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Saturday, 19th February, 1966

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THE TALK OF STAMFORD BRIDGE

SO a magnificent Inter-Cities Fairs Cup-tie against Milan A.C. stays undecided and goes on again in Milan on March 2, subject, at the time of writing, to the Italian League's permission. Wednesday's match had everything except a conclusive outcome to the tie. Hard luck, skipper Ronnie Harris, on losing the toss afterwards for the right to stage the third match; but well played everyone on one of the great nights in Chelsea's history.

After beating Liverpool in the third round and Leeds United in fourth, we face entirely new F.A. Cup opposition in round five on March 5, when we meet Carlisle United or Shrewsbury at Stamford Bridge. The fact that both clubs are of lesser eminence than those we have been called upon to face in the earlier rounds will make no difference to our approach, for the simple reason that the long history of the F.A. Cup is liberally sprinkled with instances of shock defeats for big clubs by smaller ones. Indeed, we ourselves have figured among the victims on more than one painful occasion (Darlington 1958 and Crewe 1961 come readily to mind), so when Carlisle or Shrewsbury play here in a fortnight's time we shall treat them with the same regard as if they were Manchester United.

Normal League prices will be charged for the fifth round tie, and since Monday's draw all reserved seats have been sold. The match will NOT be all-ticket. All reserved seats have also been sold for the home League match against Manchester United on March 12th.

Steps were taken this week to ensure that there can be no repetition of the misunderstanding last Saturday, when London Transport posted notices at Tube stations announcing that the match against Leeds was off.

An enquiry failed to establish the cause of the mistake, which we believe may have arisen from a similarity between the words "on" and "off" when spoken on the telephone.

We are always grateful to London Transport, when a match is postponed, for the speed with which they convey the information to all stations on their vast Tube network, enabling supporters to avoid making a wasted journey.

It was particularly unfortunate that last Saturday's misunderstanding should coincide with our most important match of the season thus far. We hope it will be some consolation to those of you who were inconvenienced to know that a new formula involving a series of check calls, has been put into operation with London Transport as from today.

We have received a number of letters from spectators complaining that they were unable to buy a programme last Saturday. This, again, was something we regret, but, having printed 44,000 to cover our normal 75% sale to a 58,000 crowd, we could not possibly anticipate that so many Leeds supporters would buy anything from six to a dozen programmes each to take back home for friends who were unable to come down for the Cup-tie.

The First Division home match against Sunderland, which was postponed on November 20 because of a waterlogged pitch, has been re-arranged for Tuesday next, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Tickets sold for the original date will still be valid, and seats will be available at the Ticket Office after today's match, priced 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 and 15/-. If you still hold tickets from November 20 and cannot use them, they must be returned by 2 p.m. Tuesday to the Box Office in order to qualify for refund.

Desmond Hackett, Daily Express sports columnist, came through this week with a telephonic doff of his brown bowler. He said: "I was most impressed over in Italy by the way your secretary, John Battersby, looked after four fans who followed you to Milan, giving them Chelsea badges and tickets for the match. It's things like this that make Chelsea the great club they are. Bravo." Thanks for your trouble and your sentiments, Mr. Hackett.

F.A. CUP: Fifth Round Draw

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Carlisle United or Shrewsbury Town Coventry City

Everton v.
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Norwich City v. Leicester City Norwich City v. Blackburn Rovers

Preston N.E. v. Tottenham Wolves v. Man. United

FRONT COVER SHOT

"CONGRATULATIONS, and keep up the good work," says Mr. Joe Mears, our Chairman, as he presents the Evening Standard Player of the Month award for January — an inscribed souvenir lighter — to Peter Osgood. The ceremony took place in the dressing-room before our last home League game, against Fulham, and to those congratulations we add, 24 hours in advance, best birthday wishes to Peter, who is 19 tomorrow.

TRAINING . . . BUT FOR WHAT?



Eddie McCreadie, Marvin Hinton and George Graham show – on behalf of the rest of the lads – that between travels and match play there is still training to be done. But you must excuse them if, amid the welter of matches just past and just around the corner, they find it hard to remember whether the next game they're training for is in the First Division, the F.A. Cup or the Fairs Cup.

Tables, Appearances & Goalscorers

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Goalscorers: Wosahlo 11, Adams 6, Houseman 6, Osgood 5, Fascione 4, Lloyd 2, Murray 3, Tambling 2, Boyle 1, Bridges 1, Jones 1, Purcell 1, Smart 1, Thomson 1, Vowles 1, Young 1, Oppo-nents 3, Total 50.

Watford

Fulham

Luton Town

Bexley United ...

Brighton & Hove A.

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TAMBLING GOAL AND A GREAT DEFENCE



THE SCENE before last Saturday's great F.A. Cup-tie, with mounted police, a milling crowd and the coach bringing Leeds United temporarily hemmed in at the Main Entrance.

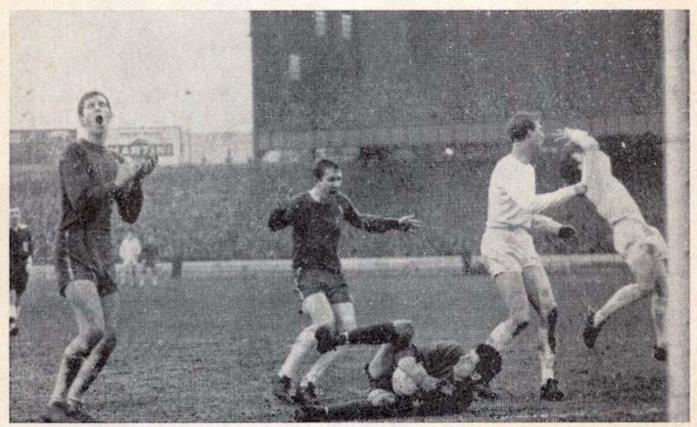


THE GOAL after eight minutes, that proved, 82 minutes later, enough to knock out last year's beaten Finalists. George Graham has hit the post and Bobby Tambling is on the spot to smash the ball past Sprake.

TAKE US THROUGH TO FIFTH ROUND

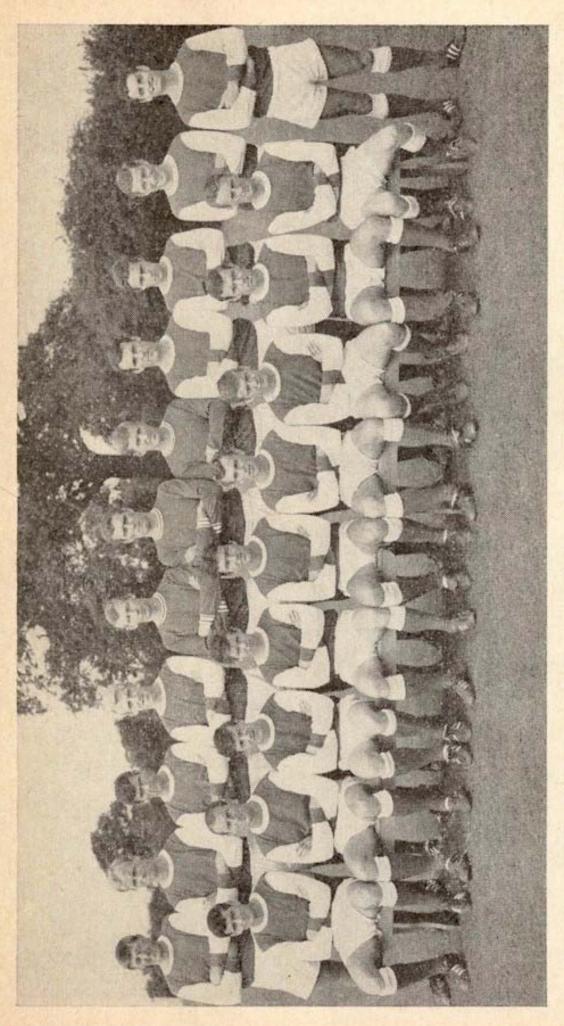


THE LEAP of joy that followed the goal, with Tambling helped on his jubilant way by Graham. For match-winner Bobby it was a repeat of the third round at Liverpool.



THE SAVE of the match five minutes from time as Peter Bonetti, having blocked Madeley's shot, stops Charlton's point-blank effort. The other players cannot believe their eyes; neither could the 57,847 spectators.

ARSENAL 1965-66



Standing: W. McCullough, D. Howe, P. Simpson, I. Ure, R. Wilson, J. Furnell, A. Burns, A. Skirton, J. Radford, T. Neill, F. McLintock.

Seated: P. Storey, J. Magill (now Brighton), G. Armstrong, B. Tawse (now Brighton), J. Sammels, T. Baldwin, J. Baker,

D. Court, G. Eastham.

CHELSEA

Colours:-Shirts: Royal Blue. Shorts: Royal Blue. Stockings: White.

(Goal) BONETTI

1

(Right-back) (Captain)

HARRIS

(Left-back)

McCREADIE

3

(Right-half)

HOLLINS

(Centre-half)

HINTON

5

(Left-half)

BOYLE

6

(Outside-right) BRIDGES (Inside-right)

GRAHAM

8

(Centre-forward)

OSGOOD

(Inside-left)

(Outside-left)

VENABLES

TAMBLING

9

10

11

Referee:

Mr. K. H. BURNS (Dudley, Worcs.)

Linesmen:

Mr. G. HARTLEY (Wakefield) (Red Flag)

Mr. G. REED (Bishop's Stortford) (Yellow Flag)



SUBSTITUTES

CHELSEA:

ARSENAL:

11 ARMSTRONG

10 COURT

9 RADFORD

8 SAMMELS

7 SKIRTON

(Outside-left)

(Inside-left)

(Centre-forward)

(Inside-right)

(Outside-right)

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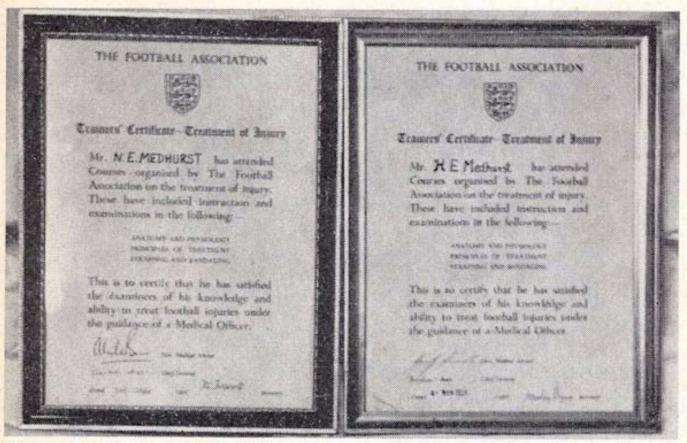
(Right-back) (Captain)

FURNELL (Goal)

RSENAL

Colours:-Shirts: Red, White Collar and Cuffs. Shorts: White, Red Seams. Stockings: Red.

OUR MEDICAL ROOM "TEAM BEHIND A TEAM"



The name is the same — only the initial is different. Side by side on the Medical Room wall hang the F.A's Trainer's Certificates (first-class) held by Harry Medhurst and his son Norman, who looks after the Combination team. We believe they are the only father-and-son "team behind a team" who hold these certificates.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

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,, 16	QUEEN'S PARK R	. Hendon	4 0	,, 30	TOTTENHAM Hendon	0 0
,, 23		. Away	5 0	Nov. 6	Charlton (Cup) Away	3 0
,, 30		. Away	1 5	,, 13	TOTTENHAM (Cup) Hendon	1 3
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MATCH SUMMARIES

INTER-CITIES FAIRS CUP-THIRD ROUND

(First Leg)

Wednesday, 9th February. Lost to MILAN A.C. (Away) 1-2. Half-time: 0-0. Milan A.C.-Balzarini; Pelagalli, Trebbi; Santin, Maldini, Maddé; Benigni, Lodetti, Angelillo, Rivera, Amarildo. Scorers: Amarildo, Rivera.

McCreadie: Hollins, Chelsea-Bonetti; Harris, Hinton, Boyle; Bridges, Graham, Venables, Tambling. Osgood,

Scorer: Graham.

Referee: Herr R. Kreitlein (West Germany).

Attendance: 11,411.

(Second Leg)

Wednesday, 16th February. Beat MILAN A.C. (Home) 2-1. Half-time; 2-1. Chelsea—Bonetti; Harris, McCreadie; Hollins, Hinton, Boyle; Bridges, Graham, Osgood, Venables, Tambling.

Scorers: Graham, Osgood. Milan A.C.—Balzarini; Schnellinger, Trebbi; Santin, Maldini, Maddė; Sormani, Lodetti, Angelillo, Rivera, Amarildo.

Scorer: Sormani.

Referee: Mr. E. Boström (Sweden).

Attendance: 59,541 (gates closed). Receipts: £21,813 (Record for any Chelsea home

Aggregate after two matches: Chelsea 3, Milan A.C. 3.

F.A. CUP-FOURTH ROUND

Saturday, 12th February. Beat LEEDS UNITED (Home) 1-0. Half-time: 1-0. Chelsea—Bonetti; Harris, McCreadie; Hollins, Hinton, Boyle; Bridges, Graham, Osgood, Venables, Tambling. Scorer: Tambling.

Scorer: Tambling.

Leeds United—Sprake; Reaney, Bell; Bremner,
Charlton, Hunter; Storrie, Lorimer, Madeley,
Giles, O'Grady. Referee: Mr. K. Dagnall (Bolton). Attendance: 57,847 (gates closed). Receipts: £15,831.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (Junior Division)

Saturday, 12th February. Beat Bexley United (Away) 6-0. Team: R. Wilkinson; B. Brown, A. Smith; A. Harley, H. Wingrove, J. Hudson; K. Halliday, S. Skoulding, S. Puddifoot, D. Lancaster, D. Pointer. Scorers: Skoulding 2, Puddifoot 2, Lancaster, Hudson.

KEEP THIS COUPON

It may help you to obtain a ticket for the F.A. Cup Final.



HE'S IN CHARGE

REFEREE KENNETH BURNS, from Dudley (Worcs.), makes his second appearance of the season on the field at Stamford Bridge this afternoon. He was in charge here on the opening day when we met Burnley.

Mr. Burns, who is 34, was appointed to the Football League list five years ago. His earlier refereeing experience was gained in the Wolverhampton Amateur League and the Birmingham & District League.

By occupation he is a solicitor's managing clerk.

Chelsea v. Arsenal

Past League Results

Season	Home	Away	Season	Home	Away
1907-08	2-1	0-0	1947-48	0-0	2-0
1908-09	1-2	0-0	1948-49	0-1	2-1
1909-10	0-1	2-3	1949-50	1-2	3-2
1912-13	1-1	1-0	1950-51	0-1	0-0
1919-20	3-1	1-1	1951-52	1-3	1-2
1920-21	1-2	1-1	1952-53	1-1	0-2
1921-22	0-2	0-1	1953-54	0-2	2-1
1922-23	0-0	1-3	1954-55	1-1	0-1
1923-24	0-0	0-1	1955-56	2-0	1-1
1930-31	1-5	1-2	1956:57	1-1	0-2
1931-32	2-1	1-1	1957-58	0-0	4-5
1932-33	1-3	1-4	1958-59	0-3	1-1
1933-34	2-2	1-2	1959-60	1-3	4-1
1934-35	2-5	2-2	1960-61	3-1	4-1
1935-36	1-1	1-1	1961-62	2-3	3-0
1936-37	2-0	1-4	1963-64	3-1	4-2
1937-38	2-2	0-2	1964-65	2-1	3-1
1938-39	4-2	0-1	1965-66	Today	3-1
1946-47	2-1	2-1	-	2000	See Live
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(Chelsea's score given first in each case.)

Summary

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home Away	 	36 37	10 12	11 10	15 15	45 53	56 54	31 34
	Total	73	22	21	30	98	110	65

(At Highbury on September 4)

Arsenal I (Baker), Chelsea 3 (Graham, Fascione, Bridges). Attendance: 45,456.

Commentaries on all first team matches are relaved to local hospitals by members of Chelsea TOC H.

OUR GIFT TO CLUBLAND

A MONG our pre-season matches, we played a Glasgow Select XI in August for the Glasgow Charity Cup. The promoting authorities put on one side £1,000 to be distributed at our discretion, and it was unanimously decided that the whole sum be sent to Clubland for a "Chelsea F.C. Room" in their new hostel.

Clubland, situated at 54, Camberwell Road, London, S.E.5, was started as a boys' club 44 years ago by the Rev. J. Butterworth and it was the same Rev. Butterworth to whom our Chairman, Mr. Joe Mears, presented a cheque for

£1,000 last Saturday.



Mr. Joe Mears, Chairman, presents the cheque for £1,000 to the Rev. Butterworth.

With its chapel, playground, theatre, gymnasium, games room and canteen, Clubland provides every kind of activity

for youth, and is open every night.

Says the Rev. Butterworth: "This redirection of energy and sharing of worthwhile interests and self-effort by young people is our only creed. It has led to thousands of youngsters going forth into life with enduring values. If others could follow the lead of Mr. Mears, the funds for our hostels would enable Clubland to render the community still greater service. We are overjoyed by Chelsea's surprise gift, which will be perpetuated in a room to be given their name."

SEAT RESERVATIONS

Prices of reserved seats at home League matches are 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 and 15/-. Applications (by post only) will be accepted one calendar month in advance — please write "Tickets" in bottom left-hand corner of envelope — and should be accompanied by remittance and stamped addressed envelope for return.

It will be appreciated if separate application is made for each

match.

Seats may be purchased, if still available, by personal application at the Ticket Office in the two weeks preceding the match.

YOUR TRAIN TIMES NEXT SATURDAY

Everton v. Chelsea (3 p.m.)

Outward: Depart Euston 8.35 a.m. Arrive Liverpool (Lime Street) 12.33 p.m.

Homeward: Depart Liverpool (Lime St.) 5.30 p.m. Arrive Euston 9.05 p.m.

Return fare: 49/-. Children (under 14) 24/6d.

Postponed Matches

PATRONS who hold tickets for home League matches which are postponed, can either keep them for use when the game is re-arranged or return them to us for refund.

If tickets are kept, and holders find later that they are unable to use them, they must be returned at least five hours before kick-off on the re-arranged date in order to qualify for refund.

No refunds can be made in respect of

season-tickets.

We now have three postponed League fixtures outstanding: Blackburn Rovers (home), Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester City (away). They will be re-arranged subject to our commitments in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup and F.A. Cup.

ABOUT VISITORS

PODAY we attempt to complete a League double against Arsenal for the third successive season - something which Manager Tommy Docherty is particularly eager to see us achieve against his old club. When Arsenal visited Stamford Bridge last February, they had just been knocked out of the F.A. Cup, and this time they are again in the process of some team reorganisation following dismissal from the Cup.

After a promising start to the season, in which they lost only two of their first 12 games, Arsenal suddenly lost form and a third round F.A. Cup defeat at Blackburn resulted in England internationals Joe Baker and George Eastham being dropped.

Arsenal's reshuffled side pulled off a fine 3-1 win at Stoke, drew at home with Burnley and last Saturday, with Baker back on duty, they beat Southampton 3-1 at the Dell in a friendly.

Arsenal now bank increasingly on youth, with possibly six of today's side under 21. none of whom cost more than the original signing on fee. This contrasts sharply with some of the heavy spending on transfers in which the club has been involved in recent years.

New Captain

New skipper Don Howe, the former West Bromwich and England right-back, represents the older end of the age scale, but around him are bright and talented youngsters like former England youth international full-back Peter Storey, deep-lying forward Jon Sammels, big

John Radford, Tom Walley and little England Under-23 winger George Armstrong, who fills a busy, play-anywhere role as both link-man and striker.

Agile Jim Furnell has regained the goalkeeping position and Arsenal have a trio of international half-backs in Frank McLintock and Ian Ure, both Scotland, and Northern Ireland's captain, Terry Neill. David Court can play insideforward, but has been seen more often at wing-half.

Up front, powerful goalscoring rightwinger Alan Skirton, and, of course, Baker, who might have become a Chelsea player three weeks ago, provide the punch.

Newest face to be seen in Arsenal's first-team is 17-year-old England Youth centre-forward Roger Davidson, from Islington. Signed as a professional in December, he made a promising debut as substitute when Baker strained a thigh muscle at Southampton last week-end.

THEIR MANAGER

BILLY WRIGHT joined Arsenal in May 1962, entering the realms of club management after one of the most illustrious playing careers of any international footballer. From the resumption of peacetime soccer in 1946 he was almost permanently present in the England ranks at winghalf and centre-half until the end of season 1958-59, setting up the alltime record of 105 international appearances. Throughout his career in the game he has been associated with only two clubs: Wolves as a player, Arsenal as manager. He shares with Matt Busby (Manchester United) and Sir Stanley Matthews (now manager of Port Vale) the distinction of having been awarded the C.B.E. for his services to soccer.

THEIR GOALSCORERS

League: Baker 13, Radford 7, Skirton 7, Eastham 6, Armstrong 5, Sammels 4, Baldwin 2, McLintock 2, Howe 1, Opponents 2. Total 49.



LETTERS OPENED BY PROGRAMME EDITOR, ALBERT SEWELL

GREAT STUFF AWAY

THE most profound improvement achieved by Chelsea since Mr. Tommy Docherty arrived has, I think, been the Away record.

In two of the seasons he's been here, the club's away-win record total has been equalled — 9. The complete record for the past three seasons and 13 away League matches this season reads:

P 76, W 35, D 15, L 26, Gls 142-114, Pts 85 Continue this and improve the home record, and Chelsea must win the "treble." Long Live Chelsea!

David A. W. Martin.

112 Whilcock Drive, Southfields, S.W.19

 We hope to keep the away form up when we visit Everton next Saturday.

WHERE TO TRAIN?

WOULD it not be possible for the players to refrain from training behind the goal-lines at each end of the ground?

Besides making it difficult for the ball boys and photographers, also for goalkeepers taking goal-kicks, it does nothing to enhance the appearance of the stadium.

Ian McKissack.

Basement Flat, 64, Abingdon Villas, W.8.

The problem of where to train is a persistent one, especially when, as at times this season, the pitches at Mitcham and Hendon are under water. If anyone knows of a training ground for sale, we would be pleased to hear.

YOUR LETTERS

All letters sent to "In off the Post" are considered for publication. We regret that, because of the many received, they cannot be acknowledged individually.

CHELSEA FANS IN ZAMBIA

WE were so thrilled about Chelsea's Cup victory over Liverpool. We listened to the commentary. When Bobby Tambling scored the winning goal we all went mad. My father nearly swallowed his cigar in excitement.

My five brothers and I have never been to England, but my father has told me about Woodley, Barber, Argue, Craig,

Gallagher and Lawton, etc.

Here in Mufulira we have Peter Pickering (former Chelsea goalkeeper) who now is as old as my Dad. He plays cricket for the Mufulira Mine Club. To wind off sir, may Stamford Bridge bring home the Cup as they must do, but watch out for Manchester United.

My room is full of football pin-ups, mainly of Chelsea. Would you be kind enough to send a photograph of your team (with autographs please). Make a schoolboy's dream come true and my father's.

Please WIN THE CUP.

Brian Frankham (aged 13 years).

P.O. Box 102, Mufulira, Zambia.

P.S. Our farm is three miles from the Congo Border, seven miles from the second largest copper mine in the world. My Dad says more spectators watch the Chelsea v. Arsenal game than there are Europeans in this country.

P.P.S. My Dad says Woodley was

better than Bonetti, but I disagree.

● We are delighted that our success should bring such pleasure to Brian and his family in far-off Zambia. An autographed photograph is on the way . . . and a cigar for Dad, in case he DID swallow it when he heard the result against Leeds!

SOME MASCOT!

ON December 24th I gave my Chelsea mascot away. Every League and Cup match Chelsea have played since then they have won:— (1) Northampton Town (away) 3-2; (2) Northampton Town (home) 1-0; (3) Blackpool (away) 2-1; (4) Tottenham Hotspur (home) 2-1; (5) Liverpool (away) 2-1; (6) Burnley (away) 2-1; (7) Fulham (home) 2-1; (8) Leeds (home) 1-0.

M. Longhurst (aged 13 years).

101, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, S.E.5.

 Reckon we would have been top of the First Division table now if Master Longhurst had given away his "mascot" last August.

HOLLINS' HABIT

COULD you please give me an explanation as to the strange position in which John Hollins can be seen just before the kick-off and at the beginning of the second half.

While the other players are in a standing position, John can be seen crouching on

the ground.

Is it superstition, habit, or is he hiding from someone?

C. Bransky.

12, West House, Weir Road, Balham, S.W.12.

 Answer from John: It's a habit—a little crouch-and-stretch exercise that tells me I'm all set for action. But I didn't realise anyone noticed.

BOOST TO HOME RECORD

I HAVE calculated that, on their form so far this season, Chelsea will finish fourth in the League, nine points behind Liverpool, who should get 62 points.

In order to make up the difference, Chelsea's task is equal to maintaining the present successful away form and winning

all nine remaining home games.

So, you fellow Chelsea supporters, how about voicing ourselves as we did at Anfield and see if we can't help to boost the home record a bit and to bring the Championship South!

Tony Weeks.

Pages Yard, Church Street, Chiswick, W.4.

Q. & A. ON CUP-TIE TICKETS

I HAVE received with displeasure the return of my application for F.A. Cup-tie tickets. Although we have not bought season-tickets, my son and I have had Stand seats for all first-team matches for the last five seasons.

I find it strange to be told that, when it is a Cup match, the visitors can have the seats, while we must stand and watch—just because we do not invest in season-tickets at the beginning of a season.

D. Street.

 Lusher House, Kersfield Road, Putney, S.W.15

 The above letter is typical of many we receive at this time of the year from ticketapplicants whom, reluctantly, we have to

disappoint.

The rules of the F.A. Challenge Cup require that we provide the visiting club with an allocation of 25% of all tickets printed and sold in advance, and, even with the building of the new West Stand — increasing our total reserved seating capacity to some 12,000 — we have only about 5,500 seats available to the general public after season-ticket holders and the visiting club have been allocated. This compares with 8,500 that are available for a League fixture.

For all matches, postal applications from non-season ticket-holders are dealt with on a "first come, first served" basis, and in the case of the Leeds Cup-tie we could have sold the available 5,500 tickets more than twice

over.

We do appreciate the disappointment of the many whose applications were turned down, but at the same time we hope that the above explanation will enable them to see our side of the problem.

THOUGHTS ON COLOUR

THE question of changing your programme to colour is no doubt in the

minds of all the Chelsea supporters.

I think the change would be well worth 9d. As Chelsea have one of the best programmes, why don't they SHOOT to the top by changing to colour?

38, Stanmer Street, Battersea, S.W.11.

 Wednesday night's special 1/-, 20-page colour-issue against Milan was very favourably received. We would welcome the views of still more supporters.

NEXT HOME MATCHES

Tuesday, 22nd February (7.30 p.m.)

SUNDERLAND

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Saturday, 26th February (3 p.m.)

SWINDON TOWN

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

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Saturday, 5th March (3 p.m.)

CARLISLE UTD. or SHREWSBURY T.

F.A. CUP-FIFTH ROUND

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Saturday, 12th March (3 p.m.)

MANCHESTER UNITED

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Saturday, 19th March (3 p.m.)

SHREWSBURY TOWN

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

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Notice to

Spectators

We draw the attention of spectators to our Ground Regulations which are posted at the turnstiles and in other parts of the ground.

We must emphasise that anyone apprehended on the pitch or causing a disturbance in the crowd will be removed from the stadium.

PLEASE KEEP OFF THE PITCH AT ALL TIMES.

HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

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A	Aston Villa Blackburn	J Tottenham THIRD DIVISION	
B	Burnley Everton	K West Ham Sheff, Utd. S Oldham Millwall	,,,,,,,
C	Liverpool Blackpool	SECOND DIVISION T Q.P.R. Hull City	
D	North'pton Newcastle	M Crystal Pal U Watford Peterbro'	
E	Nott'm. For Leeds Utd	N Hudd'field V York City Bristol City Brentford	
F	Sheff. Wed West Brom	O Man. City FOOTBALL COMBINATION	
G	Stoke City Man. Utd	P Preston Leyton Or. W Arsenal Chelsea	