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LINESMEN: G. C. KEW (Leeds) and J. BELL (Newcastle)

ARSENAL

YELLOW SHIRTS/BLUE SHORTS

- 1 BOB WILSON
- 2 PAT RICE
- 3 BOB McNAB
- 4 PETER STOREY
- 5 FRANK McLINTOCK (Capt.)
- 6 PETER SIMPSON
- 7 GEORGE ARMSTRONG
- 8 GEORGE GRAHAM
- 9 JOHN RADFORD
- 10 RAY KENNEDY
- 11 CHARLIE GEORGE
- 12 EDDIE KELLY Sub



SORRY, NO DOUBLE FOR

KEN JONES BIG MATCH PREVIEW

AS FOOTBALL'S famous gather for the FA Cup Final and the social whirl which surrounds it, few of them are ready to risk good money on a definite result today.

There is a growing opinion that Arsenal and Liverpool will have to face each other again away from Wembley, as Chelsea and Leeds did last season.

At an Internationals' Club lunch in London yesterday, Cardiff manager Jimmy Scoular made a cross with his index fingers to indicate a draw and said:

"Both teams have such tremendous strength that it may take more than one match to sort it out. It smells like a draw and I expect it to finish that way."

Scoular captained Newcastle when they beat Manchester City in the 1955 final, and had a part to play in Liverpool's advance this season when he sold them centre forward John Toshack for £111,000 last November.

Storey Back

Welsh international Toshack could have a decisive influence today with headers glanced on through Arsenal's defence, but a more important factor may be the return of Peter Storey to Arsenal's midfield play.

Storey limped out of the match against Stoke last week, missed Monday's League Championship decider at Tottenham, and has spent the week worrying that a sprained ankle could keep him out of the final.

But he survived an hour of vigorous activity at Highbury yesterday and the knowledge that the accomplished Eddie Kelly is standing by as substitute allows Arsenal to at least start with Storey in the side.

It was Storey who saved Arsenal when he shot a last-minute penalty in the first of their semi-final games against Stoke. Apart from the value of his combative play, his appearance will be like a talisman to the team.

Liverpool manager Bill Shankly will pay no account to such superstition and prefers the unswerving assumption that his team are better at winning the ball and more likely to do something positive with it.

Dave Mackay, three times a Wembley winner with Spurs in the sixties, is convinced that Arsenal are capable of emulating the League and Cup double achieved by the team he played in ten years ago—but only because of the belief that it is always on for someone.

He says: "The championship is the tough one and Arsenal have already got that part of it out of the way. Anything can happen in the final. A mistake or a moment of panic can turn the match and it is the players who are brave enough to put themselves into the game who come off best."

Arsenal's championship success will help to smooth a way through the accumulating pre-match tension, and they can take their cue from the poise of skipper Frank McLintock.

Having tipped Leeds to win the title, I am asked

by Arsenal's assistant manager, Don Howe, to tip Liverpool to win the Cup. He believes that it would increase his team's chances.

But my forecast that Liverpool will win is based on the uncluttered belief that they will prove more powerful on the day.

Their progress this season borders on the remarkable because it was only last autumn that Shankly began to show new, exciting faces to football.

They have a tremendous will to win, a consuming faith in Shankly's extravagantly phrased wisdom, and a style that wears down the momentum of most teams.

It will be no easier to beat them at Wembley than it would be at Anfield, and the fitness of both teams should expose the belief that Wembley has wide open spaces waiting to be filled.

As always, the pressure of the occasion will lead to errors of judgment which may determine the outcome. One of the principal reasons for taking Liverpool is the thought that they are likely to make fewer of them.

Midfield Flair

Another is that Arsenal's front players, Ray Kennedy, John Radford and George Armstrong, may find it difficult to sustain the tremendous effort which they put into tackling back furiously when they have lost the ball.

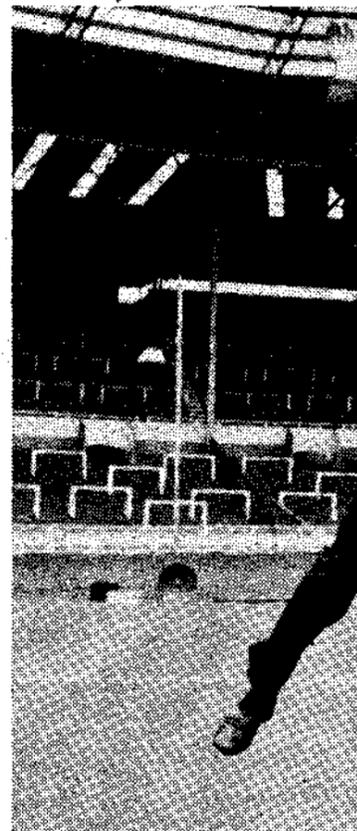
Arsenal have flair in midfield, where Charlie George and George Graham could respond to an atmosphere in keeping with extrovert style. There will be fierce battles fought in this area in a bid to establish command of the match, and if Storey is truly fit he will be an early contender.

Goalkeepers Bob Wilson of Arsenal and Ray Clemence of Liverpool have had marvellous seasons, and there is a distinct similarity in the economic play of both teams.

But while Arsenal have learned to counter the threat of tall forwards like Toshack by keeping them at long range, they have rarely encountered a forward with Steve Heighway's killing pace and unorthodoxy.

Heighway is as likely to run into a defender as through a defence and one international says of him: "He looks the worst player you have ever seen, but bloody hell, he can play."

So I take Liverpool to win, but only by the narrowest margin in a contest that is likely to drag on into extra-time.



You can't keep a good man down about at Wembley after being

KICK-OFF: 3.0. REPLAY (if necessary): HILLSBOROUGH



DRAWINGS BY RALPH SALLON

LIVERPOOL

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- 1 RAY CLEMENCE
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ARSENAL



particularly a tough character like Peter Storey, leaping and passed fit to face Liverpool in the Cup Final today.

4, SHEFFIELD, NEXT TUESDAY (7.30)

EVERY Liverpool supporter can give you eleven reasons why Liverpool will win the FA Cup this afternoon.

Ask them why Liverpool will beat Arsenal and you will be told: "Clemence, Lawler, Lindsay, Smith, Lloyd, Hughes, Callaghan, Evans, Heighway, Toshack, and Hall.

I put the same question to the men who carry Merseyside's hopes at Wembley. Here are their answers:

RAY CLEMENCE: We are a better all-round side and Arsenal are susceptible to speed at the back.

CHRIS LAWLER: Well, we're not down here to lose are we?

ALEC LINDSAY: Arsenal have had such a long run of big games they will be getting tired by now.

What Big Game?

TOMMY SMITH: Is there a big game on tomorrow? We've not noticed. And THAT'S why we'll win.

LARRY LLOYD: We are the better team. It's as simple as that.

EMLYN HUGHES: I just can't see us losing.

IAN CALLAGHAN: We've got greater team work than they have.

ALUN EVANS: Victory will go to the team that applies the greater pressure—and that will be us.

STEVE HEIGHWAY: All round we are the stronger, fitter side. Arsenal have had a more trying programme

JOHN TOSHACK: We've just never thought of losing. After coming all this way we just couldn't go back without the Cup.

BRIAN HALL: We have the ability to raise our game on the big occasion.

Here's eleven good reasons!

By DAVE HORRIDGE



A few hours left and the tension shows as Liverpool manager Bill Shankly and Arsenal players Pat Rice (left), George Graham and Peter Simpson (with broom) fall out after their Wembley inspection.

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