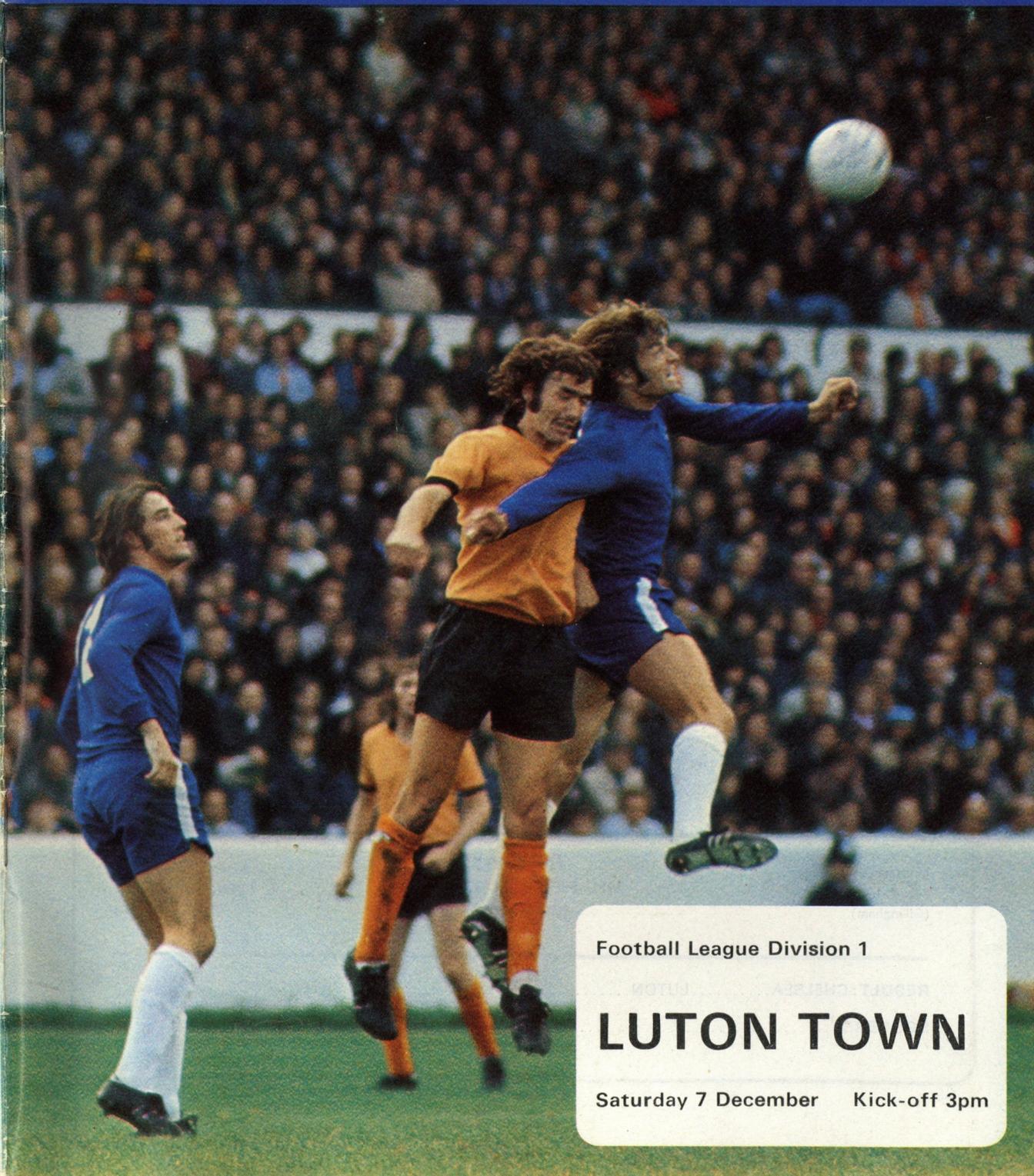




CHELSEA

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

SEASON 1974-75



Football League Division 1

LUTON TOWN

Saturday 7 December Kick-off 3pm

Chelsea

Colours:
Shirts: Royal Blue
Shorts: Royal Blue with
White Seam
Stockings: White



Luton T.

Colours:
Shirts: Orange with White and
Navy Blue Stripe down left side
Shorts: Navy Blue
Stockings: Orange

PETER BONETTI
GARY LOCKE
RON HARRIS
DAVID HAY
MICKY DROY
MARVIN HINTON
IAN BRITTON
STEVE KEMBER (Captain)
BILL GARNER
IAN HUTCHINSON
CHARLIE COOKE

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Substitute

KEITH BARBER
JOHN RYAN
BOBBY THOMSON (Captain)
PETER ANDERSON
JOHN FAULKNER
ALAN GARNER
JIM RYAN
JIMMY HUSBAND
PETER SPIRING
ALAN WEST
JOHN ASTON

Linesman (Red Flag):
Mr. C. I. Boswell
(Gillingham)

Referee:
MR. PETER WALTERS
(Bridgwater)

Linesman (Orange Flag):
Mr. J. J. Faulkner
(Didcot)

RESULT: CHELSEA.....LUTON..... HALF-TIME..... ATTENDANCE.....

SCORERS:



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Tuesday,
10 December (7 p.m.)
GILLINGHAM

S. Junior Floodlit Cup
(1st Round)

Saturday,
14 December (2 p.m.)
OXFORD UNITED

Football Combination

Saturday,
21 December (3 p.m.)
WEST HAM UNITED
Football League

INFORMATION SERVICE

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Won promotion to Division I 1907, 1912, 1930, 1963

The Talk of Stamford Bridge

NEEDS OF THE MOMENT: When the season's final table is compiled at the end of April, it will show that probably half a dozen teams were in a false position at kick-off time on Saturday, December 7—today. It is imperative that Chelsea figure among them, and for that to happen there is only one place where we can prove the point. On the field, where all too seldom this season we have played to our potential, collectively and individually. To be realistic (which is certainly not being pessimistic), we have to accept that, with only one win in the last 15 League matches, we are currently NOT in a false position near the foot of the table. The goals-against column (35 in 19 games) pin-points our main, though not only, problem. All but Coventry City (37 goals conceded) have a better defensive record, and this is an area in which we have got to tighten extensively to eliminate the sort of mistakes that have cost us so many avoidable goals. "Getting it right at the back" has long been one of football's basic requirements, and at the moment that is a priority. So is the win that, at times like this, can work wonders for everyone's confidence. At home to Luton Town today and at Carlisle next Saturday we meet the only two clubs currently beneath us in the table, and these are matches in which we really must do something to halt the slide and set ourselves on a recovery course.

DAVID HAY'S AWARD: Among the eleven players voted Britain's "Golden Boots" winners for 1974 in Rothman's annual award is David Hay. Voting took place at the end of last season, and the presentation will be made on Rothman's behalf immediately before today's match by our Coach, Eddie McCreadie. Congratulations on the "double" to David, who was previously a "Golden Boots" winner as a Celtic player in 1970, the year the award was inaugurated.

TOMMY BALDWIN ON LOAN: Tommy Baldwin has signed for Millwall on a month's loan and played his first match for them away to Notts County last Saturday.

TWO-MATCH BAN: John Dempsey has been suspended by the F.A. for two matches, starting today, after being reported by the referee for misconduct following our match at Everton on October 19.

BOXING DAY KICK-OFF: Supporters planning their Christmas arrangements may like to note that our match against Arsenal at Highbury on Boxing Day will kick off at 3 p.m.

WE APOLOGISE to East Stand ticket-holders for inconvenience caused to them at their entrance to the Stadium, and would like them to know that the situation will be remedied as soon as the temporary structures, previously used as dressing-rooms, are removed from the main entrance area.

THE CHELSEA MAGAZINE: If you haven't yet got your copy of this season's edition, don't leave it any longer or you may be disappointed. With colour photographs on all four cover pages and, inside, 32 pages packed with Chelsea features, pictures, facts and figures, charts and records, it's tremendous value for 20p. On sale today from programme sellers and at the Club Shop.

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obtain a Cup Final ticket*



TWO OF OUR THREE AGAINST COVENTRY



Chris Garland meets Peter Houseman's cross with the perfect header for the goal that put us 2-1 ahead in the last home game . . . but there was still time before the interval for Coventry to draw level.



The rain still pours, the wind lashes stands and terraces and the mud is ever-thickening, but skipper Steve Kember's smile says it's another Chelsea goal. Charlie Cooke has clipped No. 3 from 20 yards, but Coventry's equaliser a few minutes from time spoiled everything.

FIXTURES 1974-75

Football League (Copyright of the Football League)

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Sat. Aug. 17	CARLISLE UNITED	HOME	L 0-2
Wed. " 21	BURNLEY	HOME	D 3-3
Sat. " 24	Coventry City	Away	W 3-1
Tues. " 27	Burnley	Away	W 2-1
Sat. " 31	LIVERPOOL	HOME	L 0-3
Sat. Sept. 7	Middlesbrough	Away	D 1-1
Sat. " 14	ARSENAL	HOME	D 0-0
Sat. " 21	Ipswich Town	Away	L 0-2
Wed. " 25	Derby County	Away	L 1-4
Sat. " 28	WOLVES	HOME	L 0-1
Sat. Oct. 5	Manchester City	Away	D 1-1
Sat. " 12	TOTTENHAM H.	HOME	W 1-0
Sat. " 19	Everton	Away	D 1-1
Sat. " 26	STOKE CITY	HOME	D 3-3
Sat. Nov. 2	Birmingham City	Away	L 0-2
Sat. " 9	LEICESTER CITY	HOME	D 0-0
Wed. " 13	COVENTRY CITY	HOME	D 3-3
Sat. " 16	Newcastle United	Away	L 0-5
Sat. " 30	Leeds United	Away	L 0-2
Sat. Dec. 7	LUTON TOWN	HOME	.....
Sat. " 14	Carlisle United	Away	.....
Sat. " 21	WEST HAM UNITED	HOME	.....
Thurs. " 26	Arsenal	Away	.....
Sat. " 28	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	HOME	.....
Sat. Jan. 11	Luton Town	Away	.....
Sat. " 18	LEEDS UNITED	HOME	.....
Sat. Feb. 1	Leicester City	Away	.....
Sat. " 8	BIRMINGHAM CITY	HOME	.....
Sat. " 15	Sheffield United	Away	.....
Sat. " 22	NEWCASTLE UNITED	HOME	.....
Sat. Mar. 1	Liverpool	Away	.....
Sat. " 8	DERBY COUNTY	HOME	.....
Sat. " 15	Wolves	Away	.....
Tues. " 18	Queen's Park Rangers	Away	.....
Sat. " 22	MIDDLESBROUGH	HOME	.....
Sat. " 29	West Ham United	Away	.....
Mon. " 31	IPSWICH TOWN	HOME	.....
Sat. Apr. 5	Stoke City	Away	.....
Sat. " 12	MANCHESTER CITY	HOME	.....
Sat. " 19	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	.....
Sat. " 26	EVERTON	HOME	.....
Undated	SHEFF. UTD. (postponed Nov. 23)	HOME	.....

Goalscorers	Attendance	
	Home	Away
Houseman, Garner, Cooke	31,268	
Cooke, Garner, Locke	23,745	
Garner, Hutchinson		21,251
Hutchinson		17,154
	39,461	25,480
	34,596	23,121
		22,036
	23,073	
Hutchinson		32,412
Hollins (penalty)		32,660
Cooke		35,806
Droy, Garland, Hutchinson		24,718
	23,915	30,364
Garner, Garland, Cooke	11,048	
		33,821
		30,444

PRE-MATCH SPIN

Chelsea D.J. Pete Owen says: Drop me a line telling me your favourite record of the moment (or the past), and if you would like it played for someone special, so much the better. Dedications for a particular match should be posted two weeks in advance—earlier if possible—to: Pete Owen, Pre-Match Spin, Chelsea Football Club, Stamford Bridge Grounds, Fulham Road, London SW6 1HS.

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F.A. Cup

Dates of rounds (all Saturdays): (3) Jan. 4; (4) Jan. 25; (5) Feb. 15 (6) Mar. 8; (Sf.) Apr. 5; (Final—Wembley) May 3.

Football League Cup

Wed. Sept. 11	(2) NEWPORT COUNTY	HOME	W 4-2
Wed. Oct. 9	(3) STOKE CITY	HOME	D 2-2
Wed. " 16	(Replay) Stoke City	Away	D 1-1
Tues. " 22	(Replay) Stoke City	Away	L 2-6

Cooke, Garland 3	13,322
Hutchinson 2	19,954
Britton	24,377
Hollins, Baldwin	26,712

Football Combination

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Sat. Aug. 17	Oxford United	Away	W 2-1
Tues. " 20	Southampton	Away	W 3-1
Sat. " 24	BOURNEMOUTH	HOME	W 6-0
Sat. " 28	SOUTHAMPTON	HOME	W 1-0
Sat. " 31	Ipswich Town	Away	L 0-2
Wed. Sept. 4	WEST HAM UNITED	HOME	W 1-0
Sat. " 7	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	HOME	W 2-1
Sat. " 14	Fulham	Away	W 1-0
Wed. " 18	Bournemouth	Away	D 1-1
Sat. " 21	ARSENAL	HOME	D 1-1
Sat. Oct. 12	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	W 3-1
Tues. " 15	Bristol City	Away	D 1-1
Sat. " 19	SWINDON TOWN	HOME	W 4-0
Sat. " 26	Bristol Rovers	Away	W 2-0
Sat. Nov. 2	READING	HOME	W 3-1
Sat. " 9	Leicester City	Away	D 1-1
Sat. " 23	Birmingham City	Away	W 5-2
Sat. " 30	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	HOME	D 3-3
Sat. Dec. 7	Luton Town	Away	.....
Sat. " 14	OXFORD UNITED	HOME	.....

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Sat. Dec. 28	West Ham United	Away	.....
Mon. " 30	CRYSTAL PALACE	HOME	.....
Sat. Jan. 11	LUTON TOWN	HOME	.....
Sat. " 18	Queen's Park Rangers	Away	.....
Sat. " 25	FULHAM	HOME	.....
Sat. Feb. 1	LEICESTER CITY	HOME	.....
Wed. " 5	Cardiff City	Away	.....
Sat. " 15	BIRMINGHAM CITY	HOME	.....
Wed. " 19	Reading	Away	.....
Sat. Mar. 1	IPSWICH TOWN	HOME	.....
Sat. " 8	Plymouth Argyle	Away	.....
Sat. " 22	Arsenal	Away	.....
Wed. " 26	BRISTOL CITY	HOME	.....
Wed. Apr. 2	Crystal Palace	Away	.....
Sat. " 5	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	HOME	.....
Sat. " 12	Norwich City	Away	.....
Sat. " 19	BRISTOL ROVERS	HOME	.....
Sat. " 26	Swindon Town	Away	.....
Undated	NORWICH (postponed Oct. 5)	HOME	.....
	CARDIFF (postponed Nov. 16)	HOME	.....

NOTE: Swansea City have withdrawn from the Combination and our 2-0 win at home to them on October 2 has been deleted.

S.E. Counties League—Division 1

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Sat. Aug. 17	Orient	Away	D 2-2
Sat. " 24	GILLINGHAM	HOME	W 3-0
Sat. " 31	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	HOME	W 5-1
Sat. Sept. 14	READING	HOME	W 6-0
Sat. " 21	Arsenal	Away	W 4-1
Sat. Oct. 5	Fulham	Away	L 0-3
Sat. " 12	IPSWICH TOWN	HOME	D 1-1
Sat. " 19	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	L 1-3
Sat. " 26	(L.C. 1) READING	HOME	W 3-1
Sat. Nov. 2	Southend United	Away	L 3-4
Sat. " 9	WATFORD	HOME	W 2-0
Sat. " 30	FULHAM	HOME	D 1-1
Sat. Dec. 7	Reading	Away	.....
Sat. " 14	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	HOME	.....
Sat. " 21	WEST HAM UNITED	HOME	.....
Sat. " 28	Ipswich Town	Away	.....

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Sat. Jan. 4	ORIENT	HOME	.....
Sat. " 11	West Ham United	Away	.....
Sat. " 18	(L.C.)	.....	.....
Sat. " 25	SOUTHEND UNITED	HOME	.....
Sat. Feb. 1	Millwall	Away	.....
Sat. " 8	PORTSMOUTH	HOME	.....
Sat. " 15	Charlton Athletic	Away	.....
Sat. " 22	ARSENAL	HOME	.....
Sat. Mar. 1	Watford	Away	.....
Sat. " 8	CRYSTAL PALACE	HOME	.....
Sat. " 15	Queen's Park Rangers	Away	.....
Sat. " 29	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	HOME	.....
Sat. Apr. 12	Gillingham	Away	.....
Undated	MILLWALL (postponed Oct. 26)	HOME	.....
	Portsmouth (postponed Sept. 7)	Away	.....
	Crystal P. (postponed Nov. 23)	Away	.....

● All S.E.C.L. home matches kick-off at 11 a.m. and are played at the Imperial Services Ground, Bishopford Road, Mitcham, Surrey.



Spectacular evasive action by Chris Garland as he leaps over goalkeeper Bill Glazier in the recent home game against Coventry.



Now it's congratulations for Chris Garland from Bill Garner after a brilliantly headed goal in the same match.

TABLES
APPEARANCES
SCORERS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

	Home					Away					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	
Stoke City	20	7	4	0	21 9	2	3	4	12	16	25
Ipswich	20	8	2	0	20 3	3	0	7	8	12	24
Liverpool	19	6	1	2	17 8	4	3	3	8	6	24
Everton	19	5	6	0	16 8	1	6	1	11	11	24
Manchester City	20	9	1	0	19 4	1	3	6	7	21	24
West Ham United	20	6	1	2	25 11	3	4	4	12	17	23
Derby	19	6	2	1	22 11	2	4	4	10	16	22
Newcastle	19	7	3	1	19 8	1	3	4	9	17	22
Burnley	20	5	2	3	20 15	4	2	4	15	17	22
Sheffield United	19	6	3	2	18 13	2	2	4	9	17	21
Birmingham City	20	6	1	3	21 13	2	3	5	10	16	20
Middlesbrough	19	2	4	2	12 12	5	2	4	13	14	20
Leeds United	19	5	2	2	15 6	2	2	6	10	15	18
Wolves	19	3	4	2	15 12	2	4	4	7	13	18
Coventry	20	3	5	2	15 14	2	3	5	13	23	18
Tottenham Hotspur	19	3	3	4	12 11	3	2	4	11	14	17
Queen's Park Rangers	20	3	2	5	9 11	3	3	4	13	16	17
Arsenal	19	4	3	2	16 7	2	1	7	7	18	16
Leicester	18	3	3	3	10 7	2	2	5	10	18	15
CHELSEA	19	1	5	3	10 15	2	3	5	9	20	14
Carlisle United	20	3	1	5	6 7	2	2	7	11	17	13
LUTON TOWN	19	1	3	6	10 17	0	4	5	7	14	9

APPEARANCES

HARRIS	19	GARLAND	10 (1)
LOCKE	19	HUTCHINSON	9 (1)
COOKE	17 (1)	SISSONS	9 (1)
HOUSEMAN	16 (1)	DEMPSEY	9
DROY	16	BONETTI	8
HOLLINS	15	BRITTON	4 (1)
KEMBER	14	BALDWIN	4
HAY	13	HINTON	3
GARNER	11	WILKINS (R.)	1 (1)
PHILLIPS	11	T. LANGLEY	1

Goalscorers: Hutchinson 5, Cooke 4, Garner 4, Garland 2, Droy 1, Hollins 1, Houseman 1, Locke 1, Total 19.
Non-playing substitutes: Britton 2, Droy 2, Hutchinson 2, Kember 2, Baldwin 1, Hinton 1, Wilkins (R.) 1, Swain 1.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

APPEARANCES

COOKE	4	DEMPSEY	3
DROY	4	GARLAND	3
HARRIS	4	BRITTON	2
HOLLINS	4	KEMBER	2
HOUSEMAN	4	GARNER	1 (1)
HUTCHINSON	4	SISSONS	1
LOCKE	4	BALDWIN	1 (1)
PHILLIPS	4	WILKINS (R.)	1 (1)

Goalscorers: Garland 3, Hutchinson 2, Britton 1, Baldwin 1, Cooke 1, Hollins 1, Total 9.
Non-playing substitute: Dempsey 1.

SUBSTITUTES

Figures in brackets represent additional appearances as substitute

MATCH FOR JOHN

John Hollins, now training again after missing three games because of a knee injury, is taking a side to play at Enfield this coming Monday (7.30 p.m.). It is an extra event towards John's Testimonial.

ANSWERS TO CHELSEA QUIZ-TIME (published in last programme): 1. The three clubs Ron Suart managed before he came to Chelsea were Wigan Athletic, Scunthorpe United and Blackpool. 2. Last instance of two own goals being scored for Chelsea in one match was in the Fairs Cup semi-final second leg at home to Barcelona in May 1966. We won 2-0, scorers: Torres (o.g.) and Reina (o.g.). 3 (a) Tommy Hughes is now with Hereford United, (b) Bert Murray is with Peterborough, (c) Colin Waldron is with Burnley. 4. Allan Harris was the player Chelsea transferred to Coventry City (Nov. 1964) and signed back from them (May 1966). 5. Ken Shellito's match against O.P.R. here in May 1968 attracted the biggest Chelsea Testimonial attendance (20,949). Winners of two New Stand tickets each for today's match: Mr. S. P. Pile, of Boreham Wood; Mr. C. C. Webster, of Basingstoke; Mr. R. Langston, of Uppingham.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	19	14	2	3	43	19	30
CHELSEA	18	12	5	1	40	16	29
Plymouth Argyle	17	11	3	3	35	20	25
Ipswich Town	15	11	1	3	29	15	23
Luton Town	17	9	4	4	35	20	22
Arsenal	19	8	4	7	20	17	20
Leicester City	20	7	6	7	26	23	20
Southampton	16	8	3	5	37	22	19
Tottenham Hotspur	16	7	3	6	24	25	17
Norwich City	15	6	4	5	23	17	16
Cardiff City	18	7	2	9	34	41	16
Bristol Rovers	18	6	4	8	17	27	16
Oxford United	17	7	1	9	21	21	15
Queen's Park Rangers	17	5	5	7	23	27	15
Crystal Palace	18	6	2	10	27	38	14
Bournemouth	16	5	4	7	18	26	14
Birmingham City	18	4	6	8	18	26	14
Fulham	15	3	4	8	12	22	10
Reading	15	4	1	10	19	40	9
West Ham United	17	2	2	13	18	34	6
Swindon Town	15	2	2	11	7	36	6

APPEARANCES

SORENSEN	16	PHILLIPS	6
WILKINS (G.)	13	SISSONS	6
WICKS	12 (1)	HUTCHINSON	5
HINTON	12	BONETTI	4
WILKINS (R.)	12	LEWINGTON	4
BRITTON	11	MAYBANK	4
SWAIN	11	CUNNINGHAM	3
JACKSON	9 (1)	GARNER	3
FINNIESTON	9	BRILEY	2
BASON	9	KEMBER	2
RICHARDSON	8	GARLAND	1
SPARROW	7 (2)	HAY	1
BALDWIN	7	LOCKE	1
DEMPSEY	7	D. STRIDE	1
STANLEY	6 (2)	D. GRADI	1 (1)
T. LANGLEY	6		

Goalscorers: Hutchinson 7, Langley 5, Finnieston 4, Britton 3, Sissons 3, Bason 2, Garner 2, Swain 2, Maybank 2, Stanley 2, Garland 1, Jackson 1, Lewington 1, Sorenson 1, Swain 1, Wilkins (G.) 1, Wilkins (R.) 1, Opponent 1, Total 40.
Non-playing substitutes: Finnieston 2, Swain 2, Bason 1, Briley 1, Cunningham 1, Jackson 1, R. Kember 1, Sorensen 1, Wilkins (G.) 1.

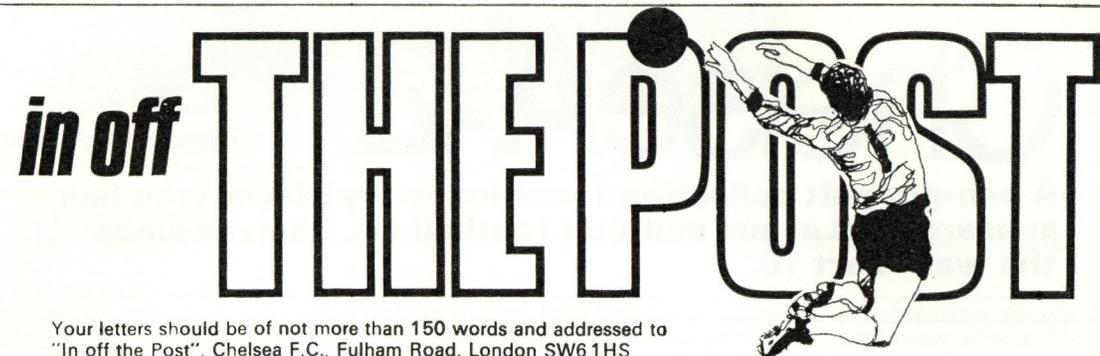
SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE—DIV. I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich Town	13	8	4	1	39	11	20
Tottenham Hotspur	12	8	2	2	36	10	18
Fulham	12	7	4	1	29	11	18
Queen's Park Rangers	12	9	0	3	24	12	18
Orient	12	5	6	1	30	14	16
CHELSEA	11	5	3	3	28	16	13
Arsenal	12	5	3	4	24	19	13
Southend United	11	5	2	4	24	22	12
Crystal Palace	12	5	2	5	18	25	12
West Ham United	12	4	3	5	21	18	11
Charlton Athletic	11	3	3	5	12	20	9
Watford	11	4	0	7	18	35	8
Millwall	14	2	3	9	15	32	7
Reading	13	2	2	9	12	43	6
Gillingham	11	1	3	7	11	34	5
Portsmouth	11	1	2	8	15	34	4

APPEARANCES

D. GODWIN	11	J. WEBBERLEY	7
P. HAMMOND	11	L. FROST	5 (1)
H. HOLMAN	9	R. KEMBER	4
D. STRIDE	9	LEWINGTON	4 (1)
C. WALKER	9	T. AYLOTT	4
MAYBANK	8	K. DODDS	3
J. JACOBS	7 (1)	I. SOUNESS	3
BRILEY	7	WICKS	3
T. LANGLEY	7	L. TEMPLEMAN	2
SPARROW	7	C. HARRIS	1

Goalscorers: Langley 13, Maybank 4, Stride 3, Walker 3, Holman 2, Lewington 2, Frost 1, Total 28.
Non-playing substitutes: Templeman 2, Walker 2, Aylott 1, Frost 1, Holman 1, D. Mooney 1, Webberley 1.



Your letters should be of not more than 150 words and addressed to "In off the Post", Chelsea F.C., Fulham Road, London SW6 1HS

LETTERS OPENED BY PROGRAMME EDITOR ALBERT SEWELL

I'LL NEVER FORGET . . . I have supported Chelsea since I was four months old. My father always used to go, but now he rarely goes, but I still do. My mother doesn't like me coming to see you play, but as she is not a football fan, she wouldn't know what it's like. My first ever football match was Chelsea 13, Jeunesse Hautcharage 0. I will never forget that as long as I live. For the game against Stoke City at home in the League Cup last month I was sitting by my bedroom window, sweating out what was going to happen. I can see Chelsea's floodlights from there, so I sit there every time I can't come. If anybody will sell me the Chelsea v. Carlisle or Chelsea v. Burnley programmes for ten pence each, please send them to me and I will give the money by post.

Bradley Day, 31 Selworthy House, Battersea, S.W.11.

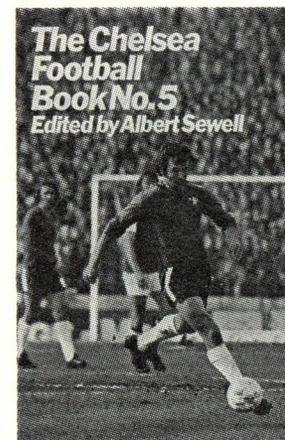
Invitation to all Stamford Bridge fans: Which Chelsea match will YOU never forget as long as you live? And why? We will send an autographed photograph of your favourite current Chelsea player to the senders of the ten best entries received by next Saturday (December 14) and will publish the winners in a future programme. Please keep your letter to a maximum of 150 words (don't forget to add the name of your favourite Chelsea player) and send it to: The Match I'll Never Forget, Chelsea Football Club, Fulham Road, London SW6 1HS. P.S. to Bradley Day: If you write again to In off the Post, telling us your favourite Chelsea star, we'll send you an autographed picture of him.

WHAT ABOUT STEVE? I was very surprised to see that Steve Finnieston was allowed to go to Cardiff City on loan. I, and no doubt many other Chelsea supporters, would have thought a striker who can score goals is worth a game in your first team. Among the strikers at Chelsea, only Ian Hutchinson is a regular goalscorer. We are always told how this club is looking to the future with ground improvements, etc., so why has Steve Finnieston never had a chance in First Division football? Is he going to be allowed to leave Chelsea and become a star player with another club?

T. Hutchings, 11, Berber Road, Battersea, S.W.11.

At the time "Jock" Finnieston was loaned, we had strikers Ian Hutchinson, Bill Garner, Chris Garland and Tommy Baldwin all fit and available, and in those circumstances felt it was a good opportunity for him to gain some Football League experience with Cardiff. The loan period has since been extended by a further month, but there has been no suggestion of a permanent transfer. We are having Steve watched in his games for Cardiff (he has scored two goals in six appearances for them) and it will be interesting, when he returns, to see what progress he has made. Ironically, but for being on loan, Steve would have been given his First Division debut at home to Leicester on November 9, when we had selection problems, and in his absence 16-year-old Tommy Langley was promoted for that match.

Here's the Ideal Christmas Gift



If there's one thing certain to appeal to Chelsea fans of all ages—from grandads to grandsons, dads and uncles, mums and daughters, too—its *THE CHELSEA FOOTBALL BOOK No. 5*. It's the sort of Christmas present that will last long into the New Year because, like the four previous books in the series, this is another fascinating read. These are just some of the contents:

- The story of Chelsea's star goalkeepers down the years—from Willie Foulke in 1905 to Peter Bonetti and John Phillips in 1974.
- Great Chelsea matches recaptured . . . from promotion year in 1963 to F.A. Cup glory in 1970 and European triumph a year later.
- "Tomorrow's Billy Bremner". Who is he? The chapter starting on page 54 reveals that he is already at Stamford Bridge.
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Chelsea A-Z

A pen-portrait collection featuring every player who has appeared in League and Cup football for Chelsea since the war Part 10

MORTIMORE, John: Centre-half, specially strong in the air, who won England caps at Youth and Amateur level before signing professional for Chelsea in August 1957, having made his debut in April 1956 while an amateur with Woking. His first-team career with us took in 279 first-team games (10 goals), after which he was transferred to Queen's Park Rangers for £8,000 in September 1965. Having gained coaching experience here, he was later coach to Southampton and then manager of Portsmouth, an appointment that ended earlier this season. Born Farnborough.

MULHOLLAND, Jimmy: A slightly-built Scottish forward, central or left flank, he was signed from East Stirling for £8,000 in October 1962. Made 12 senior appearances (three goals) before leaving for Morton in part-exchange for Billy Sinclair in September 1964. Born Knightswood.

MULLIGAN, Paddy: Republic of Ireland right-back signed for £17,500 (a record Eire fee) from Shamrock Rovers in October 1969. Not only a powerful defender, but an exciting right-flank raider, he made 79 senior appearances (two goals) for Chelsea before his £75,000 transfer to Crystal Palace in September 1972. Born Dublin.

MURRAY, Bert: After three seasons as a Chelsea Junior he signed professional in May 1961. A versatile player who figured on the wing and in midfield (or occasionally at full-back and even emergency goalkeeper), he made 183 first-team appearances (44 goals) before leaving for Birmingham City at a fee of £25,000 in August 1966. After playing for Brighton & Hove Albion, he moved to his present club, Peterborough, last season. Gained six England Under-23 caps here in 1964-65, and his 17 League goals that season are a post-war record for a Chelsea winger. Born Shoreditch.

NICHOLAS, Brian: A Welsh Schoolboy international who was signed from Queen's Park Rangers in July 1955. In three seasons he made 29 first-team appearances (one goal) at wing-half before being transferred to Coventry City in January 1958. Born Aberdare.

NICHOLAS, Tony: Signing professional from the Juniors at seventeen in May 1955, this sturdy, fair-haired, inside-forward made 63 first-team appearances, scoring 20 goals, before being transferred to Brighton and Hove Albion for £13,000 in November 1960. Born West Ham.

O'CONNELL, Seamus: Having won an F.A. Amateur Cup-winners' medal with Bishop Auckland, he signed amateur forms for Chelsea in August 1954, and in a sensational first-team debut two months later he scored a hat-trick in a 5-6 defeat at home to Manchester United. In his one full season with us, the England Amateur won a League Championship medal as an advanced striking inside-forward. After scoring a total of 12 goals in 17 games for the seniors he returned to Carlisle to help his father in the family cattle-dealing business. Born Carlisle.

OELOFSE, Roelof (Ralph): South African centre-half who came to England in October 1951 and five months later made his League debut. Played a total of eight First Division games for us before joining Watford in July 1953. Born Johannesburg.

ORD, Tommy: Signed from amateurs Erith & Belvedere in October 1972, he scored on his League debut at home to Stoke the following April and made three First Division appearances. Signed for Rochester Lancers (U.S.A.) at the end of last season, after being on loan to Bristol City. Now with Bexley United in the Southern League. Born London.

O'ROURKE, John: Signing professional for Chelsea (previously an Arsenal junior) in April 1962, this centre-forward was top reserve scorer here in 1962-63 and made his one senior appearance in the League Cup the following season. Moved to Luton Town in December 1963 and has also played for Middlesbrough, Ipswich Town, Coventry City, Queen's Park Rangers and now Bournemouth. Born London.

OSGOOD, Peter: One of the most skilful—and popular—players ever to wear Chelsea blue, he was transferred to Southampton last March at our record fee of £240,000. In ten seasons as a first-team player here he made 369 appearances and scored 148 goals as follows: League 279 (103), F.A. Cup 33 (19), League Cup 30 (10), Fairs Cup 15 (4), Cup-Winners' Cup 11 (12), Charity Shield 1. Joined us as a 17-year-old amateur in March 1964 and signed professional six months later. Made a two-goal debut v. Workington (League Cup, December 1964)—the start of a career in which the highlights included scoring in every round of our 1970 F.A. Cup success and the European Cup-Winners' Cup winner in Athens a year later. Won four full England caps (and six for Under-23's) while with us and was voted Chelsea's "Player of the Year" in 1973. Born Windsor.

Results Teams Scorers FOR THE RECORD

Football League

Saturday, 9th November. Drew with LEICESTER CITY (Home) 0-0.

Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Hollins, Droy, Hinton, Kember, Baldwin, T. Langley, Houseman, Cooke. Substitute (did not play): Britton.

Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe (Yates), Earle, Munro, Cross, Weller, Sammels, Worthington, Birchenall, Glover.

Referee: Mr. W. Gow (Swansea). Attendance: 23,915

The match was attended by King Olaf of Norway. In face of problems caused by injuries and suspensions, 16-year-old Langley was given his First Division debut and Hinton made his first League appearance of the season. Wind and heavy swirling drizzle made conditions difficult. Kember was an outstanding midfielder player. One booking: Glover.

Wednesday, 13th November. Drew with COVENTRY CITY (Home) 3-3. Half-time: 2-2.

Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Hay, Droy, Hinton (Britton), Kember, Garner, Garland, Houseman, Cooke.

Scorers: Garner, Garland, Cooke.

Coventry: Glazier; Oakey (Green), Cattlin, Mortimer, Craven, Hindley, Holmes, Carr, Stein, Cross, Hutchison.

Scorers: Cross, Craven, Hutchison.

Referee: Mr. R. Challis (Tonbridge). Attendance: 11,048.

Not surprisingly, in view of the incessant rain, the attendance was our smallest of the season. In the absence of Hollins with a knee injury, Kember captained Chelsea for the first time. Coventry went ahead through Cross (4 mins.), Garner equalised (27 mins.) with a deflected half-volley from Cooke's corner, Garland headed us in front (40 mins.) from Houseman's cross, and Craven equalised (43 mins.) from 25 yards after a short free-kick. Cooke restored our lead (60 mins.) with a 20-yarder just under the bar, but with six minutes left Hutchison shot Coventry's third from an acute angle. Hinton withdrew after 20 minutes with a torn ham-string. One booking: Garland.

Saturday, 16th November. Lost to NEWCASTLE UNITED (Away) 0-5. Half-time: 0-0.

Newcastle: McFaul; Nattrass, Clark, Cassidy, Keeley, Howard, Barrowclough, Kennedy, Macdonald, Cannell, Hibbitt (Smith).

Scorers: Cannell, Kennedy, Macdonald 2, Barrowclough.

Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Hay, Droy, Dempsey, Kember, Garner, Garland, Houseman, Cooke. Substitute (did not play): Britton.

Referee: Mr. K. Baker (Rugby). Attendance: 33,821.

After a goalless first half, we suffered our heaviest League defeat since beaten five-nil at Southampton on February 1 1969. Goal times: Cannell (50 mins.), Kennedy (69), Macdonald (71), Barrowclough (82), Macdonald (89). One booking: Locke.

Saturday, 30th November. Lost to LEEDS UNITED (Away) 0-2. Half-time: 0-1.

Leeds: Harvey; Reaney, Cherry, Bremner, McQueen, Madeley, McKenzie, Clarke, Jordan, Giles, Yorath.

Scorers: Cherry, Clarke.

Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Hay, Droy, Hinton, Britton (Houseman), Kember, Garner, Hutchinson, Cooke.

Referee: Mr. I. Smith (Accrington). Attendance: 30,444.

Cherry, who headed the equaliser against us at Leeds last season, this time scored the first goal (15 mins.) from 30 yards following a corner. We were in with a chance of saving a point until seven minutes from time, when Clarke shot Leeds' second. One booking: Droy.

Football Combination

Saturday, 9th November. Drew with LEICESTER CITY (Away) 1-1. Half-time: 1-1.

Team: Phillips; Sorensen, Wilkins (G.), Wilkins (R.), Wicks, Hay, Bason, Stanley, Maybank, Jackson, Sissons.

Substitute (did not play): Swain.

Scorer: Bason.

One down from a corner in 15 minutes, we were level by half-time through Bason's left-foot shot from a square pass by Jackson and had the better of the second half.

Saturday, 23rd November. Beat BIRMINGHAM CITY (Away) 5-2. Half-time: 4-0.

Team: Richardson; Locke, Sparrow, Britton, Wicks, Cunningham, Swain, Wilkins (R.), T. Langley (Stanley), Hutchinson, Sissons.

Scorers: Hutchinson 3, Langley, Sissons.

On a heavy pitch and against a strong Birmingham side, including Sprake in goal and Hynd at centre-half, Hutchinson completed a fine hat-trick on his reappearance after a month off with a knee injury. He scored with a left-foot shot and two headers, and also helped in the third and fifth goals by Langley and Sissons. From five down, Birmingham replied twice in the closing minutes.

F.A. Youth Cup—Second Round

Tuesday, 26th November. Beat GILLINGHAM (Home) 5-1. Half-time: 3-0.

Team: J. Jacobs; Briley, Sparrow, Lewington, Wicks, D. Godwin, H. Holman, Wilkins (R.), T. Langley, Maybank, C. Walker. Substitute (did not play): D. Stride.

Scorers: Maybank 3, Wilkins, Langley.

We were three up in a quarter of an hour (Maybank, Langley, Maybank). In the second half Wilkins added the fourth with a well-timed run to finish a good build-up, and Maybank completed his hat-trick with a header from a corner.

Your chance to ASK KEN



Have YOU got a question you'd like to ask about youth coaching, training tactics, junior football etc.? Then Chelsea Youth Manager Ken Shellito is waiting to hear from you. Post your questions to: Ask Ken, Chelsea F.C., Stamford Bridge Grounds, Fulham Road, London SW6 1HS.

Today Ken Shellito answers a long-distance question from John Gordon, who writes from Aberdeen: "What goes on in the dressing-room just before a game and at half-time?"

“You don't say whether you mean in youth football or the first team, John, so let's talk about both. First, in the Chelsea Juniors we use the pre-match half-hour or so to organise our team plan, discussing the basic pattern of how we form up . . . what we aim to do and how we are going to achieve it. Forwards are reminded to attack defenders, while players in the "defensive third" and "middle third" of the field are encouraged not to run with the ball. Half-time discussion is used to help any players who might be going wrong . . . helping them overcome their problems. In Cup competitions (F.A. Youth Cup, Southern Junior Floodlight Cup, etc.) we go for a result every time, of course, but in Saturday morning league football the main object is to improve individuals, and I am even prepared to accept defeat if it helps to create a good player. In the Football League, it's very different, with results all-important. Here, the opposition are known—how they play as a unit and as individuals—and the Manager and Coach will go round the dressing-room establishing who is going to be responsible for which opponent and who will "pick up" this man and that. At this level, football is much more of a "stopping" game. At half-time, if things are going well, the tea will taste extra good, and there will be only the odd reminder or two for individual players. If not, it is the job of the Manager and/or Coach to put the finger on what's been going wrong and suggest how it can be remedied. There's not a lot of time, particularly if injuries have also to be treated. It's all in the mind, of course, but when things are not going for you on the field the clock always seems to be against you as well. I hope it seems a long half-time break to our lads this afternoon.☺

TODAY'S HALF-TIMES

FIRST DIVISION

A	Birmingham v. Stoke	.....
B	Burnley v. Q.P.R.	.....
C	Carlisle v. Arsenal	.....
D	Leicester v. Everton	.....
E	Liverpool v. Derby	.....
F	Man. City v. Sheff. Utd.	.....
G	Middlesbrough v. Ipswich	.....
H	Tottenham v. Newcastle	.....
J	West Ham v. Leeds	.....
K	Wolves v. Coventry	.....

SECOND DIVISION

L	Millwall v. Orient	.....
M	Norwich v. Cardiff	.....
N	Nott'm F. v. Fulham	.....
O	Sheff. Wed. v. Man. Utd.	.....
P	Southampton v. York	.....
R	Sunderland v. Portsmouth	.....

THIRD DIVISION

S	Brighton v. Southend	.....
T	Charlton v. Blackburn
U	Watford v. Crystal P.

FOURTH DIVISION

V	Brentford v. Darlington
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CHELSEA v. LUTON TOWN—Past League Results

Season	Home	Away	Season	Home	Away
1955-56	0-0	2-2	1958-59	3-3	1-2
1956-57	4-1	4-0	1959-60	3-0	2-1
1957-58	1-3	2-0	1962-63	3-1	2-0

(Chelsea's score given first in each case)

Summary

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	6	3	2	1	14	8	8
Away	6	4	1	1	13	5	9
Total	12	7	3	2	27	13	17

The Last Time We Met at Stamford Bridge

Monday 1st April, 1963 (Second Division): **Chelsea 3, Luton Town 1.** Half-time: 1-1 Attendance: 21,211.

Chelsea: Dunn; Harris (A.), McCreddie, Venables, Mortimore, Upton, Murray, Tambling, Bridges, Moore, Blunstone.

Scorers: Blunstone, Tambling 2 (1 penalty).

Luton: Baynham; Daniel, Bramwell, Morton, Kelly, Lownds, Chandler, Davies, Pacey, Turner, Jardine.

Scorer: Turner.

BY RAIL TO CARLISLE NEXT SATURDAY

British Rail will run a special train in connection with our match at Carlisle next Saturday: Depart Euston 09.15, arrive Carlisle 13.39. Return, depart Carlisle 17.50, arrive Euston 22.10. Fare £3.50 adults (£2.20 for juveniles under 14). Tickets from Euston booking office and may be obtained in advance.

Chelsea Supporters' Club rail travel arrangements by Inter-City are as follows: Depart Euston 09.00, arrive Carlisle 13.22. Return, depart Carlisle 17.58, arrive Euston 21.26. Buffet service on outward journey, buffet and restaurant service on return. Fare £4.30 (S.C. Members only). Rail tickets available before and after today's match from S.C. headquarters at 547 Fulham Road.

CLUB SHOP

Give a unique Christmas present this year. Buy a souvenir from the Club Shop and you have a gift that cannot be bought elsewhere. Most of the items are made especially for the Club to our own design and you can therefore be sure of top quality at reasonable prices. Autograph Book 50p, Ashtray 60p, Chelsea Book No. 5 £1.50, Binders 55p, Duffle Bag £1.50, Shoulder Bag £2.00, Sports Holdall £3.00, Bannerette 25p, Comb and Case 10p, Calendar 30p, Plastic Cap 25p, Bob Hat 75p, Club Badges 6p to 50p, Car Badge £1.50, Gear Knob £1.00, Key Fobs 10p and 35p, Oak Shield 40p, Pennant 30p, Junior Playing Kits £2.70 to £3.10, Rosette 20p, Scarves 60p to £1.25, Purses 35p, Pencil Cases 35p, Tax Holders 20p, Tea Towel 75p, Teddy Bear £1.75, Windscreen Stickers 15p, Watch Strap 45p.

There is only one more first-team home match before Christmas so choose from our list and visit one of the shops inside the ground today or order direct by post (add 10 per cent for postage and packing) from Chelsea Club Shops, 5 Church Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

NOTE: As a special pre-Christmas service to fans, the Club Shop (Main Entrance) will be open from 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 21, the day we play West Ham.

Meet our Visitors—Luton Town 1974-75



Back row: Maitland Pollock, Peter Anderson, John Ryan, Paul Fitcher, Paul Price, Jimmy Husband.

Middle row: Bobby Thomson, John Faulkner, Keith Barber, Graham Horn, Barry Butlin (now Nott'm. Forest), Alan Garner, Steve Litt.

Front row: Reg Game (Physiotherapist), Brian Chambers, Alan West, Harry Haslam (Manager), Gordon Hindson, Jimmy Ryan, Roy McCrohan (Chief Coach).

KEITH BARBER: Discovered in London amateur soccer, he has taken over as Luton's first-team goalkeeper from Graham Horn. Born Vauxhall.

JOHN RYAN: Speedy full-back previously with Arsenal and Fulham, he is particularly dangerous on the overlap. A water-skiing enthusiast and former Kent Amateur golf champion. Born London.

BOBBY THOMSON: Luton's captain, signed from Birmingham on a free transfer in May 1972, has proved a magnificent capture—ever-present for the past two seasons. Began with Wolves 13 years ago and made 277 League appearances for them as well as winning 15 Under-23 and eight full England caps. Born Smethwick.

PETER ANDERSON: A former amateur with Hendon, he became one of the game's leading midfield scorers with 14 goals last season, when also voted Luton's "Player of the Year". A qualified chartered accountant. Born Hendon.

JOHN FAULKNER: Centre-half whose career with Leeds was limited by a knee injury to two First Division games, Don Revie having signed him after a fine display by Faulkner against them in an F.A. Cup-tie for amateurs Sutton United. Moved to Luton in March 1972 for £6,000. Born Orpington.

ALAN GARNER: Played two games for Millwall and then moved to Luton on a free transfer three years ago. Ever-present last season. Born Lambeth.

JIM RYAN: Scottish striker signed from Manchester United four years ago for a £20,000 fee. Scored ten League and Cup goals last season and is Luton's penalty-taker. Born Stirling.

JIMMY HUSBAND: Busy striker and former England Under-23 International (five caps) signed for £80,000 from Everton last November. Contributed eight goals to Luton's promotion last season. Born Newcastle.

PETER SPIRING: Liverpool paid Bristol City £60,000 for this young striker in March 1973 but he did not manage a first-team place at Anfield and moved on again to Luton in a £75,000 transfer three weeks ago. Scored his first League goal last Saturday, against Burnley. Born Glastonbury.

ALAN WEST: England Under-23 International, capped once in midfield, he was signed from Burnley for a record Luton fee of £80,000 in October 1973 and played a big part in Town's promotion success. Born Hyde, Cheshire.

JOHN ASTON: One of the few orthodox wingers in modern football, the ex-Man. United outside-left is particularly remembered for his part in United's 1968 European Cup success. Son of John Aston, former Man. United and England full-back, he cost Luton £30,000 in July 1972. Born Ashton-under-Lyne.

ADRIAN ALSTON: Capped 40 times by Australia, this 22-year-old striker starred for them in the 1974 World Cup in W. Germany and was bought by Luton in July for £12,000 from the Sydney club Safeway United. Was a junior with Preston before emigrating six years ago. Born Preston.



Painting by numbers.