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VISITORS

ARSENAL come to Stamford Bridge on form and in a sequence of five successive wins which have been gained in League, European Cup and League Cup football. After 15 games in those three competitions, they have yet to draw a match this season, a statistic which can be applied to no other club in any division.

By winning the Championship last season, Arsenal went clear at the top of the "League Titles" table. It was their eighth success, putting them one ahead of Everton, Liverpool and Manchester United. Five days later they won the F.A. Cup for the fourth time in their history.

THEIR PLAYERS

BOB WILSON: Has already added two distinctions to last season's "double" performance—elected to Sports Council and, on Wednesday night, winning first full cap in Scotland's goal against Portugal, qualifying on parentage qualification, though having played for England as schoolboy. Joined Arsenal as amateur from Wolves in 1963, professional since March 1964. Born Chesterfield. 6 ft. 0½ in., 13 st. 11 lb.

PAT RICE: Won his sixth cap for N. Ireland against Russia on Wednesday. Though born in Belfast, grew up living close to Arsenal Stadium—signed apprentice December 1964 and professional March 1966. Established regular club place last season. 5 ft. 8½ in., 12 st. 3 lb.

SAMMY NELSON: Has recently replaced the injured Bob McNab to give Arsenal an all-Irish International full-back partnership (nine caps for N. Ireland). Originally a winger, he signed professional in April 1966 on his 17th birthday. Born Belfast. 5 ft. 10½ in., 11 st. 7½ lb.

FRANK McLINTOCK: Captained Arsenal to the "double" and made it a personal "treble" by winning Footballer of the Year award. Also collected three more Scotland caps last season (total now eight). Joined Arsenal from Leicester in £80,000 deal, October 1964. Born Glasgow. 5 ft. 9½ in., 11 st. 8 lb.

PETER SIMPSON: Powerful back-four player who recently completed 200 First Division appearances for Arsenal, for whom he signed as apprentice ten years ago this month and as professional in April 1962. Born Gorleston. 5 ft. 10½ in., 11 st. 8 lb.

JOHN ROBERTS: Strong Welsh International (five caps) who did well in Arsenal's defence this season before injuring an ankle last mid-week. Cost £30,000 when signed from Northampton in

April 1969. Born Abercynor. 5 ft. 11½ in., 12 st. 12½ lb.

CHARLIE GEORGE: 21 last Sunday, he has made a rapid return to action following a cartilage operation in August. All-round flair makes him dangerously creative in midfield and he's a finisher, too—scored F.A. Cup-winner against Liverpool in May. Islington Schools product, professional since February 1968. Born Islington. 5 ft. 11 in., 11 st. 8 lb.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG: Arsenal's perpetual-motion player has made more senior appearances (385 to date) than anyone on the staff, playing a significant part in their Fairs Cup and "double" achievements of the past two seasons. Signed August 1961. Five England Under-23 caps. Born Hebburn, Co. Durham. 5 ft. 6½ in., 11 st. 3 lb.

EDDIE KELLY: Signed at 17 from Possilpark YMCA (Glasgow) in February 1968 and has made important contribution to Arsenal's successes in past two seasons, including vital equaliser in Cup Final last May. Scotland Under-23 cap. Born Glasgow. 5 ft. 8½ in., 11 st. 11 lb.

JOHN RADFORD: Previously capped v. Rumania at Wembley in January 1969, he won an England squad recall this week in Switzerland. Recently completed a century of goals for Arsenal and, still only 24, has played more than 300 first-team games. Professional since February 1964. Born Hemsworth, Yorkshire. 5 ft. 11 in., 13 st. 5 lb.

RAY KENNEDY: Ranks with George as Arsenal's finest discovery for years, and forms a formidable spearhead with Radford. Top-scored with 21 goals towards "double" last season, and voted "Young Player of the Year". Signed professional from apprentice November 1968. Born Whitley Bay. 5 ft. 10½ in., 13 st. 9 lb.

GEORGE GRAHAM: Gained Scotland Under-23 honours as a Chelsea player and his first full cap against Portugal on Wednesday. Joined us June 1964 from Aston Villa, moved to Highbury September 1966 in deal which brought Tommy Baldwin to Stamford Bridge. Born Bargeddie. 5 ft. 10 in., 12 st. 5 lb.

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OFFICIALS

Chairman: MR. DENIS HILL-WOOD.
Secretary: MR. BOB WALL.
Manager: MR. BERTIE MEE.
Coach: MR. STEVE BURTONSHAW.
Trainer: MR. FRED STREET.
Captain: FRANK McLINTOCK.

HONOURS

Football League Champions 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1938, 1948, 1953, 1971.
F.A. Cup Winners 1930, 1936, 1950, 1971.
European Fairs Cup Winners 1970.