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SOCCER QUIZ

(Answers on Page 9)

BILL CARTER TESTS YOU . . .

- Q. 1. In 1938 York City created a stir by reaching the sixth round of the F.A. Cup. Do you know the clubs whom they defeated en route?
- Q. 2. When Arsenal were Football League champions in 1930-31 there was a similarity about their home and away performances. What was it?
- Q. 3. Can a player be off-side at a penalty kick?
- Q. 4. Can a player score a goal without having entered the field of play?
- Q. 5. A match once began without the referee's whistle having been blown. Was this in order?

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FORTHCOMING MATCHES

Wednesday, August 27th

ARGYLE RES. v. PORTSMOUTH RES.

Football Combination League

Kick-off 6.15 p.m.

Saturday, August 30th

ARGYLE RES. v. SOUTHAMPTON RES.

Football Combination League

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3rd

ARGYLE v. SOUTHAMPTON

Football League Division II

Kick-off 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 6th

ARGYLE v. SHEFFIELD UNITED

Football League Division II

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE NOTES

Last season Argyle scored 107 goals, and although the opposition is much harder in the Second Division, we expect the policy of attack to continue, with the same punch being displayed in the forward line.

Attacking football, with new methods and ideas, are to be looked forward to throughout the country. The improvement in such a direction must draw more spectators.

The increased prices all over the country must be met also by improved conditions on the terraces.

The amount of money spent on this ground since the war says much for the club, for something like £60,000 has been expended on ground improvements, including the erection of the new stand.

During the close season, on the site of the old "Spooner's" Stand, a new terrace has been constructed at a cost of almost £4,000. How is it possible, with such expenditure, for a club to run its business on pre-war prices? Is it to be argued that 2s. to-day is out of proportion with a 1s. pre-war admission charge?

At 3.15 p.m. to-day, the big ball starts rolling, and 1952-53 season will be on its way. Argyle, back in the Second Division of the Football League, entertain Luton Town, one of last season's successful teams. By finishing eighth from the top of the League, and going to the sixth round of the English F.A. Challenge Cup, the Luton club had one of its most successful seasons, both from a playing and financial sense.

The team formation of Argyle in to-day's match is much the same as last season, and differs very little from the team that played in the Second Division when Argyle were relegated. So, the question of meeting the higher standard of football is beyond doubt. Every individual, playing his own natural game, must more than hold his own in the higher sphere.

During the close season, Peter Rattray, who came to hold the inside-left position in our promotion season, was transferred to Norwich City. He made several requests, which were at the time turned down, owing to our bid for honours, but during the close season, Norwich approached the club with a handsome offer, which the club accepted.

Rattray made many friends in the city, and some naturally, are disappointed at his going. The best wishes of the club go with him, and may he assist Norwich to promotion, as he did Argyle.

To fill Rattray's place at inside-left, the signature of Arthur Smith was obtained from West Bromwich Albion. Arthur has shown by his performance in the trials, that he will more than meet the bill. Other additions during the close season are: Leslie Horne, centre-half, from West Bromwich; Patrick McKenna, left- or right-back, from Aberdeen; Leslie Evans, outside-left, from Cardiff City, and a promising local boy named Eric Davis. Evans hasn't been on view yet, owing to a strained groin. The other players impressed the 15,000 spectators who watched the two trial games.

Young Eric Davis, who played for Tavistock before being called up for National Service, looks very promising, and a continuance of his trial form should see him reach the top. Reg Wyatt and Peter Anderson, also local boys, impressed, which augers well for the future. Add the names of Smith, Kneebone and Adams, to that promising trio, and it must be admitted that we haven't done so badly with local talent.

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(Capt.)			
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		GOVAN (11)	
MITCHELL (11)	PYE (10)	MOORE (9)	McJARROW (8)
		SEXTON (7)	
WATKINS (6)	OWEN (5)	MORTON (4)	
(Capt.)			
AHEARNE (3)	DUNNE (2)		
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Left *Right*

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On the Inside of Football

By JOHN GRAYDON

Managing Sports Editor, Kemsley Newspapers

To-day's great kick-off sees the commencement of what might well prove to be among the most memorable seasons of all time. Especially so from the viewpoint of the England team. I saw Billy Wright and Co. draw in Italy, and win in Austria and Switzerland last May. They were magnificent and gave the best performances seen from an England side since the war. This season, as part of the "tuning up" for the World Cup Finals in 1954, we meet Belgium, Chile, Argentina, and the World Cup Holders, Uruguay. No team could have a harder task.

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I'm just back from visiting the stadiums in Switzerland upon which the World Cup Finals of 1954 will be staged. Our own F.A. have given their Swiss counterparts a hand by sending over to the land of Alps and milk chocolate plans of some of our own super stadiums.

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Everyone at Home Park will to-day give Luton Town a warm welcome on the Argyle's return to the Second Division. Luton, you see, like the Argyle, have known the ups and downs of soccer. In their early days, by the way, before coloured shirts were used by teams, Luton wore blue and pink caps. It was on August 10th, 1891, that the Luton club became a professional concern the players receiving half-a-crown for home matches and three shillings when they played away!

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Jesse Pye, the well-known English international inside-forward, will be in the Luton attack to-day. Pye, who joined the club from Wolves during the close-season, has the reputation among footballers for possessing one of the finest body-swerves in the business. Watch Pye to-day. Note his splendid ball control; the manner in which he is able to snatch up the half-chance. And the reason for his success? Like Len Hutton, Reg Harris, Stanley Matthews, and other outstanding sportsmen, he possesses one all-important thing: *poise*.

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Are close-season tours liable to make a footballer so tired he does not look forward to the resumption of soccer? I put this question to Alf Ramsey, Spurs and England defender, and the most-travelled of all post-war soccer stars. "It's my view the more you play football the better do you become," says Ramsey, "while the more a team plays together the better understanding does it build up." Wise words from a man who should—and does—know!

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Two of England's most successful coaches abroad have returned home to join League clubs. Ted Smith, manager-coach of the Portuguese national team, has become manager of Workington; Jesse Carver, one-time chief of the Dutch National XI, and last season in Italy, is now coach of the West Bromwich Albion club. Both, I feel sure, will do well in their new posts.

Lincoln City, who last time they were in the Second Division included many part-time players in their ranks, have this time turned their back upon men who have jobs outside football. "In the Second Division it is necessary to concentrate everything upon getting fit, keeping fit, and improving one's football," said Manager Billy Anderson. And so say all of us!

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Last season Derek Dooley, Sheffield Wednesday's centre-forward, created a post-war goal-scoring record with 47 goals. And do you know what he has been doing this past three weeks? Nothing less than returning every afternoon to the Wednesday ground for shooting practice! Such an outlook will assure him keeping at the top—and on the target.

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One of the most-sought footballers in post-war soccer has been Hughie Russell, young Gillingham inside-forward, and one of the finest headers of a ball in Britain. Sorry to report that Hughie, through injury, has now had to retire from the game.

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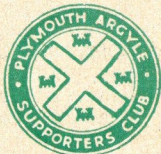
Cardiff City to-day commence the season with a record which seems to have escaped attention. They are the only club in England to have appeared in all three sections of the League since big-time soccer was resumed after the war.

SOCCER QUIZ

ANSWERS

1. *Halifax Town, Clapton Orient—both after replays, West Bromwich Albion, Coventry City and Middlesbrough.*
2. *Their home and away programmes each yielded the same dividend—33 points.*
3. *Yes. If he stands in front of the ball and outside of the penalty area when the kick is being taken. Suppose the ball hit the post and rebounded to him. Then he would be penalised in the normal way.*
4. *Yes. A player is late and the game begins. His side forces a corner. The player arrives and signals to the referee, who allows him to take part in the game as the ball has gone out of play. Our friend scores direct from the corner, which he has taken without entering the field, planting the ball on the touch-line near the corner flag, but within the arc.*
5. *Yes, the game must be started by a signal. The laws do not state that a whistle must be blown, though that is, of course, the accepted practice.*

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CLUB NOTES

TO HELP—NOT HINDER

To-day ushers in a new era at Home Park and we must as supporters see to it that the enthusiasm and fervour extended to the team at the end of last season is maintained and carried on to help Plymouth Argyle to consolidate their hard-won position to the Second Division. A good start is half the battle won and with five home games out of seven to commence the season ample opportunity for support is afforded to all of us to keep to the forefront our slogan "UP ARGYLE." Best wishes to Plymouth Argyle throughout the coming season.

DANCES. Book Saturdays, August 30th and September 13th for the next Supporters' Club Dances to be held at the Devonport Guildhall. Members are asked to support our efforts to provide social entertainment for them and at the same time materially assist the club's funds. Further dances have been arranged and arrangements are being made for a social evening for members as in past seasons—details later.

EXCURSIONS. Arrangements have been completed for our first two excursions for our members. Here it is necessary to emphasise that only club members are catered for and to save any disappointment the obvious thing to do is JOIN THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB. Our members have reiterated time and time again of the efficiency and cordiality which attend our excursions and we must agree that our officials fully deserve our thanks for their efforts. The first excursion is to FULHAM on September 20th. The inclusive fare for coach and breakfast is 32s. 6d. This will be followed by an excursion to LEICESTER on October 4th; the inclusive fare for coach and breakfast is 35s. 6d. Members are asked to book as quickly as possible with the club on any match day—either at the Supporters' Hut on the ground (which is now in a very prominent position) or at Club Headquarters.

MEMBERS' THRIFT CLUB. This popular aid for members who wish to accumulate funds towards any excursion during the season is now available. A committeeman has been deputed for this duty and will be found on match days at either hut.

MEMBERSHIP. Those members who have not renewed their membership are requested to do so as soon as possible to allow the Hon. Treasurer to make up his membership book. New members are always welcome. The annual subscription is one shilling and your badge one shilling and threepence. We must increase our membership. We did last season and now Plymouth Argyle are in the Second Division we hope to further increase. For the benefit of all we publish the addresses of our Hon. Treasurer and Secretary:

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