

month. But as far as Chelsea are concerned he's passed his football "A" levels—we signed him last week as a full professional after he had done well in the season's opening reserve games.

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**Programme style:** With so many other matters claiming space in the season's two previous issues, this is the first opportunity we have had to talk about the 1972-73 Chelsea Programme. We like to introduce new features each season—though not to the exclusion of popular, long-established contents—and "Page from the Past" is included in response to many fans, particularly young ones, asking for some Chelsea "history". The new "He's My Guy" feature looks like becoming one of our best-read series (in the dressing-room as well as in the stands and on the terraces!), and for those who like word games we hope the Anagram, devised with each particular fixture in mind, will exercise the mind before and after the game.

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**The ten-day gap:** From correspondence it would seem that quite a lot of people are under a misapprehension about this season's "standard punishments" experiment regarding players sent off (thus receiving an automatic three-match suspension unless appealing) or totalling 12 penalty points (two-match suspension). It should be remembered that in neither case does suspension begin immediately—it takes effect ten days after the match in which the player was sent off or reached the 12-point total. In other words, there is always a ten-day gap, and more, of course, in cases pending appeal.

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**On the bookshelf:** Football's literature is enriched by the publication in the past few days of two books as extreme in size as they are in content. The third edition of *Rothmans Football Yearbook* (Queen Anne Press, £1.20) packs more accurate and essential reference into its 992 pages than ever before. As usual, this is a giant-size publication, and those who like a pocket-size reference will welcome the first appearance of *The Observer's Book of Association Football* (Frederick Warne, 45p). Edited by our own Programme Editor, Albert Sewell, its 208 pages cover the game at World, European and domestic

## Front cover shot

**T**HIS one from Chris Garland went over the bar . . . another great shot by him hit the bar . . . and for his winner at Derby last Saturday please turn to the middle pages.

### FIRST DIVISION—POSITIONS TO DATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool .. .. .	4	3	1	0	7	2	7
Arsenal .. .. .	4	3	1	0	9	3	7
Everton .. .. .	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Tottenham .. .. .	4	3	0	1	7	4	6
CHELSEA .. .. .	4	2	1	1	8	4	5
Southampton .. .. .	4	1	3	0	3	2	5
Ipswich .. .. .	4	2	1	1	8	6	5
West Ham .. .. .	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Newcastle .. .. .	4	2	1	1	7	6	5
Leeds .. .. .	4	2	1	1	7	7	5
Wolves .. .. .	4	2	0	2	9	9	4
Derby .. .. .	4	1	2	1	3	3	4
Norwich .. .. .	4	1	2	1	3	5	4
Stoke .. .. .	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
Sheffield United .. .. .	4	1	1	2	5	7	3
Crystal Palace .. .. .	4	0	3	1	2	4	3
MAN. CITY .. .. .	4	1	0	3	3	4	2
Coventry .. .. .	4	0	2	2	3	5	2
Birmingham .. .. .	4	1	0	3	4	8	2
Leicester .. .. .	4	0	2	2	4	8	2
W.B.A. .. .. .	4	0	2	2	1	4	2
Manchester United .. .. .	4	0	1	3	2	7	1

### APPEARANCES

COOKE .. .. .	4	OSGOOD .. .. .	4
GARLAND .. .. .	4	WEBB .. .. .	4
HARRIS .. .. .	4	BONETTI .. .. .	3
HOLLINS .. .. .	4	DEMPSEY .. .. .	2
HUDSON .. .. .	4	DROY .. .. .	2
KEMBER .. .. .	4	PHILLIPS .. .. .	1
McCREADIE .. .. .	4	HOUSEMAN .. .. .	(1)

*Goalscorers:* Garland 5, Cooke 1, Harris 1, Osgood 1. Total 8.

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