

OUR CAPTAIN HONOURED

A special round of applause is appropriate before the match this afternoon when Terry Venables goes to the centre circle with his Stoke counterpart, for we know all Chelsea supporters share the warmth of our congratulations to Terry on his first selection for the full England side in Wednesday night's match against Belgium at Wembley.

Terry thus becomes the first player in England soccer history to be capped at five levels. His International record reads:

Schoolboy (6)

1957-58 v. Germany (at Chesterfield), Ireland (Watford), Scotland (Wembley), Wales (Leicester), Scotland (Glasgow), Eire (Dublin).

Youth (7)

1959-60 v. Scotland (Newcastle), Wales (Canterbury), East Germany (Portsmouth), Ireland (Belfast), and Bulgaria, Poland and Austria in the International Youth Tournament held in Austria.

Amateur (1)

1959-60 v. Germany (Dulwich).

Under-23 (4)

1962-63 v. Greece (Birmingham); 1963-64 v. Hungary (Budapest), Israel (Tel Aviv), Turkey (Istanbul).

Now for the topmost honour of all. May this be the first of many full caps for him. We shall be there in force to see Terry make his bow. If you haven't already bought a ticket, we hear from Wembley Stadium that there will be pay-at-the-turnstile admission on the night at prices from 5/- (standing) to seats at 10/-, 12/6d, 21/- and 42/-. Kick-off is 7.30 p.m.

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Wednesday is not our only night soccer date next week. On Monday (7 p.m.) we visit Tottenham in the Second Round of the London F.A. Challenge Cup, and on Tuesday our full-strength Youth side play Arsenal here in the First Round of the Southern Junior Floodlight Cup, kick-off 7 p.m.

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Since our last League programme went to press, centre-forward Jack Howarth has been transferred to Swindon Town, and this week goalkeeper John Cowen moved to Watford. We wish both players well with their new clubs.

LEAGUE CUP-TIE RE-ARRANGED

Because of transport difficulties on the Underground, our third round Football League Cup-tie against Notts County was postponed on Wednesday night and has been re-arranged for Monday, 26th October, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Tickets bought for the original date will still apply.

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This afternoon "Friends of Sport" are presenting a cheque for £500 to an old-age pensioner of 75. She comes from this locality but wishes to remain anonymous. For *your* chance to win weekly prizes totalling more than £2,500, please see back page.

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Right-winger Joe Fascione hit the high-spots in last Saturday's 8-2 Combination win against Northampton. He scored four — his best so far in Chelsea blue.

FRONT COVER SHOT

STANLEY MATTHEWS, C.B.E., who will be 50 on February 1, has announced that this will be his last season of competitive football, which means — although he hopes to play in exhibition matches for another year or two — that Stoke's visit to Stamford Bridge today is their last with him on their playing staff.

Our pictures show Stanley in the tangerine shirt of Blackpool (who will ever forget the "Matthews Cup Final" of 1953?) and in the famous red and white stripes of Stoke City, his first love, his last love, in a wonderful career that started on his 17th birthday in 1932.

Because of a troublesome back injury, Matthews has yet to make his first appearance this season, but we cannot miss the opportunity today to salute this genius and gentleman of football and to extend the very best wishes for his future of everyone associated with Chelsea Football Club.

To Stanley Matthews we say "Thanks for the memory"; for *all* the memories of your supreme skill and sportsmanship down the years.