



## IT'S **YOUR** DECISION

*THIS series is intended both to entertain and give enlightenment on the Laws of the Game. It will also help you to appreciate the sort of problem that can suddenly and unexpectedly face a referee, whether on park pitch or First Division ground.*

*He is expected to produce the right answer every time and, mostly, within seconds of the situation arising. Put yourself in his position as you ponder the questions. What would you do? The answers are on page 14.*

- 1** From a free-kick outside his own penalty-area, a player sends the ball direct into his own net. Is it a goal?
- 2** A linesman is unwittingly standing inside the field of play when the ball (that would otherwise have gone into touch) strikes him and rebounds into play. Decision please?
- 3** Player pushes the ball past an opponent, runs round him to collect the ball, but in so doing he goes over the touchline. Is this permissible?

If you have a question to put on the Laws of the Game, we shall be pleased to consider it for inclusion in this feature. Please write to: "It's Your Decision", Chelsea Football Club, Stamford Bridge Grounds, Fulham Road, London, S.W.6.

of this sort we shall not hesitate to take such action as we deem appropriate. It could mean, regrettably, that the many who know how to behave are made to suffer for the irresponsible actions of the comparative few who do not. To all spectators — adult as well as juvenile — we repeat: **Please keep off the pitch and the surrounding track at all times.**

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**Changing face of Soccer:** When Chelsea Football Club was founded 61 years ago, the goalkeeper was the "custodian," the centre-half was the "pivot", half-time was "lemon-time". The reporters wrote such gems as "end-to-end play ensued, with each goal being visited in turn", and when someone scored he "suspended the spheroid in the rigging". In 1966 we still have the goalkeeper, but other players are strikers, sweepers, linkmen — and a number of spectators have suggested it is time we "got with it" on the team-page of our programme, and used the numbers purely for identification of players, not positions. In order to obtain a wider feeling on the subject, we set out the teams in old and new style on the centre pages today, and would appreciate it if you would send us your view on the form at the foot of page 13.

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**Cup Draw:** In the first round of the London F.A. Challenge Cup, we are drawn away to Barnet. Rest of the draw (ties to be played on October 3): Fulham v. Leytonstone; Leyton Orient v. West Ham; Millwall v. Crystal Palace; Q.P.R. v. Bexley United or Wembley; Tottenham v. Charlton; Wealdstone or Walthamstow Avenue v. Arsenal; Wimbledon v. Brentford.

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**On the move:** Manager Tommy Docherty and his family moved last week from Barnet to a house at Wimbledon; Charlie Cooke and his wife and baby daughter are now living in Barry Bridges' former house at New Malden; Peter Osgood and his wife and young son have changed their address at Windsor; and Tommy Robson (married in June) and his wife have set up home at Sunbury-on-Thames.