



10 November 1935

ARMOUR VILLA
Last Saturday we entertained Burghfield on the Rec., and after a very enjoyable game, in which Nobby was playing against us, we won 5-2. Rogers (2), Englefield (2) and Smith scoring. Thanks, Burghfield, for a good game.
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04 January 1936

ARMOUR VILLA
We again lost on Saturday, when we visited West Reading Rangers on Prospect Park, the scores being 5-2, but we were handicapped by only having eight men. A supporter kindly turned out at half-time, when we were losing 4-1. We thank the Rangers for a sporty game in the mud, which Don enjoyed more than anybody. Were the after-effects of Christmas the reason why the brothers Ward failed to appear, or did the rain frighten them? With the season half over we have played 15, lost 8, and won 7, leading goal-scorer being K. Englefield, who has 16. So far the double has been completed three times. I am starting a pen picture of the players, starting with Don Crawford, goal: A sturdy player, who is gaining more experience and confidence each week after playing in the field. A budding Hibbs, under the eye of the
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11 January 1936

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ARMOUR VILLA

On Saturday we should have played Burghfield Hatch on the Rec., but our opponents were unable to raise a team. To-day we shall have visited Elm Park to watch the cup-tie. Our remaining matches include the return match with Jones and Co., at Maidenhead next Saturday. We shall travel by train, with I hope a full team this time. We should avenge the defeat we had on the Rec, or at least force a draw.

To-day's pen picture: C. Stone (right back). A well-built player, steady and a good tackler, seldom beaten. Equally at home at right half. One who hopes the hole in Don's chest has healed is the

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18 January 1936

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On Saturday we had no match on account of the cup-tie. To-day we shall have played our stiffest match of the season, at Maidenhead, if our opponents' ground was not flooded. In future the inside left position will be filled by Les Ward, who takes over from his brother Den. Both these fellows are clever forwards, but Den, at the age of 18, is giving up football. Perhaps he is afraid of falling over his beard. Was a former player of ours responsible for the advertisement in the paper on Saturday? It has caused some trouble to our secretary, as well as others who have answered it. Not a very good joke to play, or was it spite? This week's pen picture: M. Lewis, left half, a good attacking half, one who backs his forwards up well. A strong kick and reliable in defence.

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25 January 1936

ARMOUR VILLA

Another last-minute postponement on Saturday spoilt our chance of a good game at Maidenhead. Our lads will no doubt be glad of a game, having played (without today's match), only one game since Christmas. We have still a few dates to fill. If teams are interested, they should apply to our secretary. This week's pen picture: G. Crutchfield (centre half), previous right back, tried at pivot with success. Tackles and positions himself well.

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1 February 1936

ARMOUR VILLA

On Saturday we played Burghfield Hatch on the Rec. After a rather shaky start, in which our visitors scored, our forwards settled down, and at the interval we led 3-1. In the second half we swung the ball about more and kept our opponents on the run, and won by 7-2. There were three penalties in the second half, two in our favour, from which we scored, and one against, which Don saved. About ten minutes from time Ward got hungry and went home. To-day we shall have played the return game at Burghfield. What does Don do waiting down Burghfield Road on Sundays in the cold? Is it a skirt? The way he was done up we thought it was a funeral!

This week's pen picture: K. Brocks (right half), useful in attack, feeds wing man well, good shot, and makes up our strongest line.

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8 February 1936

ARMOUR VILLA

On Saturday we were again disappointed, the pitch at Burghfield being flooded. Perhaps we shall be able to play a few consecutive matches soon. We all appreciate the secretary's efforts to provide us with good fixtures each week, and he must find it rather annoying to be let down at the last minute some weeks. Apart from the goalkeeper, the only players who have failed to score are the centre half and left back, but this might be remedied any week by a few long shots or free kicks. All the forwards are amongst the goals, including: K. Englefield (outside left), a fast and tricky forward, good shot and the Villa's Bastin and captain.

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15 February 1936

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On Saturday we met Elliotts on the Rec. and won by the odd goal in five. Our visitors opened the scoring with a penalty (which had to be taken twice) for a very doubtful decision of hands against Stone, the ball hitting his shoulder. The equaliser came from a shot by Englefield. The second half opened with a rather quick goal for the Villa from another penalty, taken by Englefield. Elliotts equalised, with a fine solo effort from Sarney. Yet another penalty was awarded to us, but Englefield shot straight at the goalkeeper. The Villa scored the winning goal with a great shot by Crutchfield from the edge of the penalty area. To-day we shall have met Checkendon Res. (I hope) at home. In future will Ward remember that inside left position is not behind his own backs, and will Nobby remember his trousers? Don says it is not a skirt, but a lovely young lady. Doesn't Reggie look nice on Saturday evenings?

This week's pen picture.—D. Ward (inside forward), clever, with good ball control, inclined to try to beat too many men, but worries defence well. NEW VILLIAN.

22 February 1936

ARMOUR VILLA

On Saturday we played Thames United on the Rec. (owing to a mistake I put Checkendon Res. in the previous notes). Our right wing failed to turn up, and Thames arrived two short, so with nine a-side we kicked off. The game was very fast on a heavy pitch. J. Wickens scored the only goal of the first half for us, and after the interval K. Englefield scored twice to Thames' once, making the score 3-1 in our favour. We thank Thames United for a very clean and sporting game, and look forward to the return match. Also thanks to the referee for the way he handled the game. Why does Ken's sister take such an interest in the Villa? What's happened to Wickens' crack team? The team has settled down well now and fully justifies an application for League football next season. This week's pen picture: Nobby Buckland, forward. Good in all positions forward, uses both feet well, clever in attack, and feeds wings well. NEW VILLIAN.

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29 February 1936

ARMOUR VILLA

On Saturday we were badly let down by four of our team. Checkendon Reserves were our visitors on the Rec., and they turned up with a fairly strong team, against which we were only able to field seven men. The pitch was in a terrible state, but that did not prevent our opponents scoring thirteen, of which at least three were offside. Checkendon regarded this as an easy victory, but in the return game they will find it hard to draw, let alone win. This is the second or third time Ward has let us down, I hope Cyril can postpone his work to the Sunday on future occasions. To-day we shall have played Right-form away, and if the efforts of our secretary have been rewarded there will be one or two new players who have shown their paces. This week's pen picture, R. Smith (forward). A very fast and tricky winger, also plays centre forward, good shot, and second highest goal scorer.

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7 March 1936

ARMOUR VILLA

Last week we were away to Rightform on Prospect Park. We included in the team two new inside forwards, E. Anstead and R. Yarlott. The first half was fairly even, and at the interval we led 1-0, the scorer being R. Smith. The second half started with an attack on Rightform's goal, and R. Yarlott scored a good goal. Then our opponents scored, and came near to equalising. We netted again through E. Anstead, R. Yarlott and A. Buckland (2, one penalty), and Rightform twice, to bring the score to 6-3 in our favour. We were well served by our halves, and the two new players put up a capital show. Nobby led the forwards well, and Don played a good game in goal. I thank Rightform for the good game, and look forward to the return. To-day we shall have played Checkendon, away, with better results than the last time, I hope. It was a rather different team that played West Reading Rangers on Saturday.

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14 March 1936

ARMOUR VILLA

On Saturday we made the journey to Checkendon to play their reserve eleven. Checkendon pressed hard and our defence had a gruelling time, during which tempers became a little frayed. The home team were soon two goals up, the second due to a mistake by our left back. We scored through K. Englefield. Our centre half was penalised for a foul on their leader, which appeared to be a perfectly fair charge. From the penalty the home team scored, and from that period the game became rough. Our opponents scored once more before the interval, and we crossed over 4-1 down. The second saw a vast change in our team, for we continually pressed, and E. Anstead scored. Further goals were scored by M. Lewis, and an opponent. The score finished at this point, to make it a draw, 4-4. Again we were well served by our forwards, especially the inside men, but the outstanding man was M. Lewis at left half, who besides scoring played a great attacking game. Why did Ron get off at Wilson Road. Was it a dete? I thank him for the game of billiards. Why did Don tell George socks only 9d. a pair were on sale? Pen pictures—R. Yarlett (inside left), a well-built player, fast and clever, good shot, and feeds wing well. E. Anstead (inside right), attacks well and shoots from any angle, passes very accurately, and has scored in both his games for us.

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21 March 1936

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28 March 1936

ARMOUR VILLA

Last week we entertained Barndale on the Rec., and they turned up with a strong team. The light ball and hard pitch was not to our liking. Our visitors after a short period scored a good goal. From the kick-off we pressed hard, and after their defence had saved several attacks we equalised through E. Anstead. Barndale scored again, and once more we drew level, a grand shot from R. Yarlett going in off the crossbar. Our visitors scored again before the interval, and deserved the slight lead. After half-time they went further ahead, and then our captain decided to change the team about. It made no difference, however, and we lost 6-3, our other goal being scored by H. Rogers, who turned out at the last minute. Again, for the third week in succession, we gave a penalty away, which Don saved, but he did not have a good afternoon the lively ball deceiving him once or twice. It seems strange that whenever we have a hard match someone lets us down. This week it was Reg. Smith. We had the same trouble before until one or two were thrown out. We thank Barndale for the good game. To-day we shall have played Rightform Athletic, at home. It is several weeks since K. Englefield scored, and he will be losing his record if he leaves it much longer.

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