

FRONT COVER SHOT

A NEW face in Chelsea's goal on New Year's Day—Steve Sherwood, just 18, is seen in spectacular action, putting the ball safely round the post on his first-team debut at Derby last Saturday. Well played, Steve! Hard luck, too, that our 16-match unbeaten run (nine wins, seven draws) should be brought to an end by one of those things that nobody can do anything about—an unfortunate own-goal deflection by David Webb, who himself had donned the green jersey for the home game against Ipswich Town on Boxing Day. With Peter Bonetti and John Phillips both ruled out through injury, Steve Sherwood missed his debut that day by a matter of minutes, arriving at Stamford Bridge just too late to play after a desperate dash by road from Selby, Yorkshire, where he had gone to spend Christmas at home, with none of us dreaming that a goalkeeper crisis was to blow up on Boxing Day . . . and continue into the New Year!

Youth team advance: Chelsea Juniors beat Millwall here by 3-2 on Monday night in the third round of the F.A. Youth Cup and so reached the last sixteen. In the fourth round we are again at home—to Crystal Palace, date to be arranged.

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B RITISH RAIL will run the following three Excursions to Blackpool next Saturday:

<i>Depart</i>		<i>Arrive</i>	
Euston ..	08.25	Blackpool ..	12.07
Blackpool ..	17.25	Euston ..	21.18
Euston ..	08.45	Blackpool ..	12.20
Blackpool ..	17.35	Euston ..	21.30
Euston ..	08.55	Blackpool ..	12.39
Blackpool ..	17.45	Euston ..	21.35

Buffet car facilities on all the above trains.
Fare £2.50p adults, children (aged 3-14) £2.
Tickets available at Euston as from now.

The North Stand: It has been decided, with public safety our first consideration, that the North Stand, which was last used on November 27, will remain closed this season. We apologize for the inconvenience which some 1,500 Season-ticket holders have been caused by the closure of the Stand. In the circumstances (with all seats in the East and West Stands already sold for a number of forthcoming League fixtures, and 25 per cent of all reserved seating having to be set aside for visiting clubs in possible F.A. Cup-ties), the best that we could guarantee North Stand Season-ticket holders is accommodation in the West Stand Enclosure. Those Season-ticket holders affected who wish to apply for a full refund—or to purchase 80p tickets for the five matches with voucher-numbers 15, 16, 19, 20 21—are reminded that their applications must reach our Ticket Office not later than Friday next, January 14.

A number of complaints were received from North Stand Season-ticket holders, who were switched to the West Stand Enclosure for the League Cup semi-final first leg on December 22, that they got wet that night while Tottenham supporters sat under cover in the Stand. We take this opportunity to explain that every available Stand ticket had been sold for that match long before the decision was taken to close the North Stand and, apart from the West Stand Enclosure, there was simply no other accommodation to offer them.

And if there's a Replay

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I F WE draw at Blackpool, the replay will be at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday, 19th January (7.30 p.m.).

Season-ticket holders in the East and West Stands already have their tickets (paid for).

In the event of Blackpool not requiring their full allocation of reserved seats, these will be on sale to the general public—personal callers only—at the Ticket Office during normal hours from Monday, 17th January.