



FOUNDED 1905

CLUB COLOURS:  
*Shirts: Royal Blue.*  
*Shorts: Royal Blue.*  
*Stockings: White.*

League  
Champions 1955



League Cup  
Winners 1965

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F.A. Youth Cup  
Winners 1960, 1961

## THE TALK OF STAMFORD BRIDGE

**W**ELCOME, Season 1965-66. Welcome, Supporters old and new. Welcome, Burnley, our first opponents, and their followers here today. Quickly as the four months have passed since last we gathered at Stamford Bridge, and though Chelsea have packed 19 first-team matches into the period we used to know as the "close season", there is nothing quite like the official start of the new League season to excite the interest of all concerned — players, officials, clubs and the most important people of all: YOU, the SPECTATORS.

On other pages of this programme, you will find details about our new West Stand and in an accompanying diagram a revised plan of the ground. We would have liked to be able to welcome you today to a neat and complete stadium, but although much has been achieved there is still a great deal to do. Meanwhile, we know we can count on your indulgence regarding any inconveniences that may affect you between now and completion date, which is scheduled for the end of October. In this respect, your early arrival on match days would be of particular assistance . . . and you will, of course, keep clear of the fenced-off area of the new structure.

For your additional information, when

the present alterations are complete, the capacity of this ground will be approximately 55,000, comprising 12,000 reserved seats, 3,500 unreserved bench seats, 3,000 in the enclosure and 36,500 on the terraces.

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**Season-tickets:** All £18 season-tickets have been sold. There are a limited number still available at £9, £12 and £15 (including F.A. Cup tickets). Season-ticket holders for 1965-66 will have first choice of seats in the new West Stand next season.

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**Newcomers:** We welcome to our professional staff four players signed since the end of last season. They are two young Scots, **Pat Purcell**, a 17-year-old forward from Bonnyrigg Rose, and **Tommy Hughes**, 18-year-old goalkeeper from Clydebank Juniors; and two 17-year-old Londoners who were with us as apprentices last season — outside-right **Mick Vowles**, from Leyton, and full-back **Frank Conboy**, from Marylebone. Among our new apprentices are two Australian boys, **Ernie Campbell** and **Colin Miner**, both 15 and "spotted" by Tommy Docherty on the summer tour. Welcome to England, London and Chelsea, lads!