

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.

3, 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.

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

● *The above letter is typical of many we receive at this time of the year from ticket-applicants 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?

B. J. Laing.

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.*