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H. E. M. LOCK

5
Centre Half
D. ORES

6
Left Half
DOUGLAS FERR

7
Outside Right
M. OLDINGS

8
Inside Right
F. LORING

9
Centre Forward
S. ERVISS

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P. LYEWOOD

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CLUB NOTES

ONE of the highlights of the season is the reason for our presence at Kenilworth Road this afternoon for we have as our guests the world-wide known Club, Arsenal, and whether they are doing well or badly they are always news and always worth watching. These last few years they have not been as successful as they were round about the 1930's, for they have not won the Championship since season 1952/53 and the F.A. Cup in 1949/50 (although they appeared at Wembley in 1951/52 only to be beaten by Newcastle), but we all feel Arsenal are in the process of building another team which will soon bring them further glories in the soccer world. A resumé of their past achievements is always worth reading for it shows what can be done if the right blend allied to football craft is brought together on a football field. It all started of course without a doubt by the introduction at Highbury of the great Herbert Chapman as Manager in 1925. In his first season he guided his Club to Runners-up in Division I as well as seeing them in the last eight of the F.A. Cup. The following season 1926/27 saw them at Wembley only to be beaten by Cardiff City by one goal to nil. In 1928 they were in the Semi-Final again, but still the honour of winning either Cup or League eluded them. Herbert Chapman therefore decided to bring to Highbury new talent to blend with what he already had into a complete team, and we all know how well he succeeded. Such players were acquired as David Jack from Bolton Wanderers, Alex James from Preston North End, Cliff Bastin from Exeter City, as well as promoting from the reserve side for regular first team duty such players as Eddie Hapgood, Herbert Roberts, Charles Jones, John Lambert, etc. Season 1929/30 opened quietly enough and not much could be seen that was above the ordinary at Highbury, until January, when the F.A. Cup battles began. And then began the successes of which Herbert Chapman had dreamed. They went right through to the Final, to beat Huddersfield Town by two goals to nil and so bring the Cup for the first time to Highbury. The following season they were Champions of Division I, the following season missed the Great Double by finishing in second place to Everton in the Table while being beaten by Newcastle United two goals to one at Wembley in the Final, and who does not remember that disputed goal scored by Newcastle when the ball was alleged to have crossed the goal-line before being centred and nodded into the net! Season 1932/33, 1933/34 and 1934/35 saw them League Champions again, while the Cup was won again the following season by beating Sheffield United, at Wembley, by the only goal of the match. During the time of all this achievement the Arsenal had visited the Midland town of Walsall in the Cup, and of course the result was a foregone conclusion, but the surprise of that day and for many a long day to come was that Walsall beat the Arsenal by two clear goals. That was on 14th January, 1933, a day of sack cloth and ashes at Highbury! This was the same year we reached the Sixth Round for the first time in our history only to be beaten by the eventual Cup winners Everton. Twelve months later, on 6th January, 1934, tragedy came to Highbury, for Herbert Chapman passed away after a short illness, a bolt out of the blue. But the foundations had been laid for a very fine team and the success has continued, after this dreadful blow, under the guidance of Mr. G. Allison as Manager who was also a Director of the Club. The League was won again Season 1937/38. Then came the War, but in 1947/48 League Championship Medals were again awarded,

two seasons later, 1949/50, the F.A. Cup again won by beating Liverpool two goals to nil, 1951/52 again at Wembley only to be beaten by Newcastle by one goal to nil and the same season also finished third place in the Table with the same number of points as Tottenham who finished in second place. Season 1952/53 they won the Championship again for the last time—to date—but we are quite sure many more entries will be made on the Honours Roll before the last chapter of this very fine Club is written.

This short resumé of the Arsenal Club would not be complete without mentioning another very sad loss recently borne. Mr. Tom Whittaker, who succeeded Mr. Allison as Manager on 31st May, 1947, and who had carried on the great tradition of Highbury with marked success, passed away most unexpectedly on 24th October, 1956. Here again was a man whom everybody respected, and indeed it was a sad blow that another guiding hand had passed on. His two Chief Assistants, Mr. Bob Wall and Mr. Jack Crayston, have been appointed Secretary and Manager respectively, very worthy and popular appointments too, and we wish them every success in their endeavours to carry on the great tradition of Highbury.

One of the best games on this ground for a long time was seen on Saturday last, when our Reserve side beat a by-no-means weak Leicester City Reserves side by seven clear goals. Our youngsters simply went through their defence almost at will and the score could so very easily have reached double figures. It is a great pity that the side could not be kept together indefinitely, but the first team requirements must take preference and so John Groves, who had a brilliant match, and Reg Pearce have been called upon for first team duty today to replace George Cummins and Roy Davies who are both seemingly playing under a cloud lately. We were soundly beaten by the leaders at Old Trafford last week, where our lads just could not re-capture that zest which they showed so well against Cardiff City here the previous Saturday. They were of course up against a different proposition, but nevertheless a bit more of the determination and skill as shown in that game would have meant the United lads having to fight a lot harder to obtain their bonus money.

We hope you will all give the Butlin's Young Ladies a warm welcome for so kindly coming here today to give one of their popular displays. We had the pleasure of watching them here two or three years ago, and they expressed a hope then for a return visit in the near future. We hope the ground conditions are better for them this time than last, when their lovely white shoes were soon spoilt by the mud, but nevertheless this did not prevent them from giving a most enjoyable Display. They present today "Rhapsody in Rhythm" under their Leader, Miss Irene Kitley, to the Musical Recording by Eric Winstone and his Orchestra. The Display has been devised by Capt. T. J. Bond, M.C., Director of Physical Recreation, it is all entirely voluntary, and we the Club wish to express our thanks to all of them for so kindly agreeing to come along.

Due to lack of transport facilities and petrol restrictions we have postponed our Combination match with Birmingham Reserves here on Christmas Day to a later date yet to be arranged. There will not be a match therefore on Christmas Day, but of course the Division 1 match with Portsmouth on Boxing Day will be played as arranged, kick-off 2.15 p.m.

In view of the F.A. Cup Draw on Monday next an announcement will be made in next Thursday's "Luton News" and any applications received at the office before this will be returned.

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Right Back

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Right Half

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Outside Right

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Inside Right

Referee :

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11 Haverty
Outside Left

10 Bloomfield
Inside Left

6 Bowen
Left Half

3 Evans
Left Back

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Baynham
Goal

5 Owen
Centre Half

9 Morton
Centre

9 Holton
Centre

5 Dodgin
Centre Half

Sullivan
Goal

Football League — Div. 1

3 Aherne
Left Back

6 Shanks
Left Half

10 Groves
Inside Left

11 Gregory
Outside Left

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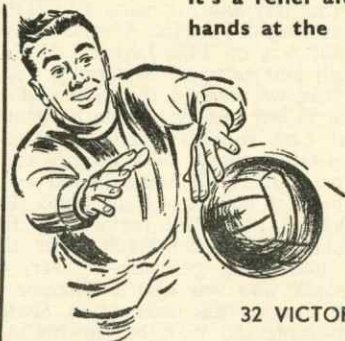
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Inside Right

7 Clapton
Outside Right

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Right Half

2 Charlton
Right Back

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FIRST LIST

A	Aston Villa	Manchester U.
B	Blackpool	Cardiff City
C	Bolton W.	Newcastle U.
D	Charlton Ath.	.....	Preston N. E.	.....
E	Everton	.....	Birmingham	.....
F	Leeds United	.....	Portsmouth	.....
G	Manchester C.	.....	Chelsea	.....
H	Sunderland	.....	Burnley	.....
K	Tottenham H.	.....	West Brom.	.....
L	Wolverh'pton	.....	Sheffield Wed.	.....
M	Barnsley	.....	Stoke City	.....
N	Blackburn R.	.....	Bristol Rovers	.....

SECOND LIST

A	Bristol City	.....	Leicester City	.....
B	Fulham	.....	Leyton O.	.....
C	Lincoln City	.....	Bury	.....
D	Notts. Forest	.....	Liverpool	.....
E	Port Vale	.....	Doncaster R.	.....
F	Rotherham U.	.....	Grimsby T.	.....
G	Sheffield Utd.	.....	Middlesbro'	.....
H	Swansea T.	.....	Huddersfield	.....
K	West Ham U.	.....	Notts. County	.....
L	Luton T. Res.	.....	Leyton O. Res	.....

F.A. CUP—2nd Round

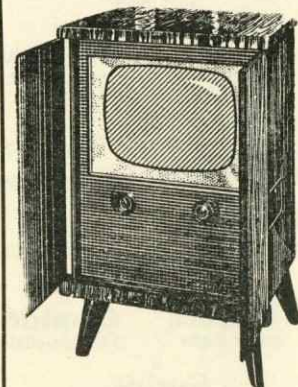
M	Brentford	.....	Crystal Palace	.....
N	Derby County	.....	N. Brighton	.....

THIRD LIST

A	Gillingham	.....	Newport Co.	.....
B	Hereford	.....	Southend Utd.	.....
C	Hull City	.....	York City	.....
D	Millwall Ath.	.....	Margate	.....
E	Peterborough	.....	Bradford City	.....
F	Reading	.....	Bedford T.	.....
G	Scunthorpe U.	.....	Wrexham	.....
H	Southampton	.....	Weymouth	.....
K	Swindon T.	Bournemouth
L	Tooting & M.	Q. P. R.
M	Torquay Utd.	Plymouth A.
N	Watford	Ipswich

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1956 FIRST XI - Division 1 Attendance 1955/56 F. A.			
Aug. 18 Sat.	Sunderland	23,049	8 2 H 6 2
" 22 Wed.	Wolves	26,715	5 1 H 1 0
" 25 Sat.	Charlton Athletic	19,014	2 2 A 2 1
" 29 Wed.	Wolves	46,781	2 1 A 4 5
Sept. 1 Sat.	Manchester City	21,648	3 2 H 3 2
" 5 Wed.	Aston Villa	21,171	2 1 H 0 0
" 8 Sat.	Blackpool	32,112	2 3 A 0 4
" 15 "	Everton	18,076	2 2 H 2 0
" 22 "	Tottenham H.	58,960	1 2 A 0 5
" 29 "	Leeds United	20,949	... H 2 2
Oct. 6 "	Newcastle United	36,491	0 4 A 2 2
" 13 "	Sheffield Wed.	19,202	... H 2 0
" 20 "	Birmingham City	32,000	0 0 A 0 3
" 27 "	West Brom.	16,786	0 2 H 0 1
Nov. 3 "	Burnley	22,891	1 3 A 1 1
" 10 "	Preston N. E.	18,721	2 1 H 1 1
" 17 "	Chelsea (1)	30,823	0 0 A 1 4
" 24 "	Cardiff City	13,674	3 0 H 3 0
Dec. 1 "	Manchester United	34,736	1 3 A 1 4
" 8 "	Arsenal (2)	...	... 0 0 H
" 15 "	Sunderland	...	... 2 1 A
" 22 "	Charlton Ath.	...	... 2 1 H
" 26 Wed.	Portsmouth	...	... 1 0 H
" 29 Sat.	Manchester City	...	... 2 3 A
1957			
Jan. 5 Sat.	F.A. Cup—3	...	... 3 1 H
" 12 "	Blackpool	...	... 1 0 A
" 19 "	Everton	...	... 1 0 A
" 26 "	F.A.—Cup 4	...	...
Feb. 2 "	Tottenham H.	...	... 2 1 H
" 9 "	Leeds United	...	... A
" 16 "	Newcastle U. (5)	...	... 4 2 H
" 23 "	West Bromwich A.	...	... 1 3 A
Mar. 2 "	Birmingham (6)	...	... 0 1 H
" 9 "	Arsenal	...	... 0 3 A
" 11 Mon.	Portsmouth	...	... 0 0 A
" 16 Sat.	Burnley	...	... 2 3 H
" 23 "	Preston N. E. (S.F.)	...	... 1 2 A
" 30 "	Chelsea	...	... 2 2 H
April 6 "	Cardiff City	...	... 0 2 A
" 13 "	Manchester U.	...	... 0 2 H
" 19 Fri.	Bolton Wanderers	...	... 0 4 A
" 20 Sat.	Sheffield Wed.	...	... 0 0 A
" 22 Mon.	Bolton Wand.	...	... 0 0 H
" 27 Sat.	Aston Villa	...	... 0 1 A
May 4 "	F.A. Cup—Final	...	...

LEAGUE TABLE : 1956-57

Up to and including Saturday, December 1st, 1956

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Manchester United	19	13	4	2	47	28	30
Tottenham H.	19	12	3	4	51	28	27
Leeds United	20	9	6	5	36	28	24
Blackpool	19	9	5	5	46	34	23
Birmingham C.	19	9	5	5	37	27	23
Burnley	20	8	7	5	29	23	23
Bolton W.	20	8	7	5	29	25	23
Wolverhampton W.	19	9	3	7	47	36	21
Preston N.E.	20	8	5	7	42	35	21
ARSENAL	20	9	3	8	42	41	21
West Bromwich	19	7	7	5	27	24	21
LUTON TOWN	19	7	5	7	31	36	19
Aston Villa	18	6	6	6	27	26	18
Chelsea	19	5	8	6	29	31	18
Cardiff City	19	6	5	8	25	36	17
Newcastle Utd.	19	6	5	8	22	38	17
Sheffield Wed.	20	7	2	11	41	44	16
Manchester City	20	6	4	10	33	40	16
Everton	20	6	4	10	26	38	16
Portsmouth	19	3	7	9	32	45	13
Charlton Ath.	20	4	2	14	27	51	10
Sunderland	19	3	3	13	32	45	9

1956 Reserve XI Fixtures Attendance 1955/56 F. A.			
Aug. 18 Sat.	Queens Park R.	2,079	... A 7 1
" 25 "	Tottenham H.	2,320	0 1 H 4 1
" 29 Wed.	West Ham Utd.	1,890	... H 0 2
Sept. 1 Sat.	Crystal Palace	2,737	1 3 A 2 0
" 8 "	Bristol City	2,285	... A 7 1
" 15 "	Plymouth Argyle	3,199	2 1 A 0 2
" 22 "	Southend United	1,746	1 5 H 2 2
" 29 "	Reading	1,588	... A 0 1
Oct. 6 "	Chelsea	1,675	3 0 H 1 0
" 13 "	Bournemouth & B.	4,094	3 1 A 3 4
" 20 "	Arsenal	2,480	2 2 H 5 1
" 27 "	Watford	1,643	... A 1 0
Nov. 3 "	Swindon Town	1,600	... H 0 2
" 10 "	Brentford	1,421	3 7 A 2 1
" 17 "	Portsmouth	1,314	2 3 H 5 1
" 24 "	Ipswich Town	2,269	2 2 A 1 1
Dec. 1 "	Leicester City	1,622	2 2 H 7 0
" 8 "	Leyton Orient	...	... 3 4 A
" 15 "	Queens Park R.	...	... 3 1 H
" 22 "	Tottenham H.	...	... A
" 26 Wed.	Birmingham C.	...	... 1 3 A
" 29 Sat.	Crystal Palace	...	... H
1957			
Jan. 5 Sat.	Coventry City	...	... 1 2 A
" 12 "	Bristol City	...	... A
" 19 "	Plymouth A.	...	... 6 6 H
" 26 "	Coventry City	...	... 7 0 H
Feb. 2 "	Southend United	...	... A
" 9 "	Reading	...	... H
" 16 "	Chelsea	...	... 0 4 A
" 23 "	Bournemouth	...	... 3 3 H
March 2 "	Arsenal	...	... 0 2 A
" 9 "	Watford	...	... H
" 16 "	Swindon Town	...	... A
" 23 "	Brentford	...	... 5 2 H
" 30 "	Portsmouth	...	... 1 4 A
April 6 "	Ipswich Town	...	... 2 1 H
" 13 "	Leicester City	...	... 1 1 A
" 19 Friday	Norwich City	...	... 0 1 H
" 20 Sat.	Leyton Orient	...	... 3 4 H
" 22 Mon.	Norwich City 0 2 A
" 27 Sat.	Swansea Town 0 1 A
To be arranged			
Birmingham C.			
2 8 H			

NEXT MATCH

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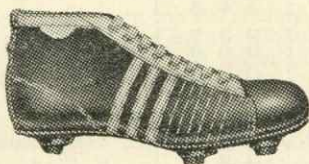
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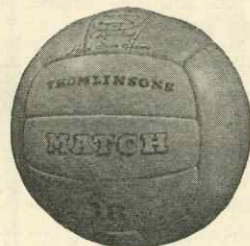


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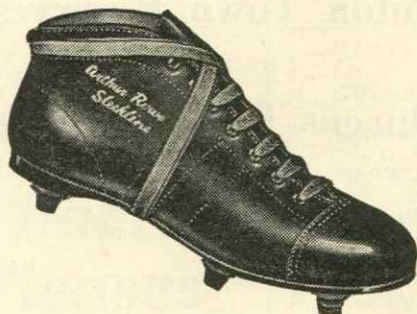
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