



Trowbridge

THE WESTERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

At the annual meeting of this league Mr. J. R. Riddell (the chairman) presided over a very full gathering of club representatives. The balance sheet showed an improved position and, having regard to the value of the cups in the possession of the League, was considered satisfactory. An effort will be made early in the season to entirely wipe out the present deficit, and place the finances on a sound basis.

The applications from clubs having been considered at a previous meeting, the elections were soon disposed of, and next season Division I will consist of Bristol City, Bristol Rovers, Millwall, Portsmouth, Queen's Park Rangers, Reading, Southampton, Swindon and Tottenham Hotspur. As it is the intention strictly to enforce the rule that all clubs must play their best eleven in all matches, under a minimum penalty of £10, the competitions should prove interesting to the supporters of the respective clubs, having regard to the evenness of their strength.

The elections for Division II were then taken and the following clubs should draw well in the struggle for Mr. Edward Colston's handsome trophy, viz., Bristol East, Staple Hill, Fishponds, Weston (Bath), Cotham (old members), Warmley Tower Rovers, Weston-super-Mare, Paulton Rovers. The rules have been altered in some slight instances in consequence of each division in future managing its own affairs.

Division I committee will meet monthly at Reading – for the convenience of its members – and Division II at the headquarters in Bristol. The following gentlemen are to be invited to form an Appeal Association for Division I: - Mr. W. Pickford, of Bournemouth; Mr. J. A. Sherrington of the Football Association (London); and Mr. F. W. Stancomb of Trowbridge. The latter gentleman has been on the old Appeal Committee for many years, and as showing their faith in that Committee, Division II proposed their re-election en bloc, substituting the name of Mr. W. A. Deakin for Mr. Stancomb, by being unable to act on both. None but the most efficient referees will be placed on the list, and everything possible will be done to ensure the competitions being carried out in a manner satisfactory to the public, the League, and the respective clubs. Division I secretaries met on Saturday and arranged their fixtures.

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