



BGS 2nd XI 1959/1960

Back Row (left to right)

G.Bennett (Mster), D Probert (gkpr), J Dyson(C.H), C Dawson (R.B), C Daris (R.H), J Gosling (O.R), G Griffiths (L.B)

Front Row

G Ogilvie (I.R), M Edelson (C.F), G Ainscow (Capt-L.H), T Mawson (I.L), D Heywood (O.L)

Goalscorers – Edelson 21, Gosling 17, Heywood 9 & Littman 9

MEMORY LANE

This is a photograph of the school 2nd Xi for the season 1959/60. The team enjoyed a very successful season under the management of Geoff Bennett. The team played 21 games, winning 17 and drawing 4 and thus remained undefeated. Goals for totalled 81, goals against 27.

Our unbeaten record came under serious threat in a late home game against Stand Grammar School. We were 1-4 down at what appeared to be full time. However, Geoff Bennett who was the referee had clearly noticed much time wasting by the Stand boys (not noticed by anyone else mind), and decided to play on. This allowed us to pull the score back to 4-4 whereupon Geoff immediately blew for full time, much to the annoyance of the Stand contingent. One of our unluckiest players was John Keate, not in the photograph. He played on the left wing at Bolton County, as replacement for Harry (Pud) Heywood perhaps on detention - and John scored 5 goals in an 8-2 win. He was dropped for the next game!

Pictured on the front row, first on the left is Graham Ogilvie who died sadly about 5 years ago after a long illness. Graham was a fine player and one of the best exponents of the slide tackle I can recall. Invariably he would win the ball, often taking the man as well.

Mike Edelson is pictured sat next to Graham; he was our top scorer with 21 goals, many of them we recall being "toe-poked" into the net.

Geoff Bennett did a great job as our coach; he jealously guarded our better players and resisted all attempts by the 1st Xi boss - I think this may have been Bert Asquith - to promote them to the first team.

Jeff Gosling