

CUP SECRET REVEALED

COULD you please tell me whether the Cup pictured on the front cover of the Chelsea versus Leicester programme is the real thing, an imitation or a copy?

G. Parley.

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● *It was a picture of "the real thing" superimposed on a dressing-room photograph of Peter Bonetti, Barry Bridges, Ron Harris and John Mortimore.*

A CHELSEA VERSE

I RESPECTFULLY contribute the following verse, which I trust you may find interesting:

Stamford Bridge,
Renowned for Sport's Fame,
Is the highlight now
of the soccer game;
A youthful side,
so eager with zest,
Must surely now,
rank with the best.
Whatever the "Doc"
injects into his team,
It's a healthy prescription,
to make them all beam!
This Chelsea side,
to all it would seem,
Is the finest yet
that's ever been seen.

With best wishes for continued success.

J. W. Knapton.

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Orpington, Kent.

TAKING STOCK

I FULLY understand what prompts Leslie A. Semmens (Feb. 6 programme) to say that lack of dynamic personalities is the reason for moderate gates, but in fairness let us take stock of what we have got.

Remember the fantastic offers made for any permutation of our wonderful defence to maintain the flow of the Brain Drain to White Hart Lane.

Our half-backs would perform with distinction in any company, club or national, and whilst abroad I heard two of our forwards spoken of with the utmost

respect by red-hot Man. Utd. and West Ham supporters.

Most of our team are only lads, but the finest in the land. Maturity will come inevitably, after all, Rome, Mackay and Blanchflower were not built in a day.

Atmosphere is what is badly needed at the "Bridge"; therefore acoustics must come *before anything else*. Yes, even before facilities and comfort. Just remember the roar our supporters gave this season at the more compact grounds at Highbury, Upton Park and White Hart Lane.

So we know the support is there, but it is lost in the void of the "Bridge". As for the team, thanks, Tommy Docherty.

Bill Baker.

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WELL DONE, MR. CHAIRMAN

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Mears for his stand against B.B.C. Television. It's high time these gentlemen realised that this Chelsea is no joke and should not be treated as such.

May the lads go on to win the Cup and the League — then we can give them all a good laugh!

S. H. Chilcott.

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DYNAMOS — MOSCOW, NOT DOCHERTY'S

COULD you please tell me the score and the team when Chelsea played Moscow Dynamos in November 1945, when it was estimated that there were 100,000 people in the ground?

Stephen Walsh (Age 13).

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● *Score: Chelsea 3 (Goulden, Williams, Lawton), Moscow Dynamos 3.*

Team: Woodley; Tennant, Bacuzzi (Fulham); Russell, Harris, Taylor (Fulham); Buchanan, Williams, Lawton, Goulden, Bain.

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