

Tonight it's back to THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

AFTER the Cup, we return to our quest for the League Championship, and the bid to shake off Leeds United and Manchester United. The remaining League programme for the "big three" reads:—

CHELSEA (11)

Home (5): Tottenham, Sheffield United, Birmingham, Liverpool, West Bromwich Albion.

Away (6): Manchester United, Everton, West Ham, Liverpool, Burnley, Blackpool.

LEEDS UNITED (11)

Home (6): Stoke, Burnley, Everton, West Ham, Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday.

Away (5): Fulham, Birmingham, West Bromwich Albion, Sheffield Wednesday, Sheffield United.

MANCHESTER UNITED (11)

Home (6): Chelsea, Blackpool, Arsenal, Liverpool, Leicester, Fulham.

Away (5): Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday, Blackburn, Leeds, Birmingham.

Villa Park, venue of our F.A. Cup semi-Final, has been good to us in the past in Cup football. In the 1915 semi-Final we defeated Everton 2-0 and went on to our only Final, and in 1952 we beat Leeds 5-1 there in a third match in the 5th Round. And we had a 3-2 League Cup win there in January.

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Congratulations to Barry Bridges on his selection for the Football League against the Scottish League next Wednesday. It is a choice that clearly puts him in the running for the England - Scotland match at Wembley on April 10, and we hope that on his first visit to Hampden Park Barry will touch the form that has made him our top scorer with 23 goals this season.

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Youth Caps: Juniors Ray Willis (goal-keeper) and left-back Bobby Evans have been selected for further England honours in the Youth International against Wales at Newport on March 20.

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In a recent programme we mentioned that John Mortimore played his 250th League game when we visited Blackburn on February 13. This figure did, in fact, include F.A. Cup appearances.

MATCH SUMMARIES

F.A. CUP—SIXTH ROUND

Saturday, 6th March.

Beat PETERBOROUGH UNITED (Home) 5-1. Half-time: 4-1.

Chelsea—Bonetti; Hinton, Harris; Hollins, Mortimore, Boyle; Murray, Graham, Bridges, Venables, Tambling.

Scorers: Tambling 2, Hollins, Bridges, Murray.

Peterborough—Duff; Cooper, Birks; Crowe, Rankmore, Orr; Barnes, Conny, Dougan, Deakin, McNamee.

Scorer: Crowe.

Referee: Mr. J. Parkinson (Blackburn).

Attendance: 63,635. Receipts: £17,486.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 6th March.

Beat IPSWICH TOWN (Away) 2-0.

Team: Dunn; Jones, Watson; Sinclair, Young, Gould; Fascione, Houseman, Osgood, McCalliog, Smart.

Scorers: Houseman, Gould.

Both S.E. Counties matches were postponed last Saturday because of pitch conditions.

Eddie McCreadie returned to training on Monday after his recent spell of knee trouble and, if not ready tonight, hopes to be available for Saturday's big Championship battle against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

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Ken Shellito, our other full-back victim of a knee injury, has provisionally marked the Football Combination home game against Nottingham Forest on March 27 for his comeback. Ken's get-fit programme included a full day's snow-shifting work out in the middle here last Friday — no mean contribution to the Cup effort.

FRONT COVER SHOT

PLAYING to stay at the top is hard enough, but when you are injured and a helpless spectator it's tougher still. Full-backs Eddie McCreadie and Ken Shellito share the Trainer's box with Harry Medhurst at Stoke in our last League game.