well and each prevented further scoring, so that the game ended in a draw of one goal each.

The Monday following April 16th being Easter Monday, a fixture had been made with Clapton Orient, a Club that had been elected to the League the previous May, this therefore was the Albion's first visit to meet Clapton as a League Club. The Orient Club had had a good deal of trouble with the contractor, at any rate the stand was unfinished, there were no proper dressing rooms and altogether there was very little comfort for players or spectators, especially the former, for the temporary dressing room for the visitors at any rate was an old railway carriage, a bucket of water being supplied for the players' ablutions. It may be said that the referee and linesmen were very little better off, the only advantage they could claim being in the fact that they also had an old railway carriage for the three of them, so that they had a little more room to turn round. The Albion team was: J. Stringer; J. Brittain and A. Adams; A. Randle, E. Pheasant and J. Manners; B. Rankin, E. Bradley, F. Shinton, A. Heywood and T. Dilly. The Albion, who lost the toss, started in sensational style, Rankin at once beating the defence and Shinton rushed the ball into the net before the home defence had settled down. The Albion scored a second goal after twenty minutes' play, Rankin made the most of a pass by Bradley and centred across the Clapton goal for Heywood to turn the ball into the net cleverly with his head. Although Clapton often made determined rushes, their combination was never so good as that of the Albion, still Stringer was repeatedly busy in the second half and twice he effected clearances from Bownie and Leigh, who with Horton, did the smartest work for the losers. About the middle of the second half, McGeorge had a violent collision with Shinton and put his shoulder out. With ten men Clapton played the one-back game, and the Albion forwards in consequence were frequently offside. There was no further scoring and the Albion won by two goals to none.

On Wednesday of Easter Week, April 18th, the team made the journey to Gainsborough to meet the Trinity. J. Stringer; A. Adams and J. Brittain; S. Peters, E. Pheasant and J. Manners; B. Rankin, E. Bradley, F. Shinton, A. Heywood and T. Dilly. The Albion had the better of the opening play but their efforts were unsuccessful and twenty-three minutes after the start Winter scored for the home team, who led by a goal at the interval. After seven minutes' play in the second half the home team were awarded a penalty, and Westwood scored a second goal. From this

point to the close the Albion attacked, but they scored only one goal, Heywood putting the ball into the net with the result that they retired losers by two goals to one.

The following Saturday, April 21st, the Albion visited Chesterfield. Stringer's knee having been injured, T. Picken kept goal, and the team was:—T. Picken; A. Adams and J. Pennington; A. Randle, E. Pheasant and J. Manners; B. Rankin, E. Bradley, F. Shinton, A. Heywood and T. Dilly. Chesterfield.—Cope; Marples and Baker; Hay, Banner and Milne; Lunn, Thacker, Thompson, Munday and Handley. Referee: Mr. Smith (Doncaster). The wind blew with great force from goal to goal, carrying with it clouds of dust and this the Albion had to face. Chesterfield utilised their advantage by continually lifting the ball into the goalmouth, but here "the Albion backs were alert and vigilant, while Picken abundantly justified his selection by cool and safe work." The play in this half might be summed up as a succession of corners to the home team and brief but well executed breaks away by the Albion, and from one of these Manners gave Cope a shot that he with difficulty saved and Randle sent into the net before he could get the ball away, but the point was disallowed for too previous attention to the goalkeeper. Changing ends with a clean sheet, the Albion assumed the role of attackers and before long Manners drove the ball into the net. Then a peculiar change occurred, a heavy downpour of rain came on and completely subdued the wind, and for the remainder of the game the sides were on equal terms. Soon Shinton got away and though Cope came out and saved, Heywood was handy and scored while the goalkeeper lay where he had fallen. Another burst by Bradley and Shinton saw the latter increase the lead, and the Albion won well by three goals to none.

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B	HULL CITY v. WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS		
C	ASTON VILLA v. PORT VALE		
D	DERBY COUNTY v. BRADFORD CITY		
E	SHEFFIELD UNITED v. CORINTHIANS		
F	BIRMINGHAM v. CHELSEA		
G	COVENTRY CITY v. NOTTS COUNTY		
H	BURY v. SUNDERLAND		
I	NEWCASTLE UNITED v. HARTLEPOOLS UNITED		
J	EVERTON v. BURNLEY		
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