

SHIRT BADGES

WOULD you please tell me where I could buy a Chelsea badge to put on my Chelsea football shirt?

Tony Scales (age 11)

40 Gilbert Sheldon House,
Church Street, W.2.

● *Shirt badges at 2/6d. each and shorts numbers at 2/- are available from: Frank Blunstone Sports, 7 Lavender Hill, Battersea, S.W.11.*

"HANDS" BY 'KEEPER

CAN a goalkeeper punch the ball when it is outside the penalty-area if part of his body is in the area?

M. Kelly.

6A Victoria Dwellings,
Battersea Park Road,
S.W.11.

● *No. He is guilty of "hands", and the award is a direct free-kick against the defending side.*

LONDON COUNTY COMMITTEE—THE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

AS you are reading these letters, you must be interested in football and have probably seen and enjoyed many matches. If you are fit and active, it is even more enjoyable to be in the game—if not as a player then as a REFEREE.

If you will contact our Hon. Secretary, we shall be pleased to put you in touch with the Referees' Society nearest to your home. They will be pleased to coach you and prepare you for examination.

Please write to:

A. E. D. SMITH,
35, Castlenau, Barnes, S.W.13.

George Allen.
Chairman,

London Society of Association
Referees,
Regents Park Barracks,
Albany Street, N.W.1.

THE OTHER SIDE . . .

I WOULD like to express my appreciation of the firm handling of the "nomads" roaming around at Stamford Bridge at the last game with Manchester United. Your action was prompt and firm.

Much abuse has been made in the Press. Here is the other side as I see it. From previous experience I have, once the overflow reaches the track, the unfortunates who have waited hours at the ground entrance and then the enclosure, see very little of the game.

In front of me were men in invalid chairs, and their vision is made even worse, with the so-called supporters caring nought for those behind.

The referee used his powers and the "nomads" over the barrier were given plenty of time to return to base.

Many did, others were finally dealt with, after repeated requests to obey reasoning, by the police.

At last a club has the courage to deal with a problem element, and may you continue in this policy with success.

A. Baker.

Shepperton,
Middlesex.

● *For each letter praising the action taken, there were 50 criticising it. We point this out in fairness to all who wrote regarding this particular problem.*

NUMBER ENGAGED

COULD you please tell me why, when the weather is bad and I 'phone Chelsea's ground to see if the game is on, I always seem to get the engaged signal?

Is it because so many other people 'phone, or do you leave the receiver off the hook?

I hope that you will look into this.

Colin Davis.

14 Grasmere Road,
Streatham, S.W.16.

● *We NEVER leave our receiver off the hook. We ARE swamped with calls on days when bad weather puts the match in doubt. We DO advise the Press, TV companies and London Transport immediately a decision about playing is made by the referee.*