

Last season Bert Murray scored 12 League goals and so set up a post-war record for a Chelsea winger. Now he has beaten his own record, for two goals in the last home game against Sheffield United took his total in First Division matches this season to 13. The all-time scoring record for a Chelsea winger? Nineteen League goals in season 1934-35 by Dick Spence, now our Youth team trainer.

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As we were defeated in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final, the away match with Blackpool (provisionally dated for April 21) has been re-arranged for Monday, April 26. This will be our final League fixture of the season. So, after the two home matches at Easter — against Liverpool on Good Friday and West Bromwich Albion the following day — we wind up our Championship effort with three away games, all in Lancashire: Liverpool (Easter Monday), Burnley (April 24) and Blackpool two days later.

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Good news of Ken Shellito. Our right-back, after five months out of action, returned to competitive football in the Combination side visiting Northampton Town on Thursday of last week. He came through extremely well, showing no reaction to the knee operation he underwent last November. With another reserve run-out or two to help him regain match-fitness, Ken should be available for the concluding League matches later this month.

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We are already receiving enquiries about season-tickets in the new West Stand due to be opened on the "popular" side next season. At the moment we are not in a position to give details, but hope to publish a full statement about the new project in the programme at Easter.

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With Liverpool putting an end to our Wembley interest, there will now be only a small number of F.A. Cup Final tickets available for distribution under the programme voucher system which we have operated this season. Full details will be given in the Good Friday and Easter Saturday issues.

FRONT COVER SHOT

CLASH of the captains in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final at Villa Park. The massive Yeats will be leading the men of Liverpool at Wembley a month today, but by then we hope that Terry Venables will have had ample compensation for the Cup disappointment by skipping us to the League Championship title.

Our Juniors, who last Saturday became the first team in the South-East Counties League to reach a century of goals this season, face their biggest task of the season so far in the coming week. This is the two-leg Semi-Final of the F.A. Youth Cup, in which we are drawn against Arsenal.

The First Leg is at Highbury on Wednesday (7 p.m.), and the Second will be played here next Saturday, kick-off 10.30 a.m. Chelsea have twice won the Youth Cup (1960 and 1961), and we hope there will be a good following both at Highbury in mid-week and here next Saturday morning to see our bid to reach the Final for the fourth time.

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Stop Press: As we go to press, we hear that Barry Bridges and Eddie McCreadie are selected for their first full caps next Saturday in the England-Scotland match at Wembley. Congratulations, both, on an honour richly deserved!

League Championship COUNT-DOWN

The following are the remaining fixtures of the three clubs disputing the Football League Championship.

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Home (3): Birmingham, Liverpool, West Bromwich Albion.
Away (4): West Ham, Liverpool, Burnley, Blackpool.

LEEDS UNITED (8)

Home (4): West Ham, Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday, Stoke.
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MANCHESTER UNITED (7)

Home (3): Arsenal, Liverpool, Leicester.
Away (4): Aston Villa, Blackburn, Leeds, Birmingham.