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carlo Ancelotti



MANAGER'S NOTES

We have shown our strength by fighting for good wins

Tonight we want to win our fourth game out of four in the Champions League against Spartak Moscow.

We have the chance to qualify for the next stage and our aim was always to do this as early as possible. But we also want to win all our games in this group and finish at the top.

Since my last notes, we have had two tough games, against Blackburn on Saturday and, before that, against Wolves at Stamford Bridge. But we were focused on winning and we finished with three points from each match.

Wolves played well against us and they showed how dangerous they are the next

week by **beating Manchester City**. But we **scored twice, made more chances and we stopped them from scoring.**

Against Blackburn, it was important that we showed we have a good spirit in the squad because we went 1-0 behind and **were under some pressure. But we finished the game 2-1 winners.**

This is what we want to do when we are not

at our best – to **fight for the win in difficult circumstances and prove our strength.**

Last season we drew away to Blackburn but this time we proved we are in a strong position and feeling confident at this moment.

We have had some important players returning from injury in recent weeks. Ramires is training with us again this week and I hope to have Frank Lampard back soon. They are both important players to have available and they will make us even stronger.

At this time it is important to have a lot of players fit and ready to play because we have a busy period of fixtures in front of us. We will be playing two games each week nearly every week now and this is normal for a big club, but it becomes easier when we have as many of our players available as possible.

But before we return our focus to the Premier League, we must concentrate on winning tonight to qualify from our Champions League group.

Your support was important to us in Blackburn, as it is in every away game, and I know you will help us tonight as well.

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CAPTAIN'S NOTES



Qualification is within our grasp against Spartak tonight

Tonight we have a great chance to qualify and to top our group with two games remaining. So, with that in mind, we know we must win against Spartak and give the manager options for the games away to Marseille and at home to Zilina.

We will still be going all out to win those matches but, with a busy period ahead, a win this evening will enable players to get some rest, give our squad players a chance to play and gain match fitness.

It will also give some of our youngsters the chance to prove they are ready to step up.

Saturday, away at Blackburn, was always going to be a tough game and we were delighted to come away

with another three points, especially after going a goal down early on.

Big Pete was brilliant again. He can claim an assist as well for his ball to Flo, who took a great first touch and then found Didi with a really good ball over the top of Blackburn's defence, and he headed it down for Nico to finish perfectly.

It was also great work from Yury to find Iva at the back stick for his goal, which he headed in brilliantly to win the game late on.

But I've got to say well done to Daniel Sturridge, who looked sharp when he came on and also just did enough to put Jason Roberts off before we got our second, when he tracked back into our penalty area.

We all want to see that confidence from him.

On Sunday, we play Liverpool at Anfield, which is another tough away match, but as long as we keep playing our game, we will be okay.

Then we're back here for two home games in a week, so it's important we keep our concentration up with the games coming regularly.

I want to thank the fans for their support and for always getting behind the team. Every one of us appreciates it.

Come on the Chels!

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From: Nicolas Anelka gets the equaliser against Blackburn on Saturday

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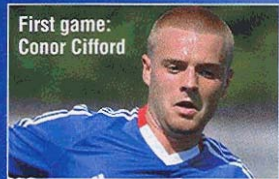
Conor Clifford has joined League One side Plymouth Argyle on loan until November 19.

The 19-year-old captained the Blues to FA Youth Cup glory last season, scoring the winner in the Fina against Aston Villa.

His memorable 2010 got even better as he immediately got his first taste of Football League action, with Plymouth beating Huddersfield 2-1.

"I came down on the Friday night and played on the Saturday," said Clifford. "I didn't know anyone's name, but the lads helped me through it. Peter Reid has shown great faith in me."

First game:
Conor Clifford



CHALOBAH SHOWS HE'S A LIONHEART

Nathaniel Chalobah is continuing his success on the international scene, having guided England Under-17s through their three-match European Championship qualifiers regional stage as captain.

Despite being one of the younger members of John Peacock's squad at 15, Chalobah featured in the European Under-17 Championship in the summer, which England won.

The Three Lions remained on course to repeat that success, as they were unbeaten in the three matches played in Georgia, beating Sweden 3-0 and drawing 1-1 with the hosts before a 1-0 win over Poland secured their progress.

The draw for the elite qualifying round groups will be held on 30 November.



Ancelotti shortlisted for world coach prize

Carlo Ancelotti has been named on the shortlist to win the inaugural FIFA World Coach of the Year, while Didier Drogba is in the running for the FIFA Ballon d'Or.

Carlo is on a shortlist of 10 coaches for the first-ever overall award for a manager, alongside fellow Premier League bosses Arsene Wenger and Sir Alex Ferguson.

Meanwhile, Drogba finds himself listed among 23 contenders to win the FIFA Ballon d'Or, which has been created after the merging of the FIFA World Player of the Year and the France Football Ballon d'Or awards.

Drogba would be the first Chelsea player to win the award in any format, although Frank Lampard was the runner-up for the 2005 World Player of the Year and Andriy Shevchenko, George Weah and Ruud Gullit all won the Ballon d'Or with AC Milan before joining the Blues.



Recognition: Manager Carlo Ancelotti

Dan says: 'Yes we can'

Former Chelsea defender Dan Petrescu has tipped Chelsea to seal their progress into the knockout stages tonight and he believes the Blues have the strength required to win the competition.

Petrescu is now managing FC Kuban Krasnodar, who have recently been promoted to the Russian Premier League. This means they will come up against the likes of Spartak Moscow in 2011.

"Spartak are a very good team who can play nice football, but Chelsea is at another level and I think they will win this game and go through," said Petrescu.

"I think every year could



Hopeful: Petrescu believes Chelsea have a real chance of Champions League glory be Chelsea's year in the Champions League. They have big players, a fantastic coach, so every year they have to try to win it."

Essien to visit Ghana education initiative

This month will see Michael Essien returning to his home town in Ghana to promote several charity initiatives with his own foundation in conjunction with Chelsea and our official global charity partner Right To Play.

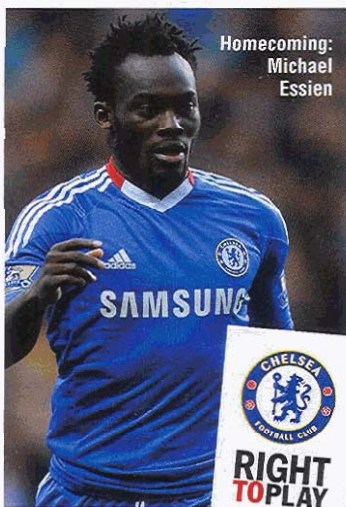
On 16 November, the town of Awutu Breku will see 5,000 youngsters attend A Day With Michael Essien, starting with a sports event with local children competing in football, volleyball and netball.

However, the key to the visit is the launch of the midfielder's Reading Goals literacy campaign.

Based around a series of books about Essien's life, the initiative is free for all schools in the region.

His work won't end there, however, as Essien will also be commissioning a new water borehole and public toilet to help improve facilities for the people of Awutu Breku. The Michael Essien Foundation

aims to create opportunities and hope for the people of Essien's homeland by inspiring them and improving their quality of life.



It's a home comfort

Didier Drogba says that Chelsea's winning mentality, which has seen the Blues establish a sensational home record, is all down to an attitude which has been ingrained in the players since he joined the club in 2004.

The Blues go into tonight's game having emerged victorious from nine of the last 10 home matches in all competitions, keeping eight clean sheets and scoring 44 goals during that period.

"When you play at home you have to do everything to get three points and that's been the mentality here since I came – everyone just says

'three points at home' – that's the only option," said Drogba.

"You can't lose points at home and that's the mentality that drove us to this point, where we've only lost a few games at Stamford Bridge in all those years."



Winning mentality:
Didier Drogba

RECOGNITION FOR CHARITY WORK

Chelsea's official national charity partner 95.8 Capital FM's Help A London Child have been acknowledged for all their good work for the capital's youngsters at the London Lifestyle Awards.

The organisation received the Outstanding Contribution to London Award for the 35 years of support they have given to more than a million vulnerable and disadvantaged children.

Capital Breakfast host and Help A London Child ambassador Johnny Vaughan said: "We're gone to Help a London Child. You do some wonderful work and make us so proud, so for everyone involved with the charity, congratulations."

HELP A
LONDON
CHILD

UNDERGROUND DISRUPTION

Several Tube lines and stations are closed due to industrial action, including the District Line and Fulham Broadway.

There is set to be more disruption after the game, with Fulham Broadway likely to remain closed until Thursday.

Fans are advised to seek alternative routes home and use Earls Court station to access the Underground network.

Listen out for more information during the match.

UNDERGROUND

BOOK BOOST

The Chelsea Pensioners could be set for a boost thanks to a new book. Chelsea fan Mike Cast has promised to donate all his royalties to them from his latest book 8,000 Years of Wisdom: 100 Octogenarians Share Their Lessons Learned from Life, which is released on 22 November.



DINNER WITH WINNERS

The 2010 Chelsea Annual Lunch will be held on Friday 26 November and tickets are available now.

Last year's event saw more than 60 former Blues players in attendance, including legendary captains Roy Bentley, Ron Harris, John Terry and Dennis Wise (pictured below).

The 2010 Lunch will start with a VIP stadium tour and welcome drinks overlooking the pitch, before a three-course gourmet meal with complimentary drinks and entertainment.

There are also still a few tickets available for tomorrow evening's An Audience With... featuring goalkeepers Carlo Cudicini, Eddie Niedzwiecki and Kevin Hitchcock.

To get tickets for either event call 0207 957 8260, email specialevents@chelseafc.com or go to www.chelseafc.com/specialevents.



GET KITTED OUT IN CHELSEA GEAR

The latest Chelsea Megastore catalogue for the 2010/11 season is out now, with all the official Blues merchandise.

There's great fashion and leisurewear for men, women and children, as well as souvenirs and accessories ideal for the home, school or office.

And it's all available direct from your club with easy online, phone or postal ordering.

The catalogue contains 100 per cent official Chelsea merchandise, which is available to order 24 hours a day, seven days a week with free UK delivery on orders over £100.

You can get your copy by going to www.chelseamegastore.com.

Book signing is a success store-y

More than 500 fans turned up at the new Chelsea store in Kingston last week to meet their heroes, with John Terry, Didier Drogba and Petr Cech all making an appearance to celebrate the shop opening its doors.

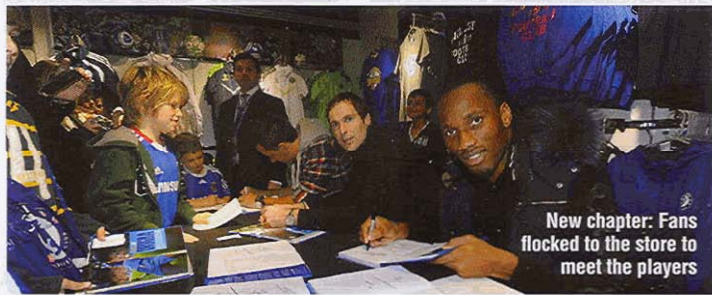
The trio were on hand to meet the supporters and sign copies of new book *Play Like Chelsea*, making for a memorable opening week for the premises at 61 Clarence Street.

One fan who was very excited to meet the players was Katie Pugh. "John Terry just signed my book,"

the 15-year-old said. "I can't breathe, words can't describe how happy I am. It's really good that there's a store in Kingston, I live near here so I don't need to go to the store at Stamford Bridge every time I want to get something."

The new shop sells all your favourite official Chelsea merchandise as well as offering a service which enables fans to buy tickets when available or collect pre-ordered tickets.

For more information visit www.chelseafc.com/kingston.



New chapter: Fans flocked to the store to meet the players

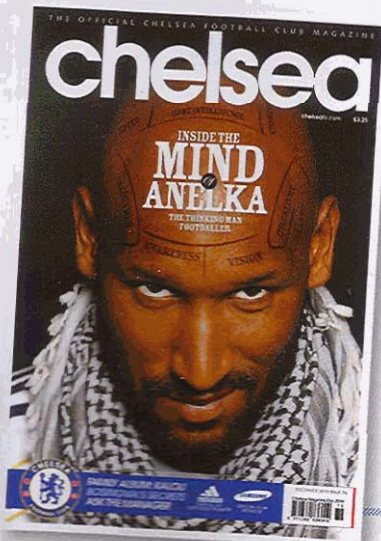
Read the mind of Nico

The latest edition of the official Chelsea magazine will hit the shelves tomorrow (4 November), packed with exclusive articles and features which will appeal to fans of all ages.

This month, Nicolas Anelka explains how his footballing brain helps him to stay one step ahead of defenders and discusses the importance of adapting to your opponents.

Salomon Kalou guides us through his favourite moments at Chelsea in his Blues Family Album and Stamford Bridge legends past and present pay tribute to the King of Stamford Bridge Peter Osgood and the statue in his honour.

You can get your hands on the December issue, priced at £3.25, from the Chelsea Megastore and other outlets.



Blues look to dampen Spark and qualify

This evening sees Chelsea host a Russian side in a competitive fixture for only the second time and a win over Spartak Moscow will seal qualification to the last 16.

Spartak's local rivals CSKA Moscow are the only other team from Russia to play at the Bridge in a European match – as you will see over the page – while on page 54 club historian Rick Glanvill takes a look at a memorable exhibition match against Moscow Dynamo in 1945.

But tonight is all about the present and if the Blues manage to secure three points, it will see us progress to the knockout stages of the Champions League for the eighth successive season.

Chelsea go into the match on an excellent run of form, stringing

together a six-match unbeaten run, five of which have ended in victory. The Blues have conceded just one goal in those fixtures – against Blackburn on Saturday, when we parted back to secure an important 2-1 victory over the Lancashire side.

It maintained our five-point advantage in the Premier League although the focus is very much on the Champions League this evening.

Spartak Moscow suffered their first defeat in the competition this term at the hands of the Blues just over a fortnight ago, having beaten Zilina and Marseille in their first two matches.

They have also enjoyed some decent league form in recent weeks, although sitting fourth in the Russian Premier League as the season reaches its climax will be deemed as an under-achievement for a club that has won its domestic championship on no less than 21 occasions, the last time being 2001.

Since playing the Blues, Spartak have won two and drawn one of their three league matches, with one of those victories coming against current league leaders Zenit St Petersburg.

A win for them tonight would really put the cat among the pigeons in this group, boosting their hopes of pipping the Blues to top spot, while also keeping the two teams behind them at a safe distance.

However, in their way stand a Chelsea side who have demonstrated on numerous occasions this season a huge hunger for success both



GROUP F

Matchday 1 15.09.10
Marseille 0-1 Spartak Moscow
MSK Zilina 1-4 Chelsea

Matchday 2 28.09.10
Spartak Moscow 3-0 MSK Zilina
Chelsea 2-0 Marseille

Matchday 3 19.10.10
Spartak Moscow 0-2 Chelsea
Marseille 1-0 MSK Zilina

Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Chelsea	3	3	0	0	8	1	7	9
Spartak Moscow	3	2	0	1	4	2	2	6
Marseille	3	1	0	2	1	3	-2	3
MSK Zilina	3	0	0	3	1	8	-7	0

RECENT

Chelsea

30.10.10 Blackburn 1-0
Anelka, Ivanovic
23.10.10 Chelsea 2-0
Mubioda, Kalou
19.10.10 Spartak Mos
Zhirkov, Anelka

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30.10.10 Spartak Mos
Wendler, Moscow
27.10.10 Spartak Mos
El Karhawi
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Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Zenit St Petersburg	28	18	5	5	48	18	30	59
2 Rubin Kazan	28	14	7	7	38	25	13	49
3 CSKA Moscow	28	14	6	8	38	25	13	48
4 Spartak Moscow	28	13	7	8	38	25	13	46
5 Lokomotiv Moscow	28	12	8	8	38	25	13	42
6 Spartak Habarovsk	28	11	9	8	38	25	13	42
7 Dinamo Moscow	28	11	8	9	38	25	13	41
8 Rostov Ha-Daru	28	11	7	10	38	25	13	40

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Spartak to score first
Ivanov to score
Goalless
Chelsea to win 3-2

RUSSIAN ENCOUNTERS

UEFA Champions League
20.10.04

UEFA Champions League
02.11.04

Chelsea 2

Terry, Gudjohnsen

CSKA Moscow 0

Chelsea 1

Robben

CSKA Moscow 0

Aside from tonight's game and the visit to the Luzhniki Stadium a fortnight ago, Chelsea have only ever taken on one other Russian side in competitive action – Spartak's local rivals CSKA in the group stages of the Champions League in 2004.

John Terry opened the scoring after just nine minutes of the home encounter with his third goal in as many European games that season. Petr Cech was called into action several times to maintain our lead but on the stroke of half-time Eidur Gudjohnsen made it 2-0 with a close-range header.

The Blues travelled to Moscow two weeks later with qualification virtually assured and Arjen Robben's goal secured our progress into the next stage, the Dutchman finishing a delightful team move.

CSKA had a golden opportunity to level the scores in the second half when none other than Yury Zhirkov was felled in the box by Glen Johnson, but Vagner Love blasted his spot-kick over the crossbar.



Goal Russian: John Terry and Arjen Robben

❖❖❖ DID YOU KNOW?

• The top scorers in the Champions League are Samuel Eto'o (Inter Milan) 6, Nicolas Anelka 4, Gareth Bale (Spurs) 4, and Lionel Messi (Barcelona) 4.

• The defeat to Inter Milan last season is our only reverse in 23 home Champions League matches (including 16 victories) at Stamford Bridge since 2006.

• Tonight is our 99th Champions League match, including qualifying games. We won our 50th game in the competition in Moscow two weeks ago.



• Spartak reached the European Cup semi-final in 1990/91, losing to Marseille, and the quarter-finals three times, the last in 1995/96.

• Before their 3-1 win against Sporting in their last Champions League campaign in 2006/07, Spartak Moscow went 22 games without a victory in the competition which is a Champions League record.

• Spartak are one of four teams to have recorded six wins from six matches in a Champions League group stage. They achieved it in 1995/96.

• The others to have achieved six wins from six games are AC Milan (1992/93), Paris Saint-Germain (1994/95) and Barcelona (2002/03, first group stage).

• Spartak have lost three and drawn one of their last four European games in England. The last occasion was a 2-2 draw at Tottenham in the Uefa Cup group stage in 2008/09.

• Florent Malouda made his 150th Chelsea appearance at Blackburn.

• Salomon Kalou is a brace away from reaching 50 goals for Chelsea and, if selected, Paulo Ferreira will make his 150th start in a blue shirt.

SPARTAK

PARTNERS

When we last faced Spartak Yury Zhirkov found the net in spectacular fashion, and it seemed fitting, as he and the Russian side go back a long way...

For Yury Zhirkov, Spartak Moscow is traditionally one of the biggest games on his fixture list and, following his spectacular volved effort in the Luzhniki Stadium, it will have an even more prominent place in his heart

The former CSKA Moscow man has actually been something of an unlucky omen for Spartak over the years. As he reveals to us, his record against tonight's opponents is not to be sniffed at

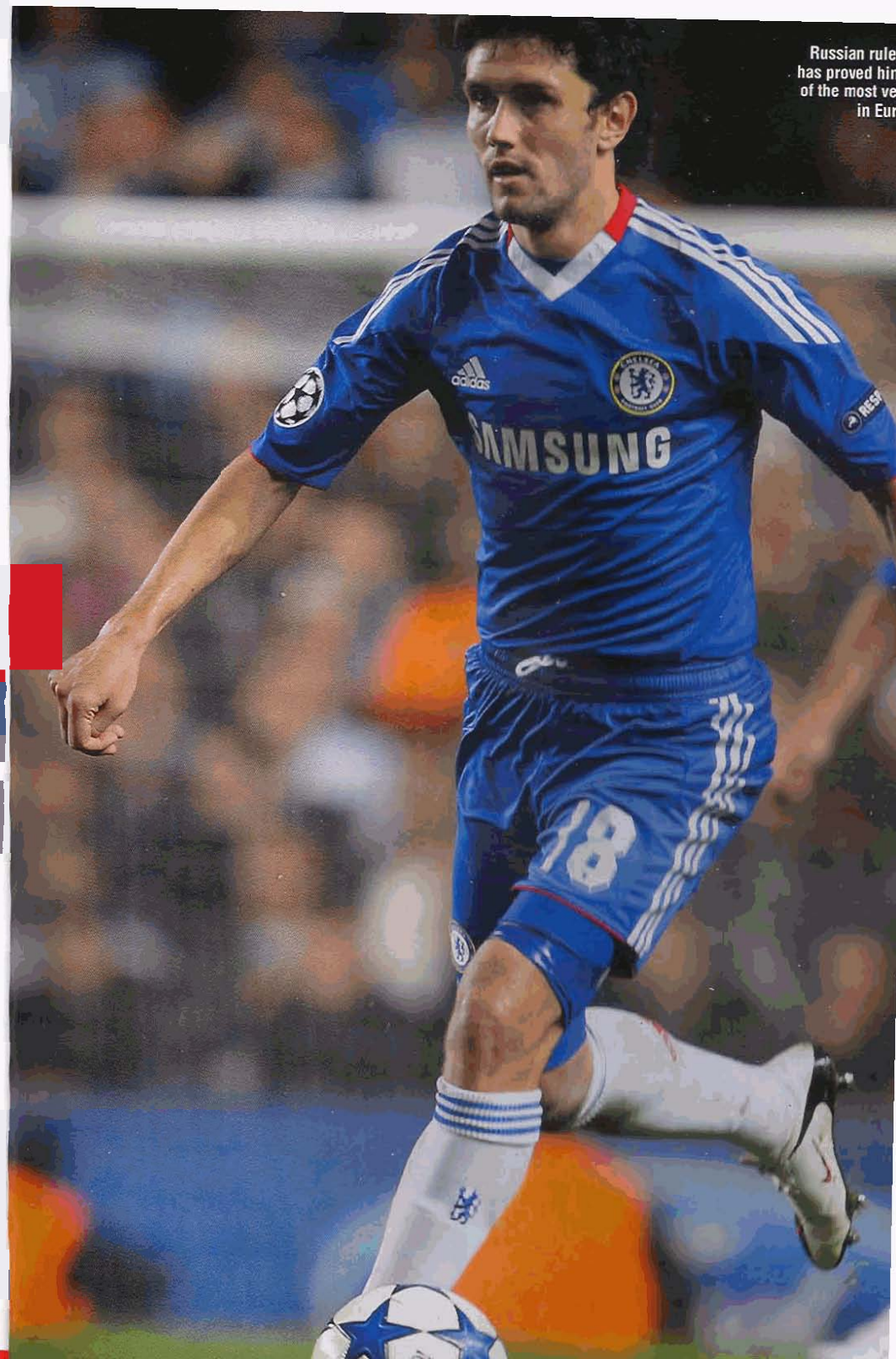
"It wasn't the first time I have enjoyed playing against them, I played quite a few games against Spartak while I was with CSKA. Out of more than 10 games, we only lost one," he says. "For three or four years, we constantly beat them and they were always extremely important games, so I have enjoyed playing them in the past.

But I wouldn't say it's always been good for me. I was once sent off against them. However, the pre-match build-up for games against Spartak was always something special in Russia."

While he has recently proved to be something of a scourge for the red-and-whites, Zhirkov actually has fond memories of the team's achievements during the Nineties.

Yury's formative years in Russia saw Spartak dominate the domestic game, winning nine out of 10 national league titles between 1992 and 2001. So it's hardly surprising that he, along with the rest of the nation's football supporters, were drawn to the self-styled "People's Team".

"At some point they were the only Russian team playing in the Champions League and so everybody in the country was supporting them. I think you can



Russian rule has proved him of the most value in Europe

to watch them when they had players like Yegor Titov and Sergei Yuran and they made quite an impact on European football.

"They beat Blackburn Rovers in 1995 and won their group with six wins from six to reach the quarter-finals, so they had some memorable games during that period.

"Nowadays, with the success of the Premier League and some top Russian players moving abroad, Moscow fans are very interested in the European games against major clubs, especially English ones:

"You saw the stadium was packed against Chelsea weeks ago, which is not always the case, but all the fans will want to be there to see such a big opponent."

Since that period of Spartak dominance, they have failed to win the national championship again. However, that has a lot to do with the increasing strength in depth of Russian football. Zenit St Petersburg, who currently sit top of the league, were Uefa Cup winners in 2008 and currently boast former Roma innovator Luciano Spalletti as their head coach.

Meanwhile, Russia's reigning champions, Rubin

Kazan, have emerged from the footballing wilderness to achieve some memorable results in the Champions League, not least a 2-1 win at Barcelona's Camp Nou in 2009.

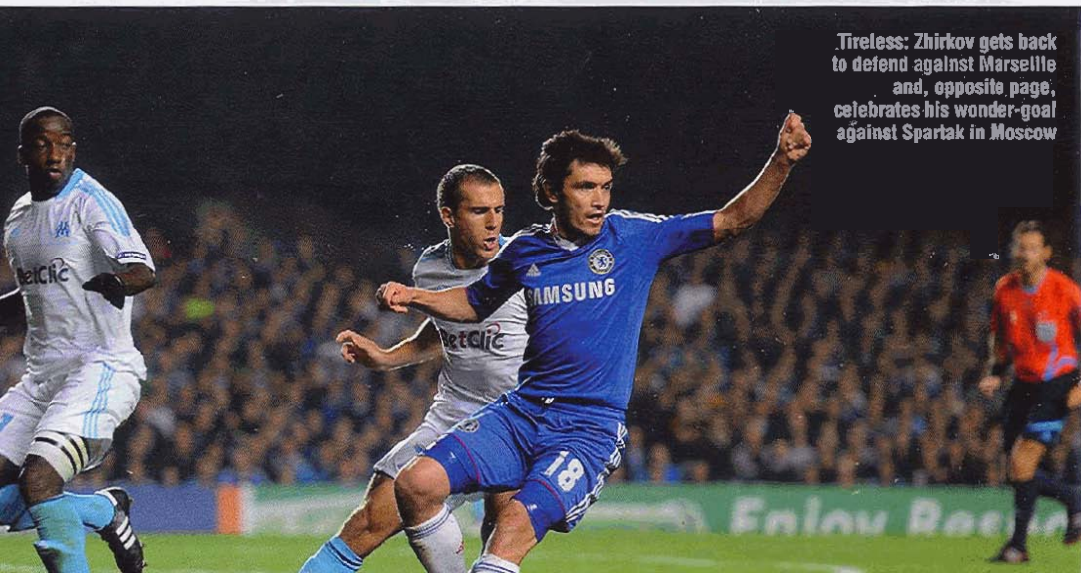
Despite that improvement, we are yet to see a Russian side seriously challenge for the European Cup since the turn of the century.

Zhirkov's comments on the interest generated by Chelsea's visit, alongside his own decision to move to Stamford Bridge last season, demonstrate the allure of foreign leagues for the Russian population. But he is clear that his team-mates should be wary of the threat posed by his compatriots in this competition.

"Russian football is definitely progressing, and at a fast pace," he says. "You can see this from the fact that two teams from Russia have recently won the Uefa Cup - CSKA in 2005 and Zenit St Petersburg in 2008. Zenit St Petersburg also won the Super Cup in 2008. As well as this, within the next couple of years, pretty much every top club will have built itself a new stadium.

"I'm not sure how ready they are to go far in the Champions League but I think clubs like Rubin have

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Tireless: Zhirkov gets back to defend against Marseille and, opposite page, celebrates his wonder-goal against Spartak in Moscow



shown how well they can do by the way they played against Barcelona last season."

While his knowledge of the Russian game has undoubtedly proved useful in preparation for the two games with Spartak, Zhirkov is also beginning to feel at home in England.

He admits he is shy when it comes to expressing himself in English, but he understands what is being said to him most of the time. Gone are the days when his Russian-speaking team-mates would make up what he was saying and claim it got lost in translation!

"Andriy Shevchenko used to do that for a bit of a joke when I first arrived and we were on tour in America," he reveals. "If there was an interviewer, I would say a couple of words to him in Russian and then I'd see him translate it into a couple of paragraphs in English!

"It's not just the language that I am improving, though. I have moved into the centre of London, I am enjoying it a lot more and I feel a lot more settled."

Those who have been watching our recent games will know that Yury hasn't only been adapting to new surroundings off the pitch in west London, he's also been demonstrating his versatility on it with his displays

on the left of a midfield three. Having previously played most of his football in wide positions, he adds there are a number of different responsibilities when he plays in a more central midfield role.

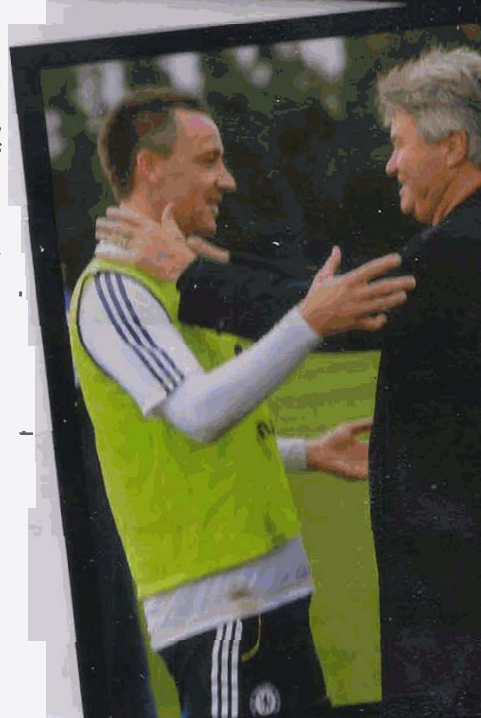
"There are a few things to adapt to when you are not playing out wide as a full-back or winger, but this is part of the job and I am getting used to it," he says. "I had to get used to it for the good of the team because when you play in a tight midfield three, there is a big emphasis on taking the ball from the other team and closing them down a lot.

"That becomes an important part of my game when I play on the left of the midfield three, as opposed to when I play full-back – there I am looking to break out from defence for gaps in the opposition to exploit or counter-attack. In essence, it's a totally different job."

Fortunately, Zhirkov is an adaptable man and, with a goal and two assists in his last three starts in the new position, he is a shining example of why Chelsea's opponents can never be certain where the next attack is coming from.



CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB
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1 SPORTING SHOW OF SUPPORT

The word legend is bandied about willy-nilly nowadays, but two genuine sporting legends came along to the Bridge last month to see the Blues maintain their lead at the top of the Premier League.

Boris Becker is one of the most popular tennis players to appear at Wimbledon, winning at SW19 on three occasions. He also happens to be a huge Chelsea fan. So, naturally, one of our resident tennis lovers Nicolas Anelka was keen to share a few words with the German star.

Becker was at the game with another legend who was more than familiar with the surroundings. It was, of course, former Chelsea player and manager Ruud Gullit, who stopped for a chinwag with Didier Drogba.

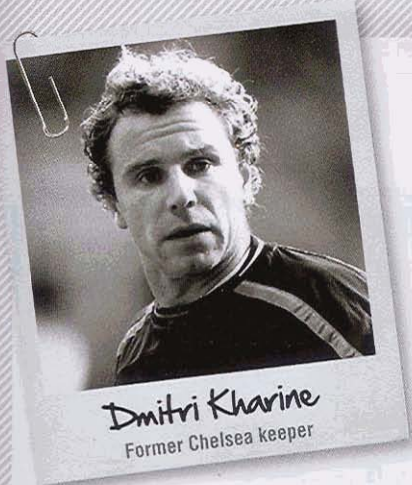
Despite much of his work nowadays being in the media, the Dutchman's visit in October was very much of the pleasure variety. And, as always, it was a pleasure to see Ruud back at the Bridge...

2 IT'S GUUS TO BE BACK

There was a familiar face back at Cobham last week as former Blues boss Guus Hiddink popped in to check on our young winger Gokhan Tore, who is eligible to play for his Turkey side.

However, it wasn't just business on the agenda for the Dutchman, who led the Blues to triumph in the 2009 FA Cup. Despite only spending four months at the club, he made plenty of friends in that time and took the opportunity to do some catching up.

"It is a nice experience to feel welcome but I didn't have any doubts about that because I've had a wonderful time here with the people inside this building and the stadium, so I felt warmly appreciated and welcomed by everyone," beamed Guus when The Insider caught up with him.



Dmitri Kharine
Former Chelsea keeper

Tracking down Dmitri

Words: Richard Godden

Almost two decades have passed since Dmitri Kharine arrived at Stamford Bridge. The Russian, like so many goalkeepers over the years, quickly established himself as a cult hero in west London, especially with his preference for tracksuit bottoms instead of the more traditional shorts! But make no mistake about it, Kharine was a fine goalkeeper in his own right, keeping 51 clean sheets in 146 appearances for the Blues. Now he is teaching Luton Town's shot-stoppers the tricks of the trade – that is, when he's not stopping for a quick chinwag with us...

Dmitri, we've got to start by asking about your legendary tracksuit bottoms!

Why does everybody always ask me this?! If you come to the Luton Town training ground now, I'm just wearing nice shorts and I have very nice legs, don't worry about that!

The reason for the tracksuit bottoms was the cold weather at winter-time – the goalkeeper isn't so active in the play and you don't want to get your legs cold and get an injury.

The second problem was that, before I signed for Chelsea, I had a serious injury and trousers – especially with the knee pads – gave me a bit more protection.



Got it covered: Kharine in those famous tracksuit bottoms

I'm glad we could clear that up. So what do you make of Chelsea's current No1, Petr Cech?

Petr is doing his job brilliantly. He's a top-class goalkeeper who can win a game by himself, something he has proved for a few years.

Even suffering such a serious injury as he did hasn't affected his performances, he's still the same Petr Cech – as solid as a rock and capable of producing crucial saves to help win games for Chelsea.

In front of him is John Terry. One of your last games for Chelsea, a 4-1 win over Aston Villa, also happened to be JT's first. Did you know then that he would go on to become such a world-class player?

He always had the strength to be the leader of the team. I'm not surprised he is captain now.

Also, he was very patient. He was always listening and willing to learn. Being with top-class footballers like Marcel Desailly and Frank Leboeuf – and all the other big names, because Chelsea had so many – he was learning. So it's no surprise to me he became one of the top defenders.

Petr is a top-class goalkeeper who can win a game by himself, something he has proved for a few years

Do you manage to catch many of the Blues' games nowadays?

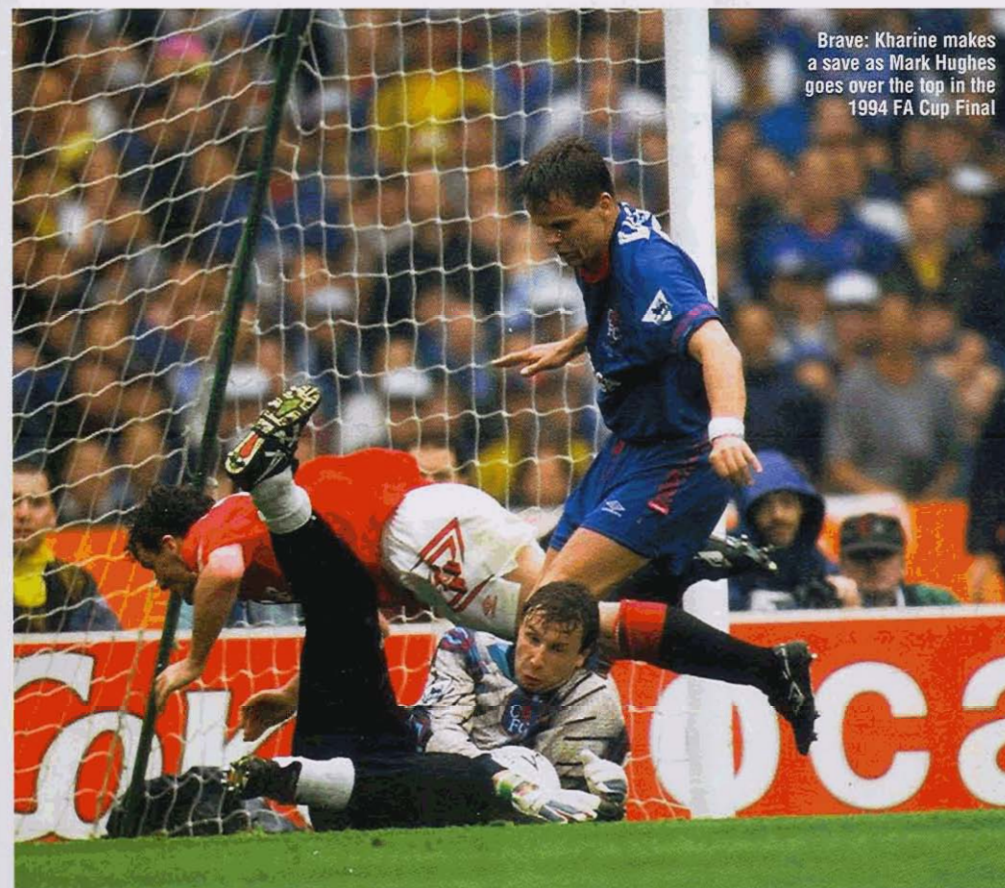
As much as I can, but I'm working for Luton Town and we have our own stuff to worry about there so I'm in a little bit of a different direction right now

But don't get me wrong, Chelsea Football Club is always in my heart and I watch some games when I can – not live, but on the TV. And especially the Champions League.

European football wasn't seen on such a regular basis at the Bridge in your time, though. Did you ever think you'd see Chelsea among the continent's elite?

You cannot compare the Chelsea in my time to the current side. Back then, the Champions League was for champions only and the Uefa Cup was very strong too.

The European Cup Winners' Cup was a very interesting competition because you could find



Brave: Kharine makes a save as Mark Hughes goes over the top in the 1994 FA Cup Final

some very different teams – it wasn't always one of the country's top clubs and it could sometimes be a team in a lower division. It was a huge experience for Chelsea when we played in it, and we did very well.

Unfortunately, I didn't play so many games because there was a rule on foreigners, only three allowed, but I was still part of the squad and I'll remember it for the rest of my life.

Speaking of which, was the 1994 FA Cup Final that got us to the Cup Winners' Cup the biggest game of your career?

Not really, I'm an Olympic champion from when we beat Brazil 2-1 in 1988 in Seoul – that's how the Soviet Union won an Olympic Games. But it was definitely one of the biggest games, not only for

me but also the club. It was their first FA Cup Final for 24 years.

Even though we lost, it gave us a chance to play in the Cup Winners' Cup because Manchester United did the Double, right? See, I still have a good memory!

Despite the 4-0 defeat, did you enjoy your Wembley experience?

Now I do! At the time I was just a foreigner who had signed for an English club and I hadn't played for long at Chelsea. It was just my second year and everybody was saying to me Wembley was such a special place.

I used to play in many bigger grounds, in front of more people, and I didn't understand the specialness back then. But I do feel like a special



Clean sheets: In the laundry at the old training ground Harlington, which came in useful after his kits saw plenty of action on the pitch



GUEST APPEARANCE

man now because we played at old Wembley and are part of English football history. That means something – not only to me, but my team-mates from that time.

One of your team-mates at that time was Erland Johnsen, who we heard used to room with you on away trips...

Yeah, yeah, the big ginger one! He really helped me a lot to settle down in this country. Not only did he help me understand English football, but he also helped me with the language – especially with particular words that footballers used in a game.

He was very patient when we were talking about anything. If I said a word wrong or used the incorrect word, he would correct me.

He was like an English teacher for me. In fact, he gave me more than a proper teacher. I probably should have paid him!

You're a Muscovite and, before joining Chelsea, you played for Torpedo Moscow, Dynamo Moscow and CSKA Moscow. But never for tonight's opponents.

[Laughs] Is this a question, or are you just trying to make me feel guilty about not playing for Spartak Moscow? Listen, I was very happy to play for each of those clubs you mention and I have no regrets.

I know Spartak Moscow are one of the biggest clubs, with lots of support and a huge tradition. They've been very successful over the years.

What do you make of this current side?

Spartak Moscow has always been a club that wins trophies and in the last few years that is what has been missing for the supporters.

I don't know what's going on, maybe it's just a new generation – they need more time to build a new team.

Pals: Erland Johnsen, No5, pats Kharine on the back for saving a penalty against Viktoria Zizkov



Erland, the big ginger one! He helped me settle down in this country and with the language – I probably should have paid him!



one man went to... Luzhniki Stadium

Richard Godden looks at how our Russian opponents have been faring domestically and in Europe this term

After travelling to Russia's capital 15 days ago for our first-ever meeting with Spartak Moscow, it is Chelsea's turn to play host in the return fixture this evening, knowing that a victory will guarantee a place in the knockout phase of the Champions League.

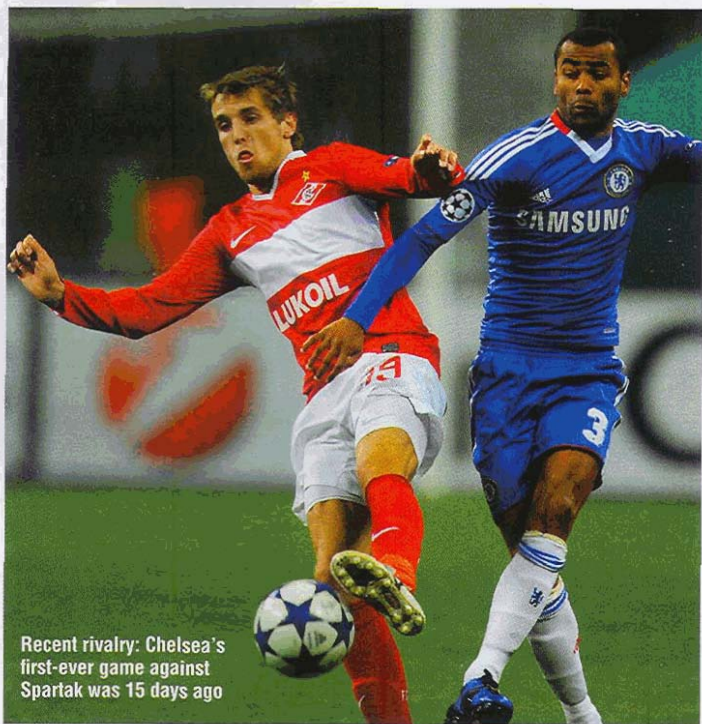
Spartak's impressive start to Group F – taking six points out of a possible nine – is in contrast to their struggles in the Russian Premier League this season, which is nearing its climax.

Despite recently defeating division leaders Zenit St Petersburg, Valeri Karpin's side remain in fourth place, with seemingly little hope of earning a place in next term's Champions League.

You may remember Karpin from his playing career, much of which was played out in Spain's Primera Liga, most notably with Celta Vigo and Real Sociedad, although he also had a spell at Spartak as a youngster.

He is undoubtedly one of the biggest names in Russian football in the modern era, and has been coaching the club since last April when he took the reins from Michael Laudrup, having previously worked as their Chief Executive.

Despite his side falling to a 2-0 defeat against us in their last Champions League outing, Karpin saw enough in the second half of that game to give him encouragement for tonight. "We respected our opponents too



Recent rivalry: Chelsea's first-ever game against Spartak was 15 days ago

much, we were a bit scared," said the 41-year-old. "Yet the second half showed that we can play against Chelsea – we can win challenges in different parts of the pitch and can create scoring chances.

"We could speak about the difference in individual skill, only if the teams had been in the same mental condition. It was already obvious before the match that Chelsea were individually better, but primarily we lost the game psychologically."

Spartak's recent record against English sides certainly played a part in that, as they have lost four and drawn one of their last five games against English clubs.

However, their first four trips to these shores prior to 1999 saw them win on each occasion, although they are currently without a victory in their last four visits.

Russia's best supported club – not to mention most successful – might not be enjoying the best of campaigns domestically, but the

win over Zenit St Petersburg proves they are not to be underestimated.

The Brazilian duo of Welliton, a prolific goalscorer, and Alex will be a threat to the Blues' rearguard, while Andrey Dikan' looks a solid presence between the sticks – an area of the team that had previously been of some concern.

Then, of course, you have Owen McGeady – one of the few names in the Spartak ranks which will be familiar to Blues fans – to offer a touch of magic down the flanks.

Taking all of that into consideration, Spartak Moscow's first trip to the Bridge promises to be a thrilling occasion.

BEST SEASON (1994,1998)

Russian Premier League champions
Russian Cup winners

LAST SEASON

Russian Premier League 2nd
Russian Cup quarter-finals

THIS SEASON

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THE MAN TO WATCH

11 Welliton

STRIKER

Date of birth: 22.10.86
Nationality: Brazilian

The pacy forward has enjoyed a prolific spell with Spartak, netting 21 times in 2009 to finish as the Russian top flight's leading scorer and enjoying another impressive campaign this time out.

His tally this term has featured consecutive hat-tricks in August – including one in the space of just seven minutes. At the time of writing, he was leading the scorers' chart once again.

However, despite his excellent form in the Russian top flight, Welliton is still looking to break his Champions League duck this season.

A late starter in football, having only made his debut for Brazilian side Coima at a 20-year-old, Welliton's form in recent times is a far cry from his less-than-prolific early years. His confidence is now sky high, however, and he has even stated a desire to start a career in international football – with his adopted country, Russia.

"If all the necessary documents are ready and I get a concrete invitation, I would say yes immediately and start playing for Russia," he stated. "Nothing is impossible and Russia have everything necessary to win the World Cup before I finish my playing career."



THE MAN WITH TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE

64 Aiden McGeady

MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 04.04.86 Nationality: Irish

Having made close to 200 appearances for Celtic, Aiden McGeady decided to head for pastures new this summer.

While a number of Premier League clubs were reportedly vying for his signature, the Irishman's choice of destination may have come as a surprise to some. Usually featuring

down the right flank, McGeady has plenty of tricks up his sleeve and certainly isn't afraid to take on his full-back. His form in 2007/08 earned him the Scottish PFA Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year awards, and he has started life in Russia in a positive manner.



THE MAN WITH THE ARMBAND

12 Alex

MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 25.03.82 Nationality: Brazilian

Spartak's captain pulls the strings in midfield, possessing a deft touch and a wonderful range of passing – not to mention a good strike rate, with 12 goals in 29 games last term.

Prior to his switch to Russia, Alex represented Internacional, winning the Club World Cup and the Copa

Libertadores, South America's equivalent of the Champions League.

Like so many Brazilians, he started out playing futsal, and it was only once he turned 15 that he started taking football seriously. It proved to be the right move, as he has four international caps to his name.



THE MAN WITH GOLD

19 Nicolas Pareja

DEFENDER

Date of birth: 19.01.1984 Nationality: Argentinian

An Olympic gold medalist in Beijing in 2008, Pareja arrived at Spartak in the summer from Spanish side Espanyol. Prior to that, he was a league title winner in Belgium with Anderlecht. Plays in the heart of the defence and is knocking on the door for a first senior international cap, having been called up to the Argentina squad on several occasions.



THE MAN IN TOP FORM

81 Andrey Dikan

GOALKEEPER

Date of birth: 16.07.77 Nationality: Ukrainian

Dikan endeared himself to his new supporters in the Champions League opener against Marseille, keeping a clean sheet. It prompted his manager to say: "If I were to give my goalkeeper a mark, it would be 11 out of 10."

It's certainly been a 2010 to remember for the 6ft 3in stopper, as he also made his international debut for Ukraine.



SPARTAK MOSCOW TEN MEN IN BRIEF

16 Evgeni Makeev



DEFENDER

Date of birth: 24.07.89

Nationality: Russian

Predominantly a left-back, although he can feature on either flank, the Under-21s ace has been at the club since the age of 17. He made his first-team bow last year and is now established in the side, playing in all of their European games this term.

17 Marek Suchy



DEFENDER

Date of birth: 29.03.88

Nationality: Czech

Suchy is currently on loan from Slavia Prague. He is a centre-back who has recently stepped up to international football and is showing signs of fulfilling the promise that earned him his country's Young Player of the Year award in 2006.

3 Martin Stranzl



DEFENDER

Date of birth: 16.06.80

Nationality: Austrian

A veteran of more than 50 international games, including three at Euro 2008, the defensive all-rounder spent the early part of his career playing in Germany before moving to Russia in 2006, where he has been a regular in the Spartak line-up ever since.

8 Nikola Drincic



MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 07.09.1984

Nationality: Montenegrin

A free transfer from Amkar Perm, Drincic has struggled with injuries since arriving at Spartak in January. Although now a Montenegrin international with 18 caps, he represented Serbia at Under-21s level and helped them to the final of the 2007 European Championship.



5 Aleksandr Sheshukov

DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 15.4.1983

Nationality: Russian

Formerly captain of Russia's Under-21s side, Sheshukov returned to Spartak in February, having represented the club earlier in his career. Comfortable playing in defence or, as he showed in our recent game against them, as a midfield screen for the back four.

7 Ibson

MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 07.11.83

Nationality: Brazilian

Ibson's goal against Zilina on matchday two was his maiden Champions League strike. Previously played for Porto in the competition and was twice a league winner during his time in Portugal, as well as lifting the Brazilian championship in 2009 with Flamengo.



2 Cristian Maidana



MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 24.01.87

Nationality: Russian

The left-winger is yet to show his best form in Moscow – where he arrived in 2007 from Banfield – having been loaned to Recreativo in Spain and subsequently suffering a knee injury. He did, however, set up Ibson's goal in their 3-0 Group F win over Zilina.

6 Renat Sabitov



MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 13.6.1985

Nationality: Russian

Sabitov is a born and bred Muscovite who is now in his fourth campaign with Spartak, although he has been loaned out in that time. While he has rarely held down a regular first-team place, the defensive midfielder is a solid option for coach Valeri Karpin.

27 Jano Ananidze



MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 10.10.1992

Nationality: Georgian

The youngest player to represent his country, having earned his first cap as a 16-year-old, Spartak have high hopes for the attacking midfielder. He is also the youngest scorer in the Russian First Division and has been likened to World Cup winner Xavi – high praise, indeed.

99 Dmitri Kombarov



MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 22.1.1987

Nationality: Russian

Kombarov, along with his twin brother Kirill, swapped one Moscow side for another in the summer, having moved to Spartak from Dynamo. The left-winger was returning to the club where he started his youth career, before departing at the age of 14.



Spartak's defence must be on form to cope with Chelsea

This is a very tough one to call. Spartak will be wary of their preferred offensive 4-2-3-1, with the midfield three all being very attack-minded in front of Ibson and Sheshukov.

I suspect that one of the wingers – McGeady or Kombarov – may be sacrificed for another more secure midfielder.

Top scorer Welliton should start up front on his own, once more trying to use his pace over the top to catch out the Chelsea centre-backs.

Supplying him with through-balls should see Alex, if fit, replacing the powerful An unless Valeri Karpin is being optimistic. Alex, the club captain and playmaker, missed the 2-0 defeat by Chelsea at the Luzhniki, so he will be desperate for an opportunity to show off his creativity in this one.

Away from home, some of their attacking options come from unexpected sources. Makeev, the left-back, is always keen to get forward and Ibson isn't shy of letting fly from distance when he does venture over the halfway line.

Neither, however, could be described as prolific and should have their hands full with defensive duties anyway. On the right side, the

highly-regarded Parshivlyuk has just suffered a season-threatening injury, so Stranzl may be asked to step in for the unenviable task of stopping attacks from Chelsea's left-hand side.

As with any team in the world visiting Stamford Bridge, it is the defence that will be under most pressure and maybe no one more than goalkeeper Dikan. Spartak seem to have settled on him as their No1 and, in the previous game against Chelsea, he showed enough bravery and confidence to underline why he hadn't let a goal in before that in the Champions League this season.

If there is an obvious weakness, then centre-backs Suchy and Pareja do not appear to have enough power and pace to deal with what Chelsea might throw at them – then again, very few central defenders do.

As with any visitors to the Bridge, the defence will be under most pressure



PLAYER FOCUS

Aiden McGeady

Aiden McGeady has plenty of tricks up his sleeve and will try them all in this one tonight if given the opportunity.

After moving from Celtic he has settled in quickly at Spartak. He is equally comfortable on the left or right, but maybe lacks that explosive pace to get beyond the likes of Ashley Cole or José Bosingwa.

A favourite ploy is to cut inside from the right and hit powerful curling shots with his left foot, so Chelsea's sitting midfielder will have to be aware of him taking aim.

He isn't far off the finished article for the top level, with only a few questions left over his final delivery and a suggested propensity to overdo it when dribbling.

However, name me a skillful winger those criticisms haven't been aimed at – creativity is an art, not a science, and mistakes will be made.



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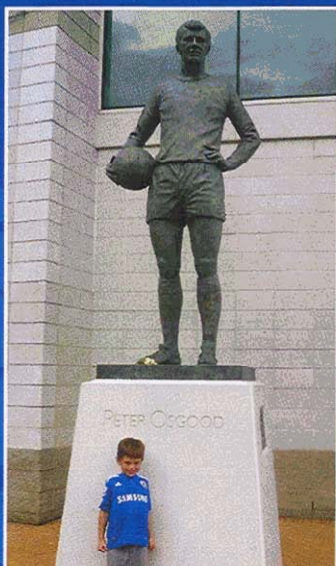
Happy birthday to **Gina Godinho** who turned four on 26 October. Pictured here with sister Leonor, they could soon be welcoming another Chelsea fan to the family as her season-ticket holder parents are expecting another child in January. Congratulations to the whole Godinho family.



Callum and Evan Kerrison never miss a chance to watch Chelsea, as shown by this picture of them following the Blues on television. They have even earned the nickname "Blues Brothers". Four-year-old Callum and Evan, two, caught the Chelsea bug from their granddad David, who started supporting the Blues when he moved to England from Dublin in 1969.



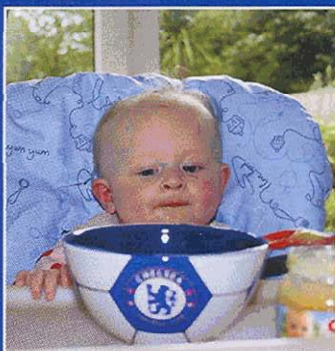
Harry, Reece and Jordan Murphy were over the moon when they were invited to the Cobham training ground as a guest of John Terry. The three brothers from Tiptree, Essex, were also given a pair of signed boots each by our captain, which joined the Terry shrines in their bedrooms, proving they are among JT's biggest fans.



This photo of **Anthony Sweeney** was taken just after he'd watched Chelsea score the best goal he has ever seen. It was Alex's super free-kick against Arsenal. The six-year-old was delighted to see the new statue of Peter Osgood, having been given the book Ossia for his birthday by dad Tony, although Didier Drogba is still his favourite Chelsea player of all-time.



As if watching their beloved Blues beat Stoke City 2-0 at Stamford Bridge wasn't enough, **Daisy and Louis Hall** also got to meet two of their heroes at the game. Striker Didier Drogba and goalkeeper Petr Cech were more than happy to pose for this photograph by the home dugout, much to the delight of the two young Chelsea fans.



Six-month-old **Eva Rose Grace** is well on her way to becoming a loyal Chelsea supporter and borrowed her granddad's special Blues bowl for her porridge when staying with grandparents Trevor and Karen Quantrill.

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Where there's a Wilkins...

Assistant first-team coach Ray Wilkins talks about the squad's determination to win which allows Chelsea to take on anyone in Europe

Ray, a win tonight would secure qualification to the knockout stage of the competition. How important is it to qualify as early as possible?

It's extremely important to qualify early, but more important to qualify top. From here on in, we will try to win every game we play in the Champions League.

I've got to say, when we went 2-0 up against Spartak in Moscow, I thought they would capitulate, if I'm honest. But they came back and they were the better team in the second half, although we might have got a couple of goals ourselves on the break.

Petr played exceptionally well to keep them out and, with that in mind, we know we're going to be playing against a very good team.

They're extremely well organised, as all teams in the Champions League are, but we want to go and win the game because, if we do, we'll be top of the group and I think we'll stay there.

Finishing top of the group is important because it gains you seeding for the next round. That doesn't guarantee you the best draw on every occasion though, does it?

I think 90 per cent of the time you'll be better off if you finish top. Last year was an exception, when we got the booby prize by playing Inter, who were extremely well organised and went on to win it.

Going out to the eventual winners cushioned it a touch, although it still hurts immensely. But, usually, finishing top should get you a better draw.

There is a lot said about Chelsea's desire to win the Champions League. Do you feel the need to temper that kind of talk at this stage of the season?

Everyone will talk about the Champions League when it comes to Chelsea because it's the one we've not picked up and it would be nice if the boys could pull it off.

It doesn't appear that this team needs any extra motivation to go out and win games...

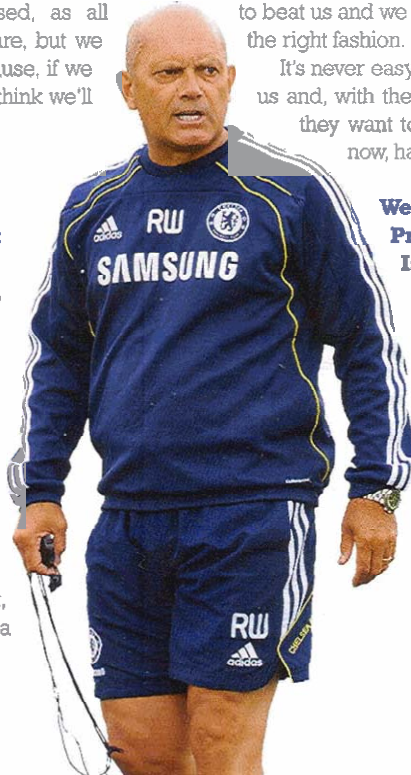
I think we have to go into every game to win it – that's vitally important. We are a big club, everybody wants to beat us and we have to approach every game in the right fashion.

It's never easy as teams up their game against us and, with the quality of player we have here, they want to beat them. But our lads, up to now, have been absolutely first class.

We talk about the pace of Premier League football a lot. Is the tempo any different in European ties?

The Premier League is played at such a high tempo and the Champions League doesn't

Drive: Assistant first-team coach Ray Wilkins praises the quality in the Chelsea side





Guts: The side showed a doggedness in the last match against Spartak Moscow to win

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quite reach that level until the last 16 or last eight, when it picks up because of the rise in standard.

Does it aid English teams that we play high tempo football week in, week out?

We play football in the Premier League that is faster than anywhere else on the planet. There's only Barcelona that I've seen over recent years who can raise the bar and play at that tempo – they shut people down and work extremely hard to play at our tempo.

But we have the quality, the pace and the power to go a long way in this tournament.

Do you think that teams used to a different tempo try to slow our game down in order to gain an advantage?

Well, we have the players here to play at any pace, we're so fortunate with the quality of player we have at this club. Basically, they can dictate the terms whichever way they wish to and we're very fortunate that quality runs right the way through the squad.

It doesn't really matter how the opposition play, we can combat that and do what we want to do. But, obviously, that changes a bit when you reach the last eight or the last four, because every team you play is going to be top drawer.



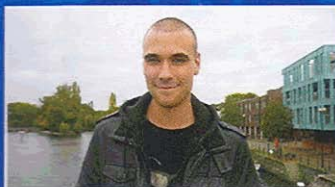
Word on the Streaters

The **Streater** family came to their first game as season-ticket holders for the 6-0 win over West Bromwich Albion on the opening day of this season and wanted to celebrate by sharing this picture of Paul, Victoria, Kelvin, Yue and Alex en route to the match. It was also Victoria's first time attending a game.



Crowning moment

Andy Jankiewicz has been following the Blues since the start of the 1974/75 season and says he has seen plenty of highs and lows over the years. However, last season's Double definitely fell into the former category and Andy couldn't resist the chance to get his photograph taken with the FA Cup and Premier League trophies.



Aussie's odyssey

A big Chelsea welcome to **Daniel Hutt** who travelled all the way from Adelaide in Australia to watch his beloved team in action. Daniel had a great day on 23 October when he got to see his first Chelsea match while celebrating his 21st birthday. Your "English" family hope you have a fantastic time following the team all over the country.



Forty's a jolly good...

Happy 40th birthday to **Steven Tuhey**, who celebrated four decades as a loyal Chelsea supporter on 26 October. Lots of love from Lindsay, Madeline, Ethan, mum, dad and all the family.



Callum's teenage kicks

Callum Holmes celebrated his 18th birthday on 29 October and, as part of his celebrations, he is watching today's match with his dad Stephen in the Shed End upper. Happy birthday Callum from mum, dad, Janey and Katie.



Falling for Chelsea

Happy birthday to **Chelsea Howard**, who turned 14 on 23 October. Unfortunately, her last visit to Stamford Bridge didn't end as planned. Chelsea fell trying to catch captain John Terry's boots after the 8-0 win over Wigan and ended up in hospital with a dislocated knee. That hasn't dampened her spirits, though, and Chelsea would like to thank the St John Ambulance first-aiders and the club doctors who helped her on the day.



Charles Frederick Inns

Charles Inns, who was born 19 October 1930, sadly passed away on 9 September after battling illness for some time. "Uncle Charlie" spent many years cheering on the Blues from the Shed and remained a true Blue his entire life. He will be missed by all who knew him.



Lee Douglas Mayes

In memory of **Lee Douglas Mayes**, who died on 11 April following seven months of illness. Lee was a lifelong Chelsea supporter from 1966 to 2010, wherever you may be.

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Team mates

with
florent malouda

Flo's love of music matches his passion for football and now the first-team's very own drummer reveals what makes the squad a band of brothers

We know how important music is to you. What's the sound in the changing room at the moment?

fm The first one to arrive in the morning gets to put his MP3 player in the dock, so that's how we do it now. We are always trying to bring new stuff into the changing room – new trends and dances – we try to bring new attitudes to the changing room regularly.

Nowadays, with the electronic music, you get all sorts of mixed styles. The last song I heard before I left the changing room was Didier's – a French electro-house song called *Alors On danse*. When you hear it you want to dance, I can tell you. Everybody in the team is dancing and singing when this comes on.

Your understanding on the pitch with Didier is very natural. How far back do you two go?

fm We were at Guingamp together for a year-and-a-half between 2002 and 2004

so we have played together longer at Chelsea now. I would say I know exactly the kind of ball he likes to receive.

The understanding between our strikers is all about communication, that's how we do it. I speak to them about an on kind of ball or cross they prefer and then I try to set them up in their best position.

Are you and Didier still thinking about forming a band and, if so, how's the drumming coming along?

fm Yeah, I'm serious about it, I practise my drum skills every day. Right now I'm trying to improve my speed and it makes you listen to music in a different way because you're analysing every different song you hear.

I'm really focused on the rhythmic sections so it makes me listen to all kinds of music – I've heard some Led Zeppelin and Phil Collins, just for the drums.

What about the music festivals you organise in the Caribbean, are you going to get some Chelsea players involved?

fm Yes, actually that's my next project. I'm thinking of maybe doing something in Paris and possibly French Guiana as well, because the last one I did was a really popular event.

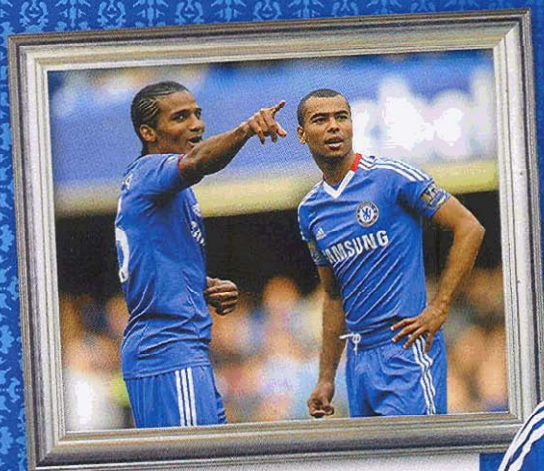
I want to get more people involved this time – Guianese personalities, some footballers I am friends with and other sporting personalities as well.

I want to get a nice mix of people together and talk about my foundation to raise the profile of French Guiana, to talk about Haiti and the work going on there.

I want to remind people, through music, what is going on over there on the other side of the Atlantic.

“I practise my drum skills every day, right now I'm trying to improve my speed”





As well as an understanding with your fellow forwards, you also have a great link with Ashley Cole on the left, don't you?

fm It's important because, in modern football, it's all about timing and distance. So when you understand your team-mates, you know the distances they can cover and the time it takes.

You can make the transition from back to front more smoothly and this needs a good combination with Ash.

It's all about good communication and, offensively, I know where he's creating space and where he wants to receive the ball. We try to play at the same tempo and it's causing problems for the opposition teams

"When you understand your team-mates, you know the distances they can cover and the time it takes"



“It’s all about movement... that’s how we create problems for other teams”

Ash’s opposite full-back José Bosingwa is back now, so who knows where the next attack will spring from?!

fm They are twins! I would say it’s incredible – in the last game, Bos crossed the ball and the furthest man forward was Ash from the other side. That’s our style, it’s our own quality as a team and we have to keep it like that.

It’s all about the movement; they have to feel the freedom to go and somebody else has to fill in their position. That’s how we create a lot of problems for other teams.

And there’s a new boy in the first-team changing room this season, your compatriot Gael Kakuta...

fm Yeah, and he’s getting a lot of attention now because he’s at the start of his career. After some more games, he can keep learning, getting experience and he’s lucky to be at one of the best football clubs in the world.





Growing a team with international pedigree

We had a game away to Wolves on Monday night, which I will discuss in my next column due to print deadlines on the programme.

We welcomed Nathaniel Chalobah back for that game after he spent the best part of the last two weeks away with England Under-17s.

He played three games in European qualifying as England won two games – against Poland and Sweden – and drew one against Georgia. Nathaniel played as a holding midfielder in two of the games and centre-back in the other so that added towards his experience, which helps him going forward for Chelsea as well.

What we are trying to do with the reserves is, firstly fill the calendar so that we've got a game every week, which has been difficult up until now because of international games. But we have managed to do that for November and December.

We've arranged a game against Bayern Munich at our training ground on 11 November, which



Manager:
Steve Holland

will add another dimension to the development of younger players at the club.

We obviously try and prepare them for Premier League football by playing against domestic reserve teams but, ultimately, we need to prepare them for European football as well. That's shown by the fact that we had six Chelsea Academy players on the bench in Moscow recently, with three of them coming on.

We're adding all the time to the experience our young players get so that when the opportunity comes for them to play Champions League football, they're ready for it.

The Bayern Munich game is a one-off fixture, which will present a different challenge technically and tactically to those matches we play on a regular basis in the reserve league.

England duty:
Nathaniel Chalobah



FIXTURES & RESULTS 2010/11

Date	Opposition	Res
August		
Mon 23	Everton	H 1-1
September		
Thu 16	Newcastle United	A 3-2
Mon 27	Liverpool	H 3-1
October		
Wed 20	West Bromwich Albion	A 5-4
November		
Mon 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A -
Wed 24	West Ham United	A -
Mon 29	Sunderland	H -
December		
Thu 16	Manchester United	A -
Tue 21	Wigan Athletic	A -
January		
Wed 12	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H -
Wed 19	Aston Villa	H -
Tue 25	Arsenal	A -
February		
Wed 2	Arsenal	H -
Wed 16	West Ham United	H -
Mon 21	Aston Villa	A -
March		
Wed 2	West Bromwich Albion	H -
Tue 8	Bolton Wanderers	A -
Wed 16	Blackpool	H -
Tue 29	Manchester City	A -
April		
Wed 6	Blackburn Rovers	H -
May		
Wed 4	Play-off	-

Chelsea score shown first. Fixtures correct at time of going to press. All reserve games are shown live on Chelsea TV. Please note that all reserve games at Cobham are played behind closed doors.

APPEARANCES 2010/11

Ince 4, Sala 3(1), Borini 3, Chalobah 3, B Clifford 3, C Clifford 3, Mellis 3, Tore 3, Lalkovic 2(1), Pappoe 2, Sebek 2, Walker 2, Djalo (Kaby) 1(3), Phillip 1(2), Deen-Conteh 1(1), Bosingwa 1, Kane 1, Mancienne 1, McEachran 1, Nkumu 1, Philliskirk 1, Sampayo 1, van Aanholt 1, Woods 0(2), Deyvye 0(1), Saville 0(1).

Substitute appearances in brackets

GOALS 2010/11

Borini 7 (1 pen), Lalkovic 2, Phillip 2 (1 pen), Chalobah 1.



Call up: Reserve products with Alex in Carling Cup tie against Newcastle

BARCLAYS PREMIER RESERVES LEAGUE SOUTH 2010/11

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Aston Villa	7	4	2	1	7	14
2 Arsenal	5	4	1	0	12	13
3 Chelsea	4	3	1	0	4	10
4 West Ham	4	3	0	1	1	9
5 West Brom	6	2	2	2	2	8
6 Wolves	6	1	0	5	-4	3

Table correct up to and including 28.10.10

Pleasant progress from a very young team



Manager: Dermot Drummy

30.10.10

Chelsea 2

Seremba, Kane

Crystal Palace 2

Wynne, Sekajja

We scored a late goal to earn a 2-2 draw at home to Crystal Palace on Saturday after what was a pleasing performance from another very young team.

We started with six Under-16s players in the side and there were some good performances

from the likes of Alex Davy and Ismail Seremba, who scored a goal to cap a promising debut through the

middle of attack. We took the lead when Bobby Davyne had a strong shot parried by their goalkeeper and Ismail

scored the rebound. But we then gave away two goals – one in each half – from crosses that we

didn't deal with properly. We kept plugging away, though, and played the right way

in search of another goal, which came very late on from a short corner. Lewis Baker played the ball to

Toddy Kane and he hit a cracking strike to earn us a point – and one which was well deserved.

We're showing a good attitude at the moment, playing the right way and never letting the game go, even if

we fall behind. Last week I went to watch some of the younger age groups in the Academy train one evening and I was

really impressed. I saw some exciting young talent coming through and

the technical work being done by our coaches, right through the age groups,

is fantastic to see.

I'd also like to mention James

Ashton, who is getting close to a

return for us after a very long lay-off

with a cruciate ligament injury.

He has worked hard on his

rehabilitation will offer us something

different because he's a very good

player who can open up defences, so

we're looking forward to having him

back with us.

Chelsea (4-3-3)

Jamal Blackman, Todd Kane, Alex Davyne,

George Saville (c), Lewis Kinsele (Adam Nisib 60),

Archange Nkumu, John Swift, Lewis Baker,

Bobby Davyne (All Gordon 75), Ismail Seremba,

Reece London (Samuel Bangura 80)

Late strike:
Todd Kane



FIXTURES & RESULTS 2010/11

Date Opposition Res

Aug 21 Manchester United A 0-0

Aug 28 Sheffield Wednesday A 2-3

Sept 4 Coventry City A 1-1

Sept 11 Cardiff City A 1-0

Sept 18 Tottenham Hotspur A 2-4

Sept 25 Southampton H 2-4

Oct 2 Ipswich Town A 0-0

Oct 9 Arsenal A 0-3

Oct 16 Norwich City A P-P

Oct 30 Crystal Palace H 2-2

Nov 6 West Ham United A

Nov 13 Fulham H

Nov 20 Portsmouth A

Dec 4 Charlton Athletic H

Dec 11 Norwich City (12noon) H

Jan 8 Crystal Palace A

Jan 15 West Ham United H

Jan 22 Fulham A

Feb 5 Portsmouth H

Feb 12 Charlton Athletic A

Feb 19 Southampton A

Feb 26 Ipswich Town H

Mar 5 Arsenal (10.45pm) A

Mar 12 Birmingham City (12noon) H

Mar 19 MK Dons (11.30pm) H

Mar 26 Watford (11.30pm) A

Apr 9 Aston Villa H

Apr 16 Brentford City A

Chelsea score shown first.

All games kick-off at 11am unless stated.

To catch up with the Academy tune into

Inside The Academy on Chelsea TV

every Friday at 5.30pm.

APPEARANCES 2010/11

Blackman 9, Kane 9, Saville 9, Davyne 8, Nkumu 8, Sampao 8, Rodgers 7, Prosenik 7, Gordon 7, Linton 3, Ma 3, Nisib 3, Baker 2, Davy 2, Charlton 2, B. Clifford 2, Bern-Conti 2, Lane 2, Seremba 2, Swift 1, Kinsele 1, Pappoe 1, Bangura 0(1), Figures 0(1), A. Gordon 0(1), Nisib 0(1)

GOALS 2010/11

Davyne 3 (7 pen), Prosenik 3, Kane 2, Linton 1, Seremba 1

Table correct up to and including 30.10.10

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Norwich City	9	7	0	2	12	21
2 Fulham	10	5	1	4	5	16
3 Southampton	10	5	1	4	1	16
4 Crystal Palace	10	5	1	4	-1	16
5 Charlton Athletic	10	4	2	4	-2	14
6 Arsenal	10	4	2	4	-2	14
7 Ipswich Town	10	3	3	4	-6	12
8 Chelsea	9	1	4	4	-7	7
9 West Ham United	10	2	1	7	-8	7
10 Portsmouth	10	1	1	8	-11	4

UNDER-18 PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE GROUP A





Putting practice to the test



Manager
Matt Beard

31.10.10

Chelsea 2

Helen Lander, Drew Spence

Charlton Athletic 1

Clara Sherwood

We had our first friendly of the long pre-season on Sunday, taking on Charlton at the training ground.

We won 2-1, with goals from Helen Lander and Drew Spence, but the most important thing was being able to try a few things out in proper match action.

We worked on the diamond formation in training last week, so we gave that a go, and it was important for some of our new signings to get a run-out. It gave me an indication of how they have settled in and what we still need to work on.

On the subject of new signings, I'm delighted to welcome Ashlee Hincks, who we've signed from Gillingham. The former England youth international is comfortable playing on either flank or up top. She has just broken back into the Under-

Preparation: Chelsea Ladies during training



23s squad and was named player of the match in their win over Germany recently.

In training she has been excellent. Ashlee will add strength in depth to our squad because we were lacking a bit on the right flank with Dunia Susi going to Birmingham, so we're delighted.

There have been a lot of international call-ups since we've been back training, so all we've tried to do is keep the sessions as enjoyable as possible and not concentrate too much on the fitness

side of things. Myself and Simon O'Neill, assistant manager, have enjoyed it – some of the football we've been playing has been frightening.

Going back to the internationals, some of the girls were at the Peace Cup tournament. Casey Stoney captained England in their draw with South Korea and then Hayley Moorwood, by all accounts, did really well for New Zealand in their game against England.

Casey said she was one of the stand-out players on the day, which is great news for us.



PLAYER PROFILE

Carly Telford

Carly's our new signing between the sticks and I'm confident we've got a really good keeper on our hands.

She was one of our main transfer targets over the summer, so we were delighted to get her in.

After starting her career at Sunderland, Carly moved to Leeds Carnegie, as they were known, and helped them to win the League Cup last year. She is playing regularly for

the England Under-23s and is on the fringes of the senior squad now.

Last season I felt we didn't have that week in, week out consistency that you need from a goalkeeper.

We're confident we're going to get that with Carly, and Macca [Stuart Mackenzie, goalkeeper coach] is really impressed with her basic work with her hands and feet.

Brave fans given boost by training ground treat

Chelsea's Cobham training ground opened its doors to a select few fans for a Community Day on 28 October, as the Chelsea Foundation gave several terminally and seriously ill supporters a day to remember.

A rare chance to watch the first team being put through their paces in training was given to the 17 Blues fans and their carers, before the players and manager Carlo Ancelotti stopped to have a chat and sign autographs on their way back to the changing rooms.

There were some moving stories from the visitors, including John Bicker who suffers from Osteoblastic Osteosarcoma, a form of musculoskeletal cancer. "I've been in hospital with cancer, but I'm here through the Willow Foundation," said John. "They mentioned there are days out you can do, and one of the things was this.

"My little boy is Chelsea mad and so is my brother, so we're all here. It's been a good day and the players have been friendly - I've got all my signatures and a photo with John Terry and Nicolas Anelka."

Also among the special guests at Cobham was Matthew Pike, who has leukaemia. Matthew knows all about what it's like at a professional club's training ground, as he played for the Reading Academy. However, he was delighted to see the day-to-day home of his favourite team and meet his Chelsea heroes.

"It's been only ant, especially meeting John Terry, the captain," explained Matthew. "I'm a



Souvenirs:
Fans get the manager's autograph

goalkeeper. I wanted to be a striker but for a couple of games my manager put me in goal and after a couple of weeks I got scouted for Reading. I follow them because it's my home town but I like Chelsea more."

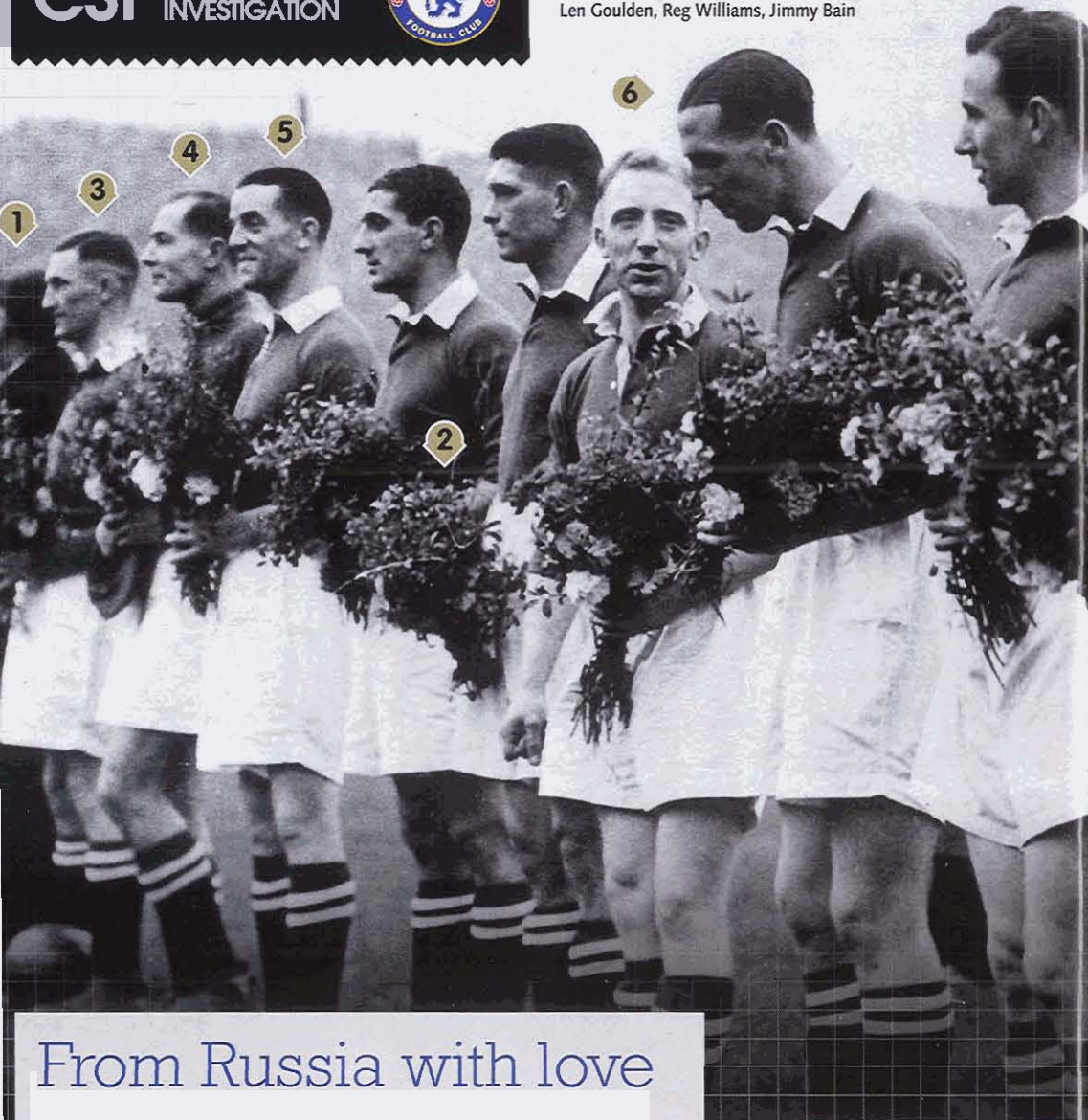
The Chelsea Foundation's Community Day aims to give Blues fans suffering from serious illness a well-deserved boost in what is obviously a difficult time for themselves and their families.



Appreciation: Players took time out to meet the fans



Saying it with flowers: Billy Birrell, captain John Harris, Vic Woodley, Albert Tennant, Joe Bacuzzi, Jim Taylor, Bobby Russell, Tommy Lawton, Peter Buchanan, Len Goulden, Reg Williams, Jimmy Bain



From Russia with love

It's in our DNA. Who they were makes us who we are today. Every programme, CSI examines rare photos and discovers the stories behind them

Tonight's match against Spartak takes us back to the visit of an earlier generation of Muscovite footballers in November 1945. The impact of the game resonated for years and remains one of the legendary episodes in the Chelsea story.

Back in the final days of the Second World War, though, and without floodlights at the Bridge, the kick-off time for the match was strangely at 2.30pm – on a Tuesday.

Not much of a problem for a run-of-the-mill game in regionalised

1 BILLY BIRRELL
The pipe-smoking pre-war Chelsea boss had just signed a second five-year contract. Despite pledging to develop homegrown talent, he had just splashed out in typical Chelsea fashion on box office draws.

BOUQUETS OF FLOWERS
Bouquets of flowers. Before kick-off the Dynamo players presented their embarrassed Chelsea counterparts with a posy each. Tommy Lawton recalled that trainer Norman Smith left the field "looking like a harvest festival".

3 JOHNNY HARRIS
One of several World War II guests who stayed at Chelsea. Wolves were paid £5,000 for the clever, reliable Scotland international defender, who would grace the Bridge until 1956, often as skipper.

VIC WOODLEY
England keeper who before the war held legendary status on the Stamford Bridge terraces. Kept 60 clean sheets in 272 appearances. His last match for Chelsea would come later the same month

5 ALBERT TENNANT
Defender who broke into the first team during regionalised wartime football. His more vital contribution was as Ted Drake's first team coach from 1953. Later managed Guildford City.

TOMMY LAWTON
Often regarded as England's greatest-ever centre-forward, Lawton arrived from Everton for a club record £14,000 and drew 53,000 to a league game at the Bridge four days before this match.

7 LEN GOULDEN
Cultured England international forward bought for £5,000 from West Ham and later played a vital role in setting up Chelsea's "Tudor Rose" youth school.

8 REG WILLIAMS
A recent signing from Watford, Williams was a well-built, elegant and versatile inside forward who was called up for England in 1946. A terrible run of injuries ended his career. Now 88, he is one of Chelsea's oldest surviving players.

Words: Rick Glanvill (Official Historian)



Red hot ticket: Stamford Bridge was besieged by fans



Bouquets: Dynamo players walk onto the pitch with flowers



wartime football, perhaps. But for one of the most talked-about fixtures in post-war football? There were thousands of Londoners at work or school who would find a way to see the game, whatever the consequences.

Only six months earlier the British and Soviet forces had quashed the Nazis and celebrated as Allies. Although the mutual political suspicions that would develop into decades of Cold War were already starting, there was a brief spirit of goodwill, camaraderie and curiosity, and the UK tour by Moscow Dynamo, the first by a Soviet side anywhere, was one of the results.

The media stereotyping that later characterised the Cold War era began with the arrival of the 40-strong Dynamo party. The elusive Moscow team extended "the most amazing security black-out ever imposed on sport," local press suggested. They also mocked the Soviets' icy, glamorous interpreter "Alexandra the Silent" – a model for Bond villainesses to come.

Also, the Communist daily paper *Isvestia* suggested that centre-forward Tommy Lawton – whose "head is value for an extra pair of feet," as the scribe Armour Milne put it – had been signed for £14,000 solely to face the Russian threat.

In the end it was, the newspapers agreed, "one of the most entertaining exhibitions ever seen on an English football field". The hype, for a change, lived

up to the billing and genuinely reflected public interest. People wanted to see what those who had given Hitler hell at Stalingrad looked like, and how they played football.

People mobbed the Fulham Road the day before to snap up the 1,227 reserved tickets for 5s 6d (around £7 today). Tickets on the day ranged from 1s 6d (equivalent to £1.95 today) to 10s (or £13 today)

On the day, by the time the gates opened an hour-and-a-half before kick-off, the whole area was swamped with people, and tickets were changing hands for £10 a piece – a huge amount for a football match. Police closed the ground before kick-off, but desperate fans broke the gates off their hinges and redeployed them as battering rams on doors next to the turnstiles beyond.

"Groups of young men broke through fences, gates and railings on the Fulham Road," reported the *Daily Mirror*. "Protesting householders were swept aside and mounted police were helpless. Youths seized ladders and put them against the outbuildings of the Chelsea enclosure to begin 'scaling operations'.

"Servicemen climbed the spiked barricades and then helped others over. Thousands were swept into the ground through a car park. More people poured over the railway embankment and got in at the back. [In fact, the Tube had to be stopped too because of the danger of electrocution.] Inside, the check barriers



Vantage point: The packed East Stand as people clamber to see the match



gave way as the crowd surged down towards the playing pitch. Several people were crushed against the smashed ironwork of the barriers

"Fainting women were handed down over the heads of the crowd. St John Ambulance men were working all through the game giving first aid to spectators."

The crowd was 20 deep around the pitch edge once the game began and police had to frequently intervene to clear a channel for a corner to be taken. Spectators had climbed onto the roofs of the stands, lining every vantage point like starlings on a telephone line.

The stands shook visibly, with some glass panes falling on the heads of spectators. One soldier tumbled through the roof at one point. Ironically, it was later said he was a paratrooper. Thirteen people were taken to hospital.

On the field the innovative fitness training and coaching skills imposed by manager Mikhail Yakushin, a former striker with Dynamo, were immediately impressive, with the pace of passing and fitness of the Soviets way beyond what the audience had seen before.

The athleticism of goalie Alexei "Tiger" Khomich was another talking point, but before he knew it he had picked the ball out the net twice – once when Lawton nodded the ball out of his hands. The other came from a close-range rebound off Reg Williams.

Moscow radio carried live commentary and a translation was made available afterwards. Reporter Sinyavsky was breathless with excitement and impressed with Chelsea's stars. "There's Woodley

again," he cooed at one stage, "always where he is wanted. Lawton, the famous centre-forward is playing a brilliant game..."

"Lawton is attacking our goalie, who has the ball in his hands. That's not allowed by our rules, but we are playing by English rules."

Dynamo missed a penalty, but after the break drew level at 2-2, before Lawton headed a long punt over Khornich to make it 3-2. Diplomatically, an obviously offside goal for the visitors was allowed to stand. A truly epic friendly finished 3-3.

Soviet commentator Sinyavsky eulogised: "Listen, comrades in Moscow, Leningrad Tiflis [Tbilisi] and Berlin – we have passed our first examination with honour."

A lavish banquet to honour Dynamo was held that night at the Cafe Royal, and Chelsea were effusive in praise of the Soviets.

"The Russians were on the move all the time," said defender Albert Tennant. "We could hardly keep up with them."

Captain John Harris agreed they were incredibly fit and played a faster-moving game than English football. Striker Len Goulden pronounced their play "amazing", though Bobby Russell felt they did not necessarily "play a better type of game".

In the end, this extraordinary, riotous event lived in the memory for its sheer scale – estimates rose to 125,000 paying or bunking in – as much as the remarkable football on display.

It remains one of Chelsea's greatest ever matches.



Barclays Premier League • 30.10.10

Blackburn Rovers 1

Benjani 21

Chelsea 2

Anelka 39, Ivanovic 84

Chelsea came from behind to defeat Blackburn Rovers thanks to a late header from defender Branislav Ivanovic.

Rovers drew first blood when El Hadji Diouf sent over an inviting cross from the left flank, which found Benjani. There was little Petr Cech, who had already pulled off a couple of impressive saves, could do to keep the ball out.

It was the first time that the Blues have conceded in the first half of a Premier League game this season, but the lead was relatively short-lived thanks to the swiftest of counter-attacks.

Cech picked out Florent Malouda with a precise kick upfield and the winger sent over an early ball for Didier Drogba. Sensing Nicolas Anelka in the centre, Drogba nodded the ball across goal for Nico to turn in his ninth goal of the season.

Despite plenty of attacking intent from both sides, the game looked set to end all-square until Ivanovic popped up late on.

Yury Zhirkov, impressive again in midfield, jinked his way into the box and put in a cross to the back stick. Almost a year to the day since his last goal, Brani directed a header past Paul Robinson.

Blackburn Rovers (4-5-1):

Robinson; Salgado, Samba (C), Nelsen, Givet (Olsson 34); M Diouf, Emerton, Jones, Pedersen, E Diouf (Dunn 80); Benjani (Roberts 46) Unused subs: Bunn, Grella, Kalinic, Hoilett Booked: Salgado, Nelsen

Chelsea (4-3-3):

Cech; Ivanovic, Alex, Terry (C), Cole; Essien, Mikel, Zhirkov; Anelka (Ferreira 90), Drogba, Malouda (Sturridge 72) Unused subs: Turnbull, Bosingwa, McEachran, Kalou, Kakuta Booked: Drogba, Ivanovic

Referee: Peter Walton Att: 25,836



Match Stats

Possession	34	66
Shots on target	4	3
Shots off target	8	6
Corners	3	5
Offsides	2	2
Fouls	13	11
Yellow cards	2	2
Red cards	0	0



Barclays Premier League • 23.10.10

Chelsea 2
Malouda 23, Kalou 81
Wolves 0

Chelsea were tested by a spirited Wolverhampton Wanderers side, but goals from Florent Malouda and Salomon Kalou ensured a 10th straight home win in the Premier League.

José Bosingwa, starting his first game for more than a year, came closest to breaking the deadlock early on. However, that honour instead went to Florent Malouda for the fourth time this season.

A neat interchange between Yury Zhirkov and Nicolas Anelka led to the former squaring the ball for Flo, who found himself with half-a-yard of space in the box – and he made no mistake with his right-footed finish.

The visitors fought back well, though, and produced a series of half-chances. But in Petr Cech they found an insurmountable obstacle.

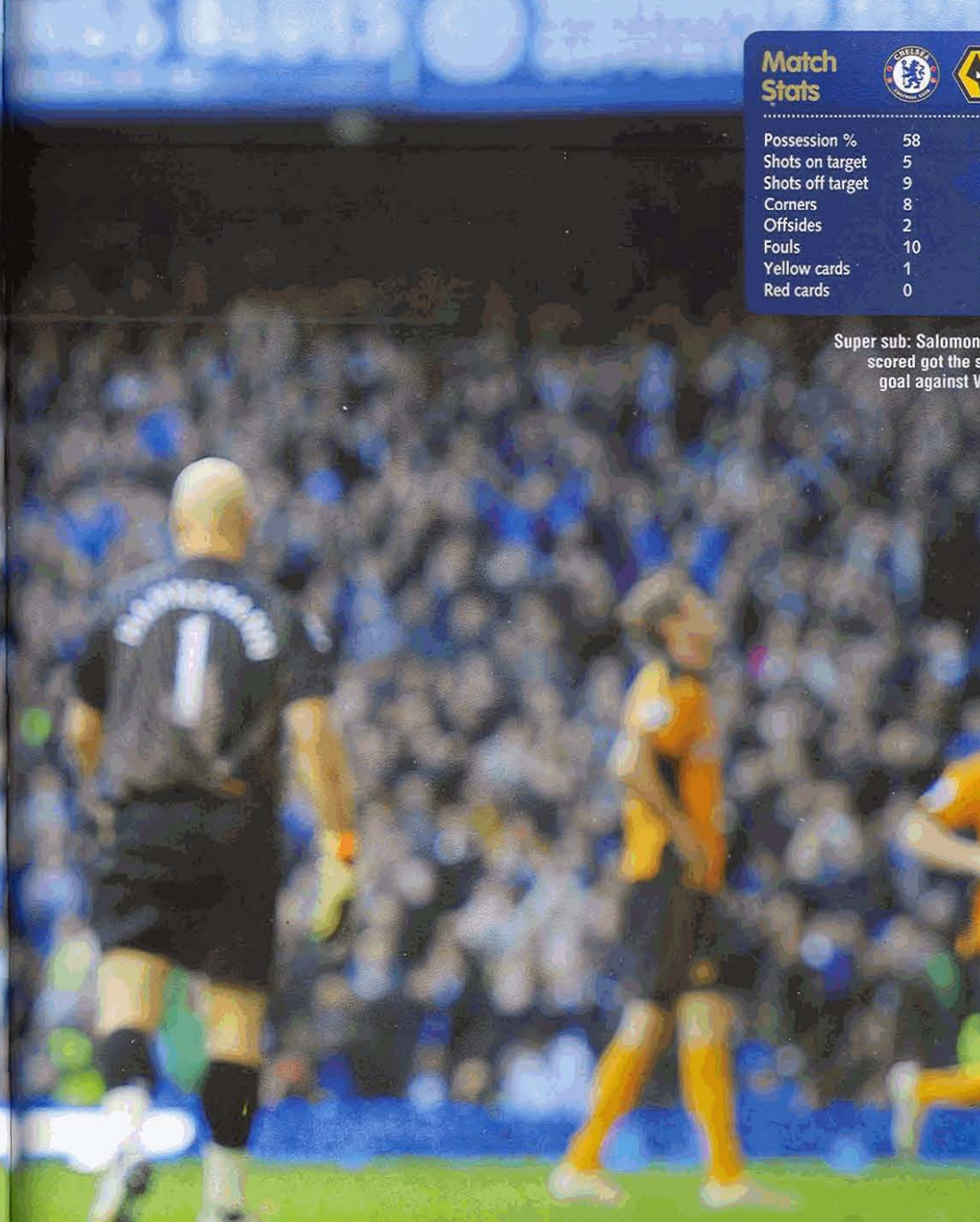
Indeed, keeping Wolves at bay meant the shot-stopper and his defence secured their eighth straight league clean sheet at Stamford Bridge – a club record.

Substitute Salomon Kalou then finished off a slick move he had started. Having laid the ball off to Didier Drogba, Sala continued his run and was found by Michael Essien's slide-rule pass.

He then calmly knocked the ball through the legs of Wolves keeper Marcus Hahnemann.

Chelsea (4-3-3):
 Cech; Bosingwa (Ferreira 78), Ivanovic, Terry (c), Cole; Essien, Mikel, Zhirkov (McEachran 82); Anelka, Drogba, Malouda (Kalou 72) Unused subs: Turnbull, Bruma, Kakuta. Sturridge Booked: Mikel

Wolves (4-5-1):
 Hahnemann; Foley, Stearman, Berra (c), Ward; Jarvis (Fletcher 86), Edwards, Millias, Jones, Van Damme (Hunt 46), Doyle (Ebanks-Blake 86) Unused subs: Hennessey, Elokobi, Mouyokolo, Davis Booked: Stearman, Berra



Match Stats

Possession %	58	42
Shots on target	5	1
Shots off target	9	3
Corners	8	8
Offsides	2	1
Fouls	10	9
Yellow cards	1	2
Red cards	0	0

Super sub: Salomon Kalou scored got the second goal against Wolves



CHELSEA TV

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If you are watching tonight's game against Spartak Moscow at the Bridge and are keen to see the action again when you get home, Chelsea TV will be showing an entire re-run of the game from midnight tonight.

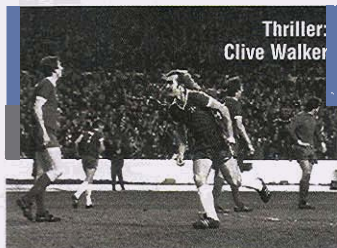
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Retro Blues:

With Chelsea travelling to Anfield this weekend for a mouth-watering match against Liverpool, Retro Blues take the opportunity to look back at a classic clash against the Reds from yesteryear

In January 1978, the Blues ran out 4-2 winners against the reigning English and European champions in a thrilling FA Cup third-round tie.

Chelsea TV regulars Clive Walker and Tommy Langley both had a massive impact on the game. Playing on the left-wing, Walker grabbed the nation's attention with a fantastic performance. He netted



Thriller: Clive Walker

the opener with a sweet finish past Ray Clemence after cutting in from the flank. After Jock Finnieston had doubled our lead, Langley made it 3-0 before Walker put the icing on the cake with Chelsea's fourth.
Retro Blues - Friday 5 November

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BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
FULHAM
 WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER,
 KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Loyalty Points 3 | Category B

SOLD OUT

Disabled ticket information:
 SOLD OUT

AWAY MATCH TICKET INFORMATION

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
LIVERPOOL
 SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER, KICK-OFF 4PM

Loyalty Points 1 | Live on Sky

SOLD OUT

Disabled ticket information: SOLD OUT

Travel details: Coaches will depart Stamford Bridge at 9am and from Newport Pagnell at 10.15am priced at £33.

We will also be running a subsidised train from London Euston priced at £35.



TICKET PRICES 2010/2011

FA PREMIER LEAGUE TICKET PRICES CATEGORY A GAMES

AREA	ADULT MEMBER	ADULT GEN SALE	JUVENILE £5/5S CITIZEN MEMBER	JUVENILE £5/5S CITIZEN GEN SALE
East Upper	£55	£60	£23	£25.50
East Lower Family Centre	£40	£45	£15	£17.50
West Lower	£55	£60	N/A	N/A
West Upper	£68	£73	N/A	N/A
West Middle	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Matthew Harding Upper	£54	£59	N/A	N/A
Matthew Harding Lower	£51	£56	N/A	N/A
Shed End Upper	£54	£59	N/A	N/A
Shed End Lower	£51	£56	N/A	N/A
Shed End Lower Away Visitors	N/A	£51	N/A	£23
Shed End Upper Away Visitors	N/A	£54	N/A	£23
Restricted View Seating	£45	£51	£23	£23
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	£45	£51	£23	£23

FA PREMIER LEAGUE TICKET PRICES CATEGORY B GAMES

AREA	ADULT MEMBER	ADULT GEN SALE	JUVENILE £5/5S CITIZEN MEMBER	JUVENILE £5/5S CITIZEN GEN SALE
East Upper	£50	£55	£23	£25.50
East Lower Family Centre	£35	£40	£15	£17.50
West Lower	£50	£55	N/A	N/A
West Upper	£63	£68	N/A	N/A
West Middle	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Matthew Harding Upper	£49	£54	N/A	N/A
Matthew Harding Lower	£46	£51	N/A	N/A
Shed End Upper	£49	£54	N/A	N/A
Shed End Lower	£46	£51	N/A	N/A
Shed End Lower Away Visitors	N/A	£46	N/A	£23
Shed End Upper Away Visitors	N/A	£49	N/A	£23
Restricted View Seating	£45	£51	£23	£23
	£45	£51	£23	£23
	£45	£51	£23	£23

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
SUNDERLAND
 SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER, KICK-OFF 4.10PM

Loyalty Points 3 | Category B | Live on Sky

Tickets are now on general sale (four per person).

Disabled ticket information: SOLD OUT

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
MSK ZILINA
 TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER,
 KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Loyalty Points 8 |

Season-ticket holders and members can purchase one ticket per person.

Thursday 4 November: Season-ticket holders and members can purchase an extra two tickets (maximum of three in total).

Friday 5 November: General sale (maximum of four in total).

Disabled ticket information: Tickets are now on sale to match members.



BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
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BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
EVERTON
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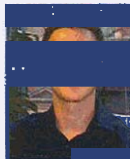


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Liverpool 2-2 Chelsea, 27.12.1949

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First game:

Liverpool v Rotherham Town, friendly, 1.9.1892

Pitch size: 111 x 74 yards

Classic encounter at Anfield

LIVERPOOL 1-2 CHELSEA

22.01.66 FA Cup third round

Bill Shankly called this "one of the greatest games you'll ever see". His team were favourites, being top of the league and FA Cup holders.

Liverpool opened the scoring after just 90 seconds with a Roger Hunt half-volley.

But Chelsea levelled five minutes later when Peter Osgood headed in a corner from Bobby Tambling, pictured. With 20 minutes to go George Graham found Tambling free in the penalty area and his header smashed in off the crossbar.



How to get there...

BY CAR

Head north on the M1 and M6 until you reach Junction 23 on the latter, where you should join the A580 signposted for Liverpool. Stay on that road for around 13 miles before turning left onto the A5058 for Widnes. After half-a-mile turn left onto Utting Avenue, which becomes Arkles Lane. At the end of that road the stadium is on your right along Anfield Road. However, as resident parking permits are required to stop near Anfield, drivers are advised to use one of the many car parks located around Stanley Park, including at Everton's Goodison Park stadium.

BY TRAIN

The service from London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street leaves once an hour at 15 minutes past and takes just under three hours. At Lime Street take a Merseyrail train to Liverpool Central and then Kirkdale, taking around 10 minutes each. Kirkdale is the closest station to Anfield, but getting off at Sandhills means you can use the Soccerbus service to the stadium.

DID YOU KNOW

Anfield was originally built as a home for Liverpool's city rivals Everton, who rented the ground for the first eight years of its life. However, an argument over rent saw the Toffees move out and new club Liverpool formed to play there in 1892.

>> AWAY PUB

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Chelsea record at Liverpool:

Played 77, won 12, drawn 16, lost 49

League: Played 67, won 9, drawn 14, lost 44

FA Cup: Played 3, won 2, lost 1

League Cup: Played 2, lost 2

Champions League: Played 5, won 1, drawn 2, lost 2

Biggest victory at Liverpool:

Liverpool 1-4 Chelsea, 25.12.1907 & 2.10.2005



BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE 2010/11

Team	Pld	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Chelsea	10	5	0	0	16	0	3	1	1	11	3	24	25
2 Arsenal	10	4	0	1	15	5	2	2	1	7	5	12	20
3 Man Utd	10	4	1	0	13	4	1	4	0	9	8	10	20
4 Man City	10	3	1	1	7	5	2	1	2	6	5	3	17
5 Tottenham	10	2	2	1	6	4	2	1	2	5	6	1	15
6 West Brom	9	3	2	0	8	4	1	1	2	5	11	-2	15
7 Newcastle	10	2	1	2	14	7	2	1	2	5	7	5	14
8 Everton	10	2	2	1	7	5	1	2	2	3	3	2	13
9 Fulham	10	2	2	1	7	5	0	4	1	5	6	1	12
10 Bolton	10	1	3	1	6	6	1	3	1	7	8	-1	12
11 Sunderland	10	2	3	0	5	3	0	3	2	4	9	-3	12
12 Liverpool	10	2	2	1	7	6	1	1	3	3	8	-4	12
13 Aston Villa	10	2	3	0	5	1	1	0	4	4	12	-4	12
14 Birmingham	10	2	2	1	4	3	0	3	2	6	9	-2	11
15 Stoke	10	2	1	2	6	6	1	0	4	4	8	-4	10
16 Blackpool	9	0	1	2	5	7	3	0	3	8	13	-7	10
17 Wigan	10	1	2	3	4	14	1	2	1	3	4	-11	10
18 Blackburn	10	1	2	2	4	5	1	1	3	5	7	-3	9
19 Wolves	10	2	2	1	7	6	0	1	4	3	10	-6	9
20 West Ham	10	1	1	3	5	9	0	2	3	2	9	-11	6

Table correct up to and including 31.10.10

PLAYER STATISTICS 2010/11

PLAYER	Age	APPEARANCES					GOALS/CLEANSHEETS					OTHERS			CFC Apps	CFC goals/cleansheets
		Prem	FAC	UCL	LC	Total*	Prem	FAC	UCL	LC	Total*	Assists	Booked	Sent Off		
Alex	28	7(1)	0	2	0(1)	9(2)	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	102(14)	9
Anelka	31	9	0	3	1	14	3	0	4	2	9	4	0	0	115(22)	51
Benayoun	30	0(3)	0	1	1	2(4)	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2(4)	1
Borini	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1(7)	0
Bosingwa	28	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5(2)	2
Bruma	18	0(1)	0	0	1	1(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1(5)	0
Cech	28	10	0	3	0	13	7	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	276	148
Cole	29	10	0	2	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	170(8)	6
Drogba	32	9	0	0	0	9(1)	6	0	0	0	6	6	2	0	221(49)	137
Essien	27	10	0	3	0	14	2	0	1	0	3	3	1	0	180(18)	24
Ferreira	31	5(4)	0	1	1	8(4)	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	149(35)	2
Hilario	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33(4)	16(2)
Ivanovic	26	8(1)	0	3	0	12(1)	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	70(10)	4
Kakuta	19	1(1)	0	1(2)	1	3(3)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4(6)	0
Kalou	25	2(4)	0	1	0(1)	4(5)	5	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	113(82)	48
Lampard	32	3	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	457(24)	158
Malouda	30	9(1)	0	3	0	13(1)	7	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	122(28)	35
McEachran	17	0(3)	0	0(3)	0(1)	0(7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0(7)	0
Mikel	23	10	0	3	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	144(35)	2
Ramires	23	5(1)	0	0(1)	1	6(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6(2)	0
Sturridge	21	0(4)	0	1(1)	1	2(6)	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	8(20)	6
Terry	29	9	0	3	1	14	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	451(20)	39
Turnbull	25	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5(1)	0(1)
van Aanholt	20	0	0	0(2)	1	1(2)	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1(4)	1
Zhirkov	27	2(4)	0	3	1	6(5)	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	25(13)	1

Correct up to and including 30.10.10

*Totals include the Community Shield. Substitute appearances in brackets.

Carlo Ancelotti achieved his 50th win as Chelsea manager at Blackburn in his 71st game in charge – the second quickest in our history, behind José Mourinho who took 67 matches. Carlo coached for the 100th time in the Champions League at Spartak Moscow two weeks ago.

John Terry's goal against Marseille in Matchday 2 was our 150th in the Champions League.



José Bosingwa, if selected, will make his 50th career Champions League appearance.

2010/11 SEASON SUMMARY (ALL COMPETITIONS)

Pld	W	D	L	F	A	CS	FS
15	11	1	3	39	11	9	2

CS = Clean sheets; FS = Failed to score

CARLO ANCELOTTI'S CHELSEA RECORD

Pld	W	D	L	F	A
71	50	10	11	181	56

CHELSEA'S EUROPEAN RECORD

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A
Home	79	55	20	4	166	46
Away	82	30	24	28	107	92
Neutral	5	3	2	0	6	3
TOTAL	166	88	46	32	279	141

CHELSEA'S CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

Pld	W	D	L	F	A
98	50	30	18	153	79

2010/11 EUROPEAN BOOKINGS 2

Mikel 1, Zhirkov 1.

Three yellow cards will incur a game match suspension.

TOP ALL-TIME EUROPEAN APPEARANCES

Terry 80, Lampard 76(4), Cech 56, Drogba 48(6), Mikelélé 47(2), Carvalho 46(1), Essien 40(2), J Cole 37(16), Wise 37(1), Zola 35(2), Desailly 35(1), De Goey 35, Gallas 35, A Cole 33, Ballack 31(2), Leboeuf 31(1), Babayaro 28(3), Malouda 27(5), R Harris 27, Hollins 27, Bonetti 26, Gudjohnsen 25(9), Osgood 25(1).

Substitute appearances in brackets.

TOP ALL-TIME EUROPEAN SCORERS

John Terry and Nicolas Anelka are now our all-time fifth equal European scorers with Gianfranco Zola. Drogba 26, Lampard 21, Osgood 16, Flo 12, Anelka 9, Terry 9, Zola 9, Gudjohnsen 8, Baldwin 7, Vialli 7, J Cole 6, Essien 6, Wise 6, Hollins 5, Houseman 5, Kalou 5, Ballack 4, Crespo 4, Poyet 4, Shevchenko 4.

CURRENT CHELSEA CAREER EUROPEAN APPEARANCES

Terry 80, Lampard 76(4), Cech 56, Drogba 48(6), Essien 40(2), A Cole 33, Malouda 27(5), Mikel 23(6), Ferreira 22(5), Kalou 19(18), Alex 18(1), Anelka 17(10), Ivanovic 13, Bosingwa 10, Zhirkov 6(1), Hilario 3(2), Kakuta 2(2), Turnbull 2, Sturridge 1(3), Benayoun 1, McEachran 0(3), van Aanholt 0(2), Borini 0(1), Mancienne 0(1), Ramires 0(1).

Substitute appearances in brackets.

CURRENT CHELSEA CAREER EUROPEAN SCORERS

Drogba 26, Lampard 21 (2 pens), Anelka 9 (1 pen), Terry 9, Essien 6, Kalou 5, Alex 2, Ivanovic 2, Malouda 2, Sturridge 1, Zhirkov 1.

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2010/11

Date	Opposition	Res	Att	Pts	Pos	Line-up
August						
Sun 8	Manchester United (CS)	N	1-3	84,623	-	Hilario Ferreira Ivanovic Terry(c) Cole Essien Mikel Lampard Kalou 1
Sat 14	West Bromwich Albion	H	6-0	41,589	3	1 Cech Ferreira Alex Terry(c) Cole Essien Mikel Lampard 1 Anelka
Sat 21	Wigan Athletic	A	6-0	14,476	6	1 Cech Ivanovic Alex Terry(c) Cole Essien Mikel Lampard Anelka 2
Sat 28	Stoke City	H	2-0	40,931	9	1 Cech Ferreira Alex Terry(c) Cole Essien Mikel Lampard Anelka
September						
Sat 11	West Ham United	A	3-1	33,014	12	1 Cech Ferreira Ivanovic Terry(c) Cole Essien 2 Mikel Ramires Kalou 1
Wed 15	MSK Zilina (UCL)	A	4-1	10,829	-	Cech Ivanovic Alex Terry(c) Zhirkov Essien 1 Mikel Benayoun Sturridge 1
Sun 19	Blackpool	H	4-0	41,761	15	1 Cech Ferreira Alex Ivanovic Cole Essien Mikel Ramires Kalou 1
Wed 22	Newcastle United (CC3)	H	3-4	41,511	-	Turnbull Ferreira Bruma Terry(c) van Aanholt 1 Benayoun Ramires Zhirkov Sturridge
Sat 25	Manchester City	A	0-1	47,203	15	1 Cech Ivanovic Alex Terry(c) Cole Essien Mikel Ramires Anelka
Tue 28	Marseille (UCL)	H	2-0	40,675	-	Cech Ivanovic Alex Terry(c) 1 Cole Essien Mikel Zhirkov Kakuta
October						
Sun 3	Arsenal	H	2-0	41,828	18	1 Cech Ivanovic Alex 1 Terry(c) Cole Essien Mikel Ramires Anelka
Sat 16	Aston Villa	A	0-0	40,122	19	1 Cech Ferreira Ivanovic Terry(c) Cole Essien Mikel Ramires Kakuta
Tue 19	Spartak Moscow (UCL)	A	2-0	70,012	-	Cech Ferreira Ivanovic Terry(c) Cole Essien Mikel Zhirkov 1 Kalou
Sat 23	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	2-0	41,752	22	1 Cech Bosingwa Ivanovic Terry(c) Cole Essien Mikel Zhirkov Anelka
Sat 30	Blackburn Rovers	A	2-1	25,836	25	1 Cech Ivanovic 1 Alex Terry(c) Cole Essien Mikel Zhirkov Anelka 1
November						
Wed 3	Spartak Moscow (UCL)	H				
Sun 7	Liverpool (4pm) Sky	A				
Wed 10	Fulham (7.45pm)	H				
Sun 14	Sunderland (4.10pm) Sky	H				
Sat 20	Birmingham City	A				
Tue 23	MSK Zilina (UCL, 7.45pm)	H				
Sun 28	Newcastle United (1.30pm) Sky	A				
December						
Sat 4	Everton	H				
Wed 8	Marseille (UCL, 7.45pm)	A				
Sun 12	Tottenham Hotspur (4pm) Sky	A				
Sun 19	Manchester United (4pm) Sky	H				
Mon 27	Arsenal (8pm) Sky	A				
Wed 29	Bolton Wanderers (7.45pm)	H				
January						
Sun 2	Aston Villa (1.30pm) Sky	H				
Wed 5	Wolverhampton Wanderers (7.45pm)	A				
Sat 8	FA Cup 3rd round	-				
Sat 15	Blackburn Rovers	H				
Mon 24	Bolton Wanderers (8pm) Sky	A				
Sat 29	FA Cup 4th round	-				
February						
Tue 1	Sunderland (7.45pm)	A				
Sat 5	Liverpool	H				
Sat 12	Fulham	A				
15/16	Champions League Round of 16 1st leg	-				
Sat 19	FA Cup 5th round	-				
22/23	Champions League Round of 16 1st leg	-				
Sat 26	Birmingham City	H				
March						
Sat 5	Blackpool	A				
8/9	Champions League Round of 16 2nd leg	-				
Sat 12	FA Cup 6th round	-				
15/16	Champions League Round of 16 2nd leg	-				
Sat 19	Manchester City	H				
April						
Sat 2	Stoke City	A				
5/6	Champions League QF 1st leg	-				
Sat 9	Wigan Athletic	H				
12/13	Champions League QF 2nd leg	-				
Sat 16	West Bromwich Albion	A				
16/17	FA Cup semi-final (Wembley)	N				
Sat 23	West Ham United	H				
26/27	Champions League SF 1st leg	-				
Sat 30	Tottenham Hotspur	H				
May						
3/4	Champions League SF 2nd leg	-				
Sat 7	Manchester United	A				
Sat 14	Newcastle United	H				
Sat 14	FA Cup Final (Wembley)	N				
Sun 22	Everton (4pm)	A				
Sat 28	Champions League Final (Wembley)	-				

HALF-TIME QUIZ

- How many minutes did José Bosingwa play against Wolves in his first Chelsea start for more than a year?
- Which two players combined to set up Florent Malouda for the opening goal in that game?
- And how many times has Flo opened the scoring in a Premier League game for Chelsea this term?
- How many players touched the ball between Petr Cech's clearance and Nicolas Anelka slotting the ball past Blackburn keeper Paul Robinson?

(Answers bottom of page 73)



Key: Goalscorers in Bold ■ First sub ■ Second sub ■ Third sub ■ Fourth sub ■ Fifth sub ■ Yellow card ■ Red card +

Substitutes															
Anelka	Malouda	Bruma	Zhirkov	van Aanholt	Benayoun	Drogba	Sturridge	Turnbull							
Malouda 2	Drogba 3	Ivanovic	Zhirkov	van Aanholt	Benayoun	Kalou	Sturridge	Turnbull							
Malouda 1	Drogba	Ferreira	Zhirkov	van Aanholt	Benayoun 1	Borini	Kalou 2	Hilario							
Drogba 1	Malouda 1	Zhirkov	van Aanholt	Ramires	Benayoun	Kalou	Sturridge	Turnbull							
Drogba	Anelka	Zhirkov	Alex	Kakuta	Benayoun	Malouda	Sturridge	Turnbull							
Anelka 2	Malouda 2	Ferreira	van Aanholt	Kakuta	Ramires	Kalou	McEachran	Turnbull							
Drogba(c) 1	Malouda 2	Bruma	Zhirkov	Benayoun	Kakuta	Sturridge	Anelka	Turnbull							
Anelka 2	Kakuta	Alex	Chalobah	Mellis	B Clifford	McEachran	Kalou	Cech							
Drogba 2	Malouda	Ferreira	Zhirkov	van Aanholt	McEachran	Kakuta	Sturridge	Turnbull							
Anelka 1	Malouda	Ferreira	Bruma	van Aanholt	Ramires	McEachran	Sturridge	Turnbull							
Drogba 1	Malouda	Ferreira	Zhirkov	van Aanholt	McEachran	Sturridge	Kakuta	Turnbull							
Anelka	Malouda	Bruma	Zhirkov	Bosingwa	Mellis	McEachran	Borini	Turnbull							
Anelka 1	Malouda	Bruma	van Aanholt	Mellis	B Clifford	McEachran	Kakuta	Turnbull							
Drogba	Malouda 1	Bruma	Ferreira	McEachran	Kalou 1	Sturridge	Kakuta	Turnbull							
Drogba	Malouda	Bosingwa	Ferreira	McEachran	Kalou	Sturridge	Kakuta	Turnbull							



REF WATCH CUNEYT CAKIR



At 33 years old, Cakir is one of the youngest referees in this season's

Champions League. This is his debut campaign in the group of the competition, although he has officiated several games in Europa League last term, in the second leg of Fulham's semi-final against Hamburg.

Listed in this season's Professional Development Category, featuring some of Europe's brightest refereeing talents, the Turkish official has previously taken part in an England international Three Lions' 2-1 win over Arsenal in September 2008.

Bahattin Duran and Tarik Ongun are his assistant referees tonight, Suleyman Abay is fourth official and Halis Ozkan and Hyseyin Gocek are the additional assistant referees.

ANNOUNCEMENT PLEASE BE SEATED

Persistent standing is an offence under Ground Regulations and, as such, should supporters stand the club may have to impose a reduction in capacity in the areas where it occurs. Persistent standing on days is an increasing issue, particularly in the Matthew Harding Lower tier. We understand that supporters will stand out of excitement and this is acceptable – persistent standing does cause distress and discomfort to others. We urge you to support your fellow supporters in this regard.

UNATTENDED ITEMS

Please remember not to leave bags or unattended anywhere in or around the stadium. For security reasons any found have to be investigated and will be removed, causing inconvenience and disruption to all. If possible, we would also urge you not to bring large bags or rucksacks to the game as they need to be searched as a security measure slowing up entry to the ground.

Two Florent Malouda and Yury Zhirkov



tim lovejoy

THE HOME PAGE

The dream is to win this competition at Wembley

What do you think comes next in this sequence: Paris, Athens, Moscow, Rome, Madrid?

The answer is, of course, London, because Wembley will be hosting this season's Champions League Final, following on from those other cities.

I keep forgetting about this fact, however, it's really exciting – I don't want to get ahead of myself but what a night that could be!

The old Wembley held five European Cup Finals and two English clubs won the trophy there. Manchester United beat Benfica 4-1 under the twin towers in 1968 and Liverpool beat Club Brugge there in

Grand setting:
Wembley



1978. The other winners there were AC Milan in 1963, Ajax in 1971 and the great Barcelona "Dream Team" beat a Sampdoria side including Gianluca Vialli in 1992.

The other thing I keep forgetting is that the Champions League Final has been moved to a Saturday night as of last season. I don't want to tempt fate, but don't go booking your holidays until May is out – let's think positively.

Actually, it's all gone a bit topsy-turvy for the end of this season. The FA Cup Final, traditionally the day the curtain falls, is on 14 May, but the Premier League doesn't finish until the following weekend, when we go to Everton on 22 May.

Then, the Champions League Final at Wembley falls on 28 May, so I like to let my imagination run away with me and think of that being the greatest fortnight in Chelsea history.

But let's remember how hard it's going to be to get there, and get back to the here and now by welcoming Spartak Moscow to the home of football, Stamford Bridge.

A win tonight and we'll be through to the next round – come on Chelsea!

Today, I take on Florent Malouda in the predictions competition with the scores level at 3-3.

He's a quick man on the pitch, but let's see what his predicting is like.

A WEEK IN tweets

You can keep in touch with all the latest from Tim Lovejoy by following his Twitter feed...

<http://twitter.com/timlovejoy>

Five points clear but Blackburn will test us today.
(Prior to kick-off on Saturday)

Oops, 1-0 down. Bit of a shock after five clean sheets running.
(After Benjani's opener for Blackburn)

Drogba to Anelka and that, for me, is one of the best goals this season.
Utter class.
(Anelka strikes and it's 1-1)

Ivanovic, you beauty!
(Branislav hits our later winner)



That's why we're champions!
(Full-time at Ewood Park and three more points)

SELECTIONS: TIM LOVEJOY

AC Milan v Real Madrid	Away win
Auxerre v Ajax	Draw
Basle v Roma	Home win
Partizan Belgrade v Braga	Home win
Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal	Away win

PREDICTIONS

The scores so far

03

TIM LOVEJOY

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CHELSEA FC

SELECTIONS: FLORENT MALOUDA

AC Milan v Real Madrid	Away win
Auxerre v Ajax	Home win
Basle v Roma	Away win
Partizan Belgrade v Braga	Away win
Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal	Away win



Manager: Carlo Ancelotti

- Petr Cech 1 ●
- Branislav Ivanovic 2 ●
- Ashley Cole 3 ●
- Michael Essien 5 ●
- Ramires 7 ●
- Frank Lampard 8 ●
- Yossi Benayoun 10 ●
- Didier Drogba 11 ●
- John Mikel Obi 12 ●
- Florent Malouda 15 ●
- José Bosingwa 17 ●
- Yury Zhirkov 18 ●
- Paulo Ferreira 19 ●
- Salomon Kalou 21 ●
- Ross Turnbull 22 ●
- Daniel Sturridge 23 ●
- John Terry 26 ●
- Alex 33 ●
- Patrick van Aanholt 38 ●
- Nicolas Anelka 39 ●
- Henrique Hilario 40 ●
- Jeffrey Bruma 43 ●
- Gael Kakuta 44 ●
- Fabio Borini 45 ●
- Josh McEachran 46 ●
- Billy Clifford 47 ●
- Rohan Ince 51 ●
- Jacob Mellis 52 ●
- Sam Walker 54 ●
- Jacopo Sala 55 ●
- Jan Sebek 61 ●



Manager: Valeri Karpin

- 2 Cristian Maidana ●
- 3 Martin Stranzl ●
- 5 Aleksandr Sheshukov ●
- 6 Renat Sabitov ●
- 7 Ibson ●
- 8 Nikola Drincic ●
- 9 Ari ●
- 11 Welliton ●
- 12 Alex ●
- 15 Sergei Parshivlyuk ●
- 16 Evgeni Makeev ●
- 17 Marek Suchy ●
- 18 Andrei Ivanov ●
- 19 Nicolas Pareja ●
- 20 Aleksandr Zotov ●
- 21 Nikita Bazhenov ●
- 23 Igor Kireev ●
- 26 Anton Khodyrev ●
- 27 Jano Ananidze ●
- 28 Nikolai Zabolotni ●
- 30 Sergei Pesyakov ●
- 33 Dmitry Malyaka ●
- 37 Dmitry Kayumov ●
- 41 Vladimir Obukhov ●
- 48 Filip Ozobic ●
- 49 Aleksandr Kozlov ●
- 56 Aleksandr Belenov ●
- 64 Aiden McGeady ●
- 77 Kirill Kombarov ●
- 81 Andrey Dikan ●
- 89 Aleksandr Prudnikov ●
- 99 Dmitri Kombarov ●

Other UEFA Champions League Fixtures

Wednesday 3 November

- FC Basel v Roma (7.45pm)
- CFR Cluj v Bayern Munich (7.45pm)
- MSK Zilina v Marseille (7.45pm)
- Auxerre v Ajax (7.45pm)
- AC Milan v Real Madrid (7.45pm)
- Partizan Belgrade v Braga (7.45pm)
- Shakhtar Donetsk v Arsenal (7.45pm)

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v Fulham (7.45pm)

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