

Our Football Special:

All Aboard for Pittodrie

LATEST ABOUT MAROONS

All aboard for Pittodrie! To-morrow the Maroons kick-off at Aberdeen, and it is an encouraging thing to say that the "babes" of the North-Eastern League are confident of at least carrying home a point. Yes, a point will satisfy, although a couple would set the leather on fire.

"A wonderful man!" That seems to be the general and popular opinion of our secretary-manager, Mr Robert McGlashan. He must have had an exciting time, and spent many sleepless hours after his day's work on national importance was done, in getting together two such capable teams as contested the practice match on Saturday. "Bob" had always a way with him in wooing the favours of young and old players alike, and the latest try-out about beat them all. There were young talent and experience intermixed, and the result was a rollicking good game of ninety minutes' duration.

In all my experience of practice games in the close season, rarely have I witnessed so keenly contested a game. Each player rose to the occasion, and while the Stripes (red and white) held supremacy in the first half, the Maroons did most of the pressing later on, although they fell by three goals—4 to 1. There were two clever goalkeepers on view—Brownlee of Dundee United and Shaw of Dundee North End juniors. I understand Brownlee has given his services to the Maroons, and in the experience I had we have found a worthy successor to Anderson and a host of star keepers of the past.

We were all pleased to welcome back Willie Fordeve, George Urquhart, and Johnnie Gould. The news I gave last week of the decision of Urquhart to take up residence in Arbroath was the popular theme of conversation at Gayfield on Saturday, and all enthusiasts were pleased that George would be available week after week for the Maroons.

Fordeve on Saturday was partnered by Davie Smith, the Leeds City player who has been assisting Carnoustie during the past two seasons, and considering Smith was playing for his junior team the previous evening he was quite good at left back for the Maroons. Willie may be on the slow side at times—and that is quite natural—but he has still that cool head which is invaluable for a full back, and he cleared at times with his usual coolness. Urquhart was full of life, and seemed to roam all over the field. At times his understanding with Bryden was good. In the English forward the Maroons possess a real star— a player with speed and strong shooting power.

Being idle for the day, Carnoustie went four of their soldier players in Smith, Tommy Woods at centre half, Davie Sutherland at left half, and Jack Forbes, the Aberdeen lad, at outside right. The other members of the two teams were players of promise, and Arbroath officials did not fail to take note. We are, of course, more interested in the future than in the past, and I will refer very briefly to the practice game. The Stripes opened scoring through their inside right, a well-known player, they continued to harass Brownlee, and gave us a rare opportunity of seeing the ex-Brechin and Tannadice lad at his best. From a grand cross by Forbes, a second goal from the foot of Common came to the Stripes, and just later Falconer, the local junior, deserved better when Brownlee saved brilliantly at a promising cross shot.

Holding on to their two-goal lead, the Stripes re-opened confidently, but they decided the coolness, and soon the Maroons took up the attack. Weak finishing was their failure, and chances went begging. The Stripes came into the picture, and Hume at inside left scored a third goal, while Falconer captained a good afternoon's work with a fourth goal. Gould and McIntosh, the Maroons' centre forward, changed places, but it came too late, and all they could score was a solitary goal by Shirrey. This goal-scorer was a treat at Arbroath, but he at times overdid the fancy touches.

I was pleased to see our two local juniors, Falconer and Herron play so well. The latter is a nephew of Jimmy Herron, the popular ex-Maroon of about twenty years ago, and now vice-president of the club. The Maroons should keep their eye on this young lad. He is neat in tackling, and passes a splendid ball.

What of To-Morrow?

There is no denying that Aberdeen hold all the advantage. They are fielding players who have been at the game during war years. But that is not to say that the Maroons are to be on a par. I expect that they will suffer from one thing—that is being strangers to one another—they may gain by another, in that they will possess the team spirit. That in the past was carried the Maroons through many a stormy passage to the safety of the harbour. They will have a nice blend of

GOLF

ARTISANS TROUNCE R.A.F.—Arbroath Artisans had an easy win over R.A.F. at Elliot on Saturday. Details:

Table of golf scores between Artisans and R.A.F. players including J. Simpson, S. Bisset, E. Scott, etc.

Arbroath Artisan Golf Club—Spoon competition—Winner (1st Class), J. Hogg (5); 72; winner (2nd Class), D. W. Laird (19); 69. In the final of the Club Scratch competition, played on Monday evening L. Bisset beat A. Robertson 6 and 5.

MIDLAND CUP AND LEAGUE GAMES

The following Midland Junior League fixtures have been arranged:—

- Aug. 12—Carnoustie v. Elmwood. 15—Harr v. Arbroath Vics. 19—Forfar E.E. v. Arbroath Vics. St. Johnstone Y.M. v. Carnoustie.

- 22—Stobswell v. Carnoustie. 26—Arbroath Vics v. Elmwood.

The League met on Tuesday night and balloted first and second round cup-ties. In the first stage of the Charity Cup, Carnoustie meet North End and should they overcome this obstacle they oppose East Craige in the second round.

In the second round of the "Courier" Cup, Carnoustie entertain East Craige at Lochend Park.

In the "Telegraph" Cup, first round, Violet will provide the opposition for the seabirds, and if the latter are successful they will meet East Craige in the second round.

In the first round of the Laing Cup Vics have Jeanfield Swifts at home and Carnoustie have Anchorage at Lochend Park.

MAROONS SIGN BROWNLEE.

Arbroath are to have the services of goalkeeper Charles Brownlee, Brechin City, during the coming season.

Representatives of the Arbroath and Brechin Clubs met the player in Brechin last night, and arrangements were made for his transfer to the Maroons. Brownlee turned out for Dundee United during the past two seasons, and served that club well.

The Maroons' team is doubtful for the Aberdeen game to-morrow, and its composition may not be known until shortly before the start. So far, the following have been selected:—Brownlee, Fordeve and Junior; A. N. Other, Woods and Urquhart; forwards from Gould, Shirley McIntosh, Dryden, A. N. Other, and Junior.

experience and youth, and that is what I consider half the battle won, especially when they are backed up by an enthusiastic band of officials, from the President (Mr George Pyott) to the trainer (Mr O'Neill). No matter where they travel, the Maroons are popular, and to-morrow there should be a big crowd of Aberdeenians to welcome them. Here are the North-Eastern League fixtures for the opening day, played on the grounds of the first-named:—

- Aberdeen v. Arbroath. Dundee United v. East Fife. Hearts v. Dunfermline. Raith Rovers v. Dundee. Rangers v. Falkirk.

Just to remind you, the Maroons are at home to-morrow week to Dundee United.

I learn that Mr A. V. Kinneir has resigned the treasurership of the Arbroath Club, and that Mr A. S. Espin has been appointed in his place. Mr Kinneir, who is a son-in-law of Albert Buick, the famous ex-Maroon, and of Hearts and Portsmouth fame, and a son of a former Arbroath reserve player, has been treasurer of the Maroons for eight years, succeeding the late Mr Ernest Leveire. Mr Espin is an enthusiastic sportsman, and one suited to the job.

The Juniors.

With victory back again to the fold, and quite a host of juvenile clubs, local enthusiasts will have abundance of fare when the Maroons are home. I notice the cup draws are out. The Scottish Junior Cup first round sees Victoria given a journey to Montrose to play the Home Guard. This should be all right for the Vics. Then in the Laing Cup, a Dundee trophy, they have attractive visitors in Jeanfield Swifts of Perth. In the Midland League, Victoria open their account by travelling to Forfar to play East End. The following Saturday (August 26) they will occupy Gayfield in opposition to Elmwood of Dundee.

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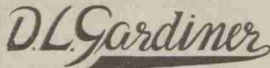
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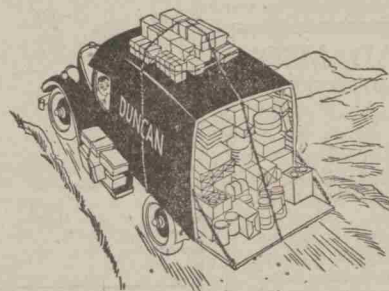
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