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The Talk of Stamford Bridge

SO we've made it—our third Final in successive seasons, and all in different competitions! The way we got to Wembley for the League Cup Final on March 4 could hardly have been more dramatic than in Wednesday night's semi-final second leg at Tottenham. Spurs, the holders, twice went ahead on the night to level the aggregate, but each time we answered with a goal, first with Chris Garland's splendid equaliser and, on the stroke of time, Alan Hudson's free-kick that gave us a 5-4 victory over the two games. Congratulations to everyone on a great performance! While we were getting through, West Ham and Stoke City drew their play-off 0-0 at Hillsborough and must meet yet again. Could it be a pointer to the name of our Wembley opponents that we were due to meet Stoke here in the League on March 4? It's a thought . . . but we must wait and see.

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Today's match is the return to our visit to Huddersfield on August 28, when we beat them 2-1 to record our first win of the season. To do it, we came from behind, Frank Worthington having given Town the lead. John Hollins put us level two minutes later with a penalty for "hands", and 14 minutes from the end Peter Osgood headed the winner from Charlie Cooke's centre.

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The injured: On Tuesday Peter Bonetti passed a fitness test on his right ankle, so at Tottenham on Wednesday night he was able to take back the green jersey that had been worn in successive matches by John Phillips, David Webb and 18-year-old Steve Sherwood, who made his debut at Derby last Saturday. Meanwhile, Phillips' back trouble is improving under treatment; Eddie McCreadie, recovered from a troublesome ham-string, had a satisfactory run-out in the Reserves here last Saturday; John Boyle, who tore a thigh muscle in the Glasgow Rangers match on November 23, is ready to resume light training; and Ian Hutchinson, well up to schedule now, is stepping up the pace in his training.