

SOCCER SETS ITS STAGE

Scotland raises the curtain on the world's biggest show, as 32 Scottish league clubs swing into action after their summertime rehearsals. Of Britain's five million soccer fans, only a few appreciate the work involved in running a successful club. At Hibernian, Manager Hugh Shaw, skipper Davie Shaw and trainer McColl began planning when last season ended. With 50 players on their books and with internationals like Gordon Smith, Hibs think that they can retain the championship won last year. South of the Border, Arsenal - with Ronnie Rooke and newcomer Alec Forbes, are just as confident of winning the English league again. In their sumptuously fitted gymnasium, the Gunners tune up for the nine months season. Here we find Wally Barnes, who plays for Wales as regularly as Archie Macanlay (Arsenal's right-half) plays for Scotland.

Always famous for the superb equipment installed to benefit their players, Arsenal, at one time, were losing money. Now, with £35,000 received for season tickets alone, a bumper season lies ahead. Matches are booked up weeks ahead, and the office staff is kept busy returning thousands of unsuccessful applications. Sporting show business is flourishing. Asked if he thinks his stars will hold the limelight, Manager Tom Whittaker says.....

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And as we leave the Arsenal players removing the marks of their last rehearsal for the big show, they assure us that their best turn is still.....Good Footwork.