

# The Talk of Stamford Bridge

CONGRATULATIONS to Mel Scott, Peter Brabrook and Jimmy Greaves on their selection for the England Under 23 team to play Hungary Under 23 at Everton next Wednesday evening.

Mel Scott will be playing his fourth match for the Under 23's, as he played against Poland, Czechoslovakia and France last season.

Peter Brabrook has already played seven times for the Under 23's and gained full England Caps against Russia in the 1958 World Cup and against Ireland last season.

Jimmy Greaves has also played seven times for the Under 23 team and gained full England Caps against Peru, Mexico and United States in the recent summer tour.

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British Railways announce the following excursion train arrangements for our away League match with West Bromwich Albion on Saturday, 3rd October. Tickets (17/6 each return can be obtained from Paddington and are available to Hawthorns Halt. They are available by the following trains:—

Leave Paddington 10.10 a.m. or 11.10 a.m. Change at Birmingham (Snow Hill), thence by any train to Hawthorns Halt. Return by any train to Snow Hill. Leave Birmingham (Snow Hill) 6 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Arrive Paddington 8.30 p.m. or 10.15 p.m.

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One or two people have been rather disgruntled when coming into the office to buy tickets for future matches to find that these are not on sale and can only be applied for through the post. This method of distribution may appear to be a complete absurdity to someone standing in the office with the money in his hand and the tickets only a couple of yards away from him. He is quite right in thinking that it is a complicated way of doing things, but, from our point of view, we believe it to be the fairest. Tickets are put on sale four weeks before the match. They are sold through the post for three weeks thus giving all our genuine sup-

porters ample opportunity of getting them. If any tickets remain, these are sold over the counter during the last week. By using this method we feel that supporters have every chance of getting tickets without having to queue for them, which they would otherwise have to do for big matches with the added probability of many tickets falling into the wrong hands.

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The Football Association have asked us to announce that the F.A. Diary for 1960 (price 4/-) is now on sale and can be obtained from any stationer or direct from the Football Association, 22 Lancaster Gate, W.1.

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We have been drawn at home against Wembley in the first round tie of the London F.A. Challenge Cup. The match will be played on Monday, 5th October and will be an evening floodlight fixture (kick-off 7.30 p.m.). Wembley, an amateur side, compete in the Corinthian League and finished in fourth place at the end of last season. They lost to Hendon in the semi-final of the London Senior Cup. They have made a good start to this season by getting five out of the first six League points at stake. This afternoon they are playing Hounslow in the 1st Qualifying Round of the F.A. Cup.

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The Kentish Cup match between the British and French Armies will be played at this ground on Wednesday evening, 6th April, 1960.

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Jimmy Greaves' first goal against Birmingham City on Wednesday evening must have strong claims for the title of the "best goal of the season." He gained possession of the ball just inside our half, with the game only three minutes old, and went straight through to score on his own. On the way to goal he beat five defenders and left the goalkeeper helpless with a hard drive.