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The Talk of Stamford Bridge

VICTORY against Rotherham United last Saturday started us off in the best possible way in an attempt to gain promotion back to the First Division at the first possible attempt. Since the war Sheffield Wednesday have won their way back in the first season no less than three times (in 1952, 1956 and 1959), while others to have done so are Manchester City (in 1951), Huddersfield Town (in 1953) and Aston Villa (in 1960).

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By the nature of things the Second Division of the Football League is rather like a transit station, as it is composed of teams which have been relegated from the First Division or promoted from the Third Division. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that not one club has been in the Division in each of the post-war seasons. Swansea Town, who come to Stamford Bridge next month, have been in membership since their promotion in 1949 while our opponents last Saturday, Rotherham United, have been in the Division since 1951.

The game at Rotherham, as the 1-0 score suggests, was a hard one, with our new captain, Bobby Tambling, getting the only goal of the match with a header in the 30th minute. Our team showed four changes from the side with which we ended last season at Burnley. Peter Bonetti resumed in goal after his unlucky accident towards the end of last season, Barry Bridges who missed the last game returned to lead our attack, Albert Murray resumed on the right wing and Eddie McCreadie, our new signing from East Stirling, had his first League game in our colours at left-back.

Commentaries of all first team matches are relayed to local Hospitals by members of Chelsea TOC H.