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INTRODUCTION

Hello Arsenal fans everywhere and welcome to what I hope is the most comprehensive quiz on your club in existence. I expect my inclusions and omissions will produce some argument, particularly where my choice of 'Highbury Heroes' is concerned, but that's all to the good.

A few words about the League Cup are necessary here. That was its original title when it appeared in the 1960/61 season. Among its many sponsors are five companies involving drinks. There's an early question. Who are they? To me it has always been the League Cup and always will be whatever transient sponsor it has at any particular time. It is a tedious task to be constantly looking up who was sponsoring it for every question I ask about it, and a fairly futile act into the bargain. Therefore, in this book it is the 'League Cup', end of story. Also, you will find no mention of super cups, club world championships, club world cups, inter-continental cups and their like. To me they are pointless excesses that have no meaning, are usually arranged a few thousand miles from where the supporters of the clubs involved live and leave a carbon footprint much larger than their value in players' and supporters' lives. They fill me with as much joy as international friendlies!

QUIZ No. 1

ANYTHING GOES

1. In the eight decades between 1930 and 2010, which was the only one that Arsenal did not win the league in?
2. Putting aside North London hostilities for the morning, Terry Venables acted as best man at the wedding of which Arsenal player?
3. In 1939 the Arsenal players and manager were asked to be involved in a 'who dunnit?' that was being filmed in and around Highbury. What was the film called?
4. Who is the only player to have scored a goal in a World Cup Final while at the club?
5. From 2012 onwards, AFTV has captivated and infuriated Arsenal fans and has built an impressively large following, not exclusively among Arsenal supporters, but also with those of other clubs who like to eavesdrop as Arsenal fans tear each other apart! Who owns and presents this YouTube channel?
6. What links these Arsenal players from different eras: Bob John, Alex James, Mel Charles, Charlie George and Thierry Henry?
7. Which Villareal player who shares his surname with a legendary motor-racing driver scored against Arsenal in a 1-1 draw in the Champions League quarter-final first leg in 2009?
8. In the 2002 World Cup Final between Brazil and Germany, a Spurs player and an Arsenal player opposed each other on the pitch for less than ten minutes. Who were the two players?
9. It sounds as though he couldn't move around enough to play football, let alone score a goal, but he did just that against Arsenal when they lost 2-0 to Borussia Dortmund in the group stage of the Champions League on 16 September 2014. Who was he and, for a bonus point, who scored their other goal?
10. What did Frank Moss, Arsenal's goalkeeper, do in a 2-0 away win at Everton on 16 March 1935 that is unique in the history of the club?

QUIZ No. 2

ARSENAL IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE - 1893-1915

1. As Woolwich Arsenal they made their entry into league football on 2 September 1893, in a 2-2 home draw with another club also making their league debut. Who were they?
2. 7-0 was a score Arsenal enjoyed a few times in those first seasons of league football. One club, situated geographically between Birmingham and Liverpool, were twice clobbered by that score by Arsenal in 1894/95 and the following season. Who were they?
3. It is extremely rare for a club's record win and record defeat to be against the same club, but that was Arsenal's experience. On 12 December 1896 they lost 8-0 and then, on 12 March 1900, they beat their conquerors 12-0. Who were they?
4. After eight years ensconced in mid-table, a couple of near misses eventually led to promotion to the First Division in 1903/04. Which Lancastrian club were they runners-up to?
5. A good start is always useful if you have your sights set on promotion, and Arsenal certainly made one. How many straight wins did they start that season with?
6. In Arsenal's period in the top flight, 1904-13, only one player was top league goalscorer for the club in more than one season. Who was he?
7. Arsenal were involved in a unique situation in English football in 1907/08. Their league record was as follows: played 38, won 12, drew 12, lost 14; goals for 51, goals against 63, points 36. Another club shared this record. Who were they?
8. Strangely, in that 1907/08 season, Arsenal played on both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. It was not the finest 24 hours in the club's history, to say the least. They shipped 11 goals in the two

games against teams beginning with the same letter, six in Yorkshire and five the next day in the North East. Which two clubs inflicted the damage?

9. A player who entered the record books in 1905 when he became the first £1,000 transfer was Arsenal's top league goalscorer with 17 in 1911/12. Who was he?
10. 1912/13 is regarded as the worst season in the club's history. Relegation was accompanied by unwanted records. How many of their 38 league games did they win?

QUIZ No. 3

ARSENAL IN THE FA CUP - 1889-1915

1. Despite not getting started until 1930, Arsenal have now won the FA Cup more times than any other club. They took no prisoners the very first time they played in the competition, winning 11-0 on 5 October 1889. The club they beat shares its name with the surname of the actor who played Rodney in *Only Fools and Horses*. Who were they?
2. Until Chelsea beat Arsenal on their way to the 1915 final, only one London club had knocked Arsenal out of the FA Cup in this period. In fact, they did it twice, in 1896/97 and 1908/09. Who were they?
3. Arsenal reached their first two FA Cup semi-finals in successive seasons in 1905/06 and 1906/07. Which two clubs beat them?
4. Arsenal were involved in a frustrating epic at the first hurdle in 1899/1900 when they drew with New Brompton four times before losing to them in Gravesend after visits to Cold Blow Lane and White Hart Lane for replays. Who did New Brompton become in 1913?
5. Arsenal improved on the 11 goals they scored in 1889 when they won their first game in the competition in 1893/94. There's one of these in Middlesex and another in Kent. Who did they beat 12-0?
6. Arsenal knocked out a club from West London in 1902/03, and another from the same area the following season. Which two clubs were involved?
7. Despite some big FA Cup wins, it was hard work when you came up against northern clubs with a bit of pedigree in the competition. Two such clubs, Sunderland and Derby County, gave Woolwich Arsenal a reality check on their own ground, firstly in 1891/92 and again in 1898/99, both by the same unflattering score. What was it?
8. On the way to the semi-final of 1906/07, Arsenal beat two clubs from the same city. Which one?

9. The last club that Arsenal beat in an FA Cup tie before World War One was from South Wales and left the league in 1930. They share their initials with the guitarist whose spell with the Rolling Stones came between that of Brian Jones and Ronnie Wood. Who were they?
10. Here is a list of eight clubs Arsenal met in the FA Cup in these years. One of them I invented. Can you spot it? Crusaders, Kingston Pavilion, Swifts, Highland Light Infantry, Croydon Common, Sheppey United, City Ramblers and Second Scots Guards.

QUIZ No. 4

ARSENAL IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE - 1919-39

1. Just before war arrived, two things changed. From 1913/14 they dropped 'Woolwich' from their name because they had upped sticks to north of the river, playing their first game at Highbury on the first day of the 1913/14 season. They were known as 'The Arsenal' in those last two pre-war seasons. When the war started Arsenal were in Division Two, but, magically, at its end they were in Division One. This cunning plan did not originate with Baldrick. Whose subterfuge was widely considered to have got Arsenal promotion without a ball being kicked?
2. Here's a crazy question! In that first post-war season of 1919/20 Arsenal finished mid-table, justifying to some extent their dubious elevation. Among their goalscorers were two occupations, a compass point, a contemporary physicist, a colour, a town from the North East and someone who shared his surname with a future Arsenal manager and player. How many of the seven can you get?
3. Arsenal have never, from this time on, lost their top-flight status, but it was a close-run thing in 1921/22 when they avoided the drop by winning their final two games against a Yorkshire club whose defeats sent them down instead. Who were they?
4. Arsenal were often a mediocre side in the 1920s, and it was hard to envisage the glories that awaited them in the 1930s. The last match of season 1927/28 saw them involved in a piece of football history when they drew 3-3 with the new champions Everton at Goodison Park. What was that piece of history?
5. Arsenal took their first league title in 1930/31, after FA Cup success for the first time the previous year. They scored 127 goals, with their third most prolific scorer Cliff Bastin getting 28. I don't imagine that has happened before or since. If you write the

full name of the leading scorer with 38 goals to his name you automatically write the surname of their second highest scorer on 31. Who were the two men?

6. Going from nought to nine, what was the only number of goals in a game that Arsenal failed to register in that 1930/31 season?
7. After finishing runners-up in 1931/32, Arsenal enjoyed three golden years which saw them equal Huddersfield's three titles in a row set in the 1920s. They recorded a nine and two eights and won 7-1 away on bonfire night at which Midlands club?
8. Their 1933/34 title came with 43 fewer goals to their name, so they wisely went out and bought Ted Drake to beef up the attack. He wasn't found wanting in 1934/35 when the title was won again, scoring at more than a goal a game. How many hat-tricks or four-timers did he get that season?
9. Cliff Bastin's 28 goals, as we've seen, couldn't even get him second place in 1930/31, but he was top scorer in both 1932/33 and 1933/34, the latter being his lowest total since 1929/30. How many goals did he win it with in 1933/34?
10. As the 1930s drew to a close, Arsenal won the league again in 1937/38, the fifth time in the decade they had done so. This side were clearly not as good as the earlier title winners. How many of the 42 league games did they lose?

QUIZ No. 5

**ARSENAL IN THE FA CUP -
1919-39**

1. When West Ham United knocked Arsenal out of the FA Cup in 1924/25 after two draws, on which London ground was the third match played?
2. Two other London clubs knocked Arsenal out of the FA Cup over this 20-year period, the first in 1920/21, with Arsenal gaining quick revenge the following season. The second club beat Arsenal in the FA Cup in both 1930/31 and 1938/39. Who were the two clubs?
3. Which Lancastrian club also knocked Arsenal out of the FA Cup twice in this period, in 1921/22 and 1937/38, both times on their way to the final?
4. In 1927/28 Arsenal went out in the FA Cup semi-final after facing West Brom, Everton, Aston Villa, Stoke and Blackburn Rovers. What else links these five clubs?
5. Which Welsh club knocked Arsenal out of the FA Cup on two occasions in the 1920s?
6. Arsenal met five clubs in FA Cup semi-finals during this time. Three of them are coastal clubs, of which two are found in the North East and one in the South. Who are the three clubs?
7. Which London club took a 7-0 hammering from Arsenal at Highbury in the FA Cup fourth round on 27 January 1934?
8. Arsenal recorded their biggest FA Cup win in this period on 9 January 1932 in the third round at Highbury when they won 11-1. Which Lancastrian club that had dropped out of the league at the turn of the century were on the receiving end that day?
9. Who scored four of Arsenal's 11 goals?

10. Arsenal scored an incredible 17 goals in three FA Cup ties in 1936/37, but it did them little good as they exited the competition in the sixth round via West Bromwich Albion. They had beaten Chesterfield 5-1, Manchester United 5-0 and Burnley 7-1. In that last game, which Arsenal player got four of the seven?

QUIZ No. 6

ARSENAL IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE - 1946-59

1. Arsenal were given a thorough working over by 6-1 on the first day of the first league season back after the war by a very hungry pack of animals who easily dodged their guns! Who were they?
2. That 1946/47 season was a triumph for one Arsenal forward who scored in the first six games and went on to net 29 goals in the 28 matches he appeared in. Who was he?
3. Arsenal were champions again in 1947/48 and put the cherry on the cake with an 8-0 home win over the bottom club on the season's final day, leaving them with an unpleasant memory to take to Division Two. They've never played top-flight football since. Who were they?
4. Less consistency the next season saw them in fifth spot in the league, but they could be brilliant on occasion. In three successive home games between 15 January and 26 February, against Sheffield United, Sunderland and Bolton Wanderers, they achieved something quite rare. What was it?
5. On 10 April 1950 Arsenal won 6-0 at Highbury, and then exactly one month later beat the same club 5-2 away on the last day of the season. Their opponents, who just avoided the drop, play in red and white stripes. Who were they?
6. Arsenal went to Old Trafford on the last day of the 1951/52 season needing to win by an eight-goal margin to deny Manchester United the league trophy and return to Highbury with it themselves. In the event, they lost 6-1, sadly allowing which club to sneak into second spot on goal average?
7. Champions again in 1952/53, Arsenal clinched the title with a 3-2 win at Highbury on the night before the famous 'Matthews' final. Arsenal's win over Burnley that night denied another Lancashire club the title. Which club?

8. On 2 March 1953 Arsenal won 4-1 at Sheffield Wednesday, with all four goals coming from a bustling centre-forward who got 19 that season. Who was he?
9. On 17 December 1955 Arsenal were leading Blackpool 4-0 with seconds remaining. At that point Arsenal's left-back Dennis Evans did something very rare indeed. What was it?
10. Arsenal managed third place in 1958/59 and early on in the season won successive games 6-1 away to Everton and at home to Bolton Wanderers. Which young centre-forward got four of the six at Goodison Park?

QUIZ No. 7

ARSENAL IN THE FA CUP - 1945-59

1. Cup football returned a year earlier than the league variety, and on 5 January 1946 Arsenal clearly weren't ready for it. Although they won the second leg 1-0, the game was already up after a 6-0 first-leg defeat at the hands of which London club?
2. Besides Highbury, which ground did Arsenal play five FA Cup ties on between 1947 and 1952?
3. What was unusual about Arsenal's FA Cup run in the 1949/50 season that culminated with their third win in the competition?
4. Which player, with a total of 13 goals, was their leading goalscorer in the tournament between 1945 and 1959?
5. Who were the only club Arsenal were drawn against three times during this period? In fact, with replays considered, they met seven times between 1947 and 1952.
6. Two clubs whose names begin with an 'N' lost and won FA Cup ties against Arsenal during the time in question. Who were they?
7. On their way to Wembley in 1950 and 1952, Arsenal were involved in semi-final replays, thus producing four semi-final matches in those years. Which Arsenal player scored in all four of those ties?
8. During this period Arsenal's programme was widely praised as one of the best on the market. For those supporters outside Highbury queuing up for their programme before the FA Cup sixth-round tie with Birmingham City on 3 March 1956, what shock was in store for them apart from the 3-1 defeat?
9. During this time Arsenal knocked a Lancastrian team out of the FA Cup on two occasions and did the same to a Midlands club that share their colours. Who were the two teams?
10. Arsenal knocked out a London club from the third flight of English football on 23 February 1952 by 3-0 at Highbury in the fifth round. Who did they beat?