

THE ALBION SEASON.

West Bromwich Albion wound up their League programme on Saturday in brilliant style by defeating Barnsley away. This makes their 25th victory out of the 34 matches played, five others having been drawn, and only four defeats. They have scored 82 goals to 30 against, and have 55 points to their credit, so that they have established a record, having made more points than any other club has recorded in either division of the League. It is a splendid record, of which both directors and players may well feel proud, and everybody will admit that they have thoroughly earned their reinstatement in the First Division of the League again. It has been no easy matter to take four points out of such teams as Middlesbrough, Preston North End, Burslem Port Vale, Leicester Fosse, Newton Heath, Burton Swifts, Stockport County, Barnsley, and Chesterfield, while only one team has been able to secure three points out of the Albion, most of them being satisfied to get one point. Unfortunately the attendances at the Albion home matches have not been above what they were last season in the First Division, and the directors are anxious to get together such a team for next season that there will be no danger of them again being relegated into second-class company. The appeal for the debentures to be taken up has met with a very fair response already, but many are no doubt waiting to see what others are doing. The directors, however, want the bulk of the money directly, as the new players they are anxious to secure must be snapped up immediately April is out, as there are other clubs with long purses ready to bid for promising players. Some of the best of this season's men have already re-signed, and the directors are determined to try and get together a team that will be capable of holding its own against all comers. The club's prospects were never brighter than they are to-day, and the debentures will be a good investment, while at the same time they will enable the directors to overcome difficulties which it is believed will never arise again.