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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. II

	P	Home			Goals			Away			Goals	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
West Bromwich Albion	22	8	2	1	27	10	5	3	3	12	9	31
Southampton	22	9	1	0	30	5	3	4	5	10	16	29
Tottenham	21	9	1	0	33	7	1	6	4	8	14	27
Fulham	21	7	3	1	21	7	3	5	2	10	16	25
Sheffield Wednesday	22	8	2	2	26	10	2	3	5	17	23	25
Bury	21	7	3	1	22	11	3	1	6	12	20	24
Cardiff	21	6	2	2	25	13	2	5	4	6	14	23
Luton	22	5	5	0	13	5	3	2	7	16	26	23
Bradford	22	5	2	2	21	11	4	2	7	23	32	22
Blackburn	21	7	2	2	27	12	2	2	6	5	19	22
Chesterfield	22	4	3	4	14	12	3	5	3	16	18	22
Brentford	21	3	4	3	10	9	4	3	4	9	11	21
West Ham	21	5	4	1	16	9	2	3	6	10	19	21
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	22	7	1	3	19	12	1	4	6	7	19	21
Leeds	21	5	4	2	22	13	1	4	5	13	21	20
Queen's Park Rangers	22	6	2	3	15	13	2	2	7	7	23	20
Barnsley	22	4	4	3	20	10	2	3	6	16	27	19
Leicester	22	3	7	1	25	19	2	1	8	8	24	18
Coventry	22	6	1	5	19	13	1	2	7	11	25	17
Notts Forest	21	3	3	5	8	7	3	1	6	13	22	16
Grimsby	21	3	3	5	21	21	2	2	6	13	24	15
Lincoln	22	3	4	5	18	26	0	3	7	11	30	13

FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE

	Section A				Goals		Pts
	P	W	L	D	F	A	
Chelsea	22	16	3	3	57	16	35
Luton Town	22	15	5	2	53	30	32
Swansea Town	23	13	7	3	56	40	29
Birmingham City	22	12	6	4	40	23	28
Norwich City	22	12	7	3	26	24	27
Reading	22	11	8	3	45	39	25
Brighton and Hove Albion	22	10	8	4	40	39	24
Queen's Park Rangers	23	9	9	5	42	43	23
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	23	8	10	5	31	30	21
Ipswich Town	22	8	11	3	33	43	19
West Ham United	23	7	11	5	32	43	19
Leyton Orient	23	8	13	2	29	53	18
Watford	22	6	11	5	23	34	17
Brentford	22	6	14	2	22	34	14
Swindon Town	23	6	15	2	30	54	14
Northampton Town	22	4	13	5	20	44	13

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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE NOTES

May we take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, with plenty of exciting and entertaining football coupled with a succession of dry Saturdays throughout the remainder of the season, so that you may enjoy your sport in comfort.

Congratulations to our first team who ran out easy winners against Barnsley last Saturday. Our boys gave another polished and classic exhibition of football which we have come to expect as their true form. Play deteriorated a little in the second half when Barnsley played a destructive type of game. These tactics had a spoiling effect on the pattern football of Argyle.

The game started on a high note. First right-wing then left-wing attacks made the Barnsley defence look a little dizzy and after seven minutes, Strauss crossed a ball from the by-line for Maurice Tadman to head in from close range. Argyle continued after this to play high-jinks with the opposition and it was no surprise when Edds fastened on to a ball on the eighteen yards line and hit a lovely shot past the scrambling Barnsley keeper. Two goals in the lead, Argyle continued to weave in and out the visitors' half-backs and full-backs, but no more goals were scored before the interval. On the resumption Barnsley came more into the picture, and during the opening period, Bill Shortt was fully tested for the first time in the game. He made a grand save from a snap header from Baxter, the visitors' inside-left, before the same player beat him with a cross shot which entered the net via the upright. Just to show that Argyle could dictate matters as they wished, they went straight on to the offensive, and inside four minutes had increased their lead through Tadman. Normanton, the Barnsley right-half, hesitated on the eighteen yards line, and Maurice took advantage to slip past him and crack another beauty past the Barnsley keeper. This finished the scoring and the game as a spectacle.

Tadman boosted his average up by taking two smart goals, and Ernie Edds nipped in with his usual spectacular effort. Shortt, on the whole, had a quiet day. Silk blotted Kelly, the Barnsley Scottish international left-winger, out of the game. His first time tackling reduced Kelly to a

very ordinary player. Jones played steadily and Goddard completed a strong rear division. Boyd was the best half-back on view, and Alec Machin comes along with every match. Astall and Dews formed a lively right-wing. The latter's shooting seems to be dogged with bad luck. Once in the second half, Strauss unavoidably got in the way of a Dews special to keep it from going into the net. Tadman led the line with skill and determination and his two goals were his reward for a very intelligent ninety minutes play. Edds had his best period in the first half when Argyle were weaving. His quick taps and slips to his partner are telling features of his play. Billy Strauss, up against one of the strongest and most daring defenders in League football, played well, and was responsible for the first goal.

It was a very poor game at Brighton last Saturday between Brighton and Argyle. Argyle, after a bright start, failed to maintain form throughout and Brighton scored twice against a very harassed defence to run out winners by two goals to nil. In the first fifteen minutes, if Argyle had pushed home their advantage, a different tale might have been told, but there it is. Despondent at early failures, they went on the defensive, and bang went two points. The form of the Reserves at home has been good and entertaining to watch, but I am afraid more punch in the attacks is necessary, if we want to pick up the away points. Frank Squires gave a polished display of football. He stood head and shoulders above anything on the field. Harris in goal played his part, with Ratcliffe, Dixon and Pengelly giving him good support. Of the other forwards, Mulholland's best effort was a shot that hit the wood. Johnny Hartery had few balls laid on and was usually shut out before he became dangerous. Govan lacked speed and won't be seen at his best until he is demobbed and back into full-time training. Tony Smith, who was signed on amateur forms in the week, had a quiet debut and felt strange in the higher company.

These notes were written prior to Christmas Day matches.



GEORGE SILK

Joined Argyle from Southport in 1937. conspicuous for his tackling and hard kicking powers. Has the happy knack of rising to the occasion when the opposition is of the highest standard.

Played for Liverpool Schoolboys as a Junior, and later had a trial with Everton before joining Southport. Once a prolific goal-scoring centre-forward, his experiment as a defender succeeded and the role suits his style. Was a war-time "guest" player for Millwall.



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	Boyd (4)	Goddard (5)	Machin (6)	
Astall (7)	Dews (8)	Tadman (9)	Edds (10)	Strauss (11)
				
Waugh (11)	Watkins (10)	Arnison (9)	Keirnan (8)	Brennan (7)
	Gardiner (6)	Hall (5)	Morton (4)	
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<i>Left</i>		Streten		<i>Right</i>

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TO-DAY'S VISITORS—LUTON TOWN

We extend to them a hearty welcome to Home Park and expect a very keen game.

It may cause a surprise to many to know that Luton Town, our opponents in to-day's game, is one of the oldest professional clubs in the South of England. Formed in 1885, the Club has known many vicissitudes. On the formation of the Club, the colours adopted were navy blue and pink halves for shirts and caps. In 1889-90 the colours were changed to "cochineal," and in 1900-1901 to sky blue with white knickers. In 1920-21 the white shirts and black knickers of the present day were adopted. Five of to-day's team were included in the side that beat Argyle 4-2 in that notable Cup-tie at Home Park last season:

Bernard Streten (Goal), W. Cooke (Right-back), L. Hall (Centre-half), G. Gardiner (Left-half), R. Brennan (Inside-right).



OUR PLAYERS

Born in Aberdeen 29 years ago. Came to Argyle in August 1948. Height 5 feet 9 inches and weight 11 stone 10 pounds. Played for Aberdeen before coming south. Started his career as a centre-forward, but eventually found his true position at left-half. Much of Aberdeen's history was made while George was playing there and it has been said that the "Dons" decline is due to the departure of this hard tackling half-back, who has showed us that the short, crisp pass into the open space can beat the wide, open, swinging game.

Unfortunately for Argyle, Taylor met with an injury against Sheffield Wednesday and he might be out of the game for another fortnight at least.



GEORGE TAYLOR



MAURICE TADMÁN

Came to Home Park via Charlton in season 1947-8. His first term with us was unfortunate for him and the team in the fact that he met with two serious injuries. First he broke his arm at Newcastle in the opening match. After recovering, he was injured against Cardiff which necessitated an operation for the removal of a cartilage. The first two months of the present season was spent in the Combination side, then he gained promotion. Since his introduction his form has been outstanding and his crop of goals measures one per game. Height 5 feet 10½ inches, weight 12 stone. Maurice is good in the air, and packs a terrific wallop in both feet, and is fast off the mark.

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3rd ROUND

Plymouth Argyle v. Notts County

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FORTHCOMING MATCHES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1949

ARGYLE RES. v. CARDIFF CITY
COMBINATION CUP COMPETITION — Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1949

ARGYLE v. NOTTS COUNTY

F.A. CUP, 3rd ROUND — Kick-off 2 p.m.

SUPPORTERS'



CLUB NOTES

TO HELP — NOT HINDER

To all our MEMBERS the Committee extend the Compliments of the Season together with the hope that the "Compliments of the Football Season" will see our teams in the ascendancy both in the League and Cup, with a continuance of the class football our lads are consistently playing.

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To the DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT and PLAYERS our sincere wishes for the success of Plymouth Argyle.

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To all supporters of Plymouth Argyle we suggest that one of your New Year resolutions should be to JOIN THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB. We want more members and we confidently look forward to a big increase in membership of our Club. The nominal sum of one shilling per annum will make you a member, so let's be hearing from you at either of the Club's premises at the ground.

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To our younger enthusiasts—don't leave the ground before getting a pennant for your cycle. Obtainable at a reasonable cost at the Club Hut.

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Plymouth Argyle's Cup-tie with Notts County—if this match should end in honours even—the Supporters' Club have made provisional arrangements for an excursion on the following Saturday, January 15th, 1949. Time for arrangements will obviously be very short and prompt application will be necessary. We hope the success of our team will avoid putting "Operation Robin Hood" into effect.

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Whilst on the subject of excursions we would remind our supporters and friends of the coming trip to Cardiff on February 26th. Applications are coming along and we expect the pace to increase after the effects of the festive season have faded—the Secretary will give you all the details you require.

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It has been passed on to us that there is a nucleus of supporters who are interested in other excursions and activities of the Club; to those who are interested the Committee would appreciate any ideas or suggestions—just call around and give us your views on any matter at all.

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Just a reminder to our WHIST PATRONS, there will be NO Tournament to-night. Our new series commence on Monday next, January 3rd, at 7.15 p.m., Hyde Park Civic Restaurant. So until next Monday, cheerio folks and heaps of trumps in the New Year.

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