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## **"HOW DO YOU BUILD A TEAM?"**

*By* DENNIS M. FRANCES

Supposing . . . just for a moment, you were given the task of building a football team. How would you go about it using the two known ways of doing the thing. One, using a cheque book (assuming you will have unlimited cash resources) or, secondly, by discovering your own players and utilising local talent.

All supporters should have a deep interest in the problem of building a team and each will probably have a theory as to how to go about it.

A combination of the two ways would appear the best solution it is true and certainly if one were able to do it, most clubs would plump for this method of building their teams.

Even those clubs with a healthy bank balance (and there aren't many) often prefer to "grow" their own players as it were and to place their faith and efforts into making their own.

At one time it was a considered thing that the majority of footballers came into prominence via the lesser lights of the Third Divisions and the late Herbert Chapman made an Arsenal team of great renown mainly from his excursions into the realms of the lower Divisions.

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It's a funny thing—yet quite true—that if a team buys one or two players its supporters are convinced that it is doing something to bring about better results. But if the same club doesn't rush into the transfer market and, instead, relies upon its resources and home-grown players, all too often they are accused of being complacent!

Nearly all clubs operating to-day in the Football League Competition run at least three teams, some four, others five and clubs like W.B.A., Wolves, Arsenal and Manchester United six or more! That this in the end brings success is true because in nearly every team playing to-day you can see more than one member who came up via the ranks of the junior sides of the senior club.

You see, although you can buy ability, that, in itself, is not

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enough. You must also have the will to win. A combination of the two is the only thing that can weld a team and bring maximum effort from them all. Therefore, the players most likely to bring success in this sphere are good club-men—those whom you have developed yourself.

A player who has served his apprenticeship through the ranks of the junior side develops character and pride in his club. They become part of the pattern and have their roots in their club.

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What would you do? Would you buy? Or would you develop your own?



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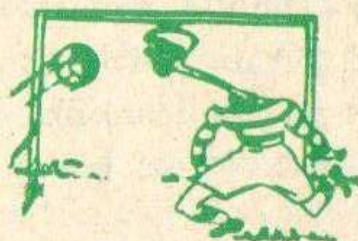


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**1st team appearances up to and including 22nd April, 1957**

Anderson 22, Arundel 4, Baker 9, Barnes 2, Brown 39, Davies 18, Davis 19, Dougall 27, Dyer 4, Gee 1, Hancock 3, Howell 1, John 1, Jones 43, Kearns 29, Langman, P. 38, Langman, N. 31, Mitchell, K. 6, Morgan 3, Peach 1, Quinn 11, Robertson, 44, Rowley 27, Swiggs 1, Tilley 42, Twissell 12, Williams 39, Wyatt 18.

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### **Football Combination Appearances**

**Up to and including April 22nd, 1957**

Arundel 19, Anderson 14, G. Adams 5, Barnes 24, Baker 12, Bell 1, C. M. Crawford 1, J. Collis 2, Cahill 2, Davis 10, Davies 10, Dougall 1, Dyer 5, Gee 1, Hancock 40, Howell 20, H. Jones 10, M. Jones 1, John 30, Jasper 7, Kerr 6, Kimberley 5, Kearns 9, Langman, N. 5, Langman, P. 1, Mallett 37, Morgan 19, Mitchell, R. 19, Mitchell, K. 5, T. Oldknow 11, Peach 32, Quinn 16, Rowley 1, K. Rusk 1, Shorthouse 4, Swiggs 21, D. Stilwell 1, Twissell 11, Wyatt 14, Williams, J. 5.

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5. Where did Watford win recently after losing there in the 7 previous visits?
6. Which club has 5 men nominated for the World Cup matches for Scotland?
7. What European title does Gerard Hecht hold?
8. Which man has declined to play in the World Cup because of the Cup Final?
9. Who scored 15 goals for Birmingham and 11 for Sunderland three seasons ago?
10. Who rode Gilles de Retz to victory in the 2,000 Guineas last year?
11. How much were Arsenal fined in 1936 for fielding weak teams?
12. "The handicaps for any match will be by hoops". What game is this?



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Once again we find ourselves at the end of another season and although our team hasn't made any progress which calls for comment we should be the last to judge as to the methods explored in grooming young footballers for the future—some of these youngsters may be future stars and it is with interest and hope that supporters look forward to Plymouth Argyle becoming a force to be reckoned with. The Supporters' Club wish every success to the new directorate and assure them of our loyalty to the club and willingness to do all we can to assist Plymouth Argyle.

Members of the Supporters' Club will be notified in the near future of the date and venue of the Annual Meeting. Subscriptions for next season can now be made to members of the Committee or at Club Headquarters.

Dances during the close season have been arranged and in view of the popularity of these events you are advised to watch the local Press for announcements.

In saying *au revoir* to 1956-57 season we would desire to thank the Plymouth Argyle Football Club for the use of this page every first team match as a means of information to our members.

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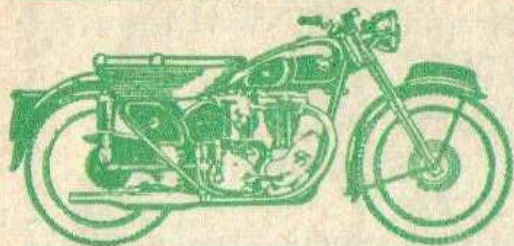
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## **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE F.C.**

### **GOAL SCORERS**

**Up to and including April 22nd, 1957**

Anderson 3, Davies 3, Dougall 9, Davis 11, Barnes 1, Jones 1,  
Kearns 2, Langman, N. 17, Mitchell, K. 2, Quinn 2, Rowley 6,  
Twissell 4, Williams, J. 1, Own Goal 2. Total 64.

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### **GOAL SCORERS—Football Combination**

**Up to and including April 22nd, 1957**

Anderson 2, Arundel 1, Barnes 8, Davies 4, Davis 4, Dougall 1,  
Hancock 4, John 1, Kearns 1, Kerr 1, Langman, N. 2, Mitchell, K.  
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