

# FOCUS on our VISITORS

**W**ELCOME back, Charlie . . . welcome back, Paddy . . . welcome the "new" Crystal Palace! Compared with the early weeks of the season, Palace have a new image and, from latest evidence, a side capable of carrying them clear of the relegation area in which they have lived anxiously ever since they came into the First Division in 1969.

The cost of acquiring their new image exceeds £400,000. That was how much they spent in four weeks of all-action transfer activity. It began with the signing of Iain Phillip from Dundee, was followed by the deals with Chelsea that bought them Paddy Mulligan one day and Charlie Cooke the next, and was topped by the overdue arrival on the First Division scene of Don Rogers, whom Palace Manager Bert Head first brought into football at Swindon.

This foursome has added a lot of quality and skill to Palace's football, and the last three results—a home win against Everton, a draw away to Champions Derby and last week's draw against Leeds—suggest that at last there's more an air of revival than mere survival over Selhurst Park. We'll be glad for it to continue . . . after today!

## PALACE'S PLAYERS

**JOHN JACKSON:** Now in his ninth season as regular keeper for the club he joined as a junior in

1961. A stomach illness caused him to miss three games last month—his first League absence in five seasons. Approaching 350 senior appearances. Born Hammersmith. 6 ft. 1 in., 13 st. 2 lb.

**PADDY MULLIGAN:** 27-year-old Eire International full-back whom we transferred to Palace in Sept. Joined us from Shamrock Rovers in Oct. 1969 and made 79 first-team appearances in our colours. Born Dublin. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 3 lb.

**TONY TAYLOR:** Skilful utility player who operates at full-back or on the wing. Previously with Kilmarnock and Celtic, he joined Palace from Morton in Oct. 1968. Born Glasgow. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 7 lb.

**IAIN PHILLIP:** Signed from Dundee in Sept. for what was then Palace's record fee of £110,000. A 21-year-old former Scottish Schoolboy International defender, now playing in midfield. Born Dundee. 6 ft., 11 st. 7 lb.

**BOBBY BELL:** Only current footballer to play in League for four clubs in same season—last winter he turned out for Ipswich, Blackburn, Crystal Palace and then on loan to Norwich. Originally with Spurs, he cost Palace £60,000 from Blackburn in Sept. 1971. Born Cambridge. 6 ft., 11 st. 10 lb.

**MEL BLYTH:** Formidable back-four player and one of Bert Head's bargain-price signings at £12,000 from Scunthorpe in July 1968. Was with Gt. Yarmouth and Norwich before turning pro' with Scunthorpe. Born Norwich. 6 ft. 1 in., 11 st. 11 lb.

**JOHN HUGHES:** One of soccer's biggest forwards, he has been hindered by injury since £50,000 transfer from Celtic a year ago. Holder of eight Scottish caps. Returned to first team three weeks ago. Born Coatbridge. 6 ft. 2 in., 14 st. 2 lb.

**DAVID PAYNE:** Has made more than 300 first-team appearances and missed only one of the club's last 50 League games. Supported Palace as a boy and joined them as an apprentice in Jan. 1964. England Under-23 International. Born Croydon. 5 ft. 9 in., 10 st. 13 lb.

**JOHN CRAVEN:** Signed from Blackpool—whom he captained—for £35,000 in Sept. 1971. A regular for Palace since his transfer, he leads their League scorers this season with five goals—two of them against Leeds last Saturday. Born St. Annes. 5 ft. 11 in., 12 st. 12 lb.

**CHARLIE COOKE:** Welcomed back today two months after he left The Bridge for Selhurst Park. Joined Chelsea from Dundee, April 1966, and in course of 277 first-team appearances starred in our F.A. Cup and Cup-Winners' Cup triumphs of 1970 and 1971. 14 Scotland caps. Originally with Aberdeen. Born St. Monance, Fife. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st. 4 lb.

**DON ROGERS:** Palace paid their record fee of £140,000 last month to bring him from Swindon into First Division at age of 27, and with debut winner v. Everton he at once showed what the big League had been missing. Was England Youth and Under-23 winger. Born Poulton, Somerset. 5 ft. 10 in., 12 st. 10 lb.

**BOBBY KELLARD:** Highly competitive midfield player who rejoined Palace for £55,000 from Leicester in Sept. 1971. Began with Southend, moved to Ipswich, Portsmouth and Bristol City. Born Southend. 5 ft. 6 in., 11 st. 10 lb.



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## OFFICIALS

Chairman: MR. RAY BLOYE.  
Secretary: MR. CHRIS HASSELL.  
Manager: MR. BERT HEAD.  
Assistant-Manager/Coach: MR. TERRY LONG.  
Captain: PADDY MULLIGAN.

## HONOURS

Third Division Champions 1921.