

THE ALBION WIN AT BARNLSLEY.

Fine weather prevailing, there was, as anticipated, a record gate to witness the encounter between West Bromwich Albion and Barnsley on the latter's ground. The game, which ended in a victory for the Albion by 2 goals to 0, was of an interesting character from start to finish. Barnsley, in the first half, thanks to winning the toss, had the advantage of the sun and also of a strong breeze; nevertheless, West Bromwich were on several occasions decidedly dangerous, and were unfortunate not to register—a hot shot from Summers when a goal seemed certain went just over. Dorset, in the earlier stages, was playing best man on the field, and with Walton feeding him most unselfishly and with rare judgment, danger to Barnsley came time after time from that quarter. Kifford and Adams were both in capital form, but the halves might have been better. Adams had some rare tussles with the speedy Carlin, Barnsley's outside right, but though he generally got the best of it there were several occasions when the honours fell to the Barnsley man. Pointon, who was officiating at outside right, in place of McLean, was very weak

during the first half-hour, but in the last ten minutes he improved considerably, and on one occasion, beating Welsh prettily, he centred across the goal mouth, and Seymour, the Barnsley custodian, was fortunate to be able to fist away. The greater portion of this half the Barnsley attack, though it lacked finish, was decidedly "peppery," and with Webb not in the best of form, West Bromwich no doubt accounted themselves fortunate when the interval arrived with nothing scored. It must be said for Webb, however, that ten minutes from half-time he brought off a really remarkable save, getting to and turning round the corner a stinging shot of Dartnell's at six yards' range. In the second half, with the wind in their favour, West Bromwich pressed severely, and ten minutes from the re-start, after Seymour had saved from Stevenson, Pointon netted the leather with a first-rate shot. In this half the three West Bromwich halves played a much better game, Nurse in particular, heading in fine style and feeding with superb judgment. Taking the teams as a whole, Barnsley were considerably outclassed, but one or two breakaways ought to have resulted in the lowering of the West Bromwich goal; Green missed for Barnsley by inches from short range when a little more deliberation would have made a goal a certainty. Pressure on the Barnsley lines having been relieved, West Bromwich again peppered the Barnsley goal, and after Seymour had roused the enthusiasm of the crowd by a couple of really brilliant saves Stevenson put in a hot thirty-yarder, to which the Barnsley custodian got, but which was too hot for him to hold. It was quite evident in the second half that West Bromwich were taking things somewhat easily.