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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 co-