

TALK-BACK

Back in the team and back among the goals, today's subject in our series of Chelsea player interviews is

TOMMY BALDWIN



Family details:	My wife's name is Pauline and we have a lovely daughter, Lucy, aged eight months. We live at Wallington, Surrey.
This season's experiences:	I was going quite well, with 14 goals in 20 games—including a couple of hat-tricks—by the middle of November. Then I injured a hamstring at Crystal Palace. That took weeks to mend, and just as I was getting over it I did my Achilles tendon. I didn't get in the side again until I went on as substitute in the League Cup Final. I wasn't match-fit, but feel sharper after a run of Reserve games and it was great to be scoring First Division goals at Southampton on Tuesday.
Most memorable Chelsea games:	In six seasons since I came here from Arsenal I've won three medals in the F.A. Cup Finals of 1967 and 1970 and last year in the Cup-Winners' Cup. Those games all stand out. So does something else: We were the outsiders when we beat Leeds and Real Madrid to take those Cups, but hot favourites when Stoke beat us at Wembley in March. I hope we're outsiders again next time we're in a Final—there's not quite the same pressure on you to win.
Best pal at Stamford Bridge:	Charlie Cooke. We're regular room-mates when we go away for matches.
My Championship and F.A. Cup tips:	I can't see beyond Leeds. They're a helluva side. I reckon they're a fair bet to do the Double . . . unless we can stop them. What a game that'll be if we go there for the last game with them needing to win for the Championship and maybe the Double. Don't forget we upset their apple-cart in the F.A. Cup Final two years ago!
Most admired opponent:	Peter Simpson, of Arsenal. He was beginning to show in my time at Highbury and has become one of the best defenders in the business. In my view he's under-rated and still doesn't get the praise he deserves.
Best country visited:	Barbados, on Chelsea's summer tour two years ago. We'd just won the F.A. Cup and that made it all the merrier. I love a hot climate—for lying in the sun, not for playing football in. I'm looking forward to going back there in a few weeks.
Chelsea star of tomorrow:	Playing in the Combination side lately, I've been able to weigh up the young players we've got coming through. There are quite a few who can make top grade, but if I have to pick one I'll go for Gary Stanley. He's just 18—our former player Frank Upton sent him down from Derbyshire Schools football two years ago—and I was very impressed when he played up front with me in the Reserves at Ipswich two weeks ago. Gary got both our goals—he also plays well in midfield—and I shan't be at all surprised if he's really pushing next season.