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Centre-forward Barry Bridges and inside-left Terry Venables—who at 21 is among the youngest players ever to captain a First Division side—have also been regular choice. Bridges has nine League goals to his credit and Venables five.

The recent retirement through injury of former England international outside-left Frank Blunstone has provided manager Tommy Docherty with one of his few problems, that of finding an adequate replacement. Tommy Knox, Peter Houseman, and the more experienced Bobby Tambling have all occupied the position. Tambling an England Under-23 and full-international, has alternated between the left wing and inside-right this season, and has netted eight times, but Houseman and Knox have yet to open their scoring account after six and ten League games respectively.

Three members of the Chelsea defence have played in every League match to date. These are goalkeeper Peter Bonetti, right-half John Hollins—the “baby” of the team at 18—and left-half Ron Harris. Marvin Hinton, who was switched from centre-half to right-back towards the end of October has missed one game. His move led to the recall of former England amateur international John Mortimore.

Left-back Eddie McCreadie has also been absent from only