

However, he made no first team appearances the following season before signing for Croydon Common in advance of the 1911-12 season. He was unable to secure a regular first team place at The Nest and made only 11 first team appearances, mainly in the South Eastern League, scoring twice.

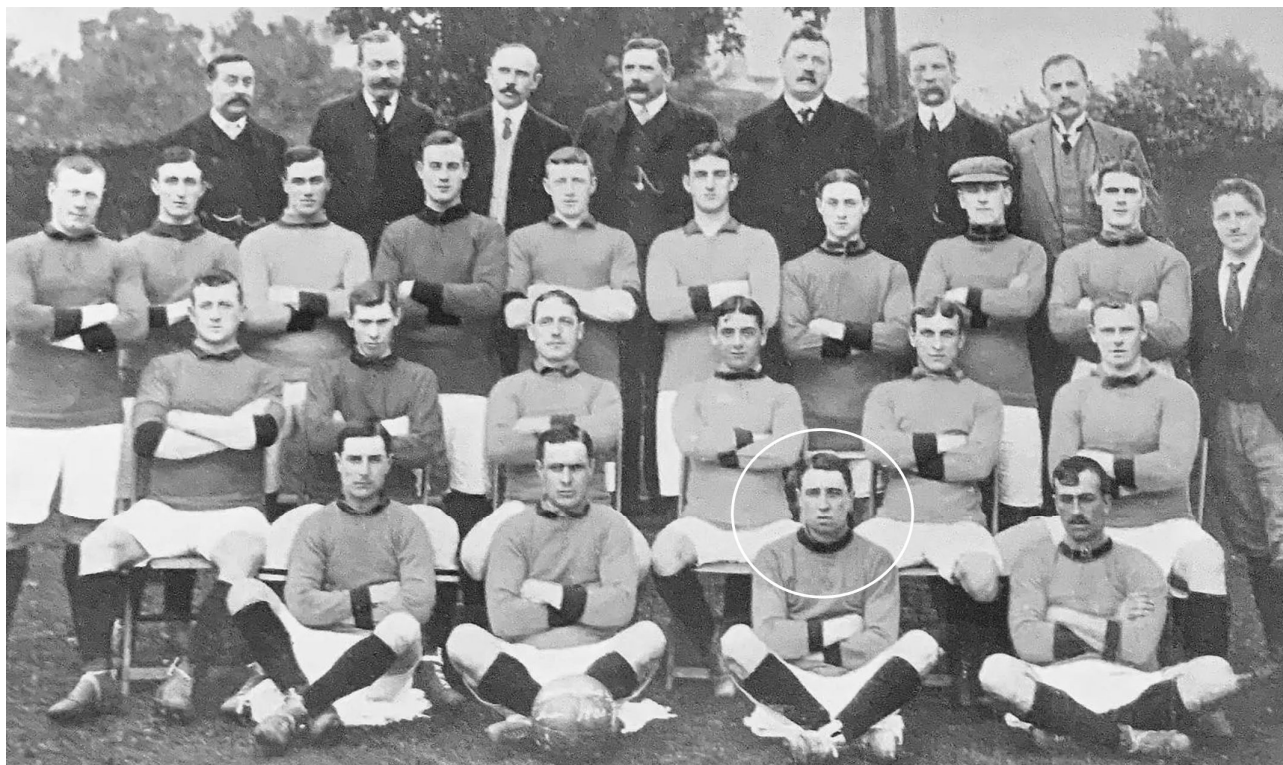
A wood machinist in later life, he died in Waltham Forest in 1972.

SCOLLARD Alfred E (*Half Back*)

He played for Northfleet United, Plumstead and Maidstone before signing with Woolwich Arsenal at the end of the 1904-05 campaign, but he made no first team appearances during his two seasons there. He moved to Croydon Common at the start of the 1907-08 season, as a member of the squad being assembled for the club's first professional campaign, and he played in its first competitive match. However, he managed only 6 first team games, without scoring, before returning to Maidstone. Thereafter, he joined Dartford and played in 6 Kent League games, without scoring, during the 1909-10 season. Finally, he moved to Scotland and had short spells with Renton, Port Glasgow Athletic, Johnstone and Royal Albert.

SILOR William (*Inside Left*)

Born in Poplar in 1885, his birth was registered as Seiler; his grandfather having been born in Prussia. He played for local junior clubs Eton Mission, Hackney Wanderers and Sultan before joining Leyton in 1908. He stayed at the club for one season, making 23 Southern League appearances and scoring 4 goals, before switching to Norwich City. He again stayed only one season and made 27 Southern League and 9 United League appearances for the Canaries, scoring 11 times. He next signed for West Ham United prior to the 1909-10 season, but he struggled to find a regular place in the first team and, when he left to join Croydon Common, he had made only 6 Southern League appearances, without scoring.



William Silor with Norwich City during the 1909-10 season

He was a regular for the Robins during the 1910-11 season and made 48 appearances in all competitions, scoring 12 goals. However, yet again he failed to stay for a second season and he joined Chatham, where he played in the Kent League along with former Croydon Common players Sam Bacon, Horace Chambers and Edmund Stockdale with, on some occasions, all four playing together in the same match. He played for Chatham in the 3-0 defeat in the Kent Senior Cup Final against Catford Southend in 1912. After two years he moved to Margate and made 18 appearances, scoring 7 goals, in the Kent League, the Thanet & District League and in local cup competitions but, after less than a year, he returned to Chatham to finish his playing career.

He became a naval dockyard labourer after football. He died of coronary thrombosis in Chatham in 1965.

SMITH Cyril C (*Forward*)

Born in Newtown in around 1893, he played for Aberdare Thursday, Newtown and the Royal Welch Fusiliers before signing with Aberdare, then in the Southern League, in 1912. The following season he moved on to Croydon Common, but he did not make an appearance for the first team until the 1914-15 season when the Robins were back in Division One of the Southern League and, during that and the subsequent season, he played 23 Southern League and London Combination matches, scoring 8 goals. While he was at The Nest, a well known local former schoolboy footballer, also named Cyril Smith, played one game for the club and this caused some confusion in the local press.

During the war he served as a private in the Footballers' Battalion and he also played for the unit. He was gassed at Delville Wood in July 1916 and was sent to recover at a hospital in Liverpool. He ended the war as a private in the Royal Army Medical Corps and thereafter he joined Crystal Palace, but he failed to score in his 7 Southern League appearances. However, by appearing for Crystal Palace at The Nest, he joined Dick Allman and Jack Little in playing home matches for two separate clubs at the same ground.

The following season he moved to Charlton Athletic and played in the club's first professional match, scoring in a 2-1 win over Norwich City Reserves in 1920. In his two seasons at the club, he appeared in 33 Southern League and Football League matches, scoring 9 goals. In July 1923 he moved on to Guildford United and played in 22 Southern League and F.A. Cup matches, scoring 7 goals. He also scored 10 goals in 9 matches for the club's second eleven. He finished his playing days at Nuneaton Town where, in the 1924-25 season, he scored 10 Southern League (Eastern Section), 5 East Midland League and 2 F.A. Cup goals.

SPARROW Harry (*Centre Forward*)

Born in Faversham in 1889, he played for Faversham Thursday before joining Portsmouth in late 1909. He stayed at the club for just the one season and made 5 appearances in the Southern League without scoring. After just one season at Sittingbourne, then playing in the Kent League and where he scored 37 goals, he joined Croydon Common shortly after the beginning of the 1911-12 season. He had played 16 Southern League and South Eastern League matches for the Robins, scoring 10 goals, when the club was drawn to meet Leicester Fosse in the F.A. Cup. He was unavailable to play in either the match or the required replay, as he was cup tied having played for Sittingbourne in the competition earlier that season. However, despite not seeing him play against them, Leicester Fosse put in a bid for his services and he was sold. As part of the deal, Leicester Fosse came to The Nest for a friendly, which the Robins won 3-2, but he did not appear for his new club in the game. He scored for Leicester Fosse on his first team debut and followed that up a few days later with all four goals in a friendly win away at Merthyr Town. He finished the 1911-12 season as the club's top scorer despite only having played a dozen matches since his move.



Harry Sparrow with Margate during the 1920-21 season

He played throughout the 1912-13 season but, during the following campaign, history repeated itself when he transferred to Tottenham Hotspur for a fee of £90 the day after they had beaten Leicester Fosse in the F.A. Cup, 2-0 after a 5-5 draw, except that this time he played in both matches.

He ended his spell with Leicester Fosse having played 51 Football League and F.A. Cup matches and scoring 29 goals. He scored twice on his debut for Tottenham Hotspur and scored 4 goals in 3 matches before the season ended. The following season, 1914-15, he scored 3 goals in 16 appearances.

He joined Margate after the war and scored 27 goals in 25 matches during the 1920-21 season and 6 more in the following campaign. He then became coach for Margate Juniors for the 1922-23 season, but the club folded after just two months. By 1939 he was an issuer in the Royal Army Service Corps.

He died in Lincoln in 1973 on his 84th. birthday.

SPOTTISWOOD Robert (*Half Back*)

Born in Carlisle in 1884, he played for the Catholic Young Men's Society and Carlisle Butchers F.C. before joining his home town club, Carlisle United, then in the Lancashire Combination despite not being based in that county. After two seasons there, he joined Croydon Common and, in 1908-09, he gained a Southern League Division Two championship medal and appeared in 57 matches in all competitions, scoring once. However, he switched to local neighbours Crystal Palace at the end of the season, where he played for nine campaigns, amassing 195 appearances in all competitions, scoring twice, although he played only a handful of games in his final three seasons there. In 1912 he was selected to play for the Southern League against the Football League, but was on the losing side in a 2-1 defeat.



Robert Spottiswood with Crystal Palace in 1914-15

At some point during his time at Crystal Palace, he was suspended "sine die", possibly for betting. However, when Sydney Bourne, the Crystal Palace chairman, wrote in the Daily Mail of "Spottiswood's ruination by betting", he sued the writer, the club and the newspaper and, with the assistance of the Players' Union, he won an out of court settlement of £50. He played for Crystal Palace up to the end of the war and, when it was over, he played once for Clapton Orient in the Football League during the 1919-20 season.

He joined Aberdare in 1920 and he may have played for Caerphilly Town and Treherbert before that. He then played for Sittingbourne and possibly Ramsgate, given that a half back with the name of Spottiswood played several times for that club during the 1921-22 season. He ended his playing career at Elescar Main and thereafter was the coach of Inter Milan between 1922 and 1924. He died in Bromley in 1966.

His brother Joseph played for Manchester City, Bury, Chelsea, Swansea Town and Queens Park Rangers.