

We take this opportunity of welcoming both Eddie McCreddie and Tommy Knox to Stamford Bridge and wish them a happy career in our colours. Both are from East Stirling.

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Last Wednesday evening we beat Scunthorpe United 3-0 in our first home League game of the season. From the start of the game our forwards pressed hard and it was quickly obvious that under such pressure goals would have to come. Graham Moore scored in the 21st minute from a centre by Frank Blunstone and Barry Bridges added goals in the 37th and 80th minutes. When the other results came in we knew that we were at the top of the table—and for the first time since 1936 we had achieved victory in each of our first two League games of a season.

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Next week our League team have two away matches. The return at Scunthorpe on Wednesday and a game against Stoke City on Saturday. Are we to have the pleasure of seeing the great Stanley Matthews in action again?—one can only hope so.

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On the following Tuesday evening (4th September, kick-off 7.30 p.m.) we are sending our first team to play Wealdstone in a charity match in connection with the Royal Air Force Battle of Britain week. Although we may include one or two of our reserves, the intention is to play almost a full League team as our players have no mid-week game that week.

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Our first home Combination League game is against Queen's Park Rangers on Wednesday afternoon, 5th September, and we take this chance to point out to our supporters that the kick-off times in this competition this season will be 3 p.m. or earlier in the middle of the season, as floodlights will not be used for these games.

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It is customary for us to publish warnings about the activities of pickpockets on this ground and we would once again call your attention to this danger. In your own interests we ask you to be careful about your money and valuables. It is an obvious

precautionary measure not to bring more money to the ground than is necessary for your immediate expenditure and it would seem that the money is safer if carried loose in the pocket rather than in a wallet. The work of pickpockets is made easier in places where people gather and bunch together, such as teabars, and extra caution is needed in such places. Please heed this warning and thus make Stamford Bridge an unprofitable place for pickpockets to operate.

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How would you like to be a referee? The need is great and many more referees are wanted for games in the London area. If you are interested Mr. A. E. D. Smith of 37 Castlenau, S.W.13, would be glad to hear from you and let you have full information of what you have to do to become 'the man with the whistle'.

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Although the usual evening for our home games is Wednesday, our home League game against Southampton has been arranged for Monday evening, 10th September (kick-off 7.30 p.m.). Will our supporters please make a special note of this date and thus avoid disappointment by missing the game. Our old wing half, Cliff Huxford, is on the Southampton staff and we hope to see him make a return visit that evening. His younger brother, Colin, signed professional forms for us last season.

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We have been drawn at home to Leyton Orient in the first round of this season's London F.A. Challenge Cup. The game will be played on Monday, 1st October (time of kick-off to be arranged). The dates of the subsequent rounds are: 15th October (second round), 29th October (semi-final) and 3rd December (final).

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OUR FRONT COVER

Albert Murray goes up for a Tommy Knox centre in our game at Brighton.