

## THE CHELSEA FOOTBALL & ATHLETIC CO. LTD.

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## The Talk of Stamford Bridge

AFTER a good F.A. Cup third round win at Blackpool and an even better one away to Manchester United in the League last Saturday, we return to Stamford Bridge in optimistic mood for today's encounter with Everton. As well as being glad to have the Blues in action here again, you will be pleased to see your League Cup Final ticket application form in the centre of today's Programme, and our third Wembley in six seasons has certainly proved, to Club and Supporters alike, the value of our Cup Final ticket allocation system based on Programme

vouchers.

But amid thoughts about one Final and hopes of becoming the first club to reach two such Wembley events in the same season, we are not yet discounting our chance in the Championship. What was a ten-point gap between ourselves and the leaders a month ago is now down to seven, and with 16 games to go we still rate our chance, particularly if, this afternoon, we can improve on the draw we have had from the visit of Everton in each of the past five seasons. Six of the eight teams at present above us in the table are playing each other today, and with a similar situation likely to crop up in the weeks ahead, yes, we believe we can go on closing the gap.

Next Saturday's match: A week today we shall all have our minds very much on the F.A. Cup again, with the fourth round visit of Bolton Wanderers to Stamford Bridge. When they were here earlier in the season, in the same round of the League Cup, they played well above Third Division standard—not that we were at our best that night-and carned a 1-1 draw, but we carried off the replay in fine style by 6-0. Next Saturday we start against them all over again. Please note that no reserved seats are available for general sale (they have all been taken by Seasonticket holders and by the allocation to the visiting Club, as per F.A. Cup rule), but if any are returned to us by Bolton they will be put on sale on the day of the match.