

In off the post

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'ACTION GROUP NEEDED'

HAVING seen your recent attempt in the programme to re-unite the Barnes family, a thought occurred to me. Chelsea should be the first club to start a comprehensive attempt at understanding troublesome fans.

An "action" group, formed of Chelsea players and social workers, should meet and exchange ideas in view of future undertakings. Football players are gods in the eyes of the young supporters. Therefore anything done in the name of a player would be more likely to meet with success.

Could I suggest that a meeting be held in the near future between players and social workers to discuss the possibilities of forming an "action group". I am prepared to offer my services.

Julian Rankin.

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London W.14.

● *The idea is not without some merit, and is something we may consider at a later stage of redevelopment.*

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SENDING-OFF VIEWPOINT

TO prevent a player being sent off after a booking (e.g. Geoff Hurst in the Stoke v. Ipswich match) could not a partial suspension scheme be brought in?

A player could be sent off the pitch for a certain length of time and then brought back into the game after, say, twenty or thirty minutes.

Ruth Searle.

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Heathside Road, Woking.

MEMORY MAN

I HAVE just finished your wonderful Chelsea Book No. 3. I was specially fascinated with the record section showing the Chelsea players and their appearances from the beginning of the Club.

What names and what memories they conjure up. Was it really over fifty years ago when I ran back to climb the wooden railings at the top of the ground behind the Fulham Road end in the last few minutes of a game to see Chelsea goalkeeper Howard Baker run the full length of the field to take a penalty and, I think, win the game, against Bradford City? I was only a kid but I always have thought of that particular incident.

I do not get to Stamford Bridge much these days but both my sons are season-ticket holders. Many, many thanks for a smashing book.

F. Richman.

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IT WAS TONY, NOT ALAN

IN the Chelsea Magazine quiz you ask: Who was Chelsea's first £100,000 signing?

The answer given is: Alan Birchenall, Nov. 1967.

Surely it should be Tony Hateley, signed from Aston Villa in October 1966?

C. Webster.

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● *You're absolutely right, sir. Hateley was signed for Chelsea by Tommy Docherty, and Birchenall was Dave Sexton's first £100,000 signing. Sorry for the slip.*