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versus

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## League Tables—Up to and including 1st April, 1950

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. II

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Tottenham .....	35	14	2	2	47	11	12	3	2	29	16	57	
Sheffield United .....	37	7	10	2	29	18	9	4	5	30	27	46	
Sheffield Wednesday .....	34	9	5	2	38	22	6	7	5	19	22	42	
Southampton .....	35	9	4	4	34	20	6	7	5	19	22	41	
Hull City .....	35	10	5	2	34	21	6	2	10	25	40	39	
Leeds .....	35	8	7	2	25	13	6	4	8	19	23	39	
Preston .....	36	9	5	4	28	20	5	4	9	18	22	37	
Leicester .....	37	7	8	4	28	24	4	6	8	21	31	36	
Brentford .....	36	8	5	5	16	12	4	7	7	22	32	36	
Swansea .....	35	9	3	5	31	14	5	4	9	16	30	35	
Cardiff .....	34	12	1	4	22	11	2	6	9	11	25	35	
Bury .....	35	10	5	3	36	18	4	1	12	20	35	34	
West Ham .....	35	8	6	4	28	21	4	4	9	18	24	34	
Barnsley .....	35	9	5	4	39	26	2	6	9	17	30	33	
Chesterfield .....	36	11	2	5	24	13	2	5	11	12	28	33	
Grimsby .....	34	10	5	3	43	22	2	3	11	18	37	32	
Blackburn .....	35	8	5	5	23	12	3	4	10	19	37	31	
Luton .....	35	5	3	4	20	19	2	7	9	12	27	29	
Queen's Park Rangers .....	36	5	4	9	17	27	4	6	8	18	23	28	
Coventry .....	35	5	5	7	21	21	3	6	9	20	30	27	
Bradford .....	35	6	5	7	32	32	3	4	10	14	33	27	
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE .....	36	4	4	9	15	23	2	9	8	23	36	25	

### The Football Combination Cup Competition

	SECTION 4				Goals				Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A			
Swansea Town .....	13	10	1	2	33	11	21		
Bristol Rovers .....	14	7	3	4	30	18	17		
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE .....	13	7	2	4	27	23	16		
Bournemouth .....	14	7	2	5	20	17	16		
Bristol City .....	13	4	4	5	18	18	12		
Swindon Town .....	13	3	3	7	20	28	9		
Aldershot .....	13	3	2	8	19	33	8		
Cardiff City .....	13	2	3	8	12	31	7		

### HOME MATCHES

Easter Monday, April 10th

**ARGYLE v. LEICESTER CITY**

The Football League, Division II

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

Saturday, April 15th

**ARGYLE RES. v. SOUTHAMPTON RES.**

The Football Combination League

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

Saturday, April 22nd

**ARGYLE v. SOUTHAMPTON**

The Football League, Division II

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

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### PLYMOUTH ARGYLE NOTES

Has a club ever suffered so much through misfortune as Plymouth Argyle has this campaign? In the first eight games of this season Argyle had five major injuries, which caused a disastrous start, and from which we collected only one point from the eight games.

Improvement was seen in the form of the team when we showed a clean bill of health, and from October 1st up to two months ago, Argyle played a type of football that was admired and talked about throughout all football circles of England. But despite the fact that Argyle outplayed the majority of the clubs opposed to them, the desired results did not materialise, and their opponents always seemed to get that slice of luck that brought them the points, points that should have been Argyle's by virtue of their play.

From the Leicester City game two months ago, injury again hit the club when Tadman and Williams met with serious knocks; this again upset things even more, for we needed every available point. Tadman and Williams returned to the side a fortnight ago, only for Squires and Dews to fall victims of injury and illness.

At Coventry on Saturday, Dame Fortune again frowned on Argyle, for in the first thirty seconds Coventry were awarded a penalty, from which they scored. This penalty was a harsh decision, as it was evident to many that there was no semblance of a foul when Coventry's Chisholm fell in the Argyle penalty area, but the referee, Mr. Tarratt, was adamant, and would take no heed of the Argyle players' appeal against his decision. A goal so early in the game spurred Coventry, and gave them confidence to do further things, and they finally put paid to any hopes Argyle had by adding two further goals in the second half.

This result was a heavy blow to Argyle, in their quest for

points to secure safety, and it will mean an all out effort now, if anything is to be accomplished.

Argyle Reserves brought off a good win when they defeated Swansea Town Reserves at Home Park by one goal to nil. Apart from Swansea being leaders of their Section in the Cup Competition, the result was all the more meritorious as Argyle had the misfortune to lose Leonard Kane, right-back, with a twisted knee in the first half. Leonard made an effort to resume after the interval, but was forced to retire for the remainder of the game. This was unfortunate for Argyle as Leonard had been playing grandly, and had held up the lively Swansea attack besides placing several balls well into the Swansea area to open up Argyle's attacks.

The remaining ten players rose splendidly to the occasion however, and succeeded in holding on to their lead of one goal, scored by Alec Govan from a fine cross from Frankie Squires. Fine cut and thrust football was seen, with Argyle Reserves doing the bulk of the attacking, and the score would have been much higher, but for fine goal-keeping by Parry, who brought off many first-class saves.

We extend a hearty welcome to Luton Town, our visitors to Home Park to-day, in a clash for League points. When Argyle met Luton at Luton in December last, the result was a draw 1-1, after a hard game. To-day's encounter will certainly be a keen one, with the points at stake being of great importance to the two clubs.

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### LOST PROPERTY

Supporters are invited to make enquiries regarding articles lost or left behind at Home Park on match days, at the Ticket Office, Main Gate, where there is already an accumulation of such goods including bunches of keys and a lady's plastic macintosh

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### Cup Final and International Match Tickets

The Club has been informed of its allocation of tickets for these matches. The number is totally inadequate to meet the requirements of our Shareholders, Debenture Holders and Season Ticket Holders.

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# On the Inside of Football

By JOHN GRAYDON

Managing Sports Editor, Kemsley Newspapers

Among Football League clubs the report that an Italian team were interested in the future of Stanley Mortensen, Blackpool and England forward, caused a great deal of amusement, for this was nothing new. After "Mortie" had played a "blinder" against Italy two years ago I well recall, in Turin, hearing Italian officials say they would be willing to pay £40,000 for his transfer, but even for that figure Blackpool are not going to be interested! Anyway, what about "Mortie's" own views on the matter? As Italian—like the British home associations—are members of F.I.F.A., any club belonging to their Association needing a player who assists a team whose association is also affiliated with F.I.F.A., would have to pay a transfer fee. Remember how Juventus, the Turin club, secured the transfer of Johnny Jordan, the Spurs' inside-forward, who has returned to play for Birmingham City?

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When the England players take part in the World Cup Finals they are likely to be wearing football boots made of light-weight leather. At one time it was anticipated that rubber boots would be used, but on the hard grounds of South America leather has proved the best.

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Billy Wright, who will be England's right-half and captain at Hampden Park next week, has an interesting hobby. He goes in for embroidering cushions and table runners. Some of his work, as I have seen in his home, is really beautiful.

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Remember that Ivor Powell, Aston Villa's Welsh international right-half and captain, used to assist Queen's Park Rangers? By a strange coincidence Rangers again have an Ivor Powell on their books, and, like "Ivor the Great," he also hails from Bargoed. They are not, however, in any way related.

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How rare is it you find an outstanding centre-half-back who started in this position! Neil Franklin (England) and Willie Woodburn (Scotland) were originally inside-forwards, Jack Vernon (Ireland), was a full-back, while John Charles (Wales), started as a left-half-back.

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When Billy Shankly, the Carlisle United manager, and formerly first-choice at right-half for Scotland and Preston North End, recently asked permission to again play in League football—this time for Carlisle—he was doing something I think is unique. Because his salary as manager, exceeds the £12 maximum of a player, he was willing to reduce his income so that he could again play in League football!

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Those very remarkable brothers, Denis and Leslie Compton, have already set up one record by becoming the only brothers to gain a League Championship soccer medal, and play in the County Championship cricket side in successive seasons. Now, if they win an F.A. Cup Medal—as well they might—the Comptons will establish a record I cannot ever visualise being beaten.

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Talking of medals brings to mind Bob Paisley, Liverpool's left-half-back. Bob, in 1939, won an Amateur Cup medal as a member of the successful Bishop Auckland team. This year he goes to Wembley hoping to become only the third player in football history to win a Professional and Amateur Cup medal. Just to make the story even more romantic, Bishop Auckland, seven days earlier, will themselves be at Wembley in the Amateur Cup Final once more.

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This afternoon Home Park followers will not only have an opportunity of welcoming Luton Town, but have a glimpse of Iowerth Hughes, the youthful goal-keeper who is making a big bid for the place in the Welsh team Bill Shortt fills so well. Iowerth, who is a Welsh amateur international, has taken over from Bernard Streten whom, it will be recalled, played for England's full international team this season after previously winning amateur caps.

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CLUB NOTES

TO HELP — NOT HINDER

As loyal members of the Supporters' Club we must support our team to our very utmost at this particular time. It is very easy to enthuse when "riding the crest of the wave," but the real test of support is that which is evident when things are not running smoothly. We have asked and received the support of our members in the past and again echo those sentiments for to-day and Easter Monday — don't let us down supporters! Cheer the team to victory and prove that vocal encouragement is not lacking at Home Park!

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**SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.** Continuing our events in this our Jubilee Year, we have arranged for supporters a Variety Concert and Social Evening which is being held at the Hyde Park Social Club, Hyde Park Road, on Wednesday, April 26th, from 7.30 to 11 p.m. There will be a licensed bar and the admission, which will include refreshments, is the nominal sum of 2s. This charge, we suggest, is in reach of our members and friends, and tickets can be obtained from the Supporters' Headquarters and Club Hut to-day. Accommodation is limited and prompt application is advised.

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**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE HANDBOOK.** We have a few more handbooks available for those who have not as yet obtained a copy. Visitors to Home Park over the Easter holidays can obtain this annual for the price of 1s. from sellers at the ground and enclosure, or from the Supporters' Club premises.

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**MEMBERSHIP.** The response to our broadcast appeal and application form which recently appeared in the programme has been very encouraging. We still need more members and suggest that the present time is really opportune to become members of the Plymouth Argyle Supporters' Club. Subscription annually is 1s., so why delay joining? — come along to the Club Huts where you can enrol. Membership badges, a very attractive club coloured effort, are to be had for 1s.

Plymouth Argyle Football Club badges can also be obtained, price 1s. 3d.

A word of thanks to you all for your support of our Ball Competition, the proceeds of which assist us in meeting the purchase of the footballs used at Home Park and also defraying the expenses of the band. Your continued support will be very much appreciated by the committee besides the personal satisfaction of having assisted the Supporters' Club to help the parent body.

Cheerio, supporters, and here's hoping that the holiday matches will bring reward to the endeavours of our team. UP ARGYLE!

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