

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1954-55



# Chelsea Football Club

Stamford Bridge Grounds, London SW6

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

SEASON 1959-60

**CHELSEA**

v

**BLACKBURN ROVERS**

Saturday, 7th November, 1959

Kick-off 3 p.m.



Official Programme

6d

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# FIXTURES 1959-60

## Football League Div. I

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 22	PRESTON N.E. ...	HOME	4 4
" 26	Manchester United ...	Away	1 0
" 29	Leicester City ...	Away	1 3
Sept. 2	MANCHESTER U. ...	HOME	3 6
" 5	BURNLEY ...	HOME	4 1
" 9	Birmingham City ...	Away	1 1
" 12	Leeds United ...	Away	1 2
" 16	BIRMINGHAM CITY ...	HOME	4 2
" 19	WEST HAM UNITED ...	HOME	2 4
" 26	Fulham ...	Away	3 1
Oct. 3	West Bromwich Albion ...	Away	3 1
" 10	BOLTON WANDERERS ...	HOME	0 2
" 17	Luton Town ...	Away	2 1
" 24	EVERTON ...	HOME	1 0
" 31	Nottingham Forest ...	Away	1 3
Nov. 7	BLACKBURN ROVERS ...	HOME	.....
" 14	Manchester City ...	Away	.....
" 21	ARSENAL ...	HOME	.....
" 28	Wolverhampton W. ...	Away	.....
Dec. 5	SHEFFIELD WED. ...	HOME	.....
" 12	Blackpool ...	Away	.....
" 19	Preston North End ...	Away	.....
" 26	NEWCASTLE UNITED ...	HOME	.....
" 28	Newcastle United ...	Away	.....
1960			
Jan. 2	LEICESTER CITY ...	HOME	.....
" 9	(3) F.A. Cup ...	.....	.....
" 16	Burnley ...	Away	.....
" 23	LEEDS UNITED ...	HOME	.....
" 30	(4) F.A. Cup ...	.....	.....
Feb. 6	West Ham United ...	Away	.....
" 13	FULHAM ...	HOME	.....
" 20	(5) WEST BROM. A. ...	HOME	.....
" 27	Sheffield Wednesday ...	Away	.....
Mar. 5	LUTON TOWN ...	HOME	.....
" 12	(6) Everton ...	Away	.....
" 19	BLACKPOOL ...	HOME	.....
" 26	(S.F.) Blackburn Rovers ...	Away	.....
Apr. 2	MANCHESTER CITY ...	HOME	.....
" 9	Arsenal ...	Away	.....
" 15	TOTTENHAM H. ...	HOME	.....
" 16	NOTTINGHAM FOR. ...	HOME	.....
" 18	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	.....
" 23	Bolton Wanderers ...	Away	.....
" 30	W'HAMPTON W. ...	HOME	.....
May 7	F.A. CUP FINAL		

(3), (4), (5), (6), (S.F.)—indicates F.A. Cup dates

## Other First Team Matches

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 16	Ajax ...	Amsterdam	3 2
Oct. 19	Ashford ...	Away	7 2
Nov. 11	Entente Royale Anversoise	Antwerp	.....
" 16	British Olympic XI ...	HOME	.....
Dec. 2	ATLETICO, BILBAO ...	HOME	.....
" 8	Atletico, Bilbao ...	Bilbao	.....

## Football Combination

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 22	Charlton Athletic ...	Away	1 3
" 29	BRISTOL CITY ...	HOME	3 1
Sept. 5	Leicester City ...	Away	2 0
" 12	SOUTHEND UNITED ...	HOME	7 1
" 19	West Ham United ...	Away	1 2
" 26	BOURNEMOUTH & B. ...	HOME	5 1
Oct. 3	SOUTHAMPTON ...	HOME	2 1
" 10	Nottingham Forest ...	Away	5 0
" 17	PORTSMOUTH... ...	HOME	2 1
" 24	Arsenal ...	Away	2 1
" 31	BRIGHTON & H.A. ...	HOME	0 0
Nov. 7	Swansea Town ...	Away	.....
" 14	IPSWICH TOWN ...	HOME	.....
" 21	Luton Town ...	Away	.....
" 28	LEYTON ORIENT ...	HOME	.....
Dec. 5	Portsmouth ...	Away	.....
" 12	NOTTINGHAM FOR. ...	HOME	.....
" 19	CHARLTON A....	HOME	.....

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1960

Jan. 2	Bristol City ...	Away	.....
" 16	LEICESTER CITY ...	HOME	.....
" 23	Southend United ...	Away	.....
" 30	BIRMINGHAM CITY ...	HOME	.....
Feb. 6	WEST HAM UNITED ...	HOME	.....
" 13	Bournemouth. & Boscombe	Away	.....
" 20	Southampton ...	Away	.....
" 27	ARSENAL ...	HOME	.....
Mar. 5	Brighton & Hove Albion	Away	.....
" 12	SWANSEA TOWN ...	HOME	.....
" 19	Ipswich Town ...	Away	.....
" 26	LUTON TOWN ...	HOME	.....
Apr. 2	Leyton Orient ...	Away	.....
" 9	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	.....
" 18	TOTTENHAM H. ...	HOME	.....
" 23	Birmingham City ...	Away	.....

## London Mid-Week League

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 12	West Ham United ...	Away	4 0
" 21	MILLWALL ...	Hendon	4 0
" 28	CRYSTAL PALACE ...	Hendon	3 3
Nov. 4	Portsmouth ...	Away	1 2
" 11	Charlton Athletic ...	Away	.....
Dec. 2	Millwall ...	Away	.....
" 10	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	.....
1960			
Jan. 27	Watford ...	Away	.....
Feb. 3	CHARLTON A....	Hendon	.....
" 10	Crystal Palace ...	Away	.....
" 17	WEST HAM UNITED ...	Hendon	.....
" 24	TOTTENHAM H. ...	Hendon	.....
Mar. 9	WATFORD ...	Hendon	.....
" 30	PORTSMOUTH... ...	Hendon	.....

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# TED DRAKE CALLING . . .



TODAY we have the pleasure of welcoming one of the original "Greats" of English Soccer. No other Club, I think, has done so much for the prestige and general good of the game during their colourful history. From their inception in the 1870's they have experienced all that was highest in the game, and now, continuing their tradition, their standards are always worthy of acknowledgement. Their famous ground at Ewood Park has been the scene of many great football occasions, including quite a few semi-finals. Today the side is managed by Dally Duncan, that great winger of Derby County and England fame. Can we ever forget that famous pair, Sammy Crooks on the right with Dally himself scintillating down the wing. Wonderful memories.

It was disappointing when we went down at Nottingham. Getting off to a good start we took a goal lead and it seemed that we would hold the luck which this ground always has for us. However, we must hand it to the Forest, they were the team of the day.

How like the Soccer world is to real life! Disappointment on Saturday and yet on Monday we had the thrill of seeing our lads carry all before them against a strong Tottenham side in the Semi Final of the London Challenge Cup. We won 4-1 . . . compensation enough to the happy band of supporters who made the journey across to White Hart Lane and helped to make up the 11,000 crowd who watched the match.

As mentioned in our programme last week we have been fortunate in arranging for Bilbao to come here for a match on December 2nd. They boast of a record on a par with Real Madrid and Barcelona and have been Cup Winners no less than 22 times and League Champions six times. Their team consists of players of world renown, including a Centre-Half who is said to rank No. 1 in that position in the world.

I cannot close without congratulating our three youngsters, Alan Harris, Terry Venables and Terry More on being selected for an England Youth XI at Millwall last Tuesday.

## THREE AWAY WINS RUN ENDS WITH



Just before our opening goal. The ball came across from Peter Brabrook and Michael Harrison (out of the picture) ran on to it and scored.



A fine tackle by John Sillett stopped an almost certain goal by Booth.

# DEFEAT BY NOTTINGHAM FOREST



A fine save by Reg Matthews, whose dive turned away an Imlach shot for a corner.



This shot by Imlach gave Forest their third goal—Matthews dives in vain.

## OUR VISITORS TODAY

WHEN Blackburn Rovers visited Stamford Bridge on December 27 last year they won 2-0, after we had defeated them 3-0 at Ewood Park two days earlier. While we are naturally hopeful that today's game with the Lancashire club will provide us with maximum points, there is no doubt that whatever reward is gained will come only after much effort, for the Rovers have been playing with marked consistency all season, and particularly in recent weeks.

Prior to last Saturday's home fixture with Manchester United they had recorded three successive victories, two of them away from home and had lost only four of their 14 engagements.

Their record is even better than it looks for they have been most unfortunate with injuries of late. Both their regular full-backs, **Ken Taylor** and **David Whelan**, have been out of action, while England international right winger **Bryan Douglas** recently underwent a cartilage operation and Welsh international inside-left **Roy Vernon** has been in hospital for the removal of his appendix.

The Rovers are in a handy position from which to make a strong challenge for the First Division leadership in the coming weeks, and the way they are playing it is by no means improbable that they will have a say in the destination of the championship this term.

Whenever his regular first team players have not been available the Blackburn manager, **Mr. Dally Duncan**, has not hesitated to give youth its chance. For instance, 17-years-old **Michael England** was included at right-half recently when **Ron Clayton** was injured.

Others of the younger element who have done well in the senior side are right-back **John Bray**, who has exceeded even the most optimistic hopes as stand-in for Taylor; left-back **Fred Pickering**, and right winger **Jack Airey**. Pickering, who is only 18, had two outings in the rearguard last month before Whelan's return after injury, and had the satisfaction of finishing on the winning side each time. Airey, at present on National Service at nearby Preston, took over from Douglas for the visit to Leeds a fortnight ago and, like Pickering, helped his side to win.

**Ronnie Clayton's** inspiration has been of immense value to the team, though the success, as a whole, has been attributable to the efforts of every player called upon, young or experienced alike.

Completing the middle line with Clayton are centre-half **Matt Woods** and Eire international **Mick McGrath**, while **Harry Leyland** has been very reliable in goal.

Before last Saturday's game Blackburn had conceded only 20 goals in 14 engagements, and eleven of those had come in four matches. At the same time they had scored 27 themselves, a total which, while not particularly impressive, at least showed some consistency in the front line, which had failed to find the net in only one match.

Last season the attack was led chiefly by **Tom Johnston**, who returned to Leyton Orient in February. He was succeeded by giant **Derek Dougan**, whom the Rovers signed from Portsmouth the following month.

Dougan did not quite live up to expectations last term, but this winter, following the removal of his tonsils during the close season, he has been playing extremely well and has regained his place in the Irish national side. He reckons the operation corrected former difficulty in breathing. He has taken some of the weight off the rest of the attack, which is not particularly well blessed physically, and while opposing defences have been keeping a wary eye on him, the other members of the line have benefited from the gaps left elsewhere.

The leading scorer, after the game at Leeds on October 24, was inside-right **Peter Dobing** with ten goals in 14 matches, exactly the same return as he had at a comparable stage last winter, at the end of which he had netted 24 times in 40 outings.

Dougan and Vernon have also scored consistently, though there has been less penetration than usual on the extreme wings. Douglas scored only one goal, and that from a penalty, in his ten appearances before his injury, and **Alastair MacLeod's** return after 14 games had been played was only two goals.

A few weeks ago Douglas had two games at inside-left and another at inside-right. They were not really in the nature of experiments, for he was originally an inside-forward before settling down in the No. 7 berth and going on to reach England international rank there.

In addition to the youngsters already mentioned, others who have done well when brought into the senior side have been **Roy Isherwood**, who has done duty

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# The Talk of Stamford Bridge

**WHAT A TO-DO!** Poor Old Chelsea in the wrong again! We know it's impossible to please all the people all the time, but it seems we're wrong in trying to please some of them some of the time. Just because we tell our supporters that we are willing to sell them a season ticket with an allowance off for the matches which they've missed—and point out the advantages of the transaction—a national newspaper accuses us of "ticket touting."

This is "fair comment" indeed from an organisation which never pays for its representative's seat, never gives, to our knowledge, complimentary copies of its products—other than gratuitous advice and insults.

The writer (sic) says that "after seeing Saturday's shambles of a match against Everton, I wouldn't blame present season ticket holders if they went and asked for two-thirds of their money back!" The same could be said for his readers, unless they think it good value for wrapping up their fish and chips.

**TAIL PIECE:** To date 79 supporters have fallen victim to the "barefaced piece of cup ticket touting" sponsored by the Club. If the demand continues we shall be compelled to discontinue the reduction to protect the unwary.

They obviously should change their newspapers.

**A**RSENAL visit us for our next home match in a fortnight's time and, as always, we expect a very big crowd. We would therefore like to take this opportunity of asking all of you to help the stewards, the police and your fellow supporters by packing as far down the terraces as possible so that as many people as possible can obtain a good view of the game. Just how important your assistance can be is shown by the fact that if you make room for one more person on each step per bay another 2,000 people can see the game in comfort.

Whilst on this subject of crowd behaviour, we would like to add that we are losing patience with the misguided young enthusiasts who run on the pitch after the game. The damage done to pitch, lighting fixtures and nets cannot be tolerated. This must stop, as we don't wish to be forced to follow the lead of other clubs who have discontinued reduced admission charges for youngsters.

Jimmy Greaves gained his fifth cap for England in the international against Sweden at Wembley Stadium on Wednesday, 28th October.

Our Juniors did extremely well to beat West Ham United 2-0 away from home on 24th October, as no fewer than seven of our Juniors were away on representative duty. Harris, Robinson and Bolland played for Middlesex against Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, while Butler,

Venables, More and Murray were in the London team against Kent. Both Middlesex and London won. In the absence of these seven youngsters we were able to include four newcomers to our Juniors: D. Round, R. Drake (our manager's son), M. Harness and A. Wells.

A. Harris, T. Venables and T. More were in the England Youth team which played Millwall Youth at The Den last Tuesday evening, 3rd November.

After a run of three consecutive away wins, the end of the spell came in the shape of a 3-1 defeat by Nottingham Forest. Injuries still continue to trouble us and Ron Tindall, Charlie Livesey, Les Allen and Frank Blunstone were all absentees. Although most of our injuries this season have been slight, we have had more than our fair share so far.

Peter Corthine made his League debut in our colours against Nottingham Forest. Born at Highbury, he played for Leytonstone before army service. He played his first game for us in December, 1957, after demobilisation, and signed professional forms a month later.

Atletico Bilbao, who visit us for a floodlight friendly on Wednesday evening, 2nd December (kick-off 7.30 p.m.), have the distinction of being the oldest soccer club in Spain. This should be an attractive fixture to look forward to and applications for tickets at usual League prices can now be accepted.

## BLACKBURN ROVERS 1959-60



Standing: D. Dougan, M. Woods, H. Leyland, K. Taylor, D. Whelan, M. McGrath.

Seated: B. Douglas, R. Vernon, R. Clayton, P. Dobia, A. MacLeod.



# CHELSEA

Colours—Shirts: Royal Blue (White Collars). Shorts: White.  
Stockings: Navy Blue, Blue and White Tops.

1. (Goal)

**Matthews**

2. (Right-back)

**Shellito**

3. (Left-back)

**Sillett (P.)**

4. (Right-half)

**Anderton**

5. (Centre-half)

**Mortimore**

6. (Left-half)

**Crowther**

7. (Outside-right)

**Brabrook**

8. (Inside-right)

**Greaves**

9. (Centre-forward)

**Livesey**

10. (Inside-left)

**Allen**

11. (Outside-left)

**Harrison**

*Referee:*

Mr. K. STOKES  
(Mansfield, Notts)



*Linesmen:*

Mr. V. M. GUY  
(Southampton)  
[Red Flag]

Mr. E. HARVEY  
(Warboys, Hunts.)  
[Yellow Flag]

**MacLeod**

11. (Outside-left)

**Vernon**

10. (Inside-left)

**Dougan**

9. (Centre-forward)

**Dobing**

8. (Inside-right)

**Isherwood**

7. (Outside-right)

**McGrath**

6. (Left-half)

**Woods**

5. (Centre-half)

**Clayton**

4. (Right-half)

**Whelan**

3. (Left-back)

**Bray**

2. (Right-back)

**Leyland**

1. (Goal)

# BLACKBURN ROVERS

Colours—Shirts: Blue and White Halves. Shorts: White. Stockings: Blue and White Rings.

## How Blackburn Rovers won the Cup Five times in Eight seasons

AS football fans in general scarcely need to be reminded, Blackburn Rovers are among the oldest of the clubs. Also, as even a casual glance at any book which records these things plainly tells, they have a high place among the famous, with successes to their credit almost beyond dreams.

Before referring to them, let me insert a stray personal thought. One of the things which always intrigues—even fascinates—as I reflect on the experiences of these famous clubs is the number of links which connect old times with the present problems. The story of Blackburn Rovers contains several such links.

Take a simple but at the same time an important point by way of a start. In these days the managers of many clubs puzzle over the problem of how to get the players in their charge to reveal, consistently, their true form on the grounds of their opponents.

In the very early days of the Rovers this problem didn't arise, for one all-sufficient reason. They had a football club, but no ground of their own. For a couple of seasons or so all the matches were played on the grounds of their miscellaneous opponents. In those regular away games the club was strikingly successful.

They went right through one season without defeat. In due course they did get a ground of their own—a farm field was rented on the Preston New Road. It was nothing to boast about. Around the centre of the pitch was a deep cow-pit which, instead of being filled in, was covered with wooden planks, which in turn were concealed with a precarious layer of sods. The stories about the happenings on that farmers field can be passed over, especially as I have a feeling that with the telling of them through the years the facts have got all mixed up with fiction.

### A Cup Final Hat-trick

Strangely, in this district of Lancashire where professionalism was born and nurtured—despite the regulations against such—the Rovers officials were opposed

to the idea as “being against the best interests of the game.” The players were mostly local lads, but on their own grounds and elsewhere the Rovers built up a reputation for being among the best lot in the land, and in 1882 the day of days dawned. The Rovers went to the Cup Final.

In those times, and for a considerable period subsequently, there was a football custom which seems to have died a natural death—that of printing In Memoriam cards prior to a big do. This was the wording on the cards relating to the Rovers' first Cup Final:

*All Hail yet gallant Rover lads!*

*Etonians think you are but cads.*

*They founds at football*

*fame their “dads”,*

*In meeting Blackburn Rovers.*

The sequel suggests that at least the printers of the cards, if not the Blackburn players themselves, were over-confident. On that historic occasion the Rovers were beaten by the Old Etonians.

In the following season another club with its home in the same town—Blackburn Olympic—took the Cup to this Lancashire football stronghold by beating the Old Etonians in the final tie. What happened to Blackburn Olympic afterwards doesn't matter much. What does matter is that forthwith the Rovers started on a hat-trick performance which has never been equalled—that of winning the F.A. Cup three times in succession.

On the first two occasions their opponents, Queen's Park, came all the way from Glasgow, but to complete their three wins in a row the Rovers had to meet West Bromwich Albion twice, winning the replay by two goals to nil.

### A Goal-scorer's Secret

Three seasons went by, and again the Rovers came into the forefront of the picture as Cup-fighters, apparently not worrying unduly about the League, which had come into existence, and of which the Rovers, now installed at Ewood Park, were among the original twelve.

Sheffield Wednesday were beaten by six goals to one in the 1890 final, and Notts

County by three to one in the following season. Only one club—Bury—has equalled the Rovers' half dozen in a final tie, and a lot of water flowed under Putney Bridge before Stan Mortensen equalled the William Townley hat-trick feat against the Wednesday.

Quite naturally, after his success, this Blackburn forward was asked about the secret of goalscoring. He summed the whole thing up in a very few words. "It's dead easy," he said. "I shoot to hit the goal-minder, and I nearly always miss him!" Is there a hint in that bit of advice for the current forwards who so often miss the target completely because they try to place the ball out of the reach of the goal-minder, as he was called in the olden days?

The Rovers were not among those who are so ready to blame an enforced change of attire for a defeat. On the journey to their sixth final at Kennington Oval the skip containing the clothing of the players went astray. As desperate efforts to buy or hire a complete set of shirts proved unsuccessful, some of the men were duly dolled up in what are called dress-shirts—that is with starched fronts and cuffs. But what matter? They beat Notts County "comfortably" as one player quite incorrectly described it.

### Not So Good Days

Now there comes the contrast part of the Rovers story. The Blackburn people who had gone well-nigh mad over Cup triumphs had to wait more than twenty years for something to shout about in respect of League returns. Eventually, however, a team was built up which did win the championship.

In 1912, and again two years later, Blackburn finished on top of the table. The big personality of a fine side was Bob Crompton, an automatic choice for England at right-back for a dozen years. Immediately after the club's second championship success came a sad day for Crompton. In the first round of the Cup competition their opponents were Swansea Town, then in the Second Division of the old Southern League.

"Don't worry" said Billy Bradshaw after he had failed with a penalty kick, "we shall win by eight!" The Rovers lost by one goal, and bang went the last chance of Crompton of adding a Cup medal to his trophies. So far as there can be adequate compensation, Crompton had it in 1928, when he was manager of the Rovers team which again won the Cup.

Until eight years later the Rovers shared with Aston Villa the distinction of having played in the First Division from the commencement. Along with the Villa the Rovers were relegated. They soon came back—champions of the second class, only to drop again after the second war.

The wonder finish of 1958, which ended in a dramatic last match victory at Charlton, is well remembered. And now they come to the Bridge again with a side which includes a player who may equal the record of Crompton—Ronnie Clayton, England's new captain.

### BLACKBURN ROVERS

Ground: Ewood Park.

Colours—Shirts: Blue and White Halves. Shorts: White. Stockings: Blue and White Rings.

Attendance Record: 61,783 v. Bolton Wanderers.

F.A. Cup Winners: 1884, 1885, 1886, 1890, 1891, 1928.

F.A. Cup Runners-up: 1882.

Division I Champions: 1912, 1914.

Relegated to Division II: 1936, 1948.

Division II Champions: 1939.

Division II Runners-up 1958.

### Chelsea v. Blackburn Rovers

#### Past League Results

Season	Home	Away	Season	Home	Away
1907-08	1-0	0-2	1930-31	3-2	0-2
1908-09	1-1	0-2	1931-32	1-2	2-2
1909-10	3-1	0-1	1932-33	2-2	3-1
1912-13	1-6	1-1	1933-34	3-0	2-4
1913-14	2-0	1-3	1934-35	4-2	2-1
1914-15	1-3	2-3	1935-36	5-1	0-1
1919-20	2-1	1-3	1946-47	0-2	2-1
1920-21	1-2	0-0	1947-48	1-0	1-1
1921-22	1-0	1-1	1958-59	0-2	3-0
1922-23	1-1	0-0	1959-60	Today Mar. 26	
1923-24	2-0	0-3			

#### F.A. Cup

1908-09	Round 2 (Away)	...	...	1-2
1930-31	Round 5 (Home)	...	...	3-0

#### SUMMARY

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
League: Home	20	11	3	6	35	28	25
Away	20	4	6	10	21	32	14
F.A. Cup	2	1	0	1	4	2	—
Total	42	16	9	17	60	62	—

### The Matches Last Season

Thursday, 25th December.

Beat BLACKBURN ROVERS (Away) 3-0. Half-time: 2-0.

Referee: Mr. L. N. Peake (Rotherham).

Attendance: 31,900.

Team: Matthews; Sillett (J.), Sillett (P); Mortimore, Scott, Crowther; Brabrook, Greaves, Gibbs, Saunders, Blunstone.

Scorers: Sillett (P.) 2 (1 pen.), Greaves.

Saturday, 27th December.

Lost to BLACKBURN ROVERS (Home) 0-2. Half-time: 0-1.

Referee: Mr. A. W. Sparling (Grimsby).

Attendance: 46,312.

Team: Matthews; Sillett (J.), Sillett (P.); Huxford, Scott, Crowther; Brabrook, Greaves, Gibbs, Saunders, Blunstone.

# Tables, Appearances & Goalscorers

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIV. I

	P	Home			Goals			A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W							
Tottenham H.	15	3	4	0	17	8	5	2	1	19	9	22		
Wolverhampton	15	6	1	0	25	7	3	1	4	20	22	20		
West Ham Utd.	15	5	0	2	15	7	3	3	2	12	12	19		
BLACKBURN	15	5	2	1	17	10	3	1	3	11	11	19		
Preston N.E.	15	4	2	1	15	12	4	1	3	18	15	19		
Fulham	15	7	0	1	22	12	2	1	4	11	23	19		
Burnley	15	5	0	2	18	15	3	2	3	13	14	18		
Arsenal	15	4	2	2	12	9	2	3	2	13	13	17		
Manchester C.	15	5	0	3	19	15	3	0	4	16	16	16		
CHELSEA	15	3	1	3	18	19	4	1	3	13	12	16		
Bolton W.	15	4	2	2	12	9	2	1	4	7	8	15		
Manchester Utd.	15	5	0	2	21	12	1	3	4	14	20	15		
Sheffield Wed.	15	5	1	1	14	4	1	1	6	6	14	14		
West Brom. A.	15	4	1	3	21	13	0	4	3	5	11	13		
Nott'm Forest	15	3	2	2	10	10	2	1	5	7	11	13		
Everton	15	4	2	2	16	8	0	2	5	8	17	12		
Blackpool	15	2	3	3	13	15	2	1	4	7	11	12		
Newcastle U.	15	2	2	4	6	13	2	1	4	15	17	11		
Leeds Utd.	15	1	3	3	12	14	2	2	4	9	19	11		
Leicester City	15	2	3	2	12	12	1	2	5	12	28	11		
Birmingham	15	2	3	3	13	14	1	1	5	7	14	10		
Luton Town	15	1	2	5	5	12	1	2	4	7	16	8		

### Appearances

BRABROOK	15	SCOTT	6
MATTHEWS	15	WHITTAKER	6
SILLETT (P.)	15	McMILLAN	5
BLUNSTONE	14	ALLEN	4
GREAVES	14	NICHOLAS	4
ANDERTON	13	TAMBLING	4
LIVSEY	13	CLISS	3
MORTIMORE	9	HARRISON	2
TINDALL	7	SILLETT (J.)	2
COMPTON	6	BRIDGES	1
CROWTHER	6	CORTHINE	1

Goalscorers: Greaves 12, Livesey 7, Brabrook 3, Sillett (P.) 3, Blunstone 2, Allen 1, Harrison 1, Tambling 1, Defender 1. Total 31.

## SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
CHELSEA	9	9	0	0	44	4	18
Charlton Athletic	11	8	0	3	28	21	16
Arsenal	11	7	1	3	32	13	15
Portsmouth	10	6	1	3	26	18	13
Fulham	9	3	4	2	27	22	10
Crystal Palace	9	3	3	3	16	11	9
Leyton Orient	7	4	1	2	25	18	9
Brentford	9	4	1	4	12	15	9
Bexleyheath	12	3	3	6	16	38	9
West Ham United	10	3	1	6	20	26	7
Tottenham Hotspur	6	3	0	3	12	14	6
Millwall	8	1	4	3	8	13	6
Luton Town	10	2	2	6	16	36	6
Watford	9	1	1	7	16	31	3
Southend United	8	1	0	7	12	30	2

### Appearances

C. SHAW	9	M. SCOTTING	2
G. BOLLAND	8	J. SMITH	2
BONETTI	8	TAMBLING	2
D. BUTLER	8	T. VENABLES	2
D. HARKNESS	8	R. DRAKE	1
T. MORE	8	R. HANLEY	1
M. ROBINSON	8	M. HARNESS	1
A. MURRAY	7	R. LENNOX	1
A. HARRIS	6	D. ROUND	1
R. SEAMAN	5	W. WAITES	1
R. CORNEY	4	A. WELLS	1
A. CAIRA	3		
D. GILLING			

WATER 2

Goalscorers: Shaw 15, Bolland 10, Harkness 8, Murray 5, Cairn 1, Hanley 1, Harris 1, Robinson 1, Tambling 1, Defender 1. Total 44.

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIV. I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	11	9	0	2	31	11	18
Leyton Orient	12	7	4	1	21	10	18
CHELSEA	11	8	1	2	30	10	17
Brighton & Hove Albion	13	5	7	1	25	15	17
Arsenal	12	8	0	4	29	15	16
Bournemouth & B'so'mbe	11	4	5	2	17	13	13
Portsmouth	11	6	1	4	31	24	13
Leicester City	13	5	2	6	20	17	12
Charlton Athletic	11	5	1	5	18	26	11
Luton Town	11	2	5	4	19	23	9
Nottingham Forest	11	4	1	6	17	24	9
West Ham United	11	4	1	6	16	33	9
Birmingham City	11	3	2	6	24	22	8
Bristol City	10	3	2	5	15	16	8
Ipswich Town	10	3	2	5	18	26	8
Southend United	11	3	1	7	11	29	7
Southampton	11	2	1	8	14	30	5
Swansea Town	11	1	2	8	11	23	4

### Appearances

BRIDGES	10	McMILLAN	6
CORTHINE	10	NICHOLAS	6
GIBBS	10	T. VENABLES	6
ROBERTSON	10	SCOTT	5
HARRISON	9	SHELLITO	4
SILLETT (J.)	8	ALLEN	3
WHITTAKER	8	TAMBLING	3
COMPTON	7	TINDALL	2
CLISS	6	BLOCK	1
CUNNINGHAM	6	BONETTI	1

Goalscorers: Bridges 7, Harrison 6, Gibbs 5, Allen 4, Cliss 4, Nicholas 2, Corthine 1, Tambling 1. Total 30.

## METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Dunstable Town	12	8	1	3	37	22	17
CHELSEA	13	8	1	4	31	20	17
Headington United	12	8	1	3	29	27	17
Eastbourne United	13	4	7	2	29	22	15
Canterbury City	11	6	2	3	28	18	14
Didcot Town	11	6	2	3	27	22	14
Arsenal	13	5	3	5	32	19	13
Fulham	14	5	3	6	39	38	13
West Ham United	12	6	1	5	27	26	13
Bedford Town	14	6	1	7	21	38	13
Tonbridge	11	5	2	4	17	14	12
Guildford City	10	4	2	4	22	16	10
Brighton & Hove Albion	14	3	4	7	25	30	10
Windsor & Eton	8	4	1	3	19	17	9
Luton Town	11	4	1	6	23	26	9
Dartford	12	3	2	7	21	28	8
Hastings United	11	3	2	6	16	27	8
Haywards Heath	12	3	2	7	11	31	8
Newbury Town	8	3	1	4	18	15	7
Crawley Town	10	2	1	7	15	31	5

### Appearances

SMITH (K.)	13	HILLARY	5
WALL	13	HOLTON	5
ABREY	12	LEGG	5
BLOCK	12	TENNANT	5
BRADBURY	11	DELLAR	4
LONG	9	CONROY	2
SHELLITO	9	ALLEN	1
RAY	8	CROWTHER	1
SMART	8	A. HARRIS	1
BERRY	6	E. AB IOWERTH	1
BLACKLEY	5	F. MORRIS	1
CARTER	5	SLUMAN	1

Goalscorers: Block 10, Smith (K.) 9, Abrey 3, Ray 3, Wall 3, Allen 2, Blackley 1. Total 31.

## Match Summaries

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, 24th October.  
 Beat EVERTON (Home) 1-0. Half-time: 0-0.  
 Referee: Mr. R. J. Leafe (Nottingham).  
 Attendance: 37,114.  
 Team: Matthews; Sillett (P.), Tindall; Anderton,  
 Mortimore, Crowther; Brabrook, Greaves,  
 Livesey, Cliss, Blunstone.  
 Scorer: Greaves.

Saturday, 31st October.  
 Lost to NOTTINGHAM FOREST (Away) 1-3. Half-  
 time: 1-2.  
 Referee: Mr. T. H. Cooper (Bolton).  
 Attendance: 30,188.  
 Team: Matthews; Sillett (J.), Sillett (P.);  
 Anderton, Mortimore, Crowther; Corthine,  
 Greaves, Brabrook, Cliss, Harrison.  
 Scorer: Harrison.

### LEADING GOALSCORERS

#### Division I

VIOLET (Manchester United)	.....14
SMITH (Tottenham Hotspur)	.....13
DEELEY (Wolverhampton Wanderers)	12
GREAVES (Chelsea)	.....12
McADAMS (Manchester City)	.....12
MURRAY (Wolverhampton Wanderers)	12
DOBING (Blackburn Rovers)	.....10

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 19th September.  
 Lost to WEST HAM UNITED (Away) 1-2. Half-  
 time: 0-1.  
 Team: Robertson; Sillett (J.), Shellito; T.  
 Venables, Cunningham, Gibbs; Corthine, Cliss,  
 Bridges, Nicholas, Harrison.  
 Scorer: Gibbs.

Saturday, 26th September.  
 Beat BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE ATHLETIC  
 (Home) 5-1. Half-time: 3-0.  
 Team: Robertson; Sillett (J.), Whittaker; T.  
 Venables, Cunningham, Compton; Corthine,  
 Cliss, Bridges, Gibbs, Harrison.  
 Scorers: Bridges 3, Cliss, Gibbs.

Saturday, 3rd October.  
 Beat SOUTHAMPTON (Home) 2-1. Half-time: 1-0.  
 Team: Robertson; Sillett (J.), Whittaker;  
 McMillan, Scott, Compton; Corthine, Gibbs,  
 Bridges, Nicholas, Tambling.  
 Scorers: Tambling, Gibbs.

Saturday, 10th October.  
 Beat NORTHAMPTON TOWN (Home) 5-0. Half-  
 time: 3-0.  
 Team: Robertson; Sillett (J.), Whittaker;  
 McMillan, Scott, Compton; Corthine, Cliss,  
 Gibbs, Nicholas, Harrison.  
 Scorers: Nicholas 2, Harrison 2, Gibbs.

Saturday, 17th October.  
 Beat PORTSMOUTH (Home) 2-1. Half-time: 1-0.  
 Team: Bonetti; Shellito, Whittaker; McMillan,  
 Cunningham, Compton; Corthine, Gibbs,  
 Bridges, Nicholas, Harrison.  
 Scorers: Bridges, Harrison.

Saturday, 24th October.  
 Beat ARSENAL (Away) 2-1. Half-time: 2-1.  
 Team: Robertson; Shellito, Whittaker; McMillan,  
 Scott, Compton; Corthine, Gibbs, Bridges,  
 Nicholas, Harrison.  
 Scorers: Gibbs, Harrison.

Saturday, 31st October.  
 Drew with BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION (Home)  
 0-0.  
 Team: Robertson; Shellito, Whittaker; T.  
 Venables, Scott, McMillan; Block, Gibbs,  
 Bridges, Nicholas, Tambling.

Talk of Stamford Bridge—continued from page 7

In future applications for reserved tickets can be accepted one month in advance—see note on page 16.

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On Monday week, 16th November (kick-off 7.30 p.m.), we meet a British Olympic XI in a floodlight friendly, preparatory to the selection of the team to represent Great Britain in the 1960 Olympics. Jim Lewis, who spent several seasons as a Chelsea player, is still in the forefront as an England amateur, and we hope to have the pleasure of welcoming him once again to this ground.

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### WOLVERHAMPTON EXCURSION

British Railways announce the following excursion train arrangements for our away League match with Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday, 28th November. Tickets (18/6d. each return) can be obtained from Paddington. They are available by the following trains:

Leave Paddington  
 10.10 a.m. or 11.10 a.m.  
 Arrive Wolverhampton (Low Level)  
 12.50 p.m. or 1.48 p.m.  
 Leave Wolverhampton (Low Level)  
 5.33 p.m. or 7.29 p.m.  
 Arrive Paddington  
 8.35 p.m. or 10.15 p.m.

Our Visitors Today—continued from page 6

at outside-right and inside-left, and **Andy McEvoy**, deputy when Vernon was out of action.

Further back on the road to stardom are the members of the team which won the Youth Cup last season, and while all of them may not mature into first team players, it would seem that the Rovers have plenty of talent available for the future.

The win at Leeds was Blackburn's third on opponents' grounds so far. The others have been at Leicester, where they won 3-2, and at Bolton, whom they defeated 3-0 at Burnden Park in the second match of the season. As Bolton won 2-0 here last month, a line through that form indicates the size of our task if the men from Ewood Park are at their best this afternoon.

They have also drawn 2-2 at Nottingham Forest, which leaves them with three defeats on tour. None of these has been particularly heavy, Wolves winning 3-1 at Molineux, Everton 2-0 at Goodison Park, and Manchester City by the odd goal in three at Maine Road.

# OUR JUNIORS AND THEIR TROPHIES



Back: D. Harkness, T. More, T. Venables, J. Ray, P. Conroy, M. Robinson. Standing: D. Foss (Youth Manager), B. Smart, R. Hanley, A. Harris, B. Carter, P. Bonetti, H. Medhurst (Trainer). Seated: D. Butler, A. Murray, G. Bolland, B. Bridges, R. Tambling.

Trophies at present held by our Juniors in front of group.

OVER the last few seasons our Juniors have been in the forefront of the honours list, and the above photograph includes the nine trophies held at present. Pride of place in the centre goes to the magnificent trophy gained at Easter in the Cannes International Festival. The other trophies are (from left to right): Best defence at Cannes, London Minor Cup, A.D.O. (Holland) Trophy, South-East Counties League Cup, and after the Cannes trophy come Ajax (Holland) Trophy, Best attack at Cannes, A.D.O. (Holland) trophy which we retain as our personal property and the South-East Counties League Championship Cup.

Over the last few seasons our Juniors have had a good record in home competitions and their record is as follows:

## SEASON 1954-55

South-East Counties League—champions.  
F.A. Youth Cup—defeated semi-finalists.  
London Minor Cup—winners.

## SEASON 1955-56

South-East Counties League—runners-up.  
Southern Junior Floodlight Cup—winners.

## SEASON 1956-57

South-East Counties League—champions.  
South-East Counties League Cup—winners.  
Southern Junior Floodlight Cup—defeated finalists.  
Hornchurch and District League—champions.  
Hornchurch and District League Cup—winners.

## SEASON 1957-58

South-East Counties League—champions.  
South-East Counties League Cup—winners.  
F.A. Youth Cup—defeated finalists.  
London Minor Cup—defeated finalists.  
Southern Junior Floodlight Cup—defeated semi-finalists.

## SEASON 1958-59

South-East Counties League—champions.  
South-East Counties League Cup—winners.  
Southern Junior Floodlight Cup—defeated finalists.  
London Minor Cup—winners.

# FIXTURES 1959-60

## Metropolitan League

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 22	Canterbury City ..	Away	3 1
" 29	HASTINGS UNITED ..	HOME	4 1
Sept. 2	DARTFORD ..	HOME	3 0
" 5	Tonbridge ...	Away	1 2
" 9	Dartford ...	Away	3 2
" 12	HEADINGTON U. ...	HOME	1 2
" 14	West Ham United ...	Away	4 2
" 19	BEDFORD TOWN ...	HOME	5 0
" 23	ARSENAL ...	S. BRIDGE	1 0
Oct. 3	Eastbourne United ...	Away	2 2
" 17	Luton Town ...	Away	1 3
" 24	Headington United ...	Away	1 4
" 31	DUNSTABLE TOWN ...	HOME	2 1
Nov. 21	Haywards Heath ...	Away	.....
" 28	Hastings United ...	Away	.....
Dec. 5	Didcot Town ...	Away	.....
" 12	Bedford Town ...	Away	.....
" 26	Canterbury City ...	Away	.....
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Jan. 2	FULHAM ...	HOME	.....
" 23	Didcot Town ...	Away	.....
" 30	GUILDFORD CITY ...	HOME	.....
Feb. 6	WEST HAM UNITED ...	HOME	.....
" 8	Fulham ...	Away	.....
" 13	Windsor & Eton ...	Away	.....
" 20	Crawley Town ...	Away	.....
Mar. 12	Tonbridge ...	Away	.....
" 19	Newbury Town ...	Away	.....
" 26	Windsor & Eton ...	Away	.....
Apr. 2	BRIGHTON & H.A. ...	HOME	.....
" 9	Haywards Heath ...	Away	.....
" 15	Guildford City ...	Away	.....
" 16	Eastbourne United ...	Away	.....
" 18	Dunstable Town ...	Away	.....
" 23	Newbury Town ...	Away	.....
" 30	Brighton & Hove Albion ...	Away	.....
Undated	Crawley Town ...	Away	.....
"	Arsenal ...	Away	.....
"	Luton Town ...	Away	.....

All Home matches will be played at Hendon.

## South-East Counties League

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Aug. 22	BEXLEYHEATH ...	Hendon	8 1
" 29	Watford ...	Away	4 0
Sept. 5	MILLWALL ...	Hendon	2 0
" 12	Tottenham H. ...	Away	7 2
" 19	Portsmouth ...	Away	5 0
" 26	CRYSTAL PALACE ...	Hendon	3 0
Oct. 10	CHARLTON ATH. ...	Hendon	4 0
" 24	West Ham United ...	Away	2 0
" 31	Luton Town ...	Away	9 1
Nov. 7	Brentford ...	Away	.....
" 21	TOTTENHAM H. ...	Hendon	.....
" 28	Millwall ...	Away	.....

## South-East Counties League Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 3	(1) Millwall ...	Away	2 1

## F.A. Youth Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 17	(1) W. THURROCK A. ...	S. BRIDGE	10 0
Nov. 10	(2) Colchester United ...	Away	.....

## Southern Junior Floodlight Cup 1958-59 Final

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 14	WEST HAM UNITED ...	S. BRIDGE	0 1

## Southern Junior Floodlight Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 13	(1) Brentford ...	Away	2 0

## Metropolitan League

### Challenge Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Nov. 7	(2) Headington United ...	Away	.. ..

## Metropolitan League

### Professional Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Sept. 26	(1) Guildford City ...	Away	2 0
Nov. 14	(2) Tonbridge ...	Away	.....

## London F.A. Challenge Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Oct. 5	(1) WEMBLEY ...	HOME	16 0
" 15	(2) Arsenal ...	Away	2 1
Nov. 2	(SF) Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	4 1

## London Minor Cup

1959	Opponents	Venue	F.A.
Nov. 14	(1) BEXLEYHEATH ...	Hendon	.....

## HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

### FIRST DIVISION

- A Birmingham v. Luton Town .....
- B Burnley v. Wolverhampton .....
- C Leeds Utd. v. Arsenal .....
- D Leicester C. v. Sheffield W. ....
- E Manchester Utd. v. Fulham .....
- F Newcastle Utd. v. Everton .....
- G P.N.E. v. Nott'm Forest .....
- H Tottenham v. Bolton W. ....
- J W.B.A. v. Blackpool .....
- K West Ham v. Manchester C. ....

### SECOND DIVISION

- L Cardiff City v. Swansea T. ....
- M Charlton A. v. Sunderland .....
- N Derby C. v. Leyton O. ....
- O Liverpool v. Aston Villa .....
- P Rotherham v. Brighton .....

### THIRD DIVISION

- R Brentford v. Chesterfield .....
- S Southampton v. Q.P. Rangers .....
- T Southend v. Accrington .....

### FOURTH DIVISION

- U Crystal Palace v. Rochdale .....
- V Notts County v. Millwall .....
- W Watford v. Barrow .....

## FORTHCOMING MATCHES

### AT THIS GROUND

SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER  
(Kick-off 2.30 p.m.)

### IPSWICH TOWN

Football Combination

MONDAY, 16th NOVEMBER  
(Kick-off 7.30 p.m.)

### BRITISH OLYMPIC XI

Floodlight Friendly

SATURDAY, 21st NOVEMBER  
(Kick-off 3 p.m.)

### ARSENAL

Football League

ALL RESERVED SEATS SOLD

SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER  
(Kick-off 2.15 p.m.)

### LEYTON ORIENT

Football Combination

WEDNESDAY, 2nd DECEMBER  
(Kick-off 7.30 p.m.)

### ATLETICO BILBAO

Floodlight Friendly

## Seat Reservations for League Matches

Prices of reserved seats at home League matches are 6/-, 8/-, 10/- and 12/-. Applications (by post only) will be accepted one calendar month in advance, and should be accompanied by remittance and stamped addressed envelope. It will be appreciated if separate application is made for each match. Seats may be purchased, if still available, by personal application at the club offices in the week preceding the match.