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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE NOTES

No team could have played with greater courage than the Argyle team at St. Andrew's Park, Birmingham, last Saturday. By all accounts the critics thought that Birmingham were just turning out to while away the time, but they found, before the game had been many minutes old, that Argyle were a different proposition from the one they beat three goals to nil earlier in the season. In attack and defence, Birmingham had no advantage over Argyle, and I can say without exaggeration, Birmingham were a very relieved team when the final whistle sounded.

It isn't my habit to comment on the performances of our players, but I think it is worthy to mention the rise of our two young players, Pat Jones and Len Boyd. Both these boys have only been in senior football a matter of months, but they have advanced so rapidly that they now rank amongst the best in the League.

The Draw for the Fourth Round of the F.A. Challenge Cup will take place on Monday next, January 12th. The matches will be played on Saturday, January 24th.

In the event of Argyle figuring among the contestants, and again favoured with a Home tie, the following conditions will apply:

1. Admission will be by Ticket only.

2. An announcement regarding the prices of admission will be made immediately the competing Clubs have come to a decision. Supporters are asked to refrain from making any application until an announcement has been made.

3. Tickets for the Enclosure Seats will be on sale at Home Park only. The time and date will be announced later.

- 4. Tickets for the Enclosure (Standing) and Ground will be distributed among various agencies, the names and addresses of which will be communicated to the Press, and published in the Official Match Programme of the Club, on Saturday next.
- 5. Telephone Bookings cannot be accepted for the Match.
- 6. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE, AND TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF DUPLICATION AND DELAY, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL APPLICATIONS BE MADE DIRECT TO:

THE SECRETARY, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE F.C., HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DAVID THOMAS

Top goalscorer last season. Not big as centreforwards go, but gets up with the giants. Hardworking, enthusiastic, and a full ninety-minutes, player, he has an uncanny knack of getting most goals with his head.

A product of Essex amateur football, he formerly played for Romford, and came to Home Park in 1938.



GOAL-SCORERS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION II

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It is gratifying to know that not one Argyle player's name appeared in the F.A.'s published list of 87 players who have been cautioned on the field of play by Referees this season. We congratulate our boys and hope they will continue to play the game.

January 17th

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Stuart (2)

Squires (8)

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Tadman (7)

Oakes (5)

Davies (6)

Thomas (9) Dews or Edds (10) Strauss (11)



O'Brien (11) Ottewell (10) Billington of Duggan (9) Brennan (8) Shanks (7)

Gardiner (6)

Hall (5)

Soo (4)

Cooke (2)

Hughes (3)

Streten

Right

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Before the Match



After the Match



OUR VISITORS

It may cause a surprise to many to know that Luton Town, our opponents in to-day's great knock-out competition, 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, and it was recorded in the minutes that "both cap and shirt be worn by each player on the field." 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. Here are a few pen-pictures of the players who are expected to play to-day:

- Bernard Streten (goalkeeper) was capped for England's Amateur team in all their matches last season, and toured Europe with them in May. Was playing with Shrewsbury Town when Frank Soo recommended him to Luton. 5ft. 9 ins., 11 st. 6 lbs.
- W. Cooke (right back), filled the left half-back position in the opening matches, but eventually won himself a place at right back. Secured from Bournemouth after he had worn the Luton colours as a guest. 5 ft. 9½ ins., 12st.
- W. Hughes (left back), played for Great Britain against Rest of Europe last season. One of the most polished full backs in the game. International honours have been showered upon him since 1938, when he became an automatic choice for Wales, whose side he captained. Obtained from Birmingham last July at a record fee of £11,000.
- F. Soo (right-half). Another International, but has no "cap" to show for his many appearances in the England colours, because they all took place in war-time football. Regarded as a most constructive player, and is now the club's player-coach. Luton paid a big fee to Leicester for his services during the summer of 1946.
- L. Hall (centre half). Hails from St. Albans. Has also played at centre forward. Is a strong player who returned from overseas service last year. 6 ft., 12½ st.
- G. Gardiner (left-half). Joined Luton from a Scottish Junior team in 1938. Was shot down over Germany during the war, and spent three years as a prisoner of war. Can also play at inside forward. 5 ft. 8 ins., 11 st.

- W. Shanks (outside right). A young Scot who had a trial with Chelsea last year on the recommendation of Tommy Walker. Chelsea, however, were well served with the outside right position, and allowed Shanks to go to Luton for whom he played on several occasions last season. 5 ft. 8 ins., 11 st.
- R. Brennan (inside right). Came to Luton two months ago from Belfast Distillery. Has made appearances in the Irish League side, and also for the North of Ireland v. Southern Ireland. Was twelfth man for Ireland last season.
- S. Ottewell (inside left). Joined Chesterfield in 1936, and was transferred to Birmingham 1946-47. Luton secured his services last December.
- H. Billington (centre forward). Headed Luton Town's list of goal-scorers last term, and was highly placed among the centre forwards in the League. Is regarded as a great opportunist. His five goals against Notts County in last year's Cup-tie was his greatest triumph for the club. 5 ft. 10 ins., 12st.
- T. Duggan (centre forward). Has been with Luton since he was 15, but has been unlucky in the matter of injuries. Is regarded as a most dangerous attacker. 5 ft. 9 ins., 11 st. 4 lbs.
- J. O'Brien (outside left). Came to Luton a month ago from Dundalk, an Irish League Club. Was considered one of the best wingers in Eire.

TO-DAY'S CUP-TIES

At the conclusion of to-day's match it is hoped to announce over the Ioudspeaker some of the results of the other Ties.

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| CHARLTON ATH. | V. | NEWCASTLE UNITED |
| COLCHESTER | v. | HUDDERSFIELD TOWN |
| GILLINGHAM | v. | QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS |
| MILLWALL | V. | PRESTON N.E. |
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This handbook, acknowledged by the national and local press to be the finest publication of its kind, should be in every supporter's possession. Eighty-four pages containing team photographs and individual photographs of all the players, besides playing records and particulars of every player—past and present—who has appeared for Argyle since 1903. The book that will settle all your arguments—the price—One Shilling—get your copy to-day from the Club Hut or from Committeemen who will be around the ground.

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