

Another letter to reach us on the same day referred to the conduct of some of our home Supporters in last week's League Cup replay against Blackpool.

Mr. B. A. Cann, of East Twickenham, wrote:

"Towards the end of the game with Blackpool, there was a disturbance on the terracing near the half-time scoreboard which resulted in about half a dozen policemen entering the crowd and dispersing it when the final whistle went.

"It was then possible to see that the police had surrounded a solitary young man whose only apparent need of protection was that he was wearing a tangerine-and-white scarf.

"Of course, visiting supporters often provoke — sometimes deliberately — home supporters, but I cannot honestly believe that one young Blackpool fan provoked those around him to such an extent that he subsequently required police protection.

"The incident disgusted and angered me. Surely, Chelsea are not prepared to allow spectators to be subjected to domination by a minority of thugs whose blue-and-white favours serve only as an object for aggression? Surely the genuine supporters cannot stand and watch while this type of behaviour goes on, for their inactivity can only be interpreted as indifference, cowardice or acquiescence?

"Unless it is stamped out quickly and thoroughly, the game will continue to come into disrepute, retaliation on Chelsea supporters at away matches will probably follow and violence will become more widespread since supporters will collect in mobs to protect themselves.

"It can only be stamped out by the genuine supporters, and the time is rapidly approaching when these must stand up and be counted."

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Peter Bonetti—September 21, Football League v. Irish League, at Plymouth (12-0).

Ron Harris and John Hollins—October 12, England Under-23 v. Wales Under-23, at Wolverhampton (8-0).

Fireworks warning: On the subject of crowd behaviour and its various aspects, we would remind young spectators **NOT** to bring fireworks to Stamford Bridge on Saturday week, November 5, when we play Manchester United. They can be particularly dangerous in a crowd, and we intend to ask the Police authorities to take stringent action against anyone using fireworks inside the ground. Please leave the players to provide the fireworks (football-wise) on the field here that day.

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Reduced-price "seasons": Season-tickets covering the rest of 1966-67 are now available at reduced rates. They include four tickets for possible F.A. Cup-ties at home, with a guaranteed refund or credit at the end of the season depending on the number of home F.A. Cup matches we play. Prices are £8 13s. 4d. (East Stand Blocks A & H, North Stand, West Stand Wings) and £13 (East Stand Blocks C & F, West Stand Centre). Application forms can be obtained from the Ticket Office tonight or by post.

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For your diary: When John Mortimore left us in September last year for Queen's Park Rangers (and subsequently Sunderland), we said that the Testimonial Match in recognition of his long service to Chelsea would be staged as intended, as and when it could be arranged. That promise has always held good, and we hope that it will take place here on the night of Tuesday, November 29. We shall field our best available side against a "London All-Star XI" to whom John is now sending invitations, and further details will be given in future programmes.

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Transferred: Best wishes for the future to goalkeeper John Dunn, who was transferred to Torquay United last Friday and made his debut for them the following day.

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All sold: All reserved seats for the match against Manchester United on Saturday week, November 5, have been sold.