

WE CAN DO IT AGAIN

But can Arsenal help Soccer to pull back fans?

A MEMORABLE WEEK for Arsenal can become historically significant if they are willing to accept responsibility for the future well-being of football.

By winning first the League championship and then the FA Cup, they now have the modern status to go with their long-standing reputation as one of the world's most powerful and popular clubs.

They came from behind to take both titles, confirming the implacable character that has been a consistent tradition at Highbury.

It proved to be an unforgettable finale to nine months of unflagging effort and Arsenal's ambition is in no way satisfied by their 2-1 defeat of Liverpool in extra time at Wembley on Saturday.

When full back Pat Rice asked assistant manager Don Howe what there was left to do, he was told: "Win the League and the Cup again next season, the season after that, and the season after that."

The target might be entirely unrealistic, but the words captured the mood of determination that carried Arsenal forward when they were trailing by six points to Leeds in the championship and by a goal to Liverpool in extra time at Wembley.

They must not be judged by the achievements and style of past champions and there is no way in which their triumph can be devalued.

There have been more skilful teams, more appealing teams, and teams who have displayed more wholesome aggression, but no team has attained such success under such pressure.

But where do Arsenal stand in relation to the future of the game in this country?

The Football League

By



KEN JONES

will shortly confirm that attendances at their matches this season are down by more than 1,000,000 and for an hour on Saturday the Cup Final was indicative of the boredom which has to be endured at most grounds.

There was an overwhelming caution which could not entirely be excused by the momentous nature of the event, and Arsenal full back Bob McNab admits: "It was like a League game played at Wembley. We were both desperate to win, and I suppose that's what it is all about."

It was all about that for Arsenal, Liverpool and their followers, but there is a broader issue which is reflected in the gathering disinterest of the public.

And it is Arsenal who, having made their mark, can do much to draw football back from the brink of an economic crisis.

Courage

Yet it was a sad reflection on the current state of our football when one of the many foreign journalists at Wembley commented: "They mark, they mark, but how many of them want to play?"

One who did was George Graham. More than worthy of the Man of the Match award, he responded splendidly to the occasion.

He and Charlie George had the courage to exhibit their skills, while others succumbed to the fear of making errors.

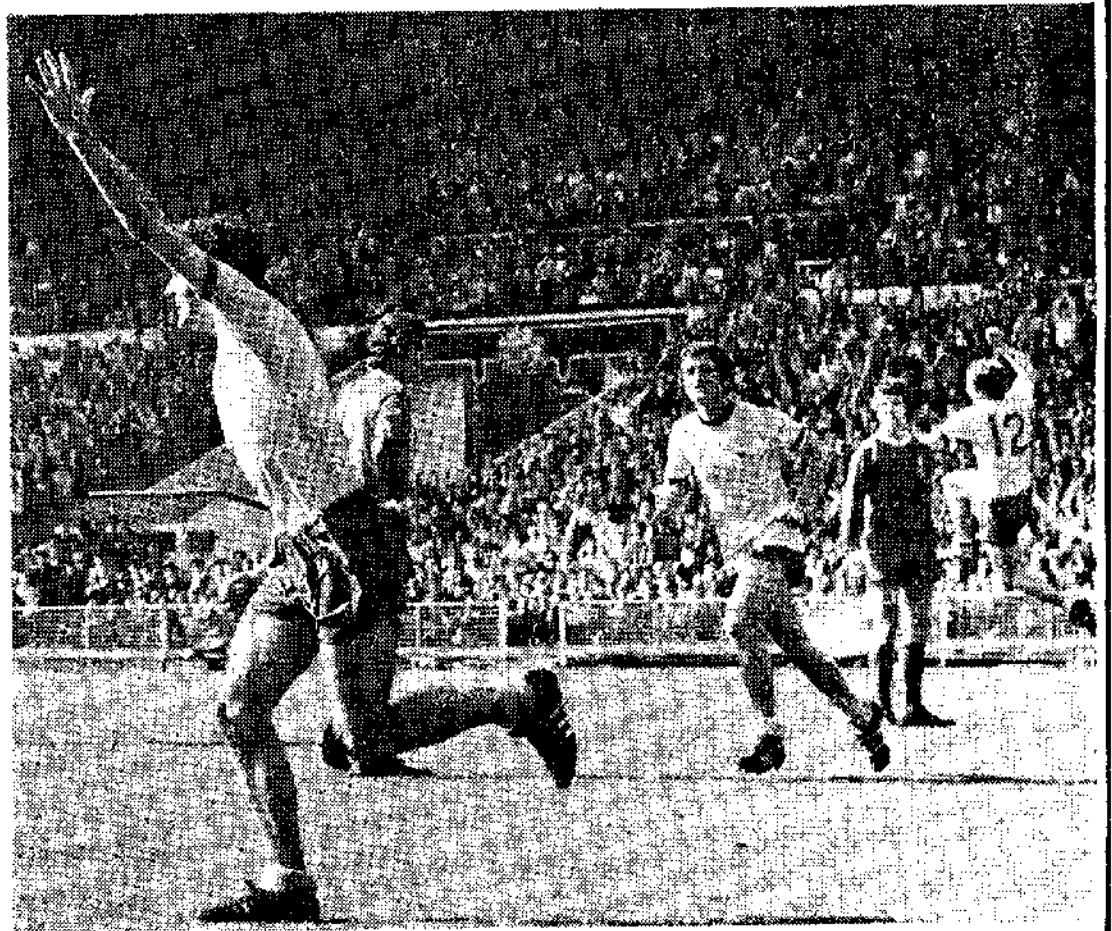
Liverpool's introduction of substitute Peter Thompson helped to bring some expressive style to the clogging efficiency that dominated the match, but it was not until extra-time that the game opened up.

It was then that Steve Hitchway suddenly broke free from Thompson's pass, left Pat Rice stranded, and drove in a shot that had keeper Bob Wilson admitting that he had left his near post unguarded.

For a few minutes Arsenal were on the floor, and Liverpool might have gone further in front, but for Brian Hall's volley.

But, with George pushed forward from midfield, Arsenal struck back with Kelly and Graham combining for an equaliser.

The winner was completely in character as George took a pass from the splendidly aggressive John Radford to strike a typically hostile shot.



Arsenal have equalised . . . and George Graham, left, and Eddie Kelly, right, BOTH celebrate.

It was my goal, says sub Kelly —and I want it

By NIGEL CLARKE

EDDIE KELLY last night claimed that he had scored Arsenal's equalising goal in extra time.

Television evidence yesterday clearly showed that George Graham, who won the Man of the Match award, failed to touch the ball after Kelly had pushed it past Liverpool goalkeeper Ray Clemence.

Kelly, the chunky little Scot and tireless midfielder, who came on as a second-half substitute for Peter Storey, told me yesterday: "Until I watched the game on television I thought George had scored—but I'll definitely be claiming the goal now."

"I never thought I had even kicked it until I saw the film. I was under the impression that Ed won the ball in a challenge and George had slipped the rebound in."

"I couldn't see what was going on. When George turned away

with his arms held high in the air I thought he'd put the final touch.

"I even ran across to congratulate him. But the pictures show it's mine—and I want it."

Lunged

The slow-motion replay of the incident showed that after Tommy Smith, the Liverpool skipper, had chested the ball down, Kelly dived in quickly to push the ball goalwards.

Graham, running in, lunged with his left foot—but never made contact.

Arsenal coach Don Howe said: "Everyone thought it was George

who had scored, and he never said that he didn't.

"But I am sure that if we ask him about it now, he will say whether he did or didn't touch it."

"If the club wants to sort it out officially, I expect they'll get the two lads together and ask them about it when we report on Wednesday."

"Personally, I don't mind who scored it—but I suppose that if Eddie feels it was his he's justified in claiming it."

Last night George Graham was not available for comment.

● Liverpool manager Bill Shankly was still feeling optimistic yesterday. He said: "When I returned from Wembley defeated with Preston in 1937 we said we would go back the following year and win the Cup. We did—and it could happen again."

As far as I'm concerned—you can keep it!



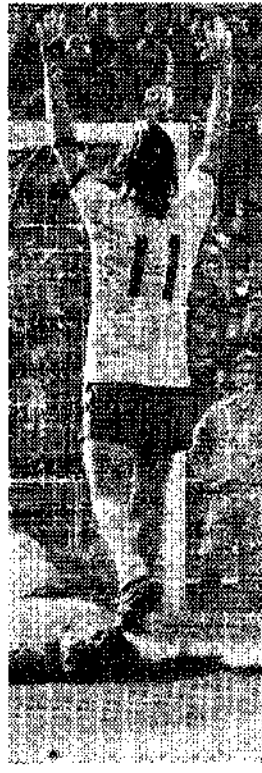
Liverpool goalkeeper Ray Clemence just wants to sink into the Wembley turf.

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THE GLORY OF THE GUNNERS records in superb colour as well as black and white the highlights of the Wembley game as well as the scenes which followed Arsenal's victory.

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A pep-talk with a punch by Arsenal manager Bertie Mee before extra-time began... It seemed Mee had failed when Steve Highway signalled a brilliant goal... and Tommy Smith was urging Liverpool on. But Charlie George (No. 11) settled it all to give Arsenal the double.

EXTRA TIME IS SUCH A FARCE

FOR THE second year in succession—a happening unparalleled in my experience — the Cup Final lasted 120 minutes instead of the statutory ninety.



Says **PETER WILSON**

So, because of its uniqueness, I make no apology for returning to a theme on which I dwell last year.

I do not believe that there should be extra time in the Cup Final. I think the Scots are right in not allowing it in their Finals.

Fiddling

This year, at least, the extra half hour at Wembley could claim the virtues of having produced a definite result.

It also turned an often dull and unpalatable engagement into an affair of nerve-racking "Oos" and "Aahs," although by no stretch of the imagination, or lowering of the standards, a classic encounter.

After all, a misjudgment by a goalkeeper—however rare this was—a really shambling, scrambling goal and one magni-

ficent summoning shot hardly add up to two hours worth of what should be the finest in English knock-out football.

But despite the result and the rise in the temperature of the crowd, I regard extra time as trifling. If not fiddling, with the laws of football.

I'd like to see the reactions of two heavyweights, adjudged equal on points after fifteen rounds. If an extra five were ordered.

The examples are endless. Imagine the fury of owners or trainers if the camera was unable to decide on a Derby winner and an extra half mile were decreed!

You can't pick an Olympic 1,500 metres winner? OK! Let them run for 2,000 metres.

Farcical? Of course it is—but it's no more out of place than expecting players who have trained

for an hour-and-a-half to play for a third longer. You refer to the Alan Ball type of trier as "a great ninety minute player" never as "a good man over two hours."

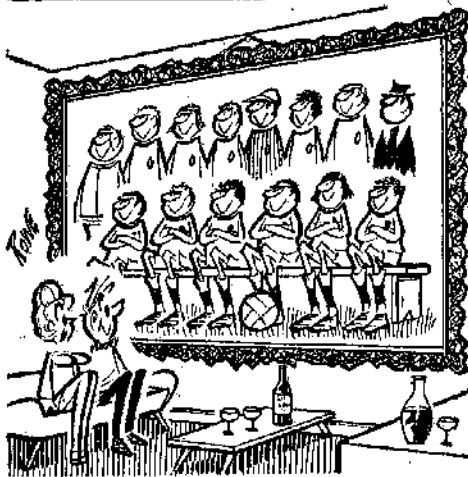
All great sports are a delicate balance between skill and stamina. But in the latter stages at Wembley almost every time anyone kicked the ball full-bloodedly he went down with cramp. Stamina was paramount at the expense of skill.

From Behind

Psychologically, Arsenal deserved to win because they came from behind; hard enough in all conscience in a Cup Final but so very much harder when you're already entangled in the physical strangulation of extra time.

I would have said they deserved their victory

PLAYBOY!



"I know they've done the double, but I still think it's a bit big!"

HERO DEREK BACK WITH RESERVES!

"morally" had it not been for the way they started—four fouls in the first three minutes—which inevitably reminded the older hands of the 1960 Final and the opening assault of Alex Forbes on Billy Liddell.

There were also at least a couple of "ploys" later by Peter Storey which hardly qualified as "moral."

No praise can be great enough for the "Kop" transferred to Wembley. Their end of the field looked like the world's largest field of poppies—

DEREK JOHNSTONE, the kid who makes a habit of scoring goals in Cup Finals at Hampden Park, reported for training at Ibrox yesterday and immediately joined his mates from the reserves.

The 17-year-old centre-forward whose header four minutes from the end earned Rangers a replay against Celtic in the Scottish Cup Final, had to be called in from a practice game to join the Rangers first team squad for the big match.

And yesterday Rangers manager Willie Waddell admitted: "There doesn't seem the slightest chance of this boy being carried away by all the glory."

"I didn't have any worries about putting him on as substitute in the second-half." Johnstone scored the winning goal against Celtic in the League Cup Final earlier this season.

SPORTS SUMMARY

SOCCER
EUROPEAN NATIONS CUP.—Group Seven (Czechia): E. Geralt 100,000. Group Four (Polonia): Cyprus 0, Spain 3 (Pez, Viola); H-T: 0-1. Aft. 12:00.
MIDLAND SUNDAY INTER-LEAGUE CUP FINAL.—Second Leg: Leicester League 1, Birmingham League 4. Birmingham win 5-1 on aggregate.
SPEEDWAY
BRITISH LEAGUE.—Div. 1: Eastbourne 54, Chelmsford 10, Sluis 9, John 0, Trull 0, Crewe 23 (Jackson 11, Millin 0), Sunderland 29 (Dool 12, Gough 0), Ryeleigh 11 (McIntyre 10, Samuels, Brown 0).
GOLF
WELSH STROKE PLAY

CHAMPIONSHIP (Hartlepool)—Final leading scorers: 250—J. Tyle (Hartlepool), B. Davies (Hull) (Hull) 207—S. Cox (Wentworth) 202—J. Poyl (Whitehaven), M. Adams (Llanelli) 197—C. Brown (Mossley, Llanelli).
LAWN TENNIS
RAVENS CUP, European Zone.—Midland: Flint 0, Dinning 5—9. Bristol: France 0, Sweden 5—0.
COPENHAGEN.—Russia 10, Denmark 6—0.
ITALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (Rome)—Men's Singles, Semi-Finals: R. Laver (Australia) 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; J. Newcombe, A. Pasca (Australia) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.
BIGBY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL—Wigan 49 vs. Wakefield 11, 15.
SHOW JUMPING
ROME HORSE SHOW.—Cup at Champions: 1, Bellec (R. D'Amico, Italy) 65.5; 2, M. Balfanz (D. Brown, G.B.); Premio Omega Grand Prix: 1, P. Paganelli (P. Brevio, Italy), etc.; 2, Xanthos II (Miss Anouch Demoussil-Hay) 63.1.

(G.B.): H. Masthoff (W. Germany) 61.1, D. Weyler-Turner, H. Goulay (Australia) 5-7, 6-2, 6-2. Men's Doubles, Semi-Finals: A. Gimeno (Spain), R. Taylor (G.B.) 6-0, 6-0. Caraceni, E. Ruffis (Australia) 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; J. Newcombe, A. Pasca (Australia) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.
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Double heroes stopped from three-timer

By HARRY MILLER

THE three-times-round-Wembley victory run planned by Ray Kennedy and John Radford was halted by authority... at the start of the first lap. Radford told me: "Ray and I wanted to do what we'd promised. But we'd only gone a few yards when the police and Wembley officials stopped us. They said the crowd would be over the top and we'd never get back to the dressing rooms. Mind, after extra-time I'm not sure we could have managed three laps anyway—but we intended to try."

Radford explained why he changed his right boot in the middle of the pitch in the 53rd minute.

"My foot has been a bit sore during recent games. I think it's because one of the studs on the boot I discarded keeps pushing up."

One of the best tributes to Arsenal came from Liverpool winger Ian Callaghan. He sat in the losers' sad, and almost silent, dressing room and told me:

"Arsenal are the first team to come from behind and beat us this season. There probably isn't another team in England that could have done it."

"People who say this Arsenal side hasn't got flair just don't know what they're talking about. Players like George Graham and Charlie George are full of it."

Arsenal right-back Pat Rice had this to say of the fitness factor: "We proved who was the fitter in extra-time."

"They were whacked on their knees. We kept going. It's possible that having nothing to fight for in their league games before the final told against them."

TONIGHT'S SOCCER

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Republic of Poland v Italy (8.0) ... (At Lansdowne Road, Dublin)
WELSH CUP FINAL—First Leg Wrexham v Cardiff (7.15)

WARBOYS BACK FOR CUP CLASH

By TOM LYONS

CARDIFF striker Alan Warboys, recovered from an Achilles tendon injury, plays against Wrexham in the first leg of the Welsh Cup Final at the Racecourse tonight.

Warboys, thirteen goals in sixteen League games, has been under treatment every day for a week. He trained yesterday for the first time.

Wrexham twin strikers Ray Smith and Albert Kinsey return with Arfon Griffiths in midfield, but Gareth Davis has a fitness test today.

SPASTIC LEAGUE CLUB

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