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The Talk of Stamford Bridge

FROM F.A. Cup to League Champion-ship to Football League Cup, all in twelve days—how quickly the kaleidoscope changes! And changes faster still after tonight, with the First Division visit to Blackburn on Saturday, a "prestige" match against West Germany's World Cup side in Duisburg next Tuesday, followed by our "tie of ties" against Spurs in the F.A. Cup 6th Round on Saturday week, and on Monday, February 22 (providing neither club is involved in a replay) Nottingham Forest's appearance at Stamford Bridge in a League fixture re-arranged from Cup day.

Being in with prize-winning hopes in three major tournaments is a new and pleasant experience for us. Indeed, with so many major clubs side-stepping the Football League Cup, we are the first to establish such a live "treble chance" in home competition. In such circumstances the immediate game on hand is always the most important . . . and tonight that is the League Cup Semi-Final against Aston Villa.

In the first leg at Villa Park, we set up a 2-0 lead at half-time, but Villa fought back strongly and levelled at 2-2 before John Boyle came along with the shot—to mark indelibly his first-team debut—that puts us one up as we start the return leg. Villa have played in two out of four League Cup finals, but London has never been represented at the ultimate stage, and this we shall strive to remedy tonight. Extra time will be played if the teams are level on aggregate after 90 minutes, but, clearly one result we want to avoid—with such a busy fixture list ahead—is the necessity for a third match play-off.

Cup Tickets

We take this opportunity to repeat the announcement of arrangements for our all-ticket F.A. Cup 5th Round tie at home to Tottenham on February 20. All seats have been allocated, and Ground (5/-) and Enclosure (7/6) tickets will be sold here on Sunday from 10 a.m. at a maximum of two per person. No postal applications can be accepted.