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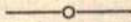
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Club Notes

Tonight we play our third successive home game, and the fourth this season. We are sure you will all agree that the last two home matches have been very hard indeed. Dogged by the 'Injury Bogey' we have played both literally with ten men.

The game last Saturday, after the first twenty minutes was just one hard fight and dour defence. How the Englishman loves to see the underdog come out on top. Such was the case against Plymouth.

In the opening programme we asked you to "give our team just that encouragement it needs" and we are sure the players would respond to the urge of the crowd.

Last Saturday your encouragement was magnificent, no team could ask for more. Without detracting in the least from the wonderful fighting display by the players, we feel your help and vocal encouragement went a long way towards winning the game.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen; please keep up the good work, and may our players continue with the same determination and spirit.

Our three home matches have produced attendances of 14,000, 10,500 and 11,300, and the team has gained 5 points out of a possible six.

May we thank you all for continued support, and may you see many excellent games, with plenty of goals. Can we reach the round figure of 15,000 before long? We sincerely hope so. Now a word of thanks to those of you who have purchased programmes. Our sales are up on last year, and it is surprising how much more profit can be made by selling that extra 500 or 1,000. Please continue to buy your programmes, and we sincerely hope you find them interesting.

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Now a few words of congratulation to the Reserve team. When the news came through we had won 6 - 2 at Swansea it was too good to be true, but it was! A great achievement when you realise the team consisted of 3 full professionals, 5 part-timers (2 on a month's trial), and 3 amateurs. It is good to see the same spirit in the Reserve side. The scorers were Richards 3, Skull 1, Head 1, Earl 1 (pen.).

The "A" Team almost produced the sensation of the day. With so many injuries the Club sought the postponement of this fixture, and whilst the League Management Committee agreed, our opponents Bulford (top of the League) did not, and so the Club had no other alternative but to play.

The team fielded was mostly young lads of 16 or 17 years of age from the "B" Team (fortunately without a fixture). At half-time the score was 1-1, but eventually superior strength told and we were beaten 2 - 1. Again a truly great performance.

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L.B.—TONY INGHAM—Born in Harrogate, Yorks, he was transferred to Q.P.R. from Leeds United in June, 1950. The team captain.

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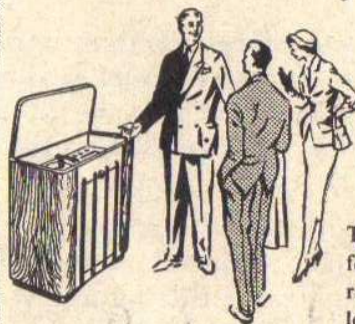
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We are pleased to report that more and more people are taking advantage of our scheme whereby season tickets may be purchased by instalments. Full particulars may be obtained from our Office. Mrs. L. Smith is the member of the Committee in charge of the scheme. Her private address is 27 Avenue Road.

Club membership for the season has already reached the neighbourhood of 14,500—an "all-time" record. This is most gratifying and we look forward to increasing this figure. We know that members will need no reminders that our primary object is, *not* to pay out Competition Prizes or to organise draws for Cup Final tickets, but to assist the Football Club by all possible means. One, of course, is the participation in our Competition (with prizes as incidentals), but another, equally important, is regular attendance at matches.

Organised support can prove to be most valuable to the Club. Ten years ago, our visitors this evening, Queen's Park Rangers, had the

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O.R.—PAT KERRINS—Born in Fulham, he first joined Rangers on the groundstaff and signed professional when 17.

I.R.—ARTHUR LONGBOTTOM—A native of Leeds, he signed from Methley United, West Yorkshire League, in March, 1954. Top goal scorer last season.

C.F.—BILL FINNEY—Signed from Birmingham in the summer. Formerly with Stoke City. He is a native of the Potteries.

I.L.—BOBBY CAMERON—Born at Greenock. As a schoolboy played for Scotland in 1947. Joined the Club from Port Glasgow Rovers in June, 1950.

O.L.—PETER ANGELL—25 years of age, he joined Rangers in the summer of 1953 from Slough Town, his home town club.

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