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SOCCER ACES ON THE BALL AGAIN

Pathe sports cameramen open their report on the new season's football on Laurie Shaw of Glasgow Rangers. With team mate Waddell and the backing of Scots international McCaskie, Rangers plan to lead Scotland's First Division. International goalie Brown will keep the enemy out at Ibrox Park.

England's Second Division chances take us to Manchester's bomb-scarred Old Trafford ground. Home of great matches of the past, Old Trafford reckons on a bumper coming season for Manchester United. And way up on the terraces, the wartime weeds haven't long to live.

Guiding United is ex-star Matt Busby, keeping a player's eye on the First team work-out.

How many Manchester aces can you pick out? Among these are Mitten, Warner, Pearson, Chilton, Delaney and Rowley.

North again for a look-in on Queen's Park. Scots Division I team, they're the only amateur side in first flight football. And the trainer means to keep 'em there. Among the year's Queen's Park hopefuls are McPhail, Ronnie Simpson and Boyd, with a specially high hope for 17 year old Simpson, already a Hampden Park favourite.

At Birmingham, the city side starts in the Second Division after winning the wartime League Championship. Manager Harry Storer (and his forward line of Dearsen, Duckhouse, Owen, Turner and Jennings) plan to be up in Division One at the end of the season.

And here, working hard on the roads, are Arsenal's new boys. All that ration-fed extra weight to run off, and here's Collett doing it a short head in front of flying Cliff Bastin. With a big overdraft and star men like Male seven years older, the future's a big query mark. Ian McHerson and Lewis are rated with Platt, Fields and Whalley as the season's hopefuls at Highbury where George Allison reigns.

Across London, at White Hart Lane, Tottenham Hotspur buckle down to work for the season. Starting off in Division 2, they also hope to be among the 2 promotion teams for the First Division next year.

And so, when the metallic click of the turnstiles heralds the kick-off of the new soccer season, the big ball will bring in its thousands of enthusiasts. And may the best team come out on top.