

THE CHELSEA PLAYERS

PETER BONETTI (Goalkeeper): This lithe, acrobatic goalkeeper must be on the brink of the full England team. He has been chosen for the Under-23 side 12 times and could well gain promotion this season. Born in Wandsworth, he is one of five brothers. He turned professional in 1959 after one season as a junior.

KEN SHELLITO (Right-back): Although unlucky in the matter of injuries in recent seasons, Shellito is still one of the best full-backs in the country. He underwent a cartilage operation during 1963-64 and last season had to go into hospital again for a second operation on the same knee. Is back to full strength now and can be considered a challenger for the England right-back place. He has made one full international appearance.

EDDIE McCREADIE (Left-back): Gained a regular place in the Scotland team last season and there seems no reason why this attacking full-back should not continue to hold his place. Quick to recover and a strong tackler, he likes nothing better than a sally up-field. In fact, McCreadie has played at centre-forward. Signed from East Stirling in April, 1962, he hails from Glasgow.

JOHN HOLLINS (Right-half): Football is in his blood. His father kept goal for Stoke and Wolves; brother Dave is a Welsh international goalkeeper. Still in his 'teens, Hollins played his first full season in 1964-65 and immediately gained a place in the Under-23's. A talented player of the constructive type, he signed as professional only two years ago.

MARVIN HINTON (Centre-half): Adaptable is the word for Hinton. He can play equally well at centre-half, wing-half or full-back. Most of his appearances for Chelsea so far have been at right-back, but with Shellito back to full fitness, Hinton will be a regular in the middle. Made 129 League appearances for Charlton and won three Under-23 caps before moving to Stamford Bridge in 1963 for a fee of £30,000.

RON HARRIS (Left-half): A powerful tackler, he plays tirelessly for the full 90 minutes. First came into prominence as captain of the highly successful England youth team of two years ago. Although only 20, he could well gain a place in the World Cup squad for the 1966 Finals. Like most of the Chelsea side, he came up through the juniors, signing professional in 1961.

JOHN BOYLE (Left-half): This young wing-half made his first appearance in the senior side last season. A Scotsman, he was born in Motherwell. Although of only medium height, he is strong and uncompromising in the tackle and also uses the ball well.

BERT MURRAY (Outside-right): This fast, direct winger played in six Under-23 internationals for England last winter and should gain a full cap in the near future. Allies fine ball control with a powerful shot and scored 17 League goals in 1964-65. One of a big family — five brothers and three sisters — he hails from Shoreditch.

GEORGE GRAHAM (Inside-right): Has made great strides since joining Chelsea from Aston Villa during the summer of 1964. Twenty years old, he came right to the fore last season as a prolific scorer, good with both head and foot. Made two appearances for the Scottish Under-23's. Born in Bargeddie, he can also play at centre-forward.

JIMMY McCALLIOG (Inside-forward): Started his career as an amateur with Leeds, before signing professional for Chelsea on his 17th birthday a year ago. So impressed manager Tommy Docherty that he was given three League outings and began this season in the senior side. His parents are Irish, but has Scottish qualifications, being born in Glasgow. Holds Scottish schoolboy and youth honours.

BARRY BRIDGES (Centre-forward): An England schoolboy and youth international, he never played for the Under-23's but gained three full caps during the spring. A very fast runner, Bridges is a fine header of the ball, shoots hard and makes the most of half chances. Chelsea sometimes use Bridges' speed on the right-wing, but there is no doubt that he is more effective in the middle.

TERRY VENABLES (Inside-left): In his early 20's, this brilliant inside-forward has appeared for England at all levels — schoolboy, youth, amateur, Under-23 and full international. Originally a wing-half, he moved into the forward line during 1963-64 with instant success. The "link" man in the Chelsea attack, he possesses an outstanding tactical brain and fine ball control. Born in Dagenham and joined the Stamford Bridge staff in 1958, turning professional two years later.

BOBBY TAMBLING (Outside-left): Chelsea's leading goalscorer between 1961 and 1964, he switched from inside-forward onto the wing last winter. Is now recognised as the side's regular outside-left, a position he filled for the full England team against Wales and France in 1962-63. Has also made 14 appearances for the Under-23's.