

TALK - BACK

Today's subject in our special series of interviews is

DAVID WEBB



Most admired opponents:	Derek Dougan for one. He's a crafty old codger . . . you can't fox him easily . . . he's the sort who keeps you on your toes. Martin Chivers is another. When we were at Southampton I'd say to him, "You could be a helluva player if only you'd believe in yourself." He's come out of his shell now—terrific! I'm thrilled by his success and looking forward to playing against Big Chivs when Spurs come here next month . . . if I'm in the side.
Hobbies:	Meeting people and going to interesting places. I also coach a works team near where I live at Chigwell on Monday nights.
Business interests outside football:	The Kleen-a-Kit business I started last season is growing and John Dempsey has now come into partnership. We're serving a lot of Saturday and Sunday amateur sides in East and West London. If you want your whole team's kit cleaned each week for a pound (25 bob for express service) you know where to come.
Best pal at Chelsea:	I'd like to think they're all my mates, but I suppose Eddie McCreadie's my best mucker. We have a very good understanding, him and me.
Best move of my life:	Coming to Chelsea. I'll always have great affection for Orient, my first club, and with Southampton I had my first achievement in pro. football, helping them win promotion in my first 12 games. They're a fine club, but to me the bind was being away from London. This is where my roots are, and my wife Jackie's the same.
Secret ambition:	At 12 I'd decided I would be a professional footballer, but before that I wanted to be a speedway rider. I've had a few goes on bikes, and Barry Briggs is one of my best mates—I watch him ride when I can. I think I did the right thing coming into this game, though.
Biggest thrill of career:	Scoring the goal that won the F.A. Cup two seasons ago was quite a thing, but the welcome home next day was even greater. The scene at Euston when we got off the train and then coming down King's Road . . . I'll never forget the way the fans greeted us.
The football man I most respect:	To me Dave Mackay is a god, always has been, always will be. I'd like to think I was half the fellow. He wants to win, plays his heart out every game, gives everything he's got. Someone wrote to me and said I'm the nearest thing they've seen to Dave on a football field. That's the nicest thing anyone ever said to me.