

= 1892 ? 93 Small Heath F.C. season =

The 1892 ? 93 season was the twelfth season of competitive association football played by Small Heath F.C. , an English football club based in Birmingham . After finishing in third position in the Football Alliance in 1891 ? 92 , Small Heath was one of 12 clubs elected to the newly formed Second Division for the 1892 ? 93 Football League season .

During the season , the team scored 90 goals at an average of four goals per game , beat Walsall Town Swifts 12 ? 0 to set a club record League victory which , as of 2012 , still stands , remained undefeated on their own ground throughout the season , and won the last nine matches of the League season to take the Second Division title at their first attempt . Promotion to the First Division was not automatic , even for the champions , but depended on the results of test matches between the top three Second Division and bottom three First Division teams . Small Heath lost to Newton Heath , the 16th @-@ placed First Division team , after a replay , so were not promoted , although the teams placed second and third were .

Small Heath entered the 1892 ? 93 FA Cup at the first round proper , and lost in that round to First Division club Burnley . In local competitions , they were eliminated by Aston Villa in the semi @-@ final of the Birmingham Senior Cup and the final of the Mayor of Birmingham 's Charity Cup . Small Heath also played several friendly matches during the season , including benefit matches for players Harry Morris , Caesar Jenkyns and Fred Speller .

Small Heath used 19 different players in nationally organised competitive matches during the season and had ten different goalscorers . Three players , Fred Wheldon , Tommy Hands and Billy Ollis , appeared in every League match . The top scorer was inside @-@ forward Wheldon with 25 League goals , a total which made him the Second Division 's leading scorer , and the other four first @-@ choice forwards all reached double figures . Chris Charsley became the first Small Heath player to represent the England national football team , and Fred Jones was capped for Wales .

= = Background = =

Small Heath Football Club 's 1891 ? 92 season had been relatively successful after several years of declining interest . On the field , they finished third in the Football Alliance . Off it , the Annual General Meeting of the club , held at Jenkins Street Board School in July 1892 , heard that " skilful management , good matches , and capital ' gates ' " had combined to produce a statement of financial affairs " distinctly creditable to managers and players " , and the directors were to be congratulated . The club 's application for election to the Football League First Division when it was expanded to 16 clubs was unsuccessful , but it was one of 12 clubs , mostly from the previous season 's Football Alliance , elected to compete in the inaugural season of that league 's Second Division . Alfred Jones had been acting as club secretary on a voluntary basis since 1885 , when payment of players was first permitted . Prior to entering the Football League , the board of directors appointed him as the club 's first paid official , as secretary @-@ manager . Caesar Jenkyns captained the team .

All the regular first @-@ team members during the previous season ? goalkeepers Chris Charsley and George Hollis , backs Tom Bayley and Fred Speller , half @-@ backs Ted Devey , Caesar Jenkyns and Billy Ollis , and forwards Jack Hallam , Tommy Hands , Harry Morris , Billy Walton and Fred Wheldon ? remained with the club . Others from the Football Alliance side included the versatile Bernard Pumfrey and George Short , and the long @-@ serving Charlie Simms , who was by 1892 employed as the first @-@ team trainer , but retained his playing registration for emergencies . Among the newcomers were back Fred Jones from Newton Heath , forward Harry Edwards , signed from Singer 's of Coventry , and centre @-@ forward Frank Mobley , who joined soon after the start of the season , also from Singer 's . They played in the same kit as in the previous season : royal blue shirts and stockings with white knickerbockers .

= = Review = =

= = = September = = =

Small Heath opened their first season in the Football League at home to Burslem Port Vale . The match was due to kick off at 3 : 30 pm , but the visitors arrived half an hour late . Small Heath won the toss and , with the dual benefit of a strong wind behind them and their opponents having only ten men because their centre @-@ forward Billy Beats had missed his train , had most of the play in the first half . After a near @-@ miss by Tommy Hands , their first goal came as " the right wing took the ball in front of goal , and after a little scrimmaging it was sent between the posts " ; the goal was credited to Fred Wheldon . Port Vale rallied , and the game , " more vigorous than scientific " , was even until Small Heath scored twice just before half @-@ time . In the second half , with the advantage of the wind , Port Vale pulled a goal back , but the final score was 5 ? 1 .

Small Heath made the short trip to Walsall Town Swifts for their first away match of the season . In a " hard @-@ fought " game , Wheldon opened the scoring after 25 minutes with a " swift oblique shot " after all five forwards broke in a line . Walsall equalised with a scrappy goal from a corner , and attempted to impose themselves on the game , but the visitors ' combination play held them at bay . Small Heath regained the lead when Walsall defender Alf Pinches headed into his own goal under pressure in a crowded goalmouth . In the second half , team captain Caesar Jenkyns increased the visitors ' lead following a corner , and as the players of both sides tired , the play became disjointed , both goalkeepers had several saves to make , and a Walsall goal was disallowed for offside .

A benefit match for Harry Morris , who had been a regular first @-@ team player since 1885 and captained the club in the 1891 ? 92 season , produced an " exciting contest " against a Birmingham and District eleven which Small Heath won 4 ? 3 . The visit to Sheffield United proved less productive . The home side opened the scoring early on , and " only good half @-@ back and back play by the visitors prevented the United greatly increasing the lead " . In the second half , with " a brilliant sun shining in the faces of their opponents " , the play was more even , and Jack Hallam came close to equalising , but Sheffield United made the score 2 ? 0 three minutes from time , when Harry Hammond ran through the Small Heath defence and scored with a " magnificent shot " .

A comfortable victory against Lincoln City , with two goals from Wheldon and one each from Jenkyns and debutant Frank Mobley , all scored before half @-@ time , left Small Heath in fourth place in the division with three wins from their September programme . According to the Birmingham Daily Gazette , Mobley , " a determined player , though on the small side , [who] passes well to his wings " , made a " very favourable impression for a first appearance " .

= = = October = = =

October began with a 3 ? 2 defeat at Grimsby Town . The home side , who " showed a clear superiority " in the first half , led 3 ? 1 at half @-@ time , and though Wheldon pulled one back from a free kick against the run of play , Small Heath did well to prevent Grimsby adding to their lead . Two days later they played a close game away to Burton Swifts in " dismal " weather ; Small Heath led at half @-@ time , Burton equalised 20 minutes into the second half , but Small Heath regained the lead and held on for a 3 ? 2 win .

Their next game was an open affair at home to Crewe Alexandra , in which the accuracy of Crewe 's shooting let them down . Despite playing against the wind , Small Heath led 2 ? 0 by half @-@ time , a lead extended to 6 ? 0 by the close in a one @-@ sided second half . Each goal was scored by a different player : Billy Walton , Hallam , Ted Devey , Wheldon , Hands and Mobley , of whom the Birmingham Daily Post suggested he had " the making of an excellent centre forward " . Against division leaders Ardwick at Manchester , the home club took a two @-@ goal lead by the interval , aided by some poor shooting by the visitors . Wheldon scored in the second half , and then a heavy rain- and hailstorm began , blowing into the faces of the Ardwick players . Wheldon scored again and Small Heath pressed hard , but their shooting failed to improve , and they were fortunate not to lose the game when a shot from William Lambie hit the crossbar .

Charsley put up a good performance playing on the winning side for the Midlands against a Lancashire and the North XI in a trial match for the Football League representative team . Although getting a hand to the first shot on target , from Sunderland 's Jimmy Hannah , he could only turn it onto the underside of the bar and into the net . Early in the second half , he made a smart double save to thwart the same club 's John Campbell , first from a " fast shot low down " and then from the rebound . Later on , Charsley held on to the ball in a scrimmage and needed the assistance of Sheffield Wednesday full @-@ back Tom Brandon to keep from carrying the ball over the line .

In Small Heath 's last game in October , at home to Darwen , a 3 ? 2 victory was marred by a serious injury to full @-@ back Fred Speller . Soon after kickoff . Speller was in the act of kicking the ball when the onrushing William Campbell collided with him , knocking him to the ground . A police constable administered first aid before the player , whose leg was broken , was carried from the field on a plank and taken to hospital . On a heavy pitch in poor condition , it was nearly impossible to dribble the ball , and Small Heath 's decision to play on with only one back meant Darwen 's attackers were frequently caught offside . In the second half , Small Heath 's forwards took control , and repeated attacks resulted in goals from Hallam and from Hands after Hallam had struck the bar . Darwen 's committee decided not to proceed with a protest lodged " on account of the bankings at the corners of the field " , despite " the Small Heath ground hardly reflect [ing] credit on a club which holds such an important position in the football world " . The win meant Small Heath overtook Darwen to reach second place in the division .

= = = November = = =

Because of other teams ' FA Cup engagements , Small Heath played only twice in the League during November . A comfortable victory by four goals to one at Bootle on 5 November took them to the top of the table , one point clear of Ardwick who lost at Grimsby . Their next game was less straightforward . At home to Burton Swifts , the visitors ' superior finishing gave them a 2 ? 0 lead at half @-@ time ; the second half was quite the opposite . Mobley scored from a Hallam cross after ten minutes , " shot after shot was sent in to the Burton goal " , and eventually , with ten minutes left , Walton headed home the equaliser . The crowd 's vocal support and the home side 's " desperate efforts to win " were rewarded by Caesar Jenkyns with a late header .

Billy Walton scored the only goal of a friendly match against First Division team Derby County , in which Small Heath gave a first opportunity to brothers Arnold and Fred Jones . In the first half , Derby 's attacks were foiled by the defensive tactics of the Small Heath half @-@ backs , on fine form , and Wheldon twice hit the post . Derby , who had the better of the second half , appeared to score from a free kick , but the goal was disallowed because the ball had not been touched on its way to the net . That apart , Small Heath 's defence held out , and Hollis , in goal for the unavailable Charsley , " defended brilliantly " . The next weekend , they enjoyed a comfortable 4 ? 1 win against Gainsborough Trinity . Despite playing only friendlies in the second half of the month , Small Heath retained their lead in the division , level on points with Darwen having played one game fewer .

= = = December = = =

In their first League match for three weeks , Small Heath played out a 1 ? 1 draw with Sheffield United . Wheldon 's positional sense left him free to receive a pass from Mobley and score after only five minutes , and then the game went from end to end , both sides attacking but failing to score . Full @-@ back Fred Jones turned up late , but once he did take the field he was kept busy by the Sheffield forwards . The visitors had much the better of the second half ; " shot after shot rained upon the Small Heath goal , and it was only by swarming round Charsley that the Coventry road men kept the ball out . " With 11 minutes left , the ball was dribbled from the goal @-@ line into midfield , then passed from flank to flank before a cross from Drummond found Davies who scored the equalising goal .

A top @-@ of @-@ the @-@ table clash followed as Small Heath visited Darwen in what the Blackburn Standard described as " the most exciting game that has been played on the Darwen

ground for years " . In icy conditions , Small Heath scored early , again just before the interval , and a combination of home goalkeeper Kenyon and defender Orr presented them with a third soon afterwards ; Darwen scored three times in the last 12 minutes to take the game 4 ? 3 . The same newspaper suggested that were it not for the " grand player " Charsley 's " magnificent display , the Birmingham club would have met with a severe thrashing " . The win gave Darwen a three @-@ point lead in the table , having played one more game than Small Heath .

Small Heath returned to winning ways the following week at home to Walsall Town Swifts , producing what remains , as of 2012 , their record League victory : they won 12 ? 0 . Six goals came in each half , three from Mobley , three by Walton , whose third was the culmination of a " brilliant run " , and two each from the other three forwards , Hallam , Wheldon and Hands . The goalscoring continued on Christmas Eve with a 6 ? 0 victory at Northwich Victoria , and a 3 ? 1 home win against Crewe Alexandra which meant Small Heath would begin the new year at the top of the table . On Boxing Day , they visited Aston Villa for a friendly attended by 7 @,@ 000 spectators . Without both Charsley and George Hollis , trainer Charlie Simms played in goal as Villa won 3 ? 2 with the last kick of the game .

= = = January = = =

Simms made his Football League debut at Lincoln City in place of Caesar Jenkyns , who had missed his train . In bitterly cold weather , after snow had been cleared from the pitch , Lincoln took advantage of winning the toss by choosing to play downhill , and took a 2 ? 1 lead . On change of ends , Small Heath came back into the game , and scored twice in the last quarter of an hour to take the game 4 ? 3 .

On a hard and dangerous playing surface , Small Heath had much the better of the game against Northwich Victoria . The visitors scored first , which only served to settle the home side . The forwards dominated , the remainder of the first half being " practically a bombardment of the Northwich goal " . After Hallam used his pace to equalise , inside @-@ left Wheldon was actively involved in the rest of the goals . Hallam just failed to reach the rebound from Wheldon 's shot , and full @-@ back Billy Ollis headed home from a Wheldon cross . The same player 's shot across goal was tapped in by Walton , and a goal was awarded despite the Northwich goalkeeper 's claim that the ball had not crossed the line . Wheldon himself scored the fourth with a " brilliant shot " , then he and Hands ran the ball upfield before crossing for Hallam to score with a header . In the second half , Wheldon scored Small Heath 's sixth from 30 yards (27 m) , before the pace of the game dropped and Northwich scored a consolation with a long @-@ range cross @-@ shot .

After the match , 150 guests attended a dinner at the Old Royal Hotel in central Birmingham " in order that the shareholders and friends of the Small Heath Club might meet the players and congratulate them of their achievements and wish them still further success " . Walter Hart , the club 's chairman , spoke of the good character of the players , most of whom still worked at their own trades when not required for football , suggesting that " a man who had nothing to do but loaf about from week 's end to week 's end was not ready for play , and such a mode of life was not conducive to good football " . He praised the players ' esprit de corps and pluck which had taken them to the top of the division , and encouraged them to resist the temptation to sign for other clubs , insisting that " whatever money [the club] made after providing things of necessity would come to the players and ... the club could do as well for its players , if they only clung together , as any club in the country " . In reply , captain Caesar Jenkyns agreed that the players ' efforts meant they " deserved all the praise that had been bestowed on them " , and promised they would do their utmost to beat First Division club Burnley the following week in the FA Cup .

Despite media predictions of an upset , their utmost proved insufficient , though in the Dart 's opinion , " Small Heath deserve [d] all praise for the splendid fight they made with the Burnley eleven , who are all great players on their own ground . " Playing downwind , Burnley scored after half an hour from a scrimmage under the crossbar , and doubled their lead on the stroke of half @-@ time . In the second half , " dangerous fouls " were given against both sides . Small Heath continued to play a neat passing game but were kept at bay by Burnley 's strong defence and the

offside rule .

Small Heath 's final game of January was a 3 ? 1 defeat of Burton Swifts in the Birmingham Cup . They went into February with a three @-@ point lead over Darwen , each club having only four League games left to play . Sheffield United , in third place , eight points behind with five games in hand , were the only other team with a chance of overtaking them for the divisional title .

= = = February = = =

With no competitive fixture for the first two weekends of the month , friendlies were arranged against First Division Bolton Wanderers , at home , and Royal Arsenal away . With Charsley , a serving police officer , unavailable , regular full @-@ back Fred Jones played in goal , giving an opportunity to triallist Arthur Littleford at right @-@ back , as Small Heath beat Bolton 4 ? 3 , the visitors having a goal disallowed late on in the game . " In the presence of a large company " , Arsenal won 3 ? 1 .

When Small Heath finally returned to League football , their forwards , " conspicuous for some really beautiful passing " on a soft and slippery playing surface , gave them a 6 ? 2 victory over Bootle . The Sheffield & Rotherham Independent accepted that their local team was not going to win the title , for " Small Heath can scarcely be dislodged except by a very great reversal of form such as is not likely to come about " , though still expected Sheffield United to finish in the top three .

Chris Charsley became the first Small Heath player to play for England , and only the second , after Caesar Jenkyns for Wales , to represent his country at full international level , when he took the field against Ireland on 27 February at Aston Villa 's ground in Perry Barr , Birmingham . Although a strong team , it was composed solely of amateurs . Charsley had little to do , as England won the match 6 ? 1 , but a series of four saves in quick succession " demonstrated his ability between the sticks to everyone 's satisfaction " .

Back in the League , Hollis took Charsley 's place in goal , as customary in the latter 's absence . The heavy ground did not suit the visitors , Grimsby Town , and the Small Heath forwards ' hard @-@ working combination play brought them victory by eight goals to three . The following week , the Coventry Road ground hosted benefit matches for striking ironplate @-@ workers . Around 1 @,@ 500 spectators watched a match between tinsplate- and ironplate @-@ workers ' elevens , followed by a second between teams raised by former Aston Villa captain Archie Hunter , whose poor health prevented him playing , and the recently retired Small Heath forward Eddy Stanley , who led his team to a 9 ? 3 victory . Small Heath went into March with a four @-@ point lead over Darwen , each club having only two League games left to play , but the former 's goal average was so much superior that Sheffield United , in third place , ten points behind with five games in hand , were the only team still able to overhaul them .

= = = March = = =

Small Heath fielded eight of their regular starting eleven in a friendly against First Division Nottingham Forest . A close and exciting game , which featured " both goal @-@ keepers displaying wonderful cleverness and resource " , was won by Forest with a late goal . In their first competitive fixture of the month , the quarter @-@ final of the Birmingham Cup , they beat Wednesbury Old Athletic , a team from the Birmingham & District League , by five goals to nil in a match " characterised by a good deal of rough play " . A " fairly strong " team suffered a rare home defeat in a friendly against Middlesbrough of the Northern League . Jack Hallam appeared to score in the first half , but the referee disallowed the goal , having spotted that Hallam had knocked the ball in with hand rather than head , and Middlesbrough went on to score twice without reply in the second period .

Fred Jones missed the Middlesbrough match because of international duty . Selected among the reserves for Wales ' match against Scotland , he was required to play after both first @-@ choice backs dropped out . The Liverpool Mercury reported that he had " a wretched game at back and completely disorganised the Welsh defence " , as Scotland won 8 ? 0 , while according to the

Wrexham Advertiser , " some @-@ one said that he appeared to have made a resolve before he went on the field not to kick the ball " .

On 20 March , Small Heath played West Bromwich Albion in a benefit match for captain Caesar Jenkyns . Teddy Jolley made his first appearance for the club , and a relatively strong side whose forwards " were very quick on the ball , and passed remarkably well " , notably Wheldon , who " as usual , played brilliantly " , won 5 ? 0 in front of about 4 @,@ 000 spectators . In an uneventful penultimate League match of the regular season , Small Heath won 3 ? 0 at the Athletic Ground against Burslem Port Vale , Walton opening the scoring just before half @-@ time with a penalty kick . The Sheffield & Rotherham Independent now predicted that Sheffield United would win their remaining four matches , all away from home , to take the divisional title on goal average .

= = = April = = =

Despite competition from holiday entertainments which included the Military Tournament at Bingley Hall , Hengler 's circus at Curzon Hall , the fairground , variety shows and dancing at Aston Lower Grounds , and boating and other amusements in the public parks , a large attendance was expected at Small Heath 's last League match of the season , on a fine Easter weekend at home to Ardwick . Ardwick took an early lead , which Hands came close to equalising after a clever passing move with Wheldon . Just before the interval , Wheldon forced a corner , from which the ball was rushed across the line . In the second half , Small Heath went all out in attack , and after the Ardwick goalkeeper had made several saves , Walton scored with a header , and Hallam made it three from a Walton pass . Ardwick pulled one back , but Small Heath 's " admirable defence " held out " by watchfulness and combination " for a gratifying result for the supporters . On Easter Monday they visited Middlesbrough where they lost 2 ? 1 to the Ironopolis club in a friendly .

The next Saturday saw the meeting with Aston Villa in the semifinal of the Birmingham Senior Cup . Both clubs fielded full first teams , Small Heath missing only Walton , for whom Harry Edwards proved a " very indifferent " substitute . In front of 15 @,@ 000 spectators at Aston Lower Grounds , Small Heath outplayed their First Division opponents for the first half hour , and had several chances which they failed to take , but Aston Villa improved thereafter , winning 5 ? 0 after a quite one @-@ sided second half .

On the Monday , Darwen visited Small Heath to play a benefit match for Fred Speller , who had been injured playing against that club in October . Unfortunately for the beneficiary , the attendance was affected by the semi @-@ final of the Mayor 's Charity Cup between Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion being played the same day . Friendlies against First Division Stoke and West Bromwich Albion produced wins by 4 ? 2 and 4 ? 1 respectively , and Sheffield United 's failure to beat Walsall in their last League match of the season confirmed Small Heath as inaugural Second Division champions . Ahead of the promotion test match , against 16th @-@ placed First Division team Newton Heath at Stoke 's Victoria Ground , the Birmingham Daily Gazette was sure that " all the good wishes of Midland sportsmen will go with the Heathens for their success after a consistently good season 's performance " .

Small Heath forced several early corners , but then conceded on the break when Alf Farman scored from a Tommy Fitzsimmons pass . Towards half @-@ time , they had chances from a scramble in front of the Newton Heath goal , and pressed hard after the interval , the persistence of Wheldon eventually securing an equaliser " after brilliant work by all of the Small Heath forwards " . " Capital defensive play " by both teams prevailed thereafter , and the match was drawn . The Manchester Guardian noted the contrast in attacking style , as " the Small Heath players were playing a most scientific game , but the rushes of Newton Heath were often very dangerous " , and the Gazette 's reporter felt that half @-@ backs George Short and , particularly , Jenkyns had been " inclined to take matters a little too easily " in the first half .

Two days later , Small Heath , with Jack Lee and Bernard Pumfrey in the forward line instead of Walton and Mobley , and Littleford standing in at back , played a similarly depleted Wolverhampton Wanderers in the semi @-@ final of the Mayor of Birmingham 's Charity Cup . Hands scored Small Heath 's opening goal , but sustained a leg injury after about half an hour ; although he continued for

a time , he was struggling , and could not complete the game . Despite the numerical disadvantage , Lee scored twice for Small Heath to take the tie 3 ? 1 .

Harry Morris replaced the injured Hands at outside left for the test match replay at Olive Grove , Sheffield . Newton Heath had a goal disallowed for handball before Wheldon opened the scoring with a powerful shot from distance . After several attacks at each end ? Tom Bayley cleared off the line and Wheldon hit the foot of a post ? Farman equalised after 37 minutes with a penalty awarded against Bayley for handball . Soon after half @-@ time , Newton Heath took the lead from a goalmouth scramble , within a minute a pass from Hallam found Walton who equalised , but in the end Small Heath were overrun . With 18 minutes remaining , goals from Joe Cassidy , Jimmy Coupar and Farman made the final score 5 ? 2 , ensuring that Small Heath would remain in the Second Division for another year .

In the final of the Mayor 's Charity Cup at the Lower Grounds ? Small Heath 's last competitive match of the season , and their fourth in eight days ? Hallam opened the scoring from the rebound after a long shot hit the post in the first attacking move of the game . Aston Villa took a 2 ? 1 lead , Small Heath equalised in the second half , but Villa scored the winning goal after torrential rain had driven " a great many " of the spectators from the ground .

= = Summary and aftermath = =

Small Heath went through the season unbeaten at Coventry Road . In the League , they scored 90 goals , at a rate of more than 4 goals per game , and all five first @-@ choice forwards reached double figures . The leading scorer was Fred Wheldon , with 25 goals from the 22 League fixtures and 1 in the test match , a total which made him the top scorer for the Second Division . Wheldon , Tommy Hands and Billy Ollis were ever @-@ present in the League , and Caesar Jenkyns and Jack Hallam missed only one game apiece .

Unable to dislodge Wheldon or Billy Walton from the inside forward position , Harry Edwards chose to leave at the end of the season . Tom Bayley was released , and Fred Jones left for Lincoln City after losing his place at left back to Bernard Pumfrey . Harry Morris retired to concentrate on his plumbing business . Fred Speller attempted a comeback , appearing twice for the first team in September 1893 , but the injury received against Darwen effectively proved the end of his football career .

Speculation by " people who profess to believe that these test matches will not be played at all , and that if they are , and a First Division team is knocked out , the rules will be circumvented in some way " proved unfounded . The League 's Annual General Meeting heard proposals that the First Division be expanded to either 20 or 18 teams . Both motions were seconded by Small Heath ? not surprisingly , after they as champions had failed to gain promotion while the teams in second and third place had succeeded ? but both were defeated , thus confirming that the team would play in the Second Division for the 1893 ? 94 season . Small Heath were to finish that season as runners @-@ up and , this time , achieved promotion to the First Division via the test matches .

= = Match details = =

For consistency , attendances and goalscorers ' names in the League , Test Match and FA Cup match details tables are sourced from Matthews ' Complete Record . Attendance figures were estimated , so information in contemporary newspaper reports could , and often did , differ . For example , the attendance at the last match of the regular season , against Ardwick , is variously recorded as 1 @,@ 000 , 2 @,@ 000 , and " about 4 @,@ 000 " . League positions are sourced from Statto .

= = = Football League Second Division = = =

= = = Test Matches = = =

== FA Cup ==

== Birmingham Senior Cup ==

== Mayor of Birmingham 's Charity Cup ==

== Other matches ==

= Squad statistics =

This table includes appearances and goals in nationally organised competitions ? the Football League , including promotion test matches , and FA Cup ? only . For a description of the playing positions , see Formation (association football) # 2 ? 3 ? 5 (Pyramid) .