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Contents Chelsea

Football Club

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Physiotherapist: Eddie Franklin

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Colours: Shirts: Royal Blue with White Collars and Cuffs. Shorts: Royal Blue with White Seam. Stockings: White (Second colours: Red Shirts, White Shorts, Green Stockings)

Honours: Football League Champions 1955. F.A. Charity Shield Winners 1955. Football League Cup Winners 1965. F.A. Cup Winners 1970. European Cup-Winners' Cup Winners 1971. F.A. Youth Cup Winners 1960, 1961 Won promotion to Division 1 1907, 1912, 1930, 1963

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Today's opponents Luton Town are featured with a team photograph and background information.

Player Focus turns the spotlight on Steve Finnieston.

Chelsea's previous games with Luton Town.

Joe Payne's Football League goalscoring record.

Fixtures and Facts. An easy to read table with all the details.

In off the Post – our readers letters featured with their views and

Action photographs of our game with Fulham.

Teams and Officials

Phew! That's a close one! The expression on Peter Bonetti's face tells its own story as Alan Slough hits the upright during a Fulham attack on

Two games in two days brings our home league programme to an end, and as both games are against near neighbours there is no chance of the end of season sleepy atmosphere creeping into the matches.

Today we welcome Luton Town who, having recovered from a disappointing start to the season, stormed up the table to a challenging position only to fall away in recent weeks.

Like ourselves, Luton Town received a great deal of publicity over their financial position earlier in the season

and it was the sale of Peter Anderson that helped the club eventually to turn the corner.

The Southampton v Crystal Palace semi-final turned out to be a typically dour cup tie, but we send our congratulations to "Chelsea Old Boys". Peter Osgood and Jim McCalliog, and, of course, to Southampton who, as a Second Division club have continued the trend of recent years by emulating Sunderland and Fulham's achievements of reaching Wembley.

Manchester United, of course, have two more ex-Blues and to Alex Stepney

and Stewart Houston go our congratulations as well.

With Easter matches vital in the relegation battles, it's pleasant in a way not to be under too much pressure, at least not at the wrong end of the table.

Hopefully you should enjoy a fine exhibition today, as our games with Luton always have a special competitive spirit about them.

Make sure you don't miss tomorrow's local "derby" against Orient!

President: T. Hodgson.
Chairman: L. S. Hawkins.
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J. A. C. Bain, R. I. Burr, R. J. Smith,
E. Morecambe, D. Mortimer, E. S. Pearson.
Secretary: R. Readhead.
Team Manager: Harry Haslam.
Year Formed: 1885.
Turned Professional: 1890.
Limited Company: 1897.

Honours: Football League, Highest position in Division 1: 8th, 1957/58. Division 2 Runners up: 1954/55, 1973/74. Division 3 Runners up: 1969/70. Division 4 Champions: 1967/68. Division 3 (S) Champions: 1936/37. Runners up: 1935/36. FA Cup: Best season: Runners up: 1959. Football League Cup: Best season, 4th Round: 1963.

Past Records

Record victory: 12-0 v Bristol R., Division 3 (S), April 13th 1936.
Record defeat: 1-9 v Swindon T., Division 3 (S), August 28th 1921.

Most League Points: 66, Division 4, 1967/68 (equalled Division 4 record).

Most League Goals: 103, Division 3 (S), 1936/37.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Joe Payne, 55, Division 3 (S), 1936/37.

Most Goals in Total Aggregate: Gordon Turner, 243, 1949/64.

Most Capped Player: George Cummins, 19, Eire.

Most League Appearances: Bob Morton, 494, 1948/64.

Record transfer fee received: £180,000 from Newcastle United for Malcolm Macdonald, May 1971.

Record transfer fee paid: £100,000 to Burnley for Alan West, October 1973, and to Chester for Paul Futcher, May 1974.

Managers since the war: George Martin, Dally Duncan, Syd Owen, Sam Bartram, Bill Harvey, Allan Brown, Alec Stock.

Ground: 70/72 Kenilworth Road, Luton. Capacity: 25,000 (17,000 covered) Record attendance: 30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup 6th Round Replay, March 4th 1959. Record receipts: £16,100 v Chelsea, Division 1, January 11, 1975. Pitch measurements: 112 yards × 72 Extra information: Joe Payne, scored 10 goals against Bristol Rovers in April 1936, a record individual score in a Football League match.

Club Colours: Orange shirt with one navy and one white vertical stripe on left side. Navy blue shorts, orange stockings.

Change colours: White shirts, navy shorts, white stockings.

Club Captain: Bobby Thomson. First Team Trainer: Reg Game. Club Nickname: "Hatters".

Back Row: Peter Mead, Alan West, Gordon Hindson, Jim Ryan, Peter Anderson, Andy King, Pasquale Fuccillo, Brian Chambers, Laurence Coyne, Matt Pollock. First Row: Danny Bergara (Coach), Alex Malcolm, David Carr, Bobby Thomson, Paul Futcher, John Faulkner, Keith Barber, Graham Horn, Steve Liit, Steve Buckley, Paul

Price.
Second Row: David Pleat (Coach), John
Aston, Ron Futcher, Peter Spiring, Harry
Haslam (Manager), Roy McCrohan (Chief
Coach), Adrian Alston, Jimmy Husband,
John Seasman, Reg Game (Physiotherapist).
Seated: Graham Jones, Wayne Morgan,
Barry McHugh, Ian Donnelly, Tony Knight,
Andy Roberts, Sandor Simon, Iain Stewart,
Steve Russell. Tim Smith.



Luton Town

Name	Birthplace	Position	Height	Weight	Married/ Single	League Appear.	League Goals	
Keith Barber	London	G	5-11	10-12	M	122		
John Ryan	London	D	5-10	12-6	M	308+7	11	
John Faulkner	Orpington	D	6-0	12-3	М	139	4	
Paul Futcher	Chester	D	5-10	10-6	S	76		
Paul Price	St. Albans	D	5-11	11-12	S	3+1	_	
Steve Buckley	Brinsley	D	5-11	12-4	S	52	1	
Andy King	Luton	MF	5-9	10-3	S	30+3	9	
Brian Chambers	Newcastle	MF	5-10	10-12	M	85+13	9	
Alan West	Hyde	MF	5-8	10-7	M	147+5	6	
Pasqualle Fuccillo	Bedford	MF	5-11	11-4	S	9+1		
Ron Futcher	Chester	F	5-10	10-3	S	46+1	15	
John Aston	Manchester	F	5-10	11-6	М	271+19	46	
Jimmy Husband	Newcastle	F	5-8	11-0	М	246+8	67	
Maitland Pollock	Dumfries	F	5-8	11-0	М	4+2		
Peter Spiring	Glastonbury	F	5-8	11-0	М	69+8	18	

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Past clubs	Fee paid	Honours	Autographs	
Fulham				
Leeds	£5,000			
Chester	£100,000			
	-			
	-			
Sunderland, Arsenal	£35,000			4
Burnley	£80,000	England Under 23		
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Chester	£25,000		ů.	
Manchester Utd.	£30,000	England Under 23		
Everton	£70,000	England Under 23		
Walsall	£10,000			
Bristol City, Liverpool	£70,000	England Youth		Selection of the select

Player Focus = STEVE FINNIESTON

Who was your favourite player when you were a schoolboy?

Dennis Law

Which match has given you the most enjoyment in your career so far, and why?

My league debut for Cardiff against York City, closely followed by my next match against Oldham when I scored my first league goal

Which player in the Football League who plays in your position do you most admire? Alan Clarke

Which Club do you most enjoy playing against? Any team I score against.

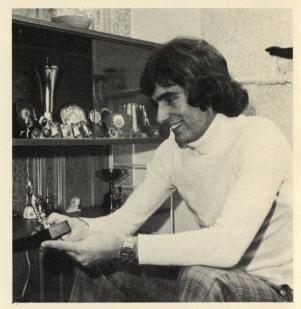
Who are the best eleven players (in a 4-3-3 formation) that you have ever watched, played with or played against?

Jennings

Vogts Charlton, I. Mazzola Cruyff

Bremner Muller

Beckenbauer Breitner Pele Law



Steve Finnieston with one of the many trophies he has won during his football career to date.



The Finniestons. Standing: Jim (father) and Pam (sister). Seated: Steve, Carolyn (fiancée) and Margaret (mother).



MARVIN'S TESTIMONIAL

Crystal Palace will be making their third appearance at Stamford Bridge in less than three months when they play Chelsea on Friday, May 7th (kick off 7.45pm) in aid of Marvin Hinton's testimonial fund. The game will be preceded by a junior football match at 6.30pm.

Other fund raising activities to assist Marvin, include a visit by Chelsea's Combination side to Horsham on April 28th to play the local Isthmian side.

On Wednesday, May 5th there will be a greyhound race night (on film) and hot supper in the Chelsea Suite. It promises to be an exciting evening of greyhound racing with eight races in colour and a commentary given by Brough Scott. Doors open at 7pm and the first race is at 8 o'clock. Tickets are £4 and may be obtained from the Restaurant Manager, or Marvin. The bar will be open till 1am.

PLAYING FOR ENGLAND

Fifteen years old Michael Fillery, an associated schoolboy on Chelsea's books, is in the England squad this year Peckham Road, Peckham High Street and has already played against Ireland, Wales and Holland; scoring in the last match. A strong midfield player, Michael was recommended to the club by his father, who used to play for Tooting and Mitcham.

OUR NEXT HOME GAMES Saturday, April 17th v ORIENT Football League, Division II (K.o. 3pm)

Saturday, April 24th v SOUTHAMPTON Football Combination (K.o. 2pm)

THE NEXT AWAY MATCHES

Monday, 19th April, 1976 CHARLTON ATH. v CHELSEA

By car to Charlton

Approximately 131/2 miles from Chelsea. Compiled by the Royal Automobile Club.

Leave from Fulham Road and continue by Putney Bridge to the junction with Putney Bridge Road. Turn left onto Putney Bridge Road and proceed ahead to the junction with Armoury Way. Turn left onto Armoury Way and continue ahead to York Road where turn right and continue to the junction with High Street (A3), Turn left and follow the A3 via Wandsworth Common, Battersea Rise and Clapham Common to the junction with Clapham Park Road (A2217). Turn right and continue by Clapham Park Road and Acre Lane to the junction with Brixton Road. Turn left then right onto Coldharbour Lane and proceed to the junction with Denmark Hill. Turn left and continue to Camberwell Green. Turn right onto Camberwell Church Street (A202) and proceed ahead by and Queens Road to the one-way system at New Cross. Follow the one-way system to New Cross Gate and continue ahead by New Cross Road, Deptford Broadway and Deptford Bridge to the junction with Greenwich Road and Blackheath Road. Turn left onto Greenwich Road (A206) and proceed ahead by Greenwich High Road to Nelson Road. Bear right and continue by Romney Road, Trafalgar Road and Woolwich Road to the crossroads - Charlton Church Lane and Anchor & Hope Lane, Turn right onto Charlton Church Lane then left onto Floyd Road and the football

Street parking is allowed but controlled by the police so watch for any special signs, including diversions.

Your nearest RAC offices are at: RAC, P.O. Box 100, RAC House, Lansdowne Road, Croydon CR92JA; or, RAC Northern Home Counties, 130 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.

Saturday, 24th April 1976 YORK CITY v CHELSEA

By car to York

Approximately 211 miles from Chiswick. Compiled by the Royal Automobile Club.

Leave from Chiswick roundabout by the North Circular and follow the North Circular to Brent Cross flyover. Filter left onto the A41 and follow the signs to the start of the M1. Proceed by the M1 northward to the intersection with the M18 and follow the M18 to the intersection with the Doncaster By-pass A1(M). Continue by the A1(M) then the A1 to the junction with the A64 and follow the signs "Tadcaster, York A64" to

Enter York by Tadcaster Road (A64) and continue ahead to the traffic lights - junction with Queen Street and Nunnery Lane. Turn left onto Queen Street and continue ahead by Station Road and Museum Street to the next set of traffic lights. Turn left and proceed to the crossroads. Turn left again and continue to the next crossroads. Turn right onto Grosvenor Terrace and at the next crossroads turn left onto Grosvenor Road and the ground is on the right.

There is parking space available at and near the ground and some street parking is allowed but controlled by the police so watch for any special signs, including diversions.

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CHELSEA V LUTONI PAST RESULTS

Football League

Season	Div	Home	Away	Season	Div	Home	Away
1955-56	I	0-0	2-2	1959-60	I	3-0	2-1
1956-57	I	4-1	4-0	1962-63	II	3-1	2-0
1957-58	I	1-3	2-0	1974-75	I	2-0	1-1
1958-59	I	3-3	1-2	1975-76	II	Today	0-3

(Chelsea's score given first in each case)

SUMMARY

Home Away	P. 7 8	W. 4 4	D. 2 2	L. 1 2	F. 16 14	A. 8 9	Pts. 10 10
Total	15	8	4	3	30	17	20

F.A. CUP

1926-27	3rd Round	Chelsea	4	Luton Town	0
1934-35	3rd Round	Chelsea	1	Luton Town	1
	Replay	Luton Town	2	Chelsea	0
	Chelsea and Luton Town	have never met in the Fo	ootball Le	ague Cup	

The Day When JOE PAYNE Entered Football Record Books

The name of Joe Payne of Luton Town and Chelsea is indelibly written into the football record books.

And even now it is hard to credit that those events of April 13 1936, an Easter Monday, ever took place.

That morning Joe arrived at Luton's Kenilworth Road ground expecting to play his sixth first-team game as a wing-half in a Second Division League game against Bristol Rovers.

To his astonishment, however, he found his name on the team-sheet at centre-forward, following an injury to the regular leader, Jack Ball.

For the first thirty minutes of the game Joe made little impact – and then he managed to score. By half-time he had added two more.

In the second half, it all started to happen. Every time he received the ball it seemed to end up in the net. The other Luton forwards plied him with passes on every possible occasion and he did the rest until eventually he had scored 10 in Luton's 12-0 victory.

55 GOALS IN A SEASON

Afterwards, with due modesty, he recalled that "perhaps the last one needed a bit of assistance from the referee." The following season he banged in another 55 goals in League games and then, in March 1938, he was transferred to Chelsea.

Here he contested the centre-forward berth with George Mills, an English international and still a fine player.

If not a sensation in the First Division, Joe still scored regularly and it is sometimes forgotten that he played a large part in helping to stave off relegation at the end of the last pre-war season in 1939. In a tense situation he scored in each of our final six games.

During that period no other Chelsea player found the net at all and Payne's goals were worth five points.
Ultimately, we finished in 20th position, 1 point ahead of Birmingham City who went down with Leicester City.

It was during the war, however, that R.A.F. Sergeant J. Payne played his best football for Chelsea.

Admittedly in a calmer, less competitive, atmosphere he scored goals with an almost monotonous regularity. On one occasion in the 1944-45 season he scored in twelve consecutive games, easily a Chelsea record – albeit an unofficial one.

That same season he scored 39 goals in 25 "League" games and there was no more successful centre-forward in the game at that time, notwithstanding the presence of such as Tommy Lawton, Jack Dodds, and Ted Drake.

When "normal" football resumed in August 1946 Joe was still young enough to have been of valuable assistance in helping us through the difficult transitional period we were in and to have formed an exciting double-spearhead with Lawton, following the latter's arrival from Everton.

But a knee injury which was to end Payne's career was already restricting his movement and, sadly, he never played another Football League game for Chelsea after May 1939, although he did play in F.A. Cup ties in the early part of 1946.

Eventually, having scored 23 goals in 47 first-team games (plus nearly 100 in unofficial war-time games), Joe moved on to West Ham United in December 1946, as part of the exchange deal which brough Harry Medhurst to Stamford Bridge.

But time had almost run out for him and, after 10 more games and 6 goals, Joe retired from football altogether. Nor did he again play cricket for Bedfordshire in the Minor Counties competition, as he had done before the war.

When Joe Payne died recently he must have already realised that his remarkable record, created under still more remarkable circumstances, would be likely to stand for all time.

Certainly both ourselves and our visitors today would be only too delighted to unearth his like again.

FIRTURES & FACTS

Divisio	on	Two, League Cup and F	.A. Cup	Fixt	tures	197	5-76				Division Two Leagu	ue Table		Appearances	Lge	L.C.	F.A.C.	Sub.
Date		Opponents	Venue	Res	ult	Date		Opponents	Venue	Results	Team	Home	Away	Player	A G	A G	A G	
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Foot	ball	Combination 1975-76								Sou	th Ea	st Counties League. Divi	ision One	•					
Date		Opponents	Venue	Result	Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	1	Date		Opponents	Venue	Result	Date		Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug.	16	LUTON TOWN	HOME	2-2	Nov. 29	BRISTOL ROVERS	HOME	8-1		Aug.	16	NORWICH CITY	HOME	4-2	Jan.	3	GILLINGHAM	HOME	4-2
	20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	HOME	2-3	Dec. 13	BRISTOL CITY	HOME	2-1			23	Southend United	Away	1-1		17	WATFORD	HOME	2-1
	23	Bristol City	Away	2-1	20	Luton Town	Away	3-1			30	IPSWICH TOWN	HOME	1-2		24	MILLWALL	HOME	1-1
	26	Oxford United	Away	2-0	Jan. 3	IPSWICH TOWN	HOME	0-2	Q	Sept.	6	Millwall	Away	0-1		31	Orient	Away	1-0
	30	ORIENT	HOME	0-0	10	Crystal Palace	Away	1-3			13	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	HOME	1-0	Feb.	7	Queen's Park Rangers	Away	1-2
Sept.	6	Swindon Town	Away	3-3	17	SWINDON TOWN	HOME	2-0			20	Watford (Cup)	Away	0-1		14			
	13	CRYSTAL PALACE	HOME	4-1	24	Orient	Away	0-3			27	PORTSMOUTH	HOME	P		21	ARSENAL	HOME	4-0
	20	Queen's Park Rangers	Away	1-0	31	Birmingham City	Away	1-1		Oct.	4	Crystal Palace	Away	1-0		28	Fulham	Away	1-0
	24	BOURNEMOUTH	HOME	0-0	Feb. 7	OXFORD UNITED	HOME	2-0			11	Watford	Away	0-0	Mar.	6	West Ham United	Away	2-1
	27	FULHAM	HOME	1-2	14	Arsenal	Away	4-0			18	Q.P.R.	HOME	4-0		13	Charlton Athletic	Away	1-2
Oct.	1	Bournemouth	Away	2-3	21	NORWICH CITY	HOME	2-0			25	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	HOME	6-4		20	ORIENT	HOME	5-0
	4	Southampton	Away	0-0	28	West Ham United	Away	4-1		Nov.	1	SOUTHEND UNITED	HOME	5-0		27			
	11	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	HOME	4-0	Mar. 6	LEICESTER CITY	HOME	3-2			8	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	2-1	Apr.	3	Portsmouth	Away	4-2
	25	WEST HAM UNITED	HOME	1-3	13	Plymouth Argyle	Away	5-0			15	CRYSTAL PALACE	HOME	3-2		10	Arsenal	Away	1-2
	29	Reading	Away	1-1	20	Bristol Rovers	Away	2-0			22	Gillingham	Away	2-1		17			
Nov.	1	Leicester City	Away	3-2	27	CARDIFF CITY	HOME	3-0			29	Norwich City	Away	0-1		24	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	HOME	
	8	ARSENAL	HOME	1-0	29	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	HOME	1-2		Dec.	6	WEST HAM UNITED	HOME	3-4					
	15-	Norwich City	Away	1-3	Apr. 3	Fulham	Away	1-1			13	FULHAM	HOME	3-4					
	19	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	1-1	10	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	HOME	0-0			20	Ipswich Town	Away	0-7					
	22	READING	HOME	4-0	17	Ipswich Town	Away												
	26	Cardiff City	Away	1-4	24	SOUTHAMPTON	HOME			NB-	-All hor	ne matches played at Imperial Serv	ices Ground.	Bishopsford	Road, M	itchan	n. Kick off 11.00 hrs		
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P. Aristides, 93 Bishop Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

I would be grateful if you would publish this letter in order to inform my match day friends that my father died on March 19 1976, aged 62 years.

My father and I sat in the new East Stand, Gate 10, Row N Seats 128 and 129.

We were conversant with the fans who sat in the row immediately in front of us; one of the fans was called Bob. My father was known as "Harry" and I as "Bunny".

I doubt very much if I'll be coming to Chelsea for the remainder of the season, as I'm sure you will understand that to sit next to my father's empty seat would especially be too sad for words.

W. H. Wheeler, 36 Orchard Rise, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.

I am sure that quite a few people at Chelsea in the old East Stand, will recognise the gentleman on the left of this picture, and I would like them to

Lunch at "Chelsea's" on a Match Day.

We are pleased to announce that arrangements have now been made for our East Stand Season and Match ticket holders to lunch in the new "Chelsea's" restaurant prior to home, league and cup matches.

For reservations please telephone 381-2691 by noon on Friday.



know through the medium of your programme, that "Billie" Mason, whose photograph it is, died after a long illness in Charing Cross Hospital, at the age of 72.

"Billie" was a fantastic Chelsea supporter for a number of years and was a very popular character with everybody. I myself have known him for over 40 years and though he was born almost in the shadow of Craven Cottage, his life was Chelsea. If you can find it possible for a brief mention in your programme to let his friends know, I shall be most grateful.

Chelsea Restaurant Available for Hire.

"Chelsea's" the new 300 seat executive club restaurant and "Upstairs At Chelsea's," a modern 80 seat restaurant, are available for hire for conferences, private parties, banquets, dinner dances, conventions. For details contact Gerry Halsey, Chelsea Football Catering Limited, Stamford Bridge Grounds, Fulham Road, London SW6 lHS. Tel: 01-381 2691/2.

E. W. Avery, 3 Hayle Avenue, Broadsands Park, Paignton, S. Devon.

I have been a devoted fan and loyal Chelsea supporter since I moved to London in 1957. I now live and work back here in South Devon, but I must say I had 16 wonderful years up there. Now on a Saturday I cannot relax until I know the Chelsea result.

Can you tell me why Chelsea played in red when they beat Plymouth on March 6th? In all the years I watched Chelsea, never have I seen them in red.

Before I close, may I say after seeing this young side beat Plymouth and also watching the 5th round FA Cup tie against Crystal Palace, there's a great future ahead for them. I shall be looking foward to my next visit to the Bridge. I wish Chelsea all the luck in the world in the future.

The colours red shirts white shorts and green stockings are Chelsea's change colours which they wore against Plymouth to avoid confusion with the opposition.

IDENTITY CARDS.

As we have been overwhelmed with applications for identity cards we have been unable to issue them all in time for todays match.

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In view of the above, the identity card system is likely to come into operation in the very near future

CHELSEAO FULHAM O Exciting Action Pictures



Bill Garner blasts in a shot from well outside the penalty area. To his right is former Chelsea player, Barry Lloyd



Peter Mellor in the Fulham goal saves a fierce drive from Butch Wilkins



Kenny Swain robs Fulham defender James and gets in a shot as goalkeeper Mellor goes to his left to save



Butch Wilkins should have put this one in the back of the net following a faulty clearance, but with an open goal ahead he shot wide

FACTS

The Football Combination

					Go	als		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Birmingham City	39	22	11	6	49	21	55	
Ipswich Town	39	22	10	7	83	45	54	
Southampton	39	20	11	8	72	43	51	
CHELSEA	40	20	10	10	60	47	50	
Bristol City	38	19	11	8	68	34	49	
West Ham Utd.	36	21	4	11	80	41	46	
Luton Town	38	19	8	11	72	50	46	
Plymouth Arg.	40	16	12	12	48	49	44	
Arsenal	36	14	11	11	45	36	39	
Tottenham Hotspur	39	13	13	13	63	56	39	
Fulham	39	10	18	11	47	50	38	
Q.P.R.	40	13	11	16	57	61	37	
Cardiff City	36	13	8	15	44	51	34	
Norwich City	38	12	9	17	38	50	33	
Leicester City	37	12	8	17	53	50	32	
Orient	38	8	16	14	44	59	32	
Reading	39	12	8	19	45	77	32	
Crystal Palace	37	9	12	16	42	59	30	
Oxford Utd.	35	11	8	16	35	57	30	
Swindon Town	38	10	7	21	32	70	27	
A.F.C. Bournemouth	38	5	14	19	38	62	24	
Bristol Rovers	37	6	4	27	41	108	16	

South East Counties **Division One** League Table

					Go	als	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich Town	30	23	4	3	83	31	50
Southend United	28	19	4	5	58	25	42
CHELSEA	29	18	3	8	67	42	39
Fulham	29	16	6	7	50	34	38
Portsmouth	27	14	2	11	50	41	30
West Ham United	29	11	7	11	40	33	29
Queens Park Rangers	30	11	7	12	52	50	29
Gillingham	27	11	7	9	43	43	29
Arsenal	29	11	7	11	41	55	29
Tottenham Hotspur	30	11	4	15	51	44	26
Norwich City	28	9	4	15	25	54	22
Crystal Palace	28	8	4	16	41	54	20
Millwall	30	5	9	16	25	55	19
Watford	27	9	5	13	44	49	17***
Charlton Athletic	28	6	5	17	46	63	17
Orient	29	5	6	18	26	69	16
***p	oints De	duct	ed				

Match details from April 3rd to April 10th 1976

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Tuesday, April 6th CHELSEA 0 – FULHAM 0

Team: Bonetti, Harris, Wilkins G., Stanley, Wicks, Hay, Britton, Wilkins R. (Capt.), Garner, Swain, Lewington. Substitute: Finnieston (did not play). FULHAM: Mellor, James, Strong, Mullery, Lacy, Howe, Mitchell, Busby, Conway, Lloyd, Slough. Substitute: Barrett (did not play).

Saturday, April 10th

BRISTOL CITY 2 - CHELSEA 2

Team: Bonetti, Wilkins G., Harris, Stanley, Wicks, Hay, Britton, Wilkins R. (Capt.), Finnieston, Swain, Lewington. Substitute: Dempsey (did not play). Scorers: Swain and Stanley.

BRISTOL CITY: Cashley, Sweeney, Drysdale, Gow, Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Gillies, Cheesley, Whitehead. Substitute: Mann. Scorer: Ritchie (2).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, April 3rd

FULHAM 1 - CHELSEA 1

Team: Phillips, Webberley, Stride, Bumstead, Dempsey, Hinton, Bason, Baldwin, Langley, Maybank, Walker. Substitute: Wilkins S., for Walker. Scorer: Bumstead.

Saturday, April 10th

CHELSEA 0 - OUEENS PARK RANGERS 0

Team: Phillips, Webberley, Godwin, Bumstead, White, Hinton, Frost, Bason, Langley, Maybank, Walker. Substitute: Aylott (did not play).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE. **DIVISION ONE**

Saturday, April 3rd

PORTSMOUTH 2 - CHELSEA 4

Team: Dodds, Chivers, Penny, Clare, White, Godwin, Cowley, Johnson, Aylott, Frost, Sulley. Substitute: Edgell (did not play). Scorers: Sulley, Frost, Godwin, Clare.

Saturday, April 10th

ARSENAL 2 - CHELSEA 1

Team: Dodds, Chivers, Nutton, Wilson, Sitton, Jenkins, Wilkins, S., Cowley, Johnson, Tappin, Clare. Substitute: Penny (did not play).

DIVISION TWO

Saturday, April 3rd

CHELSEA 5 - WEST HAM 4

Team: Bradley, Ogwu, Mannners, Tempest, Nutton, Davies, Wilson, Kean, Tappin, Mould, Brierley.

Scorers: Tappin (2) Wilson (2), Ogwu.

Saturday, April 10th WATFORD 1 - CHELSEA 2

Match	Letter Score	etter Score Match			
Blackburn v Carlisle U	Α	Coventry v Aston Villa	Κ		
Bolton W. v York City	В	Leeds U. v Sheffield U.	L		
Bristol R. v Bristol C.	C	Liverpool v Leicester C.	M		
Hull C. v Oldham Ath.	D	West Ham U. v Q.P.R.	N		
Notts Co. v Nottingham For.	E	Gillingham v Southend U.	0		
Oxford U. v Charlton Ath.	F	Millwall v Brighton & H.A.	P		
Plymouth Arg. v Southampton	G	Walsall v Crystal Palace	R		
Portsmouth v Orient	Н	Brentford v Swansea C.	S		
W.B.A. v Fulham	J	Watford v Torquay U.	T		

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The Directors of Chelsea Football Club decided at a recent meeting that they would offer to season ticket holders a discount of 5% on their season ticket(s) if they were prepared to pay for their ticket(s) before Saturday, 15th May 1976.

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Wings	£25.00	£1.25	£2.00	£21.75

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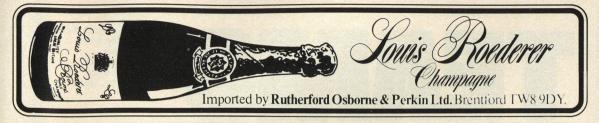
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