

EAST IS EAST, WEST IS 'VEST'

WHILST sitting in the new stand at a recent home game, I glanced up at the weather-vane and noticed the 'W' was only a 'V' since one half of it has broken off.

I feel that something ought to be done about this, since it is not up to the standard of the most modern and up-to-date club in the country.

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● *Noted for repairs.*

HE SAW US IN 1905

IN the Wolves programme (December 12th), Mr. C. W. Fox said he has supported Chelsea since 1907.

My grandfather, who is 82, has been a regular supporter of the club since it was formed in 1905. Because of a serious illness, this is the first season he has missed since then.

It would be interesting to know how many other supporters can equal this record.

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TESTING FRANK'S MEMORY

IN Frank Blunstone's Testimonial Book there is a photograph of the 1954 Young England team, of which Frank was a member.

I wonder if he could name that team, and if any other member went on to gain full International honours?

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● *Frank Blunstone answers: "That was the very first Young England match—against Italy at Bologna—and they beat us 3-0. Our team was: Wood (Manchester United); Gunter (Portsmouth), Ellis (Charlton); Whitefoot (Manchester United), Dodgin (Arsenal), Edwards (Manchester United); Finney (Sheffield Wednesday), Broadbent (Wolves), Leary (Charlton), Nicholls (W.B.A.) and myself."*

The record-book shows that five of those players gained full England caps: Edwards (18 times), Broadbent (7), Blunstone (5), Wood (3) and Nicholls (2).

MATTER OF 'ATMOSPHERE'

I'M fed up with reading statements in the Press, made by Mr. Docherty, regarding the lack of atmosphere at the "Bridge," as if suggesting that the supporters are to blame.

If the club got shot of the greyhounds (the four-legged ones, of course) and put us within shouting distance of the players, also covered in those wide-open spaces, I feel sure we would get the required atmosphere, also the missing thousands that this fine team deserves to have watching them.

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PLEASE COULD YOU TELL ME . . .

WHO scored the most goals in season 1954-55 and what was the most he scored in any one game?

What was the highest scoring game Chelsea played in that season?

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● *Answers: (1) Roy Bentley, with 21 League goals; his best individual match score that season was three in our 4-3 home win against Newcastle.*

(2) Chelsea 5, Manchester United 6.

HE'S 'OFFSIDE'

EVERYONE I've met says that you cannot be offside in your own half, and I've had nothing but feuds trying to convince them that they're wrong.

An ex-friend of mine, however, showed me an official referees' handbook, and it clearly states that a player cannot be offside in his own half.

In the name of Chelsea, I beg you to tell me who the devil is wrong!

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● *Sorry, sir, but you are. The Law says in full: "A player is offside if he is nearer his opponents' goal-line than the ball at the moment the ball is played, unless: (a) He is in his own half of the field of play, (b) There are two of his opponents nearer to their own goal-line than he is, (c) The ball last touched an opponent or was last played by him, (d) He received the ball direct from a goal-kick, corner-kick, throw-in or when it is dropped by the referee."*