

GROWING GATES

I WAS looking through some of this year's programmes, when I decided to work out the average attendance for the first six home games for the past three seasons. Using the attendances given in the programmes, I have worked out these figures:—

1962-63: 23,693

1963-64: 41,252

1964-65: 41,376

It seems that Division II was very unattractive to the Chelsea patrons, but on return to Division I, the attendances rocketed. Thus, if Chelsea win the League this year, next year's attendances should average 50,000.

Hugh Betterton (16 years).

26, West Side,
Wandsworth Common,
London, S.W.18.

SILENT CROWD

WHY, oh why, were our team so bereft of our vocal support against Manchester United?

With the greatest respect for a fine club — and some good players — we spectators should never allow ourselves to be overcome by their seemingly good play.

What chance has the team got if the opposition can silence our crowd?

Pity our team doing so well with young players, if we let them down by standing in awe of the opposition.

James Gahagan.

3, Rosenau Road,
Battersea, S.W.11.

ON THE BALL

IN answer to the indignant Arsenal supporter who so kindly wrote and criticised us, we would like to point out that all people have their off days, and unfortunately we had one of ours against Arsenal last season.

But we will certainly do our best to please D. Loveday and all other Arsenal supporters in the home fixture against their club in February.

The Ball Boys.

Chelsea F.C.,
Stamford Bridge, S.W.6.

"NO ATMOSPHERE"

TOMMY DOCHERTY'S remark in the *Sunday Mirror* about Chelsea having to play 42 League games "away from home" is rather unfair, because although we (the fans) are kind to the opposition (sometimes), the Chelsea players do not get the benefit of our cheers as there is no atmosphere.

There is one reason for this—the terracing is too far away, so don't blame the fans.

G. C. Parley (Aged 14).

162, Wiltshire Close,
Chelsea, S.W.3.

● *Increased atmosphere is one very good reason why we look forward to the erection of a big new stand on the "popular" side.*

TOP MARKSMEN

SINCE I first started supporting Chelsea, the programme has introduced some very good ideas. But over the past three seasons, a lot of people have been disappointed at the disappearance of the Leading Goalscorers list.

B. Tait.

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● *Leading goalscorers are re-introduced on page 12.*

DID YOU NOTICE?

I WONDER how many supporters have noticed the coincidence which arises as Chelsea beat Blackburn Rovers 5-1.

The Chelsea v. Blackburn Rovers League results now stand as:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	25	15	4	6	50	33	34
Away	24	4	7	13	24	41	15

Total 49 19 11 19 74 74 49

Both clubs have won 19 games and scored 74 goals, which just goes to show that even football obeys the Law of Averages.

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