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Football League Division One-Season 1971/72

Wednesday, 29th March

SHEFFIELD UNITED

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 5P



Chelsea

Colours:

Shirts: Royal Blue. Shorts: Royal Blue with

White Seam. Stockings: White.



Sheffield Utd.

Colours:

Shirts: Red and White Stripes

Shorts: Black.

Stockings: White with Red-

banded Top.

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MULLIGAN —	_2	BADGER
BOYLE —	_3	HEMSLEY
HOLLINS (Captain)	_4	MACKENZIE
DEMPSEY —	_5	COLQUHOUN
WEBB -	_6	SALMONS (Captain)
COOKE -	_7	WOODWARD
GARLAND -	_8	SCULLION
OSGOOD -	_9	REECE
HUDSON -	_10	CURRIE
HOUSEMAN -	_11	FORD
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Linesman (Red Flag):

Mr. T. R. Hall (Hatfield) Referee:
Mr. TOMMY
DAWES
(Bury St. Edmunds)

Substitute

Linesman (Orange Flag):

Mr. J. W. Craigie (Chatham)



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The Talk of Stamford Bridge

BOUT this time last season we expressed the hope that Sheffield United would win back their First Division place, so that we would have the pleasure of not only welcoming them to Stamford Bridge once more, but also our very good friend, their Manager John Harris, who will always be remembered among the very finest players ever to wear Chelsea blue.

What was then a long way off is now the present time. Sheffield United are here tonight, and we are delighted to see John here again. Up at Bramall Lane last September we were beaten by the only goal. Naturally, we hope to square the season's account now, but whatever the result this is one of those occasions which bring the extra pleasure of welcoming old friends.

Fixture problems: In the hope that we might once more be involved in European football at this advanced stage of the season, this Chelsea v. Sheffield United fixture was brought forward from Good Friday when the draft of the 1971-72 fixtures was issued last summer. Therefore, there will be no football at Stamford Bridge over Easterwe are away to Wolves on Monday afternoon (k.o. 3 p.m.)—and the next home match will be against Crystal Palace on Saturday week, April 8. All reserved seats have been sold for that game, and also for the visit of Newcastle on April 22.

The dates of three of our remaining League fixtures are now in doubt. We still have to re-arrange the home game with Stoke City, which was postponed on League Cup Final day, and because of the European Championship match between England and West Germany at Wembley on April 29, a new date will have to be found for our visit to Leeds, originally scheduled for that day. Possibly it will have to wait until after the Cup Final on May 6, and, depending on the names in the squad selected for special training for the England-West Germany match, we may also have to re-arrange the away game with West Bromwich, at present listed for Wednesday, April 26.



IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE "DECORATED" BY CHARLIE ...!

If you are planning to do some Spring decorating, Charlie Cooke could well be useful to you. He's in the home-decorating and hardware business, and here he is with partner John Franks outside their shop, "Chelsea Decor", which you can find in Burlington Road, New Malden.

Can you help? If you know where there's a photograph or print of the first team to win the F.A. Cup (Wanderers, who beat Royal Engineers 1-0 at Kennington Oval in 1872), BBC television producer Leslie Kettley would be glad to hear from you.

He is putting together a special programme to mark the centenary of the competition this year, but an exhaustive search has failed to produce a photograph of that first Cup-winning team. Says Leslie, who can be contacted by telephone at 01-743 8000, ext. 6435: "Any one of five Wanderers teams would do—they won the Cup that many times in its first seven seasons. A picture of the 1872 side would be best of all, but it begins to look as if there isn't one in existence. Not even the F.A. are able to help."

Different strip: In answer to questions about the change of design in the shirts we wore recently at Nottingham, the colour was our usual blue, of course, but with open yellow-edged collar and the club crest, twin stars and "Wembley 1972" inscription also in yellow. The change strip will be worn occasionally rather than regularly.

Cooke's tour: Charlie Cooke is named in Scotland's squad for the "mini World Cup" to be held in Brazil in June. Scotland will play at least three Internationals there, possibly five, depending on their progress.

Important note to Season-ticket holders: please advise our Ticket Office immediately—unless you have already done so—of any change of address since your present book was issued.

TABLES, APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

(Not including Saturday's details)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man. City	34	14	3	1	42	12	6	6	4	24	24	49
Derby	33	13	4	0	37	9	6	4	6	20	20	46
Leeds	32	13	4	0	40	8	5	4	6	12	14	44
Liverpool	33	13	3	1	39	14	4	5	7	10	13	42
Wolves	33	9	7	0	32	16	6	3	8	23	29	40
Tottenham	32	12	3 2 7	2	35	10	2 5	7	6	13	23	38
Man. Utd.	32	10	2	4	28	18	5	6	5	26	27	38
SHEFF. U.	33	8	7	2	36	21	6	3	7	18	26	38
Arsenal	31	10	1	3	25	9	6	4	7	19	22	37
CHELSEA	31	8	6	2	29	15	4	4	7	11	17	34
Newcastle	33	8	4	4	25	15	4	4	9	15	29	32
W. Ham	34	8 8	5	4	26	15	2	5	10	13	24	
Everton	35	8	6	4	25	14	0	7	10	6	26	29
Ipswich	34	5	7	5	14	15	2	8	7	16	30	29
Stoke	30	6	6	3	23	17	3	4	8	10	21	28
Leicester	33	6	5	6	14	11	3	5	8	18	29	28
West Brom.	33	5	4	7	16	20	5	3	9	16	24	27
Coventry	32	5	9	2	17	15	1	5	10	15	35	26
Crystal P.	33	3	5	7	19	24	4	5	9	12	27	24
S'th'mpt'n	32	6	3	6	26	24	3	2	12	16	45	23
Huddersf'd	33	4	5	7	10	16	2	4	11	13	30	21
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Figures in brackets in opposite column represent appearances as substitute.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	31	23	6	2	68	12	52
Oxford United	35	17	12	6	51	35	46
Ipswich Town	35	17	9	9	75	43	43
Queen's Park Rangers	32	15	10	7	65	34	40
Leicester City	33	16	8	9	63	44	40
Crystal Palace	32	15	8	9	50	43	38
Bristol City	33	14	7	12	49	40	35
Arsenal	34	13	7	14	52	44	33
West Ham United	31	12	8	11	52	43	32
Southampton	31	12	7	12	34	34	31
Swindon Town	31	11	9	11	54	57	31
Bristol Rovers	32	11	8	13	36	49	30
CHELSEA	34	10	9	15	37	43	29
Swansea City	31	10	9	12	34	51	29
Cardiff City	32	11	6	15	42	40	28
Birmingham City	29	10	7	12	30	40	27
Fulham	32	9	9	14	32	45	27
Bournemouth & B.	32	7	8	17	33	55	22
Norwich City	31	8	6	17	31	55	22
Plymouth Argyle	34	7	6	21	32	74	20
Reading	29	7	5	17	27	66	19

FRONT COVER SHOT

PADDY'S back—in style! Two weeks after hobbling out of the League Cup Final with a badly bruised right foot, Paddy Mulligan was in action again . . . and comebacks don't come much bigger than when facing the League leaders on their own ground. Paddy returned against Manchester City in his usual bouncing form, as you see from this picture which shows him heading away a shot by Francis Lee without needing the goal-line cover of Peter Bonetti.

FOOTBAL	L LEAGUE
HOLLINS31	MULLIGAN 17
HARRIS 30 OSGOOD 30	BALDWIN15 GARLAND9 (1)
WEBB30	PHILLIPS7
HUDSON25	McCREADIE6
DEMPSEY 25 COOKE	HINTON5 (1) SMETHURST2
HOUSEMAN24 (1)	WELLER2
BONETTI 22 BOYLE 18	POTRAC1 SHERWOOD1
KEMBER17 (2)	FEELY(1)
Goalscorers: Osgood 16,	Hollins 9, Baldwin 6,
Cooke 2, Kember 2,	Hollins 9, Baldwin 6, Dempsey 1, Garland 1, Weller 1, Total 40.
HARRIS9	BOYLE6
HOLLINS9	BALDWIN
HUDSON9 OSGOOD9	DEMPSEY 5 (2) GARLAND 5
WEBB9	MULLIGAN5
BONETTI8	HINTON4
COOKE7 HOUSEMAN7	McCREADIE 1 (1) PHILLIPS 1
	Hollins 4, Osgood 4,
Garland 2, Hudson 2,	Cooke 1, Houseman 1.
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HOUSEMAN3	DEMPSEY2 GARLAND1
HUDSON3	McCREADIE1
MULLIGAN 3 Goalscorers: Cooke 1,	Dempsey 1, Hollins 1,
Houseman 1, Osgood 1,	Webb 1. Total 6.
EUROPEAN CUP	-WINNERS' CUP
BONETTI 4 BOYLE 4	WEBB4 BALDWIN3
COOKE4	HOUSEMAN3
HARRIS4	HINTON 2 (2)
HOLLINS4 HUDSON4	DEMPSEY2 MULLIGAN1 (1)
	McCREADIE1
Goalscorers: Osgood 8. I Hollins 2, Hudson 2, W	Baldwin 4, Houseman 3, ebb 2, Harris 1. Total 22.
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BROLLY27 (1) POTRAC27	MORRISON 7 (2) W. SMITH 6
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FEELY	MULLIGAN5
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HOUSTON19	G. WILKINS3 (1)
PHILLIPS 19 CRAKER 14 (3)	B. BASON 3 DEMPSEY 3
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PERKINS12	WELLER2
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JUDY GEESON

A CTRESS JUDY GEESON says she adores Peter Bonetti, Eddie McCreadie and Paddy Mulligan—to name but three of her Chelsea favourites. She also has a soft spot for Blues fans. When, early this season, many of them waited outside The Bridge all night to stage a Saturday protest at the time Peter Osgood was put on the transfer list, she served them coffee from her nearby studio flat.

For Judy, who has emerged in recent years as one of Britain's finest young actresses, is our Girl Next Door, the "Star in the Stand" who lives closest of all to Stamford Bridge. She has been watching Chelsea for three seasons, attending as often as her work schedule allows and usually accompanying her agent Cavan Malone here.

"Sometimes I need to stay home on match-days to learn a part for a film or TV play," she says, "but when that happens I follow the game by sound. I can tell how Chelsea are doing by the crowd noise. The sound comes over like a tidal wave in stereo, and I always know when Chelsea have scored.

"I particularly enjoy the floodlight matches. At night the game seems to have something extra—for a start the colours look special under the lights and the whole atmosphere is somehow different. Yes, I love watching Chelsea most of all at night."

Born at Arundel, Sussex, Judy has been on the stage since she was twelve. Her early



work of note was mainly on television. In 1967 she co-starred with Sidney Poitier in the Columbia Film Production To Sir With Love, which was followed by Berserk (also for Columbia) with Joan Crawford. A year later she co-starred in Here we Go Round The Mulberry Bush, one of the cinema's biggest box-office successes in 1968.

Among Judy's films during the past three years have been Two Gentlemen Sharing, for Paramount; Three Into Two Won't Go, with Rod Steiger, for Universal; The Executioner, for Columbia; One Of Those Things, for Rank Film Distributors; Goodbye Gemini, for C.I.R.O.; Sam Hill (Universal); Doomwatch (Tigon); and Fear In The Night (Hammer).

Back on TV, in BBC's "Play of the Month," she has just played the role of Lady Windermere in Lady Windermere's Fan. Busy girl!

To conclude on a note of particular Chelsea interest, acting the pathetic character of Beryl Evans in the Columbia film "10 Rillington Place", she was murdered by our Director Richard Attenborough (in the part of Christie). Far from the foul deed ending her feelings towards Chelsea, Judy says that working with Dickie in that film simply added to her enthusiasm for us.

SEAT RESERVATIONS

PLEASE note that all reserved seats have been sold for our home games against Crystal Palace on April 8 and Newcastle United on April 22. Therefore the only match for which advance bookings are still available is the undated fixture with Stoke City.

Prices of reserved seats for home League matches are: £1.20 West Stand only (all £1,20 tickets in East Stand have been sold as Season Tickets); 80p East and West

Stands.

You may write AT ANY TIME to the Box Office, stating number and price of seats required and enclosing correct

remittance and return envelope.

You may call at the Box Office at any time in office hours—9.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 9.30 a.m.-12 noon Thursday. The Box Office is open on Saturday except during the period of the match being played and on First Team match days can handle tickets for other matches only from 9.30 a.m.-12 noon or from 5 p.m.-5.30 p.m.

CHELSEA POOLS ANNOUNCEMENT

IF you can't find an Agent in your locality, you can still enter the Chelsea Pool—by sending a cheque or postal orders for 90p. This will bring you the chance every week of winning the many big prizes in the Chelsea Pool.

Send your remittance, together with your name and address, to: Chelsea Pools Association, Chelsea F.C., Stamford Bridge Grounds, Fulham Road, London, S.W.6.

ALAN HUDSON FAN CLUB

JUST starting—the Alan Hudson Fan Club! To join, send 25p postal order and stamped, addressed envelope.

In return you will receive a signed photograph, membership card and a

regular newsletter from Alan.

Please write to: Alan Hudson Fan Club, No. 1 Curzonfield House, 42 Curzon Street, London, W1Y 7RS.

CHELSEA v. SHEFFIELD UNITED Past League Results

Season	Home	Away	Season	Home	Away
1907-08	2-4	3-0	1933-34	5-0	1-4
1908-09	1-1	3-1	1946-47	1-4	2-2
1909-10	2-2	0-0	1947-48	1-0	1-3
1912-13	4-2	3-3	1948-49	1-0	1-2
1913-14	2-0	2-3	1953-54	1-2	3-1
1914-15	1-1	1-1	1954-55	1-1	2-1
1919-20	1-0	1-3	1955-56	1-0	1-2
1920-21	2-1	1-0	1961-62	6-1	1-3
1921-22	0-2	2-1	1963-64	3-2	1-1
1922-23	0-0	2-0	1964-65	3-0	2-0
1923-24	1-1	0-1	1965-66	2-0	2-1
1930-31	1-0	0-4	1966-67	1-1	0-3
1931-32	1-1	2-4	1971-72	Tonigh	
1932-33	3-0	1-4	2500 R 0.5		TOTAL S

(Chelsea's score given first in each case)

Summary

Home Away	-::	::	P 26 27	W 14 9	D 8 5			26	Pts 36 23
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SHEFFIELD UNITED'S RESULTS THIS SEASON

(Numbered in sequence order)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Home			Away		
1. S'th'mpt'n	W	3-1	3. Everton	W	1-0
2. Leeds	W	3-0	4. Arsenal	W	1-0
5. West Brom.	D	0-0	7. Nott'm. F.		3-2
6. Huddersf'd	W	3-1	10. Leicester		1-0
9. Tottenham	D	2-2		L	0-2
11. Chelsea	W	1-0	15. S'th'mpt'n		2-3
14. Stoke	L	2-3		L	1-2
18. Liverpool		1-1	19. West Ham		2-1
21. Coventry		2-0	23. Derby		0-3
24. Ipswich		7-0		L	1-5
26. Wolves	D	2-2		W	2-1
27. Nott'm. F.		2-1	30. West Brom.	D	2-2
29. Leicester	D	1-1	32. Leeds		0-1
33. Arsenal	L	0-5		Ĺ	0-2
34. Man. City	D	3-3	37. Stoke		2-2
36. West Ham		3-0	39. Huddersf'd		0-0
38. Everton	D	1-1		STIES!	-

Goalscorers: Woodward 15, Dearden 14, Currie 7, Scullion 6, Flynn 3, Reece 3, Badger 1, Colquhoun 1, Hockey 1, Salmons 1, Opponents 2. Total 54.

LEAGUE CUP

Home			Away		
8. Fulham	 W	3-0	17. Arsenal	D	0-0
13. York	 W	3-2	22. West Ham	L	0-5
20. Arsenal	 W	2-0			

Goalscorers: Woodward 5, Currie 1, Dearden 1, Reece 1. Total 8.

F.A. CUP

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Goalscorer: Mackenzie 1. Total 1.

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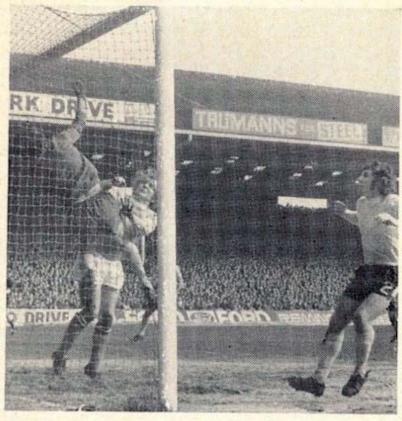
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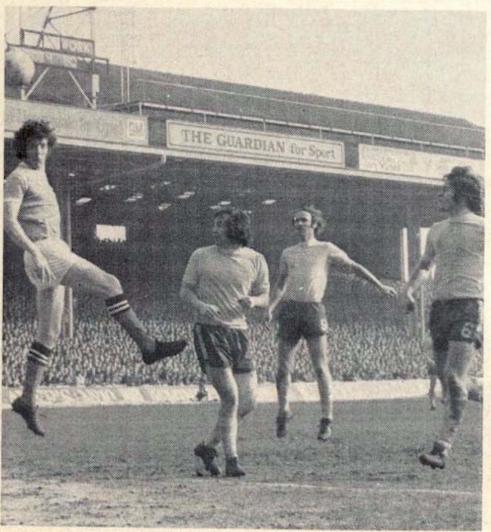
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Championship leaders Manchester City beat us by the only goal at Maine Road





Above: Peter Bonetti steers a high centre over the bar, and Paddy Mulligan gets the next best view to Francis Lee.

Left: Summerbee, Bell, Davies, Lee and £200,000 newcomer Rodney Marsh—we kept them all off the scoresheet. But Manchester City increased their Championship lead to five points with this surprise header by centre-half Booth.



Left: At the other end, Booth takes no chances and kicks into touch as John Dempsey races in.

Below: Tony Book goes hurtling across City's goalmouth to deflect Peter Osgood's shot . . . and there can't be many 37-year-old full-backs capable of producing action like this at the top of the First Division.



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Junior Fixtures

1971 Opponents Venue Result	S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE—DIVISION I
Sat. Aug. 14 BOURNEM'TH HOME W 2-0	1971 Opponents Venue Result
Tues ,, 17 Swindon Town Away D 2-2	Aug. 14 ORIENT HOME W 5-0 " 21 CRYSTAL PALACE HOME D 1-1
Wed. ,, 25 SWANSEA CITY HOMÉ L 1-2 Sat. ,, 28 CARDIFF CITY HOME W 3-0	,, 21 CRYSTAL PALACE HOME D 1-1 ,, 28 Reading Away W 4-2
Tues. , 31 Birmingham City. Away D 0-0	Sept. 4 CHARLTON A HOME W 2-0
1	" 11 Reading (Cup—1st Rd.) Away D 3-3
	33 18 READING (Cup-Rep.) HOME W 4-0
Sat. ,, 11 ARSENAL HOME W 1-0	" 25 GILLINGHAM HOME W 2-0
Wed. " 15 BIRMINGH'M C. HOME L 1-2	Oct. 2 West Ham United Away W 2-1 HOME W 2-0
Wed. ,, 22 OXFORD U HOME D 1-1 Sat. ,, 25 WEST HAM U HOME W 2-1	" 16 Ipswich (Cup—2nd Rd.) Away W 2-1
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Sat. Oct. 2 Bournemouth Away W 3-1 Wed. ,, 13 Oxford United Away L 1-2	
Sat. ,, 23 Leicester City Away L 1-5	Nov. 6 Tottenham Hotspur Away L 3-4
Sat. ,, 30 SOUTHAMPTONHOME D 1-1	, 13 READING HOMÉ W 5-1 , 20 Watford Away W 3-1
Mon. Nov. 1 Fulham Away L 0-2	" 27 Luton Town Away W 3-2
Sat. " 6 Norwich City Away D 0-0	Dec. 4 WEST HAM UTD HOME D 1-1
Sat. , 13 BRISTOL ROV. HOMÉ L 0-1 Sat. , 27 Tottenham H Away L 0-2	" 11 ARSENAL HOME D 0-0
	" 18 Q.P.R Away W 5-0
Sat. Dec. 4 Q.P.R HOME W 3-0 Wed. ,, 8 Reading Away L 0-2	Jan. 1 IPSWICH TOWN HOME D 0-0
Sat. " 18 FULHAM HOME L 0-1	" 8 Gillingham Away L 1-2
	" 15 FULHAM HOMĚ L 0-1
Sat. Jan. 1 CRYSTAL PAL. HOME D 1-1	,, 22 Brentford Away W 2-0 ,, 29 WATFORD HOME W 3-0
Wed. ,, 5 Cardiff City Away L 0-2	Feb. 5 Charlton Athletic Away W 2-0
Sat. " 22 SWINDON T HOME W 5-1	" 7 ARSENAL (Cup—Sf) HOME D 0-0
Sat. " 29 Swansea City Away W 1-0	" 12 Ipswich Town Away D 0-0
Sat. Feb. 12 LEICESTER C HOME L 1-2	" 26 Orient Away W 2-1
Sat. ,, 19 Southampton Away W 2-0 Sat. ,, 26 NORWICH C HOME W 1-0	Mar. 11 Arsenal Away L 0-4 ,, 18 Crystal Palace Away L 0-1
Tues. ,, 29 Bristol Rovers Away L 0-1	" 25 BRENTFORD HOME
Tues. Mar. 7 PLYMOUTH A. HOME D 0-0	Apr. 8 TOTTENHAM H HOME
Sat 11 Arsenal Away D 2-2	" 18 Fulham Away
Mon. ", 13 IPSWICH T HOME L 1-2 Sat. ", 18 BRISTOL CITY HOME D 0-0	" 22 MILLWALL HOMĚ
Sat. , 25 West Ham United Away	S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE—DIVISION II
Sat. Apr. 8 Q.P.R Away	Aug. 21 Charlton Ath. (Cup) Away D 3-3 , 28 ORIENT (Cup) HOME W 4-1
Tues. ,, 11 Ipswich Town Away	Sept. 4 WEST HAM U. (Cup) HOME W 3-0
Sat. " 15 TOTTENHAM H. HOME	" 11 CHARLTON A. (Cup) HOME W 3-0
Sat. ,, 22 Plymouth Argyle Away Sat. ,, 29 READING HOME	33 18 Gillingham (Cup) Away L 0-3
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LONDON F.A. CHALLENGE CUP	", 9 West Ham U. (Cup) Away D 1-1 ", 16 WEST HAM UTD HOME W 1-0
Mon. Sept. 27 (1) West Ham U Away L 0-1	" 23 Tottenham H. (Cup) Away L 0-1
Mon. Sept. 27 (1) West Ham O Away L 0-1	Nov. 6 Orient (Cup) Away W 2-0
F.A. YOUTH CUP	" 20 TOTTENHAM H.
	(Cup)
Wed. Nov. 24 (2) Orient Away D 0-0 Mon. Dec. 6 (Rep.) ORIENT HOME W 3-0	Dec. 4 Crystal Palace (Cup) Away L 0-2 , 18 Gillingham (Cup) Away W 5-1
Mon. Jan. 3 (3) MILLWALL HOME W 3-2	Jan. 8 ORIENT HOME W 4-1
Mon. ,, 31 (4) CRYSTAL P. HOME W 3-0	" 15 West Ham United Away D 1-1
Tues. Feb. 22 (5) ASTON V HOME D 1-1 Mon. ,, 28 (Rep.) Aston Villa Away L 0-3	" 22 CHARLTON A HOME W 3-2
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SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP	,, 18 CRYSTAL PALACE. HOME L 0-2
Tues. Oct. 5 (1) Brentford Away W 3-2 Tues. Nov. 16 (2) Swindon Town Away D 1-1	33 25 Charlton Athletic Away
Wed. Dec. 15 (Rep.) SWINDON HOME W 2-0	" 27 Orient (Cup—Sf) Away
Tues. Mar. 28 (3) Southampton Away	Apr. 15 TOTTENHAM H HOME
	,, 22 Orient Away
LONDON F.A. YOUTH CUP	Home matches, on Saturdays, kick-off 11 a.m. are
Mon. Dec. 13 (1) WEST HAM HOME W 1-0	played at the Imperial Services Ground, Bishopsford
Mon. Mar. 20 (Sf) MILLWALL HOME W 4-1	Road, Mitcham, Surrey.

By Albert Sewell

BETWEEN OURSELVES

Programme Editor

FOOTBALL is a game of comings and goings, with new faces arriving from time to time and others moving on. Sometimes they return—Dave Sexton, for example. No club was ever more sorry to lose one of its back-room staff than Chelsea when Dave gave up his position here as assistant-coach in January 1965 to manage Orient; no one was

happier to welcome him back when he returned as manager in October 1967.

It is in the natural order of things for a club to follow with special interest the progress of someone who has served them well and then goes off to try his luck elsewhere. Which is why, just now, in Chelsea's board-room and dressing-room, the result that is listened for with increasing attention on match-days is Brentford's. There may be three divisions between Stamford Bridge and Griffin Park, but geographically they are only a few miles apart and one personality links them even more closely—Frank Blunstone.

It's just over two years since Frank decided that if he was to go into football management, then at 35 he had got to think seriously and soon about taking the plunge. So, after 17 years at Stamford Bridge—first as one of Chelsea's best and most popular players and then, when injury cut short his playing career, in charge of the Youth section—he left

us for Brentford.

Now, in only his second full season with them, all fingers here are crossed that, come the end of April, he will be bringing his club up from the Fourth Division and, that being so, completing a promotion hat-trick for Chelsea "old boys" because two years ago Swansea, under Roy Bentley, climbed into the Third Division, and at the end of last season John Harris brought Sheffield United back to the First Division.

If Brentford make it, Frank will deserve a personal place somewhere in the season's honours list, because his club set the promotion pace for much of the season on a playing staff of 14. Just dwell on that figure for a moment—why, some of the big clubs, Chelsea among them, have more players than that in the Monday morning queue for treatment!

Frank Blunstone came into the game the hard way, beginning as a boy player with Crewe. You don't get many luxuries with clubs like that, for the simple reason that they can't afford them, but the experience can be turned to account by the fellow with the right sort of head on his shoulders. Roughing it at Crewe enabled Frank to appreciate the luxuries that go with playing for Chelsea; it also equipped him for the start of his managerial career at Brentford, where every new penny has to be counted. Every player, too.

Interested to see just what his Brentford team were all about, I looked in the other Saturday when they were playing promotion rivals Southport. As I arrived at Griffin Park an hour or so before the game, Frank and his top goalscorer John O'Mara were driving off. They were away to the local hospital, where O'Mara had a jab to relieve the pain of a

bruised rib, and hurried back just in time for his name to go on the team-sheet.

"He's not really fit to play," said Frank. "But he's prepared to give it a go, and we do need him out there, even if he lasts only an hour." It wasn't one of Brentford's best days (they scratched through by an own goal), but that sort of attitude and spirit were certainly to be admired. So it was good to see them come out of their recent bad patch with three good wins in the space of nine days up to last Tuesday—helped, incidentally, by Stewart Houston, on loan from Chelsea. If the best of good wishes to Frank and his club from everyone at Chelsea mean anything, then at the end of the season the Fourth Division will be losing its only London members, and the cheers that go up over West London won't all be from Griffin Park. There will be quite a few from the direction of Stamford Bridge.

Your letters should be of not more than 150 words and addressed to "In off the Post", Chelsea F.C., Fulham Road, London, S.W.6.

DECORATE THE BLUES

I'VE been a supporter for the past seven years since coming to England. After seeing Birmingham, Crystal Palace, Man. City, I think the time has arrived for Chelsea to decorate their shirts a bit (all in the Chelsea colours, of course) so as to get ready for the Common Market.

How about: blue shirt with one six-inch sash or stripe in yellow, blue, yellow; or yellow shirt, blue, white, blue, sash or stripe. I hope to see it in force before I go

back to Barbados.

Clyde W. Carter.

70 Corrance Road, London, S.W.2.

ON BEHALF OF THE OAKLEY LADS

I WOULD like to dedicate this letter to Peter Houseman. Being just a young lad living in the village, I was a keen soccer fan and Peter set up a lads' team to play in the local league at Basingstoke.

He also brought me to the Bridge for about the third time in my life and has transformed my life into being a true Chelsea fan. Thank you once again, Peter—not only from me but I am sure from all the Oakley lads.

David Smith.

24 Water Ridges
East Oakley, Basingstoke.
(Chelsea Big Pool Agent 4100.)

BLUES IT IS

MY friend and I are having an argument about Chelsea's nickname. I say it is the Blues but he has it as the Pensioners from a football review, so I am asking for an answer, please.

Paul Dendy.

6 Grove Crescent, Hanworth, Feltham, Middx.

• We dropped the "Pensioner" as our emblem when Ted Drake became manager in 1952 and have since become the "Blues".

SECOND-CHOICE COLOURS

A FEW seasons ago Chelsea and Everton started to wear yellow and blue as their second colours. Now, so many other teams have copied them—including Tottenham, Arsenal, Manchester United, West Bromwich, Huddersfield and Southampton—that I think we should introduce a different second strip and see how many other teams follow us again.

Perhaps other fans would like to send in

suggestions.

Stephen Back.

580 Hanworth Road, Hounslow, Middx.

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L AST August I met a Chelsea supporter on holiday at Dymchurch, Kent. All I know is that his name is Mick and comes from Abbey Wood, London S.E. (if it helps, I support Tottenham Hotspur).

This might all sound a bit off the football mark, but if it wasn't for Chelsea I would never have met him, so could I ask him through your programme to get in

touch.

Shirley Plumb.

124 Spencers Croft, Harlow, Essex.

Athletics night: Chelsea have entered the second London Football Clubs' Athletics at Crystal Palace on Monday, April 10 (7.30 p.m.). Events will be the 60 yd. dash, 100 m., 200 m., 400 m., the mile, 4 by 100 m. relay, high jump, long jump, long throw-in, penalty prize and target soccer. Tickets (£1 seats, 50p ground) available from Crystal Palace Sports Centre or from Ray Davis Promotions, 1 Curzonfield House, 42 Curzon Street, London, W.1. Please enclose stamped, addressed envelope when applying.

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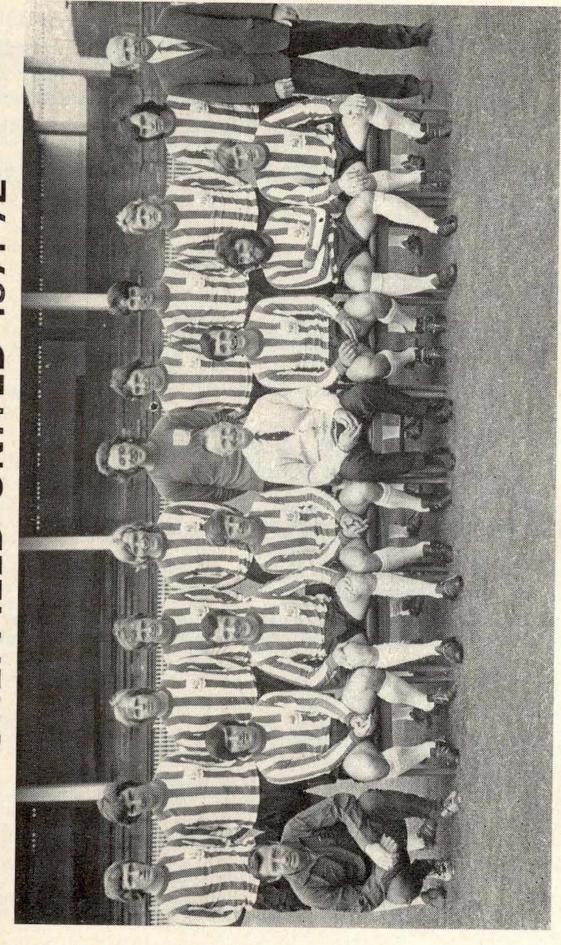
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SHEFFIELD UNITED 1971-72



Back row: Alan Woodward, Colin Addison (now Hereford), Ted Hemsley, Len Badger, Tony Currie, John Hope,
Geoff Salmons, John Flynn, David Powell, Frank Barlow, John Short (Assistant-Manager).
Front row: Cecil Coldwell (Trainer), David Ford, Bill Dearden, Gil Reece, John Harris (Manager), Eddie Colquhoun,
Trevor Hockey, Stewart Scullion.

FOCUS on our **VISITORS**

FEW clubs, on reaching or returning to the First Division, have made such a flying start as Sheffield United did this season. In celebration of their promotion as Second Division runners-up, they told the football world that, after three years, they were back in the top division to stay, streaking away unbeaten in the first ten matches-eight wins and two draws.

So, when they beat us 1-0 (scorer Stewart Scullion) at Bramall Lane in that tenth game, United topped the Championship table by three points. Then came four defeats in a row to dislodge them, and although John Harris's men have been unable to maintain their early-season consistency, they will be able to look back on a most satisfactory first year back in Division I.

Sheffield United have been successful on two of their three League visits to London, beating Arsenal (whom they also knocked out of the League Cup) and West Ham, but they have since suffered their two heaviest defeats of the season against London opponents, by 0-5 against Arsenal in Sheffield and 1-5 at Crystal Palace.

THEIR PLAYERS

JOHN HOPE: Joined United from Newcastle in January 1971 in an exchange deal involving John Tudor. Has succeeded long-serving Alan Hodgkinson and been in the England Under-23 squad this season. Born Shildon. 6 ft., 11 st. 7 lb.

LEN BADGER: Was capped 13 times as England Under-23 right-back and captained United before Eddie Colquhoun. Made League debut in Div. I against Leyton Orient in April 1963 and is now

nearing 300 League appearances. Born Sheffield. 5 ft. 7³ in., 10 st. 8 lb.

TED HEMSLEY: Full-back previously with Shrewsbury Town, from whom he joined United in August 1968, and a regular in last season's promotion-winning side. Also plays cricket for Worcestershire. Born Stoke. 5 ft 8½ in., 11 st. 5 lb. IAN MACKENZIE: Joined United as an amateur, turning professional at 17. Made only one senior appearance before this season but has now established a regular place. Born Rotherham. 5 ft. 113 in., 10 st. 9 1b.

EDDIE COLQUHOUN: Club captain and centrehalf, he gained his first full Scottish honours this season against Portugal and Holland. Originally with Bury, he joined United from W.B.A. in October 1968 for £30,000. Born Prestonpans. 6 ft., 12 st. 2 lb. MICHAEL SPEIGHT: Young midfield player recently introduced into the side in place of the injured Trevor Hockey. His debut came against Man. City in February. Born Upton. 5 ft. 9½ in., 11 st. 2½ lb.

11 st. 2½ lb.
ALAN WOODWARD: United's top scorer for the past three seasons and with 20 first-team goals their leading marksman again this term. Is one of the game's ace penalty takers and has made more than 250 first-team appearances. Born Sheffield. 5 ft. 8½ in., 11 st. 8½ lb.

GEOFF SALMONS: Skilful midfield player or

forward who progressed to the senior team via United's juniors and reserves. Made his League debut against W.B.A. in September 1967. Born Mexborough. 5 ft. 10\frac{3}{4} in., 11 st. 10\frac{1}{2} lb.

BILL DEARDEN: A bargain £10,000 signing from

Chester in April 1970, he has proved a fine marksman in his two seasons at Bramall Lane. Also had spells with Oldham, with whom he turned professional at 20, and Crewe. Born Oldham. 5 ft. 10 in.,

10 st. 13 lb.

TONY CURRIE: This powerfully-built England Under-23 star (six caps) played briefly for Chelsea and Q.P.R. as a junior, then signed professional for Watford. In February 1968 was transferred to United for £27,000—one of a number of bargain signings made by manager John Harris. Born Edgware. 5 ft. 10 ½ in., 12 st. 5 ½ lb.

STEWART SCULLION: Fast, strong-running winger and another former Watford forward. Began his career with Charlton but made 248 appearances for Watford before his £30,000 transfer to Sheff. United in May 1971. Born Boness. 5 ft. 7½ in.,

10 st. 6 lb.

DAVID FORD: Joined United from Newcastle in January 1971. Originally with Sheffield Wednesday, so is one of comparatively few players to have served both Sheffield clubs. Born Sheffield. 5 ft. 7 in., 10 st. 7 lb.

Club Address: Bramall Lane, Sheffield



OFFICIALS

Chairman: MR. DICK WRAGG. Secretary: Mr. Arnold Newton. Manager: Mr. John Harris.

Assistant-Manager: MR. JOHN SHORT. Trainer: MR. CECIL COLDWELL. Captain: EDDIE COLQUHOUN

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Standing: John Phillips, Chris Garland, Derek Vaughan, Marvin Hinton, Laurence Craker, Micky Droy, Kevin Barry (now with Margate), Gary Stanley, Keith Lawrence, Steve Sherwood.

Seated: Tony Potrac, Gary Locke, Charlie Morrison, Steve Perkins, Graham Wilkins, Mike Brolly.

Insets: Ian Britton. Peter Feely.

MATCH SUMMARIES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday, 18th March.

Lost to Manchester City (Away) 0-1. Half-time 0-1.

Man. City: Corrigan; Book, Donachie, Doyle, Booth, Oakes, Summerbee, Bell, Davies, Lee, Marsh (Towers).

Scorer: Booth.

Chelsea (Yellow Shirts): Bonetti; Mulligan, Boyle, Hollins, Dempsey, Webb, Cooke, Garland, Osgood, Hudson, Houseman (Kember).

Referee: Mr. H. G. New (Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol).

Attendance: 53,322.

A big improvement against the leaders compared with four days previously away to bottom club Nottingham Forest, but City won the points with Booth's header from Lee's cross. Marsh, newly-signed from Q.P.R. for £200,000, made his debut for City. Kember substituted for Houseman (injured heel) after half-time.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 18th March.

Drew with Bristol City (Home) 0-0.

Team: Phillips; Locke, Lawrence, Price, D. Gradi, Baldwin, Hinton, Stanley, Feely, Finnieston, Brolly.

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE—DIVISION I

Saturday, 18th March.

Lost to CRYSTAL PALACE (Away) 0-1.

Team: D. Ebanks; G. Wilkins, P. Sees, S. McDonald, D. Jennings, C. Harris, B. Bason, Pople, B. Bolton, D. Perry, Davis.

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE—DIVISION II

Saturday, 18th March.

Lost to CRYSTAL PALACE (Home-Mitcham) 0-2.

Team: D. Ounsworth; S. Shoults, A. Peploe, Cunningham (J. Bartlett), C. Hyde, M. Sorensen, T. Warren, A. Cottrell, J. Brennan, J. Walton, G. Hodge.

LONDON F.A. YOUTH CUP SEMI-FINAL

Monday, 20th March.

Beat MILLWALL 4-1 (Home).

Team: Sherwood, Locke, G. Wilkins, Perkins, Lawrence, Spong, B. Bason, Brolly, Finnieston, Stanley, Britton.

Scorers: Britton, Spong, Stanley, Finnieston.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE—DIV. I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	26	17	7	2	58	12	41
Tottenham	27	19	3	5	62	27	41
CHELSEA	26	14	7	5	50	24	35
Millwall	24	13	7	4	56	23	33
West Ham United	25	13	5	7	57	38	31
Crystal Palace	25	13	4	8	54	37	30
Fulham	25	10	8	7	33	31	28
Luton Town	26	11	5	10	41	43	27
Ipswich Town	26	9	8	9	31	25	26
Queen's Park Rangers	25	7	8	10	25	31	22
Charlton Athletic	23	7	5	11	32	41	19
Gillingham	22	7	3	12	23	41	17
Orient	23	3	6	14	22	54	12
Watford	22	3	5	14	23	61	11
Reading	22	4	2	16	15	54	10
Brentford	25	3	3	19	19	59	9

APPEARANCES

N. BROWN 20 FINNIESTON 17 LAWRENCE 17 SHERWOOD 17 G. WILKINS 16 B. BASON 15 L. PARODI 15 S. POPLE 15 D. LUCAS 14 PERKINS 14 PRICE 14 SPONG 13 (1) B. BOLTON 12 (2) P. SEES 17	BROLLY
B. BOLTON 12 (2) P. SEES 12 BRITTON 11 DAVIS 9	

Goalscorers: Finnieston 14, Stanley 7, Brolly 5, Britton 4, Bason 3, Lucas 3, Bolton 2, Mackenzie 2, Parodi 2, Perkins 2, Pople 2, Spong 2, Davis 1, Opponent 1. Total 50.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE—DIV. II

	P	W	D	L	H	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	10	7	0	3	28	14	14
CHELSEA	8	5	1	2	15	12	11
Tottenham Hotspur	8	3	3	2	16	10	9
Orient	7	4	1	2	15	12	9
West Ham United	10	2	4	4	14	20	8
Charlton Athletic	6	1	2	3	9	12	4
Gillingham	7	0	1	6	4	21	1

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON-ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD



WHEN we tell you who his father is, you'll know who taught 20-year-old Ron Armstrong to tackle like he's doing in the picture above. Dad is Ken Armstrong, wing-half star for Chelsea in more than 400 first-team games from 1947-57 and now an executive with the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society in Auckland as well as being a big shot with the New Zealand F.A.

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There's little doubt that Ron, who plays full-back for Mount Wellington, could make the grade in Britain—F.I.F.A.'s chief coach Dettmar Cramer (West Germany) said after watching him on his latest coaching visit to Auckland: "Armstrong is very promising material and an ideal example for boys in New Zealand. If I was in his place I would go to England". But Ronnie likes the sunshine and beaches of New Zealand too much and, anyway, he's doing very nicely where he is. He's been voted N.Z. Footballer of the Year, also "best and fairest player"; he's played three Internationals for his country; and he hopes to get his B.Sc. at Auckland University later this year. Good luck, Ronnie... and nice to hear from you again, Ken. From all at Chelsea, best wishes to the Armstrong family in New Zealand.

NEXT HOME MATCHES

Saturday, 8th April (3 p.m.)

CRYSTAL PALACE

Football League (all Reserved Seats sold)

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Saturday, 15th April (3 p.m.)

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Football Combination

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Saturday, 22nd April (3 p.m.)

NEWCASTLE UNITED

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