

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.

ARSENAL 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.