

over us last season, we shall go into the match fully appreciating their ability.

We are still receiving letters of congratulation on our Third Round triumph over Spurs, the original favourites for this season's F.A. Cup tournament. This was indeed a splendid team effort, with the sudden and unexpected return of Bobby Tambling a big psychological factor.

The crowd of 70,123 for the Spurs replay was the biggest at Stamford Bridge for nine years — since 75,043 saw us beat Wolves 1-0 on Easter Saturday in April 1955, our Championship year. And inevitably with crowds of that size (especially at night) there are problems.

We feel an apology and word of explanation is due to those ticket-holders who were delayed in getting into the ground last week until after the match had started. The police temporarily closed the ticket-holders' gate because it was being rushed by non-ticket holders outside when other gates were closed. Not until those non-ticket holders had cleared from the approaches was it possible to resume admitting ticket-holders. It will be appreciated that the police acted in the best interests of public safety. Meanwhile, we are working on new arrangements which will make it easier for ticket-holders to gain admission on big-match days.

All reserved seats for next Saturday's F.A. Cup-tie have been sold.

Season-ticket holders, please note: Our tie with Tottenham indicated that some season-ticket holders have either forgotten or overlooked the procedure (printed in season-ticket books) for obtaining tickets for F.A. Cup replays at Stamford Bridge.

When an away tie is drawn on Saturday, the Club Office is open on the Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the sale of replay tickets to season-ticket holders. They must apply at the latest by noon on the Monday, following which any unclaimed are placed on general sale.

Personal application is essential and season-ticket books should be produced. Please note that, because of the time factor, replay tickets are NOT issued on accounts.

MATCH SUMMARIES

F.A. Cup—Third Round (Replay)

Wednesday, 8th January.

Beat TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (Home) 2-0. Half-time: 1-0.

Chelsea—Dunn; Hinton, McCreadie; Harris (R.), Mortimore, Upton; Murray, Tambling, Bridges, Venables, Blunstone.

Scorers: Tambling, Murray.

Tottenham—Hollowbread; Baker, Hopkins; Beal, Norman, Marchi; Jones, Clayton, Allen, Greaves, Dyson.

Referee: Mr. J. Finney (Hereford).

Attendance: 70,123.

Receipts: £11,426 (record for any Chelsea match at Stamford Bridge).

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, 11th January.

Lost to LIVERPOOL (Away) 1-2. Half-time: Winning 1-0.

Liverpool—Lawrence; Thomson, Moran; Milne, Lawler, Stevenson; Callaghan, Hunt, Arrowsmith, St. John, Thompson.

Scorers: Hunt, Arrowsmith.

Chelsea—Dunn; Hinton, Harris (A.); Harris (R.), Mortimore, Upton; Murray, Tambling, Bridges, Venables, Blunstone.

Scorer: Bridges.

Referee: Mr. A. W. Sparling (Grimsby).

Attendance: 45,848.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 11th January.

Lost to PORTSMOUTH (Home) 0-1.

Team—R. Willis; S. Henderson, Watson; Hollins, Young, Sorrell; Fascione, McCalliog, Mulholland, Houseman, Knox.

Commentaries on all first team matches are relayed to local hospitals by members of Chelsea TOC H.

Tickets for the Huddersfield Cup-tie are being sent automatically to season-ticket holders. But in accordance with our usual practice, tickets will NOT be sent to season-ticket holders who have not yet settled for the Tottenham tie. When remitting, please ensure that you return the account form, otherwise we may be unable to trace payment.

Absence last Saturday of Eddie McCreadie leaves Frank Blunstone and Terry Venables as our only ever-present first-team players this season.

Our Juniors play their postponed Third Round F.A. Youth Cup-tie against Arsenal at Highbury on Monday (7 p.m.).