

In off the post

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U.E.F.A. CUP CHANCES

I HAVE been trying to calculate Chelsea's chances of qualifying for the U.E.F.A. Cup next season. Are the answers to the following questions known?

1. If Stoke win the F.A. Cup would Chelsea be entitled to their place in the U.E.F.A. Cup (in the past losing F.A. Cup Finalists have been placed in the Cup-Winners' Cup, when the F.A. Cup winners are qualified for the European Cup)?

2. If Spurs or Wolves win the U.E.F.A. Cup would England be entitled to four or five representatives?

3. If Spurs won the U.E.F.A. Cup and qualified for next season's competition as holders would this de-bar Chelsea from qualifying on League position under the one-City-one-team rule?

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● *As we understand the position, England is entitled to a maximum of four entries in the U.E.F.A. Cup (including the League Cup Winners unless they qualify for either of the other European tournaments). Also, we MUST finish top London Club to retain our hopes of qualifying . . . but at the time of writing it is still not clear whether the winners of the U.E.F.A. Cup will, in future, automatically qualify for entry the following season. Point 1 above does not arise, of course, following Stoke's F.A. Cup semi-final defeat on Wednesday.*

FINDING THEM YOUNG!

THERE cannot be a Chelsea supporter much younger than my nephew,

David. He was already wrapped in Chelsea blue when he was just ten days old, and he attended his first match (East Stand G, row F, seat 3) against West Ham at the grand old age of nine weeks. He wore a blue and white bobble-hat, 12-inch scarf and tiny football boots.

However, his connection with Chelsea started even earlier. While still in the operating theatre, after being told she'd had a boy, my sister announced to astonished nurses and doctor: "He's going to play for Chelsea!" How's that . . . a Chelsea recruit just minutes old?

Still, it had to happen—the house already contains a cat named Chelsea and a tortoise called Baldwin.

And when Master David Shilton comes to another match at The Bridge before the end of the season, let's hope David Webb can oblige with a hat-trick!

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GOAL POWER

WITH reflection on Chelsea "scoring power" this season without Ian Hutchinson, I feel they must go out and buy a striking forward.

It seems to me that if Peter Osgood doesn't find the net and Chelsea do score, it is nearly always someone coming from the back who does, i.e. Hollins, Webb.

If we want to be consistently successful this situation cannot continue. We must have more than one forward getting double figures.

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