



*Front Row:* Fogg, Newton, Morrison (*Captain-elect*), W. Bliss (*Captain*), Harris, Hale, L. Houghton.  
*Second Row:* Mr. Horton, Cushman, Harrigan, Paige, G. Anderson, Hurlburt, S. Pratt, Cracknell.

## Soccer

### SCORES

- Nobles 5—Belmont Hill 1
- Nobles 1—St. Mark's 0
- Nobles 10—Browne and Nichols 1
- Nobles 1—Milton 0
- Nobles 5—Milton 0

Inasmuch as this was the first year of soccer as an organized fall sport, not much was expected of the team. Almost invariably it takes a year or two to stimulate interest and build up a group of capable players. Aided by a fine turnout, however, Mr. Horton produced an undefeated team in the initial season.

The first game was with Belmont Hill at Dedham and resulted in a victory for the home team. Turning on the heat in the second half, the Nobles eleven beat Belmont 5-1. It was a fast and exciting game, with Nobles capitalizing on many of her breaks. It would be impossible to pick individual stars, as it was mostly a team effort, but Bill Bliss, Lin Houghton, and George Fogg played particularly well, while Anderson made some nice saves in the goal. All in all, it was a great start for the season.

Journeying to Southboro, the Nobles club outgamed St. Mark's in a real thriller, 1-0. It was a great contest throughout, especially in the last five minutes, when the Marksmen threatened repeatedly, only to be turned back by the fine, last-ditch



defensive work of goalie Anderson. Once again the Nobles halfbacks stood out; also Paige and Hurlburt shone on defense. Pratt scored the only goal from a scramble in front of the enemy net. It was a great game to win, and gave the team a 2-0 mark in the won and lost department.

On a windy Thursday afternoon, a Browne and Nichols team came to Nobles and was repulsed, 10-1. The outcome of the game was never in doubt, since the Nobles club poured through four goals in the first period. A final count showed that Fogg, Pratt, and Newton each had a pair of tallies. On defense, Harris and Hale were outstanding. The squad demonstrated an improvement in teamwork and general field strategy, and hopes were high for future games.

Traveling to Milton, the Nobles club eked out a 1-0 decision over a Milton team composed equally of firsts and seconds. This contest was a genuine thriller, with Captain Bliss supplying the winning goal on a boot from twenty feet out. As the score indicates, the Nobles defense was excellent. Special credit should go to Paige, Harris, and Bliss, who continually turned back the Milton forward line. This victory gave the team a won four, lost none record, and hopes were high for the second Milton game.

In their second encounter, this time on their home field, the Nobles eleven crushed the Milton seconds 5-0. The highlights were Lin Houghton's three solid goals, which he greatly deserved, after a season of centering passes. George Fogg chipped in with a goal and Dick Hale rammed home a penalty shot. The Nobles forward wall functioned nicely, with Newton spearheading the attack at center. This game closed out the season for Nobles; a season full of surprises and tremendously successful.

Much credit is due Captain Bill Bliss for his steady play and fine defensive work throughout the season.

The team extends all possible good luck to Captain-elect Bob Morrison, feeling sure that he and the squad will have an excellent season in 1949.

