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Club Notes

At the opening match last year we stated the 1957/58 season would probably be one of the most momentous in the history of the Club.

So it proved to be, not only did we achieve what we set out to do—i.e., secure a place in the new Division III, but finished fourth in the league table.

Encouraged by the success of the team, and the consequent increase of gate money, plus the wonderful contribution from the Supporters' Club (without which the Football Club could not continue to function), the Board decided to add to the amenities of the ground by erecting a double-decker stand.

Unfortunately, things have not quite gone according to plan. The various adjustments and improvements have delayed the final completion. The weather could have been a lot kinder too.

We therefore appeal to all spectators to help in every way. We are sorry the stand is not ready for the opening game, because of course, it does mean loss of revenue, and the Club needs every penny, as the final figure for the stand will be very near to £20,000.

In order that results on the field will not suffer we trust, we have this year engaged a larger staff than ever before since the formation of the Club in 1894. The playing staff consists of 24 full-time professional players, 12 part-time professionals, and 2 ground-staff lads, a grand total of 38. Our earnest wish is the results will justify such a large complement of players.

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To the spectators we say "Thank you for your splendid support last season." Please keep up the good work, and bear with us any little inconvenience you may have to put up with as a result of the work going on in connection with the stand. We do hope you will all support us in our efforts. A great amount of money is now outstanding, both for players and the improvements, and we sincerely trust the playing record will enable the Club to fulfil all its commitments. May you have a happy season, and please shall we see you often? At First Team and Reserve Matches.

Finally, on behalf of you all, can we say to the Manager and all the players "Good Luck, in this the first season of the new Division III of the Football League. Can we at least have a repeat of last season?"

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he can play in either full-back position.

PARKER (L.B.)—Longest serving player with the Club, joining them from Crewe Alexandria seven years ago. Club captain. Started his football with South Liverpool. DAVIS (R.H.)—Now in his fourth season at the Racecourse, arriving there from Reading. A most stylish player who is at home in either wing haif position.

Reading. A most stylish player who is at home in either wing haif position. FOX (C.H.)—Is considered one of the best centre halves in the Third Division. Was amongst the final 22 players for the Welsh World Cup team but was not selected to go to Sweden. Is still serving in the Forces. A local boy.

EVANS (L.H.)—A local lad who came to the Club from neighbouring Oswestry Town at the beginning of last season. Came into the first team towards the end of last season and held the left half position.

JONES (O.R.)—Born at Nuneaton and started his football career with West Bromwich Albion with whom he was playing when Wrexham signed him four seasons ago. Has been first choice outside right since. Selected for Third North XI two seasons ago.

WESTON (I.R.)—An amateur inside forward who was spotted playing for a local army team last season. Had intended to make the army his career until he

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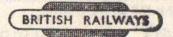
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a formality, but a very sincere wish of all Supporters.

Some may have read of the increase in sales of Season Tickets. A number of the new holders are acquiring their tickets through our own scheme, whereby we purchase the tickets from the Football Club on behalf of the holders who pay us by convenient instalments spread over the first few months of the season. Further particulars of the scheme may be obtained through members of the Committee, on enquiry at our headquarters, or particularly of Mrs. L. Smith of 27 Avenue Road, Swindon, who is the member of the Committee who has charge of the scheme.

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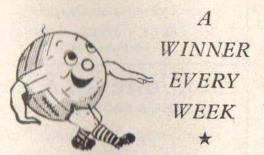
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SOWDEN (I.L.)—Close season signing from Accrington Stanley, whom he joined from Gillingham. On the small side for an inside forward, but a great ball-player. BROWN (O.L.)—A close season signing from Southampton, for whom he played several times in Third South. Can play in any of the inside forward positions, or on the right wing. On the small side, but a great hearted worker who likes to be among the goals.

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