

# TALK - BACK

Today's subject in our special series of interviews is

## MARVIN HINTON

WHO MADE HIS 300TH FIRST-TEAM APPEARANCE FOR CHELSEA ON MONDAY



<b>Family details:</b>	My wife Pat and I have three children—Kevin (7), Janine (3½) and Darren (8 months). We live at Crawley, and the family pet is Sally, a Jack Russell terrier.
<b>“My team” as a boy:</b>	Living at Croydon, I supported Crystal Palace. When I left school at 15 (I played wing-half for Croydon Schools), I came for a junior trial with Chelsea but was turned down. Instead, I joined Charlton, and it was from them that I was transferred to Chelsea in August 1963.
<b>Biggest thrill of career:</b>	Winning an F.A. Cup medal two seasons ago after being on the losing side at Wembley in 1967. But I think the one game I've enjoyed more than the rest in my 300 for Chelsea was beating Liverpool 2-1 up there in the third round of the Cup in 1966.
<b>Hobbies:</b>	I like gardening (I've been very pleased with my display of roses this year) and I go to all the amateur boxing shows at Crawley.
<b>Hardest part of football:</b>	Training—I've never found that easy. It's always made interesting here, but I'd rather play a match any day.
<b>Favourite position:</b>	People say I read the game well at the back, but I don't mind whether I play sweeper, double centre-half or anywhere as long as I'm in. It's difficult to key yourself up in the Reserves when there are only a few hundred watching.
<b>Career ambition:</b>	To keep on playing as long as I enjoy my football. I've certainly done that, being back in the side lately. I know one or two other clubs have been interested in me when I've been a bit out of the limelight, but I've always been happy here and that counts for quite a lot.
<b>Best pal at Chelsea:</b>	Ossie.
<b>My tips for honours in 1971-72:</b>	Manchester United for the League Championship—they're looking tighter, more consistent than in recent years—and Chelsea to win at least one cup . . . but don't ask me which! I believe things run in threes, and after a poor start in the League we are shaping up again. Yes, I fancy us to make it a hat-trick of cup successes this season.