

IN OFF THE POST

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LETTERS OPENED BY PROGRAMME EDITOR, ALBERT SEWELL

POSTPONEMENT PROTEST

I WOULD be most grateful if I could air a grievance as an ardent Chelsea fan, and I am sure many other Chelsea supporters will be with me on this.

I refer to the postponement last Saturday of the Chelsea v. Spurs match because of international match calls on the players of both clubs.

Due to my occupation as a police officer on the coast of Kent I am unable, unfortunately, to see many matches of Chelsea F.C. It so happens that I was on annual leave last week and would have been able to see the Chelsea-Spurs game on Saturday, but will not be able to see it on Oct. 26.

I should like to protest to the F.A. as a member of Chelsea Supporters' Club through the medium of Chelsea Football Club that in future International matches should be played in mid-week because it is positively stupid for seven First Division fixtures to be postponed for the sake of two Internationals.

When football is crying out for bigger gates these days, this is certainly not the way to produce them.

H. E. A. Flower.

21, Stone Barn Avenue,
Birchington, Kent.

MID-WEEK HALF-TIMES

IS it possible at mid-week games to give the half-time scores of other matches being played? I am sure many people would be interested.

M. G. C. Cox.

92, Keslake Road,
N.W.6

● *The Exchange Telegraph Company's service of half-time scores is supplied on Saturday's only.*

DICK SPENCE'S RECORD

AS Harry Medhurst is injured and Norman Medhurst has taken over as first-team trainer, could you please tell me who, at the moment, is the Combination team trainer?

Graham C. Parley.

162, Wiltshire Close,
Chelsea, S.W.3

● *Answer is Dick Spence, our evergreen Youth team trainer who, incidentally, has just completed 32 years' service with Chelsea on the playing and training staff. It was in October 1934 that he joined us as a right-winger from Barnsley — which makes him by far the longest-serving member of our staff. Congratulations, Dick!*

SANTOS VISIT OFF

IS there any chance of seeing Santos F.C., of Brazil, at Stamford Bridge when they make their three-match tour of Britain later this year?

P. Fearon.

9, The Boltons,
S.W.10

● *The proposed tour by Santos will not now take place. The Brazilian F.A. have refused to approve the trip.*

EMERGENCY 'KEEPER

COULD you please tell me who goes in goal if Peter Bonetti is injured during a match?

I was among the Chelsea supporters at Villa Park and none of them seemed to know.

F. C. Brouner.

254, Olney Road,
Walworth, S.E.17

● *Answer: Joe Kirkup.*