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On behalf of all members of the Queensland Soccer Football Association and the Sporting Public, it is my pleasant duty to extend to the Managers and players from our sister Dominion, SOUTH AFRICA, a most sincere and hearty welcome.

During your short stay in our midst we know that we will make friendships and obtain a closer welding of the bonds which should exist between peoples within the British Commonwealth.

The visit of your team provides an opportunity whereby we may enjoy and derive some benefit for the good of the Code.

Some of you have already established reputations for your prowess in South Africa and Rhodesia and we here in Queensland look forward to seeing you in action as an International Team.

The Queensland members of that Australian Team which toured your great country in 1950 have very pleasant memories of the fine reception and friendliness extended to them, and the many friendships which were established and the sportsmanship displayed in the games.

I am confident that you will make many friends as you travel around Australia, but let me assure you that it is our earnest intention of making you feel at home amongst us, creating friendships that will endure, and give you that hospitality for which Queensland stands in high regard.

The best of luck, good football, and a happy time.

L. EASTMENT,
President, Q.S.F.A.

PEN SKETCHES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM

TYRELL, Aubrey: The Northern Transvaal goalkeeper to-day is a tried and proved Springbok keeper, who gained his cap against the Australians in South Africa in 1950. Since then he has appeared on many occasions for his country and toured Britain with the Springboks last year.

UYTENBOGAARDT, Albert: A most popular goalkeeper. Stands 6ft. 5in. and was known by the Charlton fans as Humphrey Bogart. Has a long record of top class Soccer Western Province under 16 team and Currie Cup games. Played for Charlton Athletic for 5 years and only the form of the ageless Sam Bartram kept him out of a regular place in the First Division side. Returned to South Africa in 1953.

OELOFSE, Roelof: 28 years old, first made his name at right back for Berea Park. A utility player, he is also outstanding at left half and centre half. Possesses terrific shot which brings in odd goals.

JACQUES, Cliff: Few wing half-backs in South African Soccer have his skill, speed and initiative. Immediately after the war he proved his worth with Wanderers and later transferred to Rangers, where he was an automatic choice as a half back. He gained his international cap after a succession of excellent brainy games for Southern Transvaal, against the Aussies and followed up by being selected for South Africa against Wolverhampton Wanderers and Newcastle United. Selected to captain the Southern Transvaal side in opposition to Stanley Matthew's Eleven.

RUFUS, Malcolm John: Age 22, weight 150 lbs., 5ft 8in. First played for Natal during tour of Mauritius during 1951 and has been a regular choice for the team since his first appearance. Plays left half or inside right.

HASTIE, John: Has been for some years one of the anchors of Western Province Soccer. As full back, he was just about an auto-

matic choice for the South African team to tour Australia and fully deserves his place.

JACOBSON, Morris: Was a member of the South African Macabi team in Israel and has played for South Transvaal and South Africa on very many occasions. Has established himself as a first class left back and has been sought after by overseas teams without success. One of the most popular figures at the Rand Stadium.

HUGHES, Peter: Joined Balfour Park from Natal, having represented that province; is now in his third season in Southern Transvaal Soccer, having played centre forward the whole of that period.

ZIESING, Ken: A cool, calm and collected half back who previously played for Dundee. Prior to his tour as a professional and since his return has appeared regularly for Marists. Played against Clyde and the Australians during their tours of South Africa.

PETERSON, Eric Brian: Age 18, 130 lbs., 5ft. 9in. Played first match for Natal against the Israel Touring Team in 1953 and has been a regular member of the team this year. Is the youngest player ever to have represented South Africa. Plays inside or outside left.

PALMER, Ian Derrick Jeffrey: Age 29; 152 lbs.; 5ft. 8in. First played for Natal in 1946 and was selected to play his first game for South Africa against the visiting Clyde team from Scotland in 1947. Was this year appointed for position of Captain of the Natal and has led the team with distinction. Plays in any position in the forwards.

FOURIE, Les: Was spotted playing Sunday football by a representative of Charlton Athletic and had a short engagement with that club. Has always played on the left wing where he represented South Africa against Dundee. On his return from England played for a short time with Arcadia before joining his present club Rangers.

FREW, Gordon: Captain of the team. Played in the Springbok side against the Australians in 1950 and against Clyde in 1947; he played for Wanderers and Marists before joining Durdee. Since his return, he has been turning out regularly for Marists and entertaining the crowd with very polished football.

PATON, Harold: Plays inside right. Is one of the veterans of the team chosen for the Australian tour; 32 years of age; he has been playing in first class football since 1946. Has played for Natal, Eastern Transvaal, Southern Transvaal and now represents Rhodesia. Received his first International cap in 1950, playing three times against Australia. Next played for South Africa in 1952 and captained the Springboks against Newcastle United. A serious knee operation, however, put him out of the running for the 1953 team which toured Britain. Paton is also an off spin bowler almost of South African class.

GIBSON, Brian Kenneth: Age 25; 145 lbs.; 5ft. 6in. First played for Natal against the Australian team that toured South Africa during 1949. Capped for South Africa in 1953 and toured England with the South African team in 1953. Plays either inside right or right half.

LE ROUX, Daniel Louw: Age 21; 176 lbs.; 5ft. 10in. First played for Natal against Newcastle United

in 1952 and has been a regular member of the team. Toured England with the South Africans in 1953. Plays outside right.

KENNEDY, John E.: Manager. Arrived in South Africa from London in 1924 and joined Western Province F.A. as a referee. Had 25 years as First Division Referee in several Provinces of the Union as well as the Middle East during the war. Officiated in two Test matches, South Africa v. Motherwell, 1931; and South Africa v. Aberdeen, 1937; hon. treasurer South African Football Association 1939-43. Manager Wanderers (Services) team on tour in Palestine and Syria 1943-44. Executive member South African Football Association 1953-55.

MURRAY, A. P.: Assistant manager. Represented Maritzburg, Durban, Natal, as half back and forward. Refereed Provincial and International matches. Past President Natal Football Association and member South African Football Association executive. Played cricket for Natal, and broadcasts Soccer and cricket tests. Member Boxing Board of Control.

SALTER, P. J.: Trainer.

THE QUEENSLANDERS

Don, Leo (Blackstone): A sound goalie, with previous State and international experience. Missed out against New Zealand last year, when Topfer beat him for the position; now he has regained his place.

N. Clarke (Thistle): Right back. One of Queensland's best defenders, a fearless tackler, with a powerful kick, and always on the look-out for an opportunity to turn defence into attack.

Alec, Duncan (Easts): Left back (captain). Leads the State team and is considered an astute skipper. Previously played for the State on numerous occasions and toured New Zealand with the Australian team.

Chris, Bligh (Bardon): Queensland's latest discovery, and a lad full of promise. Played with the State Junior team that won the Australian Championship in Adelaide last year, and was outstanding. During the trial games, before the team to meet Austria was chosen, created a great impression, and as a result now receives senior State selection.

Al, Warren (Blackstone): Centre half. An outstanding "stopper" type, who troubles most opposing

centre forwards, by his persistent policing; a difficult man to pass.

Cliff, Sander (St. Helens): Left half. One of Australia's greatest football prospects. A half back of outstanding ability, has sound ball control and has impressed even the Southern critics. Played in four Tests against Austria and one against China; then was mysteriously omitted for the second Test against China and the final Test against Austria. Played in the two Tests won by Australia against New Zealand last year and toured New Caledonia with an Australian Eleven in 1950. Actually represented Australia before obtaining State selection.

G. "Bunny" Nunn (St. Helens): Outside right. Has been one of the State's most prominent players for many years, and its most consistent scorer. Has represented Australia in numerous Tests, and toured New Zealand and South Africa, meeting with the greatest of praise from opponents.

Spencer Kitching (Bundamba): Inside right. One of Australia's most promising ball players, who has already been offered an extended trial with a prominent First Division English League Club. Has represented the State on several previous occasions.

Col, Kitching (Bundamba): Centre forward. Another of the younger school with a great future. Has a powerful shot in either foot, and this season scored no less than 39 goals in premiership games—a record for any player here since the war. Showed fine form against South Coast at Bundamba and should soon earn international selection.

Alan Pitcairn (St. Helens): Inside left. A clever little inside forward, who has a remarkably strong shot for one of his size. A real opportunist, he consistently figures among the scorers for his club.

Clem Higgins (Thistle): Outside left. After knocking on the door of representative football for some time, Clem Higgins gained selection against South China, and as a result made the Australian Test team in the second Test against these visitors. Success followed as he was again chosen to play against Austria, and once more on the winning side became an automatic choice for the Newcastle Test against South China on Sunday, August 21st. His success is well deserved.

RESERVES:

Don, Bullock (Caledonians): Goalie. Yet another to add to the

already fine list of keepers in this area. Played with the State Junior team in Adelaide last year, and was an unqualified success. Has had a torrid time with Caledonians this season, but has come out with honours under great difficulties. Will go far in the game provided he still shows that same anxiety to learn as has been in evidence so far in his career.

G. Kathage (Bundamba): Full back. Here again Bundamba supplies a promising young player. Kathage is a fine defender, and always ready to turn defence into attack with well-placed clearances.

M. Hay (Easts): Half back. A capable wing half who has been showing good form in club games and trial matches. A fine defender who also has the ability to turn defence into attack.

G. McMillan (Y.M.C.A.): Forward. Another Second Division player to come into representative football. Shows great promise, and could quite easily gain full State honours in the near future.

The Manager

Mr. Arthur Bevan, Chairman of the Brisbane and Ipswich Management Committee. This well known Ipswich soccer identity is one of our most popular officials.

QUEENSLAND SOCCER

The Queensland Soccer Football Association has every reason to be pleased with the work of its State team this season.

They were defeated comfortably by Austria, but played fine football nevertheless, and in so doing earned high praise from the visitors. Against China, they were narrowly defeated 5-4 in the first game, and inflicted the first defeat on China in the second game which they won 3-2.

What is to happen in the games against South Africa we shall have to wait and see, but we are sure that our players will give a great account of themselves, and play football in the best spirit, and even if defeated will I am sure receive praise from the South Africans for their sporting style of play.

In International selection, several Queenslanders have been chosen for Tests. They are C. Sander, S. Kitching, G. Nunn, and Clem. Higgins.

We in Queensland are far from satisfied with the treatment meted out to Queensland players after their fine showing against South China, but we feel sure that it is only a matter of time before several of our promising youngsters like Col. Kitching will force their claims on the selectors, and gain their real chance.

Country Associations have made remarkable progress and everywhere reports are coming in of the efforts of these country centres.

This country progress will be further reported in "K.K. SAYS" in another column.

The Brisbane and Ipswich competition was again most interesting throughout and it was not until the final Saturday that the championship issue was finally decided.

Bundamba took the honours for the first time in 16 years. They had score near misses on several occasions, but this year, despite setbacks they held on to their slender lead to become worthy premiers. They lost the services of their skipper, Bob Lawrie, and Ron. Jones, their crack half, earlier in the season, and these setbacks would easily have upset some teams, but Bundamba's youngsters went on undaunted, even when they lost the services of some of their star forwards who were on military service.

Their win is all the more meritorious under such circumstances, and we tender to them sincere congratulations.

To the victors, congratulations; to the losers, our condolences. In this regard we refer to Caledonians who have been relegated to another spell in the Second Division.

It is always regrettable to see a club relegated, but it must happen to one club each season. Nevertheless, it is with regret that we say farewell to Calies.

A few years ago they were one of our most progressive clubs, but the loss of one of their most prominent officials, Mr. J. McDiarmid, and their coach, the ever popular "Rags" Tatters, seemed to send them into the "doldrums." Last season they were nearly relegated, and everyone will recall that vital deciding game between them and Y.M.C.A. when the marvellous display of Andy Greaves, then their skipper, enabled them to defeat Y.M.C.A. who will now replace them in the First Division. On that day Andy Greaves gave the performance of his life, and it is a matter for regret that the lease of life he gave them was thrown away this year.

They must rebuild on stronger lines, and we wish them a speedy return to top flight.

Y.M.C.A. won the Second Division and with it promotion to First Division. We extend to them a sincere welcome back. They have suffered relegation twice in recent years, and it is to be hoped that they will build their team to such an extent that they may regain all the old glory of the celebrated "Triangles" of the early post war years.

To Toowong comes relegation to Division Three, and it is regrettable that such a team should be down to Third Division, when only a year ago they were menacing leaders of the Division. A re-organisation here seems essential.

Amnerley or Corinthians? Which team will gain promotion? This will be decided at to-night's game. The play off to decide this issue will be the main curtain-raiser, and the winners will go to Second Division next year.

THE JUNIORS

Queensland Juniors have once more had a glorious year. Their win in the All States Carnival in Adelaide last year gave the Junior Committee just that impetus that tends to make an organisation great. Many of the lads of that successful team have made senior ranks and done well. Topliner has been Chris Bligh, who was brought into the State team against South China, and after a fine performance has been retained for the South Africa v. Queensland game. He has shown great promise and looks a fixture at right half.

Gerry Nahuysen has not lived up to his goal-scoring reputation made in Junior ranks, but he is still a dangerous forward, and has figured prominently in State trials. He will come good yet.

Others are also knocking at the door, and in spite of these losses to senior ranks, the standard of those remaining in junior ranks is still very high.

Queensland has the potential of one of the greatest State teams ever among its youngsters, and we look forward to the time when we shall see them in action in an international sphere.

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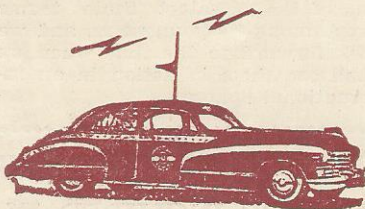
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**FOOTBALL SKILL
KEY-MAN OF THE SIDE**

By Harry Johnston
Blackpool and England

A wing half-back, the connecting link between attack and defence, is one of the key-men of the side. He must have a thorough understanding with his colleagues.

In defence, his main object is to cover the opposing inside-forwards, who must not be allowed to work openings in the defence or to draw defenders out of position.

Positioning is the secret. Try to be near enough to your opponent to tackle him before he has complete control of the ball. If not, hold off the tackle and force him to part with it. A hasty tackle gives the forward an advantage.

If you are not beaten by your opponent, he can do little damage. But if you are beaten, get back into a defensive position as soon as possible.

Cover your colleagues at all times. When play is on the other side of the field, position yourself to give protection to the centre-half and right-back. But always

pay particular attention to the inside forward.

That is the defensive side of your duties.

Now to the attacking side, the more important of the two.

It is your job to keep the forwards supplied with a quick service of the ball. So, you must be able to get command of the ball quickly and send it forward without delay.

The player who can find an uncovered colleague in the shortest time is the most successful one.

The quicker a forward gets the ball, the more time he has to do something with it. Give him the ball straight to his feet.

Having delivered the pass, do not stand still. Run into an open position so that you can either receive a return pass or help him out of a difficulty.

Do not be afraid to follow up the forwards. If they have the ball, there is no danger from the opposition. But, once an attack breaks down, be sure you are near enough to the opposing inside-

forward to prevent him from starting a dangerous raid.

One final point. Never attempt to dribble the ball if a colleague is handy for a pass. It is easier and safer to let him have the ball and slip into position for the next move.

A half-back must be able to place the ball with foot and head. Only constant practise will enable him to do this. And only a lot of discussions with his colleagues will bring the co-operation required for positional play, plans for throws-in and all the finer points of the game.

So do not be afraid of talking over the game with your teammates.

PLAY REVOLVES ROUND HIM

By Willie Woodburn
Glasgow Rangers and Scotland

Most of the defensive policy of a team revolves round the centre-half. He must not only carefully watch the opposing centre-forward, but also effectively guard the route to real down the middle of the field

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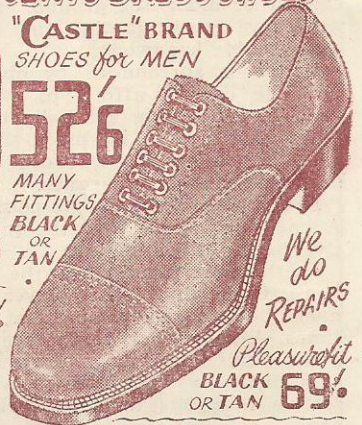
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thereby allowing his colleagues to take up the best positions to deal with the other forwards.

That is his main duty. But he can also play a part in attack. By long sweeping passes to the wing forwards, or by quick, through passes to the inside forwards, he can change defence into attack in one movement.

The three most essential points of his game are the ability to get the ball under control in an instant, whether it comes through the air or along the ground, strict accuracy in distributing the ball, constructive headwork.

As he is surrounded by opponents he cannot afford to waste time in controlling the ball either with chest or feet. He must, therefore, be expert in the use of the first-time pass or clearance.

Every pass must be pin-pointed. A bad pass would give the initiative to the other side.

As the centre-half heads the ball more than any other player he must be able to place it at all times. A short flick to the feet of a wing-half is not only a way out of a difficulty, but much more effective than the haphazard clearance.

All these points can be mastered

by constant practise. And remember, a centre-half must be able to use both feet equally well.

One point must be stressed. The centre-half must never be beaten in a tackle. If he were, the road to goal would be wide open.

If he cannot tackle an opponent before he gains control of the ball he should hold off and force him to part with it. If he does that none of his colleagues will be drawn out of position.

In the neighbourhood of goal the centre-half is the key man. In addition to shutting out the centre-forward, he must be ready to assist his colleagues when they are in trouble.

And he must never hold the ball longer than necessary. A short pass to a wing-half, or a full-back, is much safer than trying to beat an opponent.

The quicker the pass is made the better. For then the centre-half will not stray from his position and his colleagues will have time to make good use of the ball.

Intelligent covering and positioning leads to a good understanding in defence. If the other defenders know what the centre-half intends to do they can present a united front to the opposition.

THE NEED OF A WINGER By Bob Langton

Bolton Wanders and England

A wing-forward nowadays has not only to "make" goals but to score them. He can do that only if he is fast, progressive and able to use either foot equally well.

Ability to take the ball on the run and trap it and move forward in one movement are the main essentials. They can be acquired by constant practise.

Quickness off the mark is another feature of the good wing forward. To gain a yard start over an opponent is half the battle.

The art of making goals calls for fast, strong running with the ball glued to the feet, nimbleness in beating an opponent either on the outside or inside and being able to centre accurately while moving slowly or at full speed.

Often a "not-so-good" centre made on the run brings better reward than an accurate centre made with the loss of vital seconds. But the wing-forward should be able to get the ball across, to a spot opposite the far post and out of reach of the goalkeeper, with un-failing regularity and without loss of time.

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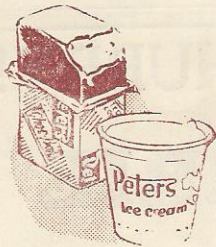
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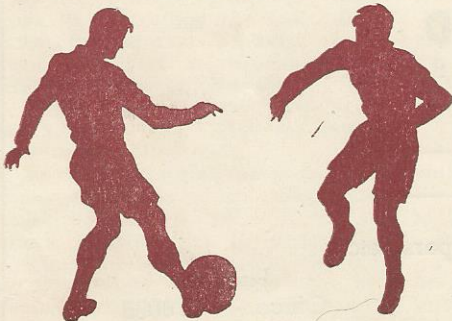
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THE NEED OF A WINGER

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He must vary his play, too. Often a move inside the opposing full-back, followed by a ground pass to a well-placed colleague catches the defenders on the wrong foot.

Scoring of goals demands a good positional sense. When the attack is made from the opposite wing he should be in position to snap up openings. Players like Alex Jackson, Cliff Bastin and Eric Brook got a lot of goals because they were in the right place at the right time.

A wing-forward must never be idle. He must be in the game, not standing idly on the wing. He can play a big part to help his own defenders by giving the opposing full-back little time to make studied clearances, by harassing the opposing half-back when in possession of the ball and by taking up position to receive the ball from the men behind him.

By dropping back into an open position when his side are defending, he can give his colleagues the chance to turn defence into attack with one pass.

He must have a thorough understanding with his partner and the defenders behind him for such things as throws-in, free-kicks and any attacking movements. And he must never be afraid to go to the help of a colleague.

Particularly to his inside-forward who cannot be expected to start movements in midfield and then be in position in front of goal. The wing-forward should be prepared to take over his place when necessary.

He has a full-time job and must never relax for a moment. Practise and more practise is the secret of success.

A REFEREE'S ADVICE

Here is an article of interest to our youth.

BE RECOGNISED AS A SPORTSMAN

By B. Mervyn Griffiths
World Cup and F.A. Cup Final Referee

On numerous occasions I have visited Youth Clubs and given general chats to the lads on various aspects of this great game of football, ranging from "How to Improve and Enjoy Your Game" to "Soccer in Brazil."

In this article I propose to follow similar lines, dealing in the main with players.

To get the most out of your game it is essential that you should be

perfectly, both physically and mentally. If you are not physically fit, your play, and consequently that of your team, suffers.

To obtain a high standard of fitness, training is essential. For it is training that supplies the stamina necessary to withstand the strain and stress of a game.

There are many facilities offered to the youth of to-day. Competent physical training instructors are attached to Youth Clubs, coaches visit the clubs to educate the lads, and many education authorities have physical education classes in connection with their Evening Institutes.

You can supplement this training whenever the opportunity presents itself. A jog-trot along a quiet country road, a run from your home to the bus stop, a brisk walk to work, even if it does mean leaving home a little earlier, or even cycle runs will help you reach peak condition.

How often have you seen a player figure in a brilliant run down the field and then finish up with a tame shot?

His run had taken it out of him. Perfect condition would have resulted in a better shot and possibly a goal.

Perhaps his lack of wind was due to heavy smoking. So, to those of you who have reached smoking age, here's a tip. If you must smoke, do so in moderation. Better still—do not smoke at all.

And here is another point. Too often in training, or even in the pursuit of an every-day task, a player injures himself and fails to report the matter. He turns out for a game and, after a very short while, becomes a passenger. As a result he throws unnecessary work on his team-mates.

I know a youth, keen to get his first cup-winner's medal, who incurred an ankle injury at work a few days before the cup final. He remained silent. He knew that if he informed his team-mates he would not be allowed to play.

He lost his medal—and so did his team-mates!

Thus you have the moral. Be a sportsman and cry off if you're not perfectly fit. For a second-rate player, sound in wind and limb, is of far more value to his side than a first-class "cripple."

Mental fitness calls for rigid discipline. A brain that is tired through lack of sleep and late nights fails to function properly. It will result in your judgment being at fault and your play being below standard.

As you know, on the football

field you are called upon to make split-second decisions, to be able to size-up an opening, and take full advantage of the slightest mistake by an opponent.

All of these things are impossible if you have a sluggish brain. So, in fairness to yourself and your team, make sure that you are mentally, as well as physically, fit.

Another thing, lads—learn the rules. Go on the field mentally disciplined to accept the referee's decisions as becomes a true sportsman. Being familiar with the rules will improve your play. Furthermore, there will be no "childish" displays as a result of disagreement with the referee. He is the man in charge of the game, and no amount of arguing—if the referee is foolish enough to allow it!—will help. You are mentally upset and put off your game and, if you are not careful, you will be put out of the game!

Also, play the game at all times. Earn a reputation for being a fair player, and you will gain the respect of officials, spectators and opponents.

Summing up on mental and physical fitness, the following attributes are essential to the making of a good soccer player:—

Ability to: (1) Kick a ball with either foot. (2) Run with speed and determination. (3) Control a ball by trapping, dribbling and passing. (4) Tackle effectively. (5) Head a ball with judgment. (6) Combine with colleagues.

As soccer is essentially a team game, I rank the last of the above attributes as being of utmost importance.

Take advantage of coaching classes and learn all you can. Apart from the actual game, you owe a duty to your team secretary or the person in charge and to all other members of the team.

If for any reason you cannot play after being chosen, inform the secretary at once and thus give him time to find a substitute.

When a meeting place is arranged for away games, be there on time and so play your part in assuring that everything runs smoothly.

In many youth teams each player is responsible for his own kit. If such is the case with you, see that your kit is always clean for the start of a game. A smartly equipped team always wins respect and admiration.

Remember, too, that your conduct off the field is as important as your conduct on it. On your way to and from a game, act as a sportsman and a gentleman, thus

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Naturally, I suppose, you will be expecting me to make some reference to my own experiences. Well, I have not been abroad quite so frequently as some referees, but my visits overseas have provided me with many hours of enjoyment in the company of sportsmen. There have, of course, been a number of amusing incidents, too.

In May, 1949, I went to Saarbrücken to referee the Saarbrücken v Charlton Athletic match. I arrived in the town early in the morning of the matchday, having travelled by sleeper from Paris, and, before attempting to find the president of the local club, to whom I had to report, I went in search of breakfast.

I went to an hotel where I tried to make them understand that I was seeking the headquarters of

I reported to the president of the Saarbrücken Club and informed him that I would like to go to an hotel and rest for a while before the game.

He took me to the one where I had just had my breakfast!

That afternoon, wherever the Charlton players and I went, we were followed by photographers. We had a police motor-cycle escort to the ground, and I was amazed to find spectators in tall trees and up telegraph poles outside the ground.

They had failed to gain admittance, but they were determined to see the game!

Before the kick-off the teams and match officials had to line up in front of the stand so that supporters could have a good look at us. Then we had to wheel around and trot to the other side of the field, to the accompaniment of roars of approval, so that the rest of the crowd could have a look at us.

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Imagine such a procedure in British football!

In June, 1950, I was in Brazil for the World Cup and I had, in common with other officials, a number of amusing experiences.

George Reader, as referee, George Mitchell and myself, as linesmen, were chosen to officiate in the first game of the series.

We had been asked to demonstrate that the 3 p.m. kick-off really meant 3 p.m., so at 1.30 p.m., leaving ourselves a very good margin of time, a car called at the Hotel Serador to take us to the game.

Traffic conditions were chaotic, such was the interest in the game. As a result the journey to the ground, which we were informed later should have taken us only ten minutes, took us over an hour.

To make matters worse, no one seemed to know where the official entrance was situated, and we were taken round and round the vast stadium.

We managed to reach the dressing room at 2.34 p.m. But, miraculously, the match started promptly to time—even though the President of Brazil was still making his inaugural speech!

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He was not at his place of business and his partner told me: "He is not well—Brazil she lose—his heart is broken!"

I would like to end this article with an incident, not amusing at the time, but which, on looking back, had its own particular humorous situation.

I was due to referee at Bristol, and left Newport with plenty of time to spare. Upon arrival at the Severn Tunnel Junction, however, I learned that, owing to a fault in the Tunnel, the train would be delayed.

The delay lengthened and ultimately I arrived at Ashton Gate just before half-time.

When I read the newspaper that evening I found that my friend, Mr. Stan Vickery, of Bristol, due to referee at Somerton Park, Newport, had been similarly detained on the other side of the tunnel!

As one reporter rather neatly put it: "Was their journey really necessary?"

IT'S A GREAT GAME

By John Carey, Irish International
To begin with, boys—I am coming out into the open!

It is quite true that footballers are born and not made. It is equally true, in my opinion, that to set out to imitate the styles of star performers is the best way to become a star yourself. So, if by reading and inwardly digesting the few hints given by me in this article is going to stop you seeing a first-class match, my advice straight away is—don't read it!

Be off with you, and watch some star men in action. For, by doing so, you will learn more about the game.

Inspiration comes from personal contact. And, in just the same way, practice is far more satisfactory than theory.

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You must have a ball to play soccer, so try to have some kind of ball with you at all times. A tennis or a rubber ball is handy to put in your pocket, and can quickly be brought out when the opportunity for a bit of practice presents itself.

Kicking it against a wall and meeting the rebound with either left or right foot is an ideal way of learning to get your feet in the best position for making a good pass or a timely clearance.

Boys over the age of fifteen should do some training and nobody can lay down a hard and fast rule as to what kind is right for all youngsters. It depends on your physical make-up; if you are on the slow side, then you may need intensive work with spiked shoes to sharpen you up. Or maybe your stamina is in question; which means that you need plenty of lapping around the field.

Ask the help of your teacher or the man who looks after your team. I am sure he will be able to tell just what kind of training is best suited to make you into a more proficient footballer.

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Bodywork is most essential to every player, and you don't need rowing-boats, wall-bars, punch-balls, or any of the other gadgets you see professional footballers use, to keep yourself in good physical condition.

Equipment is important, too and the aim of every boy should be to go on the field looking spic and span and like a footballer.

Shin-pads must be worn, because not only will they protect your legs from injury, they will give you added confidence when going into a tackle. Tie the boots firmly but not too tight, and unless something is wrong with your ankles there is no need to put any form of strapping around them.

I have watched Peter Doherty getting ready for a match many times, but I've never seen him use cotton wool or bandages. You've got to be able to feel the ball, and if your feet are enclosed in wads of cotton wool—well, it's like trying to play billiards with boxing gloves on!

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Professional players usually put a smear of vaseline on their eyebrows. This is to prevent perspiration from entering their eyes. It also helps to smear vaseline on the knees as protection against grazing.

Another important point. I think that every boy should be really familiar with the laws of the game. You don't need to learn them parrot-fashion, but you should know what to expect when the referee blows his whistle.

For instance (I shall call this Question "A"), can you name four incidents that would enable a referee to give a free-kick to the attacking team inside the penalty area?

You will find the answer to this question at the end of my article.

Perhaps that was too easy! But can you tell me how a referee could give two entirely different awards for the same offence, happening in the same half of the game, in the identical spot, against the same player?

That is Question "B" and, like the other, it is answered at the end of the article.

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Referees are not infallible, but they make far fewer mistakes than the players, and it is the job of every man to help him to do his duty and not argue against his decisions.

Having a sense of humour can be a great help in an awkward situation. Football is a game to enjoy. It must be played in a happy spirit, and not treated as a battle, although the will to win must always be there.

If another player is knocking you around, the referee is there to protect you; and if you leave the matter in his hands you will find the offender will quickly be punished.

It is when players try to get

their own back that the trouble really starts and the game soon gets out of control. So please try to give the "man with the whistle" whatever help you can. I am sure it will pay you in the long run.

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Concentration is very necessary if you have ambition to become a great footballer, and whether the ball is in your immediate vicinity or not, your attention should never wander from the game in which you are playing.

You have got really to love the joy of a stern contest and forever be thinking about becoming a better player. Otherwise how can you expect to be able to suffer the many setbacks that lie ahead, or put in the hours of practice needed to acquire mastery of the ball?

How does a player decide which position on the field suits him best? The answer is, he doesn't. Invariably it is decided for him, because as a youngster he has to fill any position that happens to be vacant. When he matures the team manager studies his play closely and decides for him.

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one position. And once he has discovered his best spot, he should stick to it. But playing elsewhere on the field at odd times is a good way to gain in experience and will help you to appreciate the difficulties attached to that position.

So, if you are asked to play out of position occasionally, do it willingly, and let everybody see that you are more concerned about helping your team rather than yourself.

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After all, soccer is a team game, and no player is justified in coming off the field after his side have lost, saying: "We lost, but I played your team game!"

I rate a player's use to a side by his ability to make the fellows around him play. The secret of success is to go to meet the ball and keep it on the move. It is really the speed of the ball that counts more than the speed of the individual players.

There is no such thing in modern soccer as a team with defenders and attackers. A player is one or the other, depending on which team has possession of the ball.

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you are an attacker, and likewise if the other fellows have it, then every man on your team is on defence. This is a good thing to remember, because it means that when the ball is in play, whether it is near you or not, you have a job to do.

All your team should try to play in a space of not more than sixty yards. That is, everyone except the goalkeeper. This play I call the "all up and back" system; but wingers must use the whole width of the pitch and never find themselves running back to the touch-line to collect a pass.

By using this method, the big gaps in the centre of the field will be closed and the opposing wing-halves and inside-forwards will not be able to use them to give your team the run-around.

Kicking is simply a matter of timing the ball correctly, and whenever the chance arises, I would like you to watch little Johnny Hancocks, the Wolves winger, who will quickly prove my theory that brute force is absolutely unnecessary.

If you want to improve the strength of your shot keep your non-kicking foot level with the ball—toe down, heel up, knee over the ball, arms extended for balance—and hit it as though you hated the sight of it.

In practice don't stop every ball and push it just right before hitting it, because you won't get the chance to do that in a match. You have to hit it from wherever it happens to be, and seldom is a second chance given by an alert defence.

So make your slogan: "I don't stop it, I hit it!"—and you'll find that although some of your attempts will go wide or too high, those you hit correctly will be in the back of the net before the goalkeeper can get into position to cover his charge.

One of the best headers in professional soccer is Tommy Lawton, and here again timing is the vital factor. The ball should hit the forehead just before you reach the top of your jump, and if you are heading for goal, try to direct the ball down on to the goal-line. Defenders should always head away to the wings, not to the feet of an oncoming forward right in front of your goal.

Skipping is a grand way to get some spring into your legs; or again, try hopping up and down four or five flights of stairs.

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"C" to take charge of Junior games.

It was also decided that a committee would be appointed to do the grading, and this will be the subject of a special meeting to be called.

It was decided that the referees be graded on the results of both theoretical and practical tests, put to them by a board of examiners.

These Tests will be made in the off season, and it is hoped that the grading will be in full swing by the start of next season. A referee

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IT'S A GREAT GAME

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At Manchester United's ground you will often see players hopping up and down the steps on the popular side to strengthen their leg muscles.

Walking is also good for the legs, and Jimmy Delaney, the Peter Pan

of football, still goes for seven-mile walks three or four times a week.

Whenever your team has possession of the ball they should do everything they can to keep it, until it is safely deposited in the opposing team's net. One time when you have the ball all to yourselves is from a throw-in, and no player should get nearer than 15 yards from the man who is taking it.

Watch Harry Johnston, of Blackpool, and you will see how a ball should be thrown. Hands slightly behind the ball, well balanced on two feet, and the power in his body to reach a colleague standing thirty yards away. I don't know if Harry can stand on his hands, but I have found it an ideal way of getting the back muscles nice and supple.

For practise, stand on the penalty spot and try throwing the ball over the crossbar. When you can do this with ease, move back to the penalty area line and try it from there. When you get to the half-way line you can stop—you'll be perfect!

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Three out of every four goals are scored because some player of the opposition has made a mistake. The blunder can sometimes be traced to a forward, so it naturally follows that every player must fight for the ball, and try to get the other fellows to make errors.

Defensive play has improved to such an extent that the sight of a team going through a defence and scoring is a rarity. First-time passing is the answer; and if it is done with accuracy, there is no way of stopping skilful exponents from making chance after chance.

Every player must try to get into an open space when one of his team-mates has absolute possession of the ball. But the great mistake is made by players going there too soon, and by the time a colleague is ready to deliver the ball, your opponent has got you covered again.

Wait for the psychological moment, then a quick spurt and a call to your chum should take you well clear of the man marking you.

There are four spaces open to each player, except the goalkeeper and the two wingers. These players have only three because they play on the boundaries of the pitch. * * *

It is the intelligent positioning before receiving the ball that is the hallmark of the man with a football brain. Twenty yards from your own goalmouth is a danger area, therefore the ball must be cleared from there without delay. Twenty yards from the other team's goal means the only thought in your mind should be to have a crack at goal.

Any other place on the field should be used to play football, preferably along the ground.

When a player has undisputed possession of the ball, and gives it a mighty kick into the air, it's like saying to the opposing team: "We have the ball, but I'm going to give you a great chance of getting it!"—so up into the air it goes.

The goalkeeper should try to make his work look easy, and cover every ball with his body. He is the last line of defence, but once he has got the ball, he is also the first line of attack. So, if you are a goalkeeper, try to find one of your pals in an open space. If they are all covered, then remember the old saying: "Get as much daylight under the ball as possible"—boot it down the field, high in the air.

So there is a brief survey of what you must do to improve your soccer. It's a great game, and you'll have more enjoyment from it, if you can play it really well.



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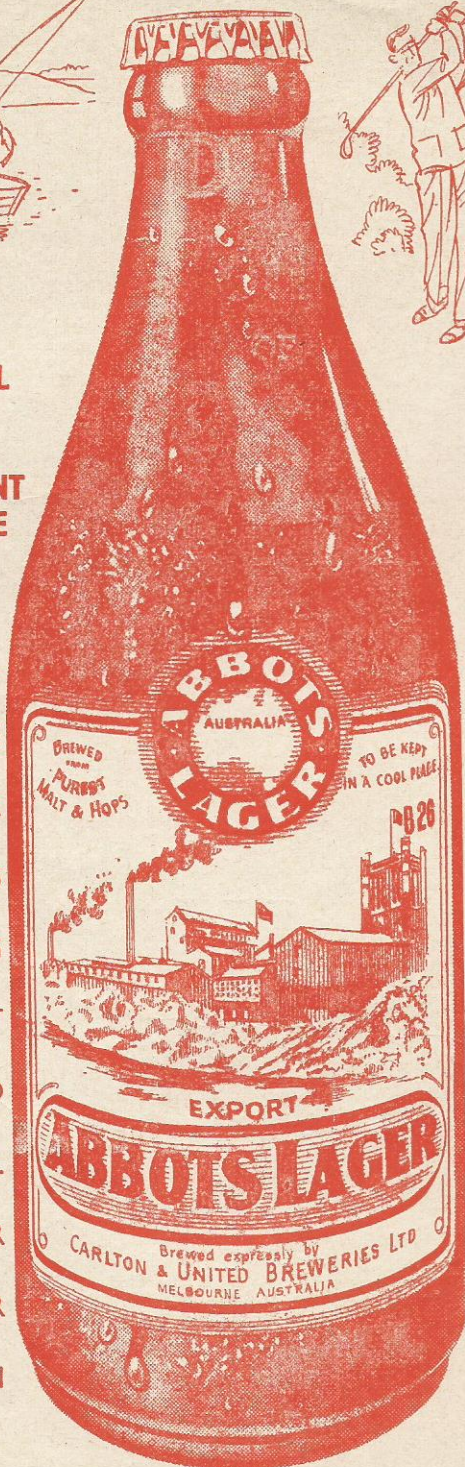
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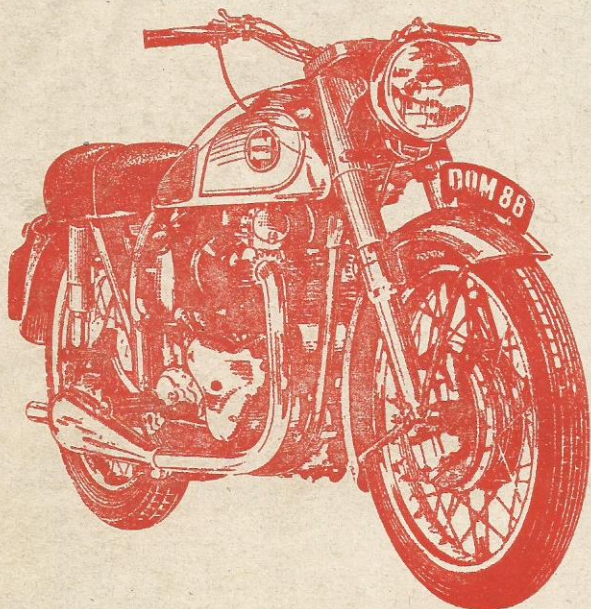
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