

## Football Practice

Once a week we had football practice. It was such a chore rushing to get out and kick the ball around for 25 minutes and then rushing back for afternoon lessons., but we usually enjoyed it.

I hardly dare put this onto the web. The shorts are so short and look so old fashioned. I ran a soccer team for years and this was one of my favourite teams because although they were not the best team that I managed, they always played with real flair and creativity. Eddie Lawton is missing from the photograph. I think the reason for this was that he was taking it.

I remember one Saturday when we were drawn against a really good Nottingham city school in the County Cup. It seemed that we were going to be 'lambs to the slaughter' but we 'ripped them to pieces' in the first half and Eddie Lawton and Paul Tipper - I think - scored four goals. The city team's manager went mad with his team at half time. I remember telling the Harry Carlton lads, "We are not going to lose this one. If in doubt,

kick it out and if we have to play 45 minutes of throw-ins that's what we will do." We won 4  
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