

# Voice of Arsenal

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## Substitutes

How many people thought, when the substitute rule became law for this season, that 48 substitutes would have made their bow by the second Saturday of the season? It was interesting that of the 21 used last Saturday, 14 of them came on in the second-half. Is this significant in any way, or does it mean that players are more vulnerable to injury in the second-half than in the first; was it mere coincidence? Chelsea still finished with ten men, having called a substitute on before Tambling was injured later on and the limit for substitutes is one per game. On the question of substitutes we received a letter from a Mr. Hubbard of East Barnet asking "If, during the warm-up session, one of the team or substitute is injured, would the referee be allowed to delay the start in order to enable a team to commence the match with a full complement, or, if necessary, the naming of another substitute?" The plain answer to this is that the referee would not be justified in delaying the start of the game. The Manager's first alternative would be to put his substitute into the team and start the match with 11 players, naming another substitute. The other alternative which might arise if the substitute was a forward and the injured player a full back, would be to start the game with ten men, leaving his substitute as named, and then putting another full-back into the field as soon as the player he chose was stripped to play. But the game must start on time.

## The Programme

We would like to thank those supporters who wrote to us in response to our remarks last season in connection with our

programme. Some of you may remember that we invited comment as to which features were most popular, and for any suggestions which, it was felt, might improve still further a programme which was voted last season as being one of the best two in the country. By far the highest request was for the return of the feature on an individual Arsenal player, which we have included from time to time in the past. We have, therefore, reintroduced this, beginning with our captain, George Eastham, in the programme against Stoke City, and continuing today with our goal-keeper, Jim Furnell. We propose including the whole first team and reserves during the season, going through from goal-keepers, and then backs, half-backs and forwards.

Another item which stimulated quite a lot of comment was the question of Readers' Letters. The majority of those writing were in favour of including Readers' Letters; a minority were quite strong in asking that we should not introduce a Live Letters page. On this subject we can only say what we have said before — we have always been ready to print constructive letters from supporters, and will continue to do so in the future, but we are not prepared to include this as a regular feature of the programme, because it simply means that by doing so we are committed to printing letters in every programme, whether they are good, bad or indifferent, in order to fill the space. If a letter is good enough and of general interest to Arsenal supporters we shall be happy to print it.

The third highest subject was for more information on our other teams. We have always in the past included match details of every match played by an Arsenal side, but we do propose this season adding a few

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## PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

The following items of music will be included in the programme to be played by the Metropolitan Police Band, conducted by Roger Barsotti, M.B.E., A.R.C.M., Director of Music.

MARCH	"Voice of the Guns"	Alford	SELECTION	"Camelot"	Loewe
SELECTION	Robert Stolz Melodies	arr. Barsotti	"POP PARADE SELECTION"		
WALTZ	"Tres Jolie"	Waldteufel	SONG	"Take the Sun"	Rota
			(Vocalist:—Constable Alex Morgan)		
TWO PIECES (a)	"Jazz Rumba"	Palange	MARCH	"Amparito Roca"	Texidor
(b)	"Mexican Hat Dance"	Partichela			

ARSENAL SONG to the tune of "Anchors Aweigh" Zimmermann