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TONIGHT'S match ends our League programme at home so far as this season is concerned and we shall then have to patiently content ourselves with a four months rest until the new era dawns. Doubtless we are all wishing that our results at the commencement of the present campaign had been more auspicious, but alas they proved to be otherwise and it is now no good crying over spilt milk. We must wait and hope for better things next season.

Gillingham, our visitors for the final home encounter, were formerly known as New Brompton, and as such were admitted in 1894 to the Second Division of the Southern League, the other members being Shepway, Old St. Stephen, Uxbridge, Bromley, Chesham and Maidenhead. The formation of the Club was made the previous year and was due to that fine old Kentish sportman, Alderman J. Barnes, an enthusiastic supporter of the Soccer code. This gentleman on many occasions proved himself to be a good friend to the Club, for which he had done so much when it was in the making.

In those days the smaller Southern League Clubs were financially weak, and considerable difficulty was experienced in getting together a good team, but although

New Brompton had many difficulties to contend with, the team signed on for the first season's campaign was well above the average, and they proved their worth by winning the championship. This is all the more remarkable for at that time teams of the calibre of Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton were at that time operating in the division.

When the two sections of the Third Division of the Football League were formed Gillingham became an English League Club, but since then it has had a somewhat chequered career. Season 1931-2 found them at the bottom of the League Table but re-election came along at the Annual Meeting of the League.

Gillingham have invariably been exceptionally prominent in local competitions, but as far as the F.A. Cup is concerned fortune has not been with them, and their most outstanding performance, and today they look upon it as particularly such, is that of season 1899-1900 when after five games in the third qualifying round the defeat of Woolwich Arsenal, as it was then, was obtained.

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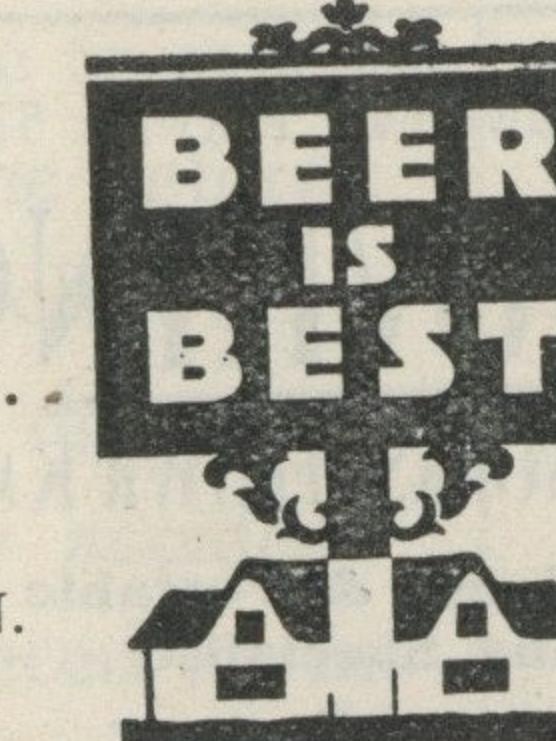
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ANSWERS ON OPPOSITE PAGE

1. What action should a referee take regarding a player who is about to play in a game whilst wearing spectacles? Could the wearing of spectacles be considered as "liable to cause injury to another player" and would a referee be supported if he took the action set out in the official decision? Alternatively, if the referee took no action and some other player in that game met with a head injury through coming into contact with the spectacles which were being worn, what would be the position of the referee?

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field. No other player of the home side will take the responsibility of tossing the coin, and when the captain does turn up he uses bad language to the referee, who had urged his team to begin without him. What is the correct procedure to adopt?

3. "A" running hard for goal stops dead. A following opponent accidentally treads on his heel. "A" deliberately lets the ball go and makes toward the opponent in a threatening attitude. The referee stops the game. How should the game be restarted? "A" did not strike opponent.

4. A player has been sent off the field prior to the game starting. Can the referee refuse to allow another player to take the other's place?

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**ANSWERS to QUESTIONS**  
ON OPPOSITE PAGE

1. The referee is to judge whether the players are wearing matter liable to cause injury to another player. If the referee permits the wearing of spectacles (and there are many players who do wear spectacles and play) then any accident consequent can only be considered as in the ordinary course of the game and no blame can be attached to the referee.

2. The use of bad language to the referee is deemed violent conduct for which there is only one punishment—instant dismissal. The referee, who is treated as in the incident quoted, should order off immediately the captain who so

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badly misconducted himself by using the bad language.

3. The method of restarting the game in this incident depends on why the game was stopped. If the referee deems the action of "A" as ungentlemanly and so cautions "A" then a free kick would restart the game. If the referee stopped the game without judging the player's action as ungentlemanly then the game is restarted by dropping the ball.

4. If the game had not started when the player was sent off, then his team in accordance with Law 1 has the right to make up its numbers to the eleven players allowed by the Law and the referee has no right to refuse a team its eleventh player. If the match had started then refusal must be made.

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FIRST XI Division III (Southern)							F. A.
Sat., Aug. 25	<b>Southend United</b>	3	1	<b>H</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Mon., .. 27	Cardiff City	4	0	A	0	1	
Sat., Sept. 1	Bristol Rovers	1	0	A	1	1	
Mon., .. 3	<b>Cardiff City</b>	3	1	<b>H</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	
Sat., .. 8	<b>Charlton Athletic</b>	2	1	<b>H</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
Sat., .. 15	Crystal Palace	2	2	A	1	2	
Sat., .. 22	<b>Queens Park Rangers</b>	4	2	<b>H</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Sat., .. 29	Torquay United	1	0	A	2	6	
Sat., Oct. 6	<b>Swindon Town</b>	2	3	<b>H</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	
Sat., .. 13	Aldershot	0	0	A	1	0	
Sat., .. 20	Exeter City	2	4	A	2	1	
Sat., .. 27	<b>Bristol City</b>	3	0	<b>H</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Sat., Nov. 3	Bournemouth	3	4	A	3	1	
Sat., .. 10	<b>Watford</b>	2	1	<b>H</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
Sat., .. 17	Clapton Orient	1	1	A	1	1	
Sat., .. 24	<b>Millwall</b>	(2	3)	<b>H</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
Wed., .. 28	A. I. K. (Stockholm, Sweden)	<b>H</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>			
Sat., Dec. 1	Reading	1	4	A	0	1	
Sat., .. 8	<b>Doncaster Rovers</b>	2	2	<b>H</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
Sat., .. 15	Millwall	(0	4)	A	4	1	
Sat., .. 22	<b>Coventry City</b>	0	1	<b>H</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	
Tues., .. 25	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove A.</b>	1	2	<b>H</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	
Wed., .. 26	Brighton & Hove A.	1	1	A	1	4	
Sat., .. 29	Southend United	1	0	A	3	3	
Sat., Jan. 5	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	2	2	<b>H</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	
Sat., .. 12	Chelsea	1	1	A	1	0	
Wed., .. 16	<b>Chelsea</b>	1	1	<b>H</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	
Sat., .. 19	Charlton Athletic	0	2	A	2	4	
Sat., .. 26	Burnley	1	1	A	1	3	
Wed., .. 30	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	2	1	<b>H</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
Sat., Feb. 2	Queens Park Rangers	1	2	A	0	3	
Wed., .. 6	Dutch F.A.	1	1	A	3	1	
Sat., .. 9	<b>Torquay United</b>	10	2	<b>H</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	
Sat., .. 16	Swindon Town	1	3	A	1	0	
Sat., .. 23	<b>Aldershot</b>	1	1	<b>H</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	
Sat., Mar. 2	<b>Exeter City</b>	3	2	<b>H</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	
Sat., .. 9	Bristol City	0	0	A	2	0	
Sat., .. 16	<b>Bournemouth</b>	2	0	<b>H</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	
Sat., .. 23	Watford	1	0	A	2	2	
Sat., .. 30	<b>Clapton Orient</b>	2	0	<b>H</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	
Sat., April 6	Gillingham	1	1	A	1	1	
Sat., .. 13	<b>Reading</b>	3	1	<b>H</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	
Fri., .. 19	Newport County	2	1	A	4	2	
Sat., .. 20	Northampton Town	3	2	A	1	2	
Mon., .. 22	<b>Newport County</b>	1	1	<b>H</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	
Tues., .. 23	Northampton	3	1	<b>H</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
Sat., .. 27	Bedford Town (B. P. Cup)	<b>H</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>			
Wed., May 1	Gillingham	4	2	<b>H</b>			
Sat., .. 4	Coventry City	2	2	A			

## LEAGUE TABLES

## LEAGUE III (Southern)

	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	P.
Charlton Athletic	41	27	8	6	101	50	60
Reading	40	21	9	10	86	57	52
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	40	19	10	11	90	57	49
Coventry City	40	20	12	8	85	50	48
Crystal Palace	41	19	12	10	84	61	48
Watford	41	18	14	9	73	49	45
Northampton	41	18	15	8	62	65	44
Brighton & Hove A.	41	17	15	9	68	59	43
Bristol Rovers	41	17	15	9	72	76	43
Torquay United	41	18	17	6	81	72	42
Millwall	41	16	18	7	54	61	39
Queens Park Rangers	41	15	17	9	61	72	39
Exeter City	41	15	17	9	62	74	39
Clapton Orient	40	14	17	9	61	64	37
Bournemouth	41	15	19	7	54	69	37
Bristol City	41	14	18	9	48	68	37
Swindon Town	40	12	17	11	65	77	35
Cardiff City	41	13	19	9	62	78	35
Aldershot	40	13	18	9	48	66	35
Gillingham	40	11	18	11	52	72	33
Southend United	40	10	21	9	59	74	29
Newport County	41	10	26	5	53	110	25

## LONDON COMBINATION

	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	P.
Arsenal	45	32	8	5	129	50	69
Tottenham Hotspur	45	26	9	10	123	65	62
Brentford	45	25	13	7	84	55	57
Leicester City	45	24	15	6	84	60	54
Watford	43	20	12	11	89	71	51
Chelsea	44	18	13	13	83	76	49
Crystal Palace	45	21	18	6	100	91	48
Reading	45	18	17	10	96	87	46
Portsmouth	45	17	17	11	71	67	45
Coventry City	45	20	21	4	91	83	44
Swansea Town	44	17	18	9	69	77	43
Millwall	44	14	15	15	52	77	43
Swansea Town	45	16	21	6	83	85	42
Bournemouth	45	14	15	15	52	77	42
Fulham	45	17	20	8	63	57	42
Clapton O.	46	17	21	8	90	94	42
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	45	18	21	6	83	85	42
Brighton & Hove A.	45	17	20	8	63	77	41
Northampton	45	16	20	9	59	80	40
Charlton Athletic	44	13	18	13	75	82	39
Millwall	45	14	20	11	62	97	39
Queens Park Rangers	44	15	20	9	56	95	39
Bristol City	45	14	21	10	83	93	38
West Ham United	45	16	23	6	70	82	38
Southend United	45	12	24	9	58	92	33
Southampton	45	10	27	8	45	85	28

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