

First cap: Congratulations to John Phillips on winning his first Under-23 cap for Wales against England at Swansea on Wednesday of last week. John, born at Shrewsbury 21 years ago, qualified for Wales because his late father was born in the Principality, and he decided to accept the Welsh invitation to a cap rather than wait and see whether any England prospects developed. Not nice of England to put three past him on his national debut (Malcolm Macdonald scored them all in the first half), but John still had reason to be satisfied with his game . . . and to hope for bigger honours to come.

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Your problems . . . and ours: We knew we were going to face difficulties, particularly this season, when we embarked on our ground redevelopment programme, and many of the match-day problems that Supporters see as theirs we see as ours, too. From letters received, some fans seem to think we "could not care less" about their well-being, but if that were true would we be rebuilding Stamford Bridge?

At the start of the season we asked Supporters to bear with us, and while thanking you for your continued support, we would mention a few specific problems to let you know what is being done—and in some cases how you can help—to ease them.

(1) West Stand turnstiles: We accept that there IS a shortage to cope with the extra demands on that side of the ground. We ARE doing something about it, and hope to have additional 'stiles installed in the next few weeks.

(2) Time of arrival: A spot check at the home game against Crystal Palace showed that from 2.10-2.30 p.m. the turnstiles were almost idle. Then came a rush, with some spectators arriving at 3.15. Present attendances may be smaller than they used to be, but spectators can still help themselves by arriving in good time. This particularly applies to latecomers making for the N.E. Enclosure. Once the game has started, they have to walk round the track, which can be distracting to the players and other spectators. For the same reason, N.E. Enclosure patrons wishing to leave before the end of the match can only do so by the North Terrace exit.

(3) Terrace Supporters: Please do not "bunch" and block off the terraces half-

Front cover shot

WHETHER he's playing, training or weight-lifting, Chris Garland is one of those fellows who has to give it everything he's got. After being absent from another two games because of that nagging groin injury, he satisfied himself—and us—that he was ready to come back in Wednesday's League Cup-tie with the sort of vigorous weight-training you see him undergoing here. Then the match was washed out, delaying Chris's return. Tougher still on Ian Hutchinson, who was set to make his first-team comeback after 22 months.

way down. By your moving to the front, we can feed the terraces from the back.

(4) Toilets: The need for more is a problem which we know exists, one that we are looking into and doing our best to solve.

(5) Ticket complaints: In reply to Season-ticket holders' complaints that we have not accepted postal applications for Cup tickets, this is not always possible because of the time factor, and it does create stress within the Ticket Office when such additional matches fall close to home League fixtures. Many Supporters living a distance away arrange for friends nearer to Stamford Bridge to collect such tickets on their behalf.

(6) Track to N.E. Enclosure: As a temporary measure against the risk of injury to players, the path along the touchline in front of the East Stand working site has been temporarily sanded over. We hope to provide an improved surface in the near future.

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Praise for our No. 4: We thought Chelsea fans—and John Hollins—would like to know of a snippet we read last week-end from Leeds manager Don Revie. Asked to name the English League footballer he most admired outside Leeds United, he replied: "John Hollins," and went on: "He is one of the most complete midfield players I have seen. It is a mystery to me why this fellow has not been given an extended run in the England team."