

FIXTURES 1965-66

Football League Division I

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1965	Opponents	Venue	F. A.
Aug. 21	BURNLEY ...	HOME	1 1
" 25	Stoke City ...	Away	2 2
" 28	Fulham ...	Away	3 0
Sept. 1	STOKE CITY ...	HOME	1 2
" 4	Arsenal ...	Away	3 1
" 8	Sheffield Wednesday ...	Away	P'nd
" 11	EVERTON ...	HOME	3 1
" 15	SHEFF. WEDNESDAY ...	HOME	1 1
" 18	Manchester United ...	Away	1 4
" 25	NEWCASTLE UNITED ...	HOME	.....
Oct. 2	West Bromwich Albion ...	Away	.....
" 9	BLACKPOOL ...	HOME	.....
" 16	Blackburn Rovers ...	Away	.....
" 23	LEICESTER CITY ...	HOME	.....
" 30	Sheffield United ...	Away	.....
Nov. 6	LEEDS UNITED ...	HOME	.....
" 13	West Ham United ...	Away	.....
" 20	SUNDERLAND ...	HOME	.....
" 27	Aston Villa ...	Away	.....
Dec. 4	LIVERPOOL ...	HOME	.....
" 11	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away	.....
" 18	BLACKBURN ROVERS ...	HOME	.....
" 27	Northampton Town ...	Away	.....
" 28	NORTHAMPTON T. ...	HOME	.....

1966			
Jan. 1	Blackpool ...	Away	.....
" 8	TOTTENHAM H. ...	HOME	.....
" 15	Leicester City ...	Away	.....
" 22	(3) ...	.....	.....
" 29	Burnley ...	Away	.....
Feb. 5	FULHAM ...	HOME	.....
" 12	(4) ...	.....	.....
" 19	ARSENAL ...	HOME	.....
" 26	Everton ...	Away	.....
Mar. 5	(5) ...	.....	.....
" 12	MANCHESTER UTD. ...	HOME	.....
" 19	Newcastle United ...	Away	.....
" 26	(6) W. BROMWICH A. ...	HOME	.....
Apr. 2	Leeds United ...	Away	.....
" 9	WEST HAM UNITED ...	HOME	.....
" 11	NOTTINGHAM F. ...	HOME	.....
" 12	Nottingham Forest ...	Away	.....
" 16	Sunderland ...	Away	.....
" 23	(S.F.) ASTON VILLA ...	HOME	.....
" 30	Liverpool ...	Away	.....
May 7	SHEFFIELD UNITED ...	HOME	.....
" 14	F.A. Cup Final ...	.....	.....

(3), (4), (5), (6) and (S.F.) refer to F.A. Cup round dates.

	INTER-CITIES FAIRS CUP	
Sept. 22	ROMA (1st Rd., 1st Leg)	HOME
Oct. 6	Roma (1st Rd., 2nd Leg)	Away

	OTHER MATCH	
Oct. 26	HEARTS (Prov.) ...	HOME
	(John Mortimore's Testimonial)	

Football Combination Division I

1965	Opponents	Venue	F. A.
Aug. 28	FULHAM ...	HOME	5 3
Sept. 4	ARSENAL ...	HOME	1 0
" 11	Swindon Town ...	Away	2 6
" 18	IPSWICH TOWN ...	HOME	6 1
" 25	Shrewsbury Town ...	Away	.....
Oct. 2	NOTTINGHAM F. ...	HOME	.....
" 9	Southampton ...	Away	.....
" 16	TOTTENHAM H. ...	HOME	.....
" 23	Norwich City ...	Away	.....
" 30	WEST HAM UNITED ...	HOME	.....
Nov. 6	Coventry City ...	Away	.....
" 13	LEICESTER CITY ...	HOME	.....
" 24	Cardiff City ...	Away	.....
" 27	PETERBOROUGH U. ...	HOME	.....
Dec. 4	Tottenham Hotspur ...	Away
" 11	SOUTHAMPTON ...	HOME
" 18	West Ham United ...	Away

SOUND EQUIPMENT

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1966			
Jan. 1	NORWICH CITY ...	HOME
" 8	Leicester City ...	Away
" 15	COVENTRY CITY ...	HOME
" 22	Northampton Town ...	Away
" 29	NORTHAMPTON T. ...	HOME	.....
Feb. 5	Fulham ...	Away	.....
" 12	CRYSTAL PALACE ...	HOME	.....
" 19	Arsenal ...	Away	.....
" 26	SWINDON TOWN ...	HOME	.....
Mar. 5	Crystal Palace ...	Away	.....
" 12	Ipswich Town ...	Away	.....
" 19	SHREWSBURY TOWN ...	HOME	.....
" 26	Nottingham Forest ...	Away	.....
Apr. 2	CARDIFF CITY ...	HOME	.....
" 9	Peterborough United ...	Away	.....
" 16	Plymouth Argyle ...	Away
" 30	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ...	HOME

	LONDON F.A. CHALLENGE CUP	
Oct. 6	Q.P.R. (1st Rd.) ...	Away

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THE TALK OF STAMFORD BRIDGE

TONIGHT we re-enter European football with our second venture into the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup tournament, and welcome the players, officials and supporters of Roma who have travelled to London for this first round, first leg tie.

A fortnight tonight it will be our turn as visitors, and we naturally hope that we shall have "banked" sufficient goals in this first leg to see us safely through in Rome to a place in the second round draw, which will take place in Basle, Switzerland, on Friday, October 8.

The very nature of a two-leg competition encourages the visiting team to put emphasis — sometimes over-emphasis — on defence, particularly in the first leg. Ten days ago, planning for tonight's match, Tommy Docherty, Jimmy Andrews and Terry Venables flew to Italy to watch our opponents in action in an Italian League game at home to Spal.

Roma played a mainly defensive style ... and lost 0-2. Perhaps they were hiding their forward talents on that occasion; perhaps it was one of those off-days that come to every team. We should all be better judges in 90 minutes' time.

Though the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup competition began in June 1955, it was

almost three years (May, 1958) before the first winners were known, Barcelona beating London 6-0 in the second leg of the final after a 2-2 draw at Stamford Bridge.

By the time the tournament was staged again, it had become clear to the organisers that, if impact was to be made, a speeding up of the rounds was essential.

The second competition was streamlined to run from September 1958 to May 1960 — Barcelona were again the winners, beating Birmingham in the final — and it has since become an annual event on the soccer calendar.

In 1958 Chelsea were chosen to represent London. In the first round, we beat Frem 3-1 in Copenhagen and won the return leg 4-1 — attendance 13,104. In the second round we beat Red Star, Belgrade 1-0 at Stamford Bridge (attendance 25,771), but lost the second leg in Belgrade 1-4 and so went out 2-4 on aggregate.

To many people who have forgotten — or did not know of — our participation in the Inter-Cities Cup that season, this will explain the reference at the start of these notes to our "re-entry" into European football tonight.

The full list of winners of this com-

petition reads: 1958—**Barcelona**; 1960—**Barcelona**; 1961—**Roma**; 1962—**Valencia** (Spain); 1963—**Valencia**; 1964—**Zaragoza** (Spain); 1965—**Ferencvaros** (Hungary).

It will be seen that no British team has yet held the Fairs Cup. But neither had any London club won the Football League Cup . . . until last April!

Although to some extent the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup has been overshadowed in excitement and colour by the European Cup and Cup Winners' Cup, we hope we can now contribute to its importance and prestige and that the journey we start tonight is both long and rewarding.

FRONT COVER SHOT

ACTIONS speak louder than words, and **KEN SHELLITO** takes off in determined "my ball" manner between Bert Murray and Marvin Hinton to head clear in the home match against Everton.

NEW FACES No. 5



FRANK CONBOY

Was converted from forward to full-back in the Juniors last season and has opened this season in the Combination side. Aged 17 and from Marylebone, he turned from apprentice to full-time professional in July.

INTER-CITIES FAIRS CUP—Other First Round Dates, with Results So Far

Match	1st Leg	Result	2nd Leg
Hibernian (Scotland) v. Valencia (Spain)	Sept. 8	2-0	Oct. 12
Nuremberg (West Germany) v. Everton	Sept. 28	—	Oct. 12
Standard Liege (Belgium) v. M.K. Zagreb (Yugoslavia)	Sept. 8	1-0	Sept. 29
A.C. Milan (Italy) v. Strasbourg (France)	—	—	—
D.O.S. Utrecht (Holland) v. Barcelona (Spain)	Sept. 16	0-0	Oct. 6
Daring, Brussels (Belgium) v. A.I.K. Stockholm (Sweden)	Sept. 23	—	Oct. 19
Cologne (West Germany) v. Union Sportive (Luxembourg)	Sept. 8	4-0	Oct. 5
Malmo (Sweden) v. Munich 1860 (West Germany)	Sept. 15	0-3	Sept. 28
Stade Francais (France) v. Porto (Portugal)	Sept. 14	0-0	Oct. 6
Leeds United v. Torino (Italy)	Sept. 29	—	Oct. 10
Girondins, Bordeaux (France) v. Sporting, Lisbon (Portugal)	Sept. 22	—	Oct. 6
Antwerp (Belgium) v. Glentoran (Northern Ireland)	Sept. 28	—	Oct. 6
Spartak Brno (Czechoslovakia) v. Lokomotiv Plovdiv (Bulgaria)	Sept. 28	—	Oct. 6
Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) v. Fiorentina (Italy)	Sept. 15	0-4	Sept. 22
P.A.O.K., Salonika (Greece) v. S.K. Vienna (Austria)	Sept. 15	1-2	Sept. 29

Byes: Leipzig (East Germany), Hanover (West Germany), Real Zaragoza (Spain), Espanol, Barcelona (Spain), Boldklub, Copenhagen (Denmark), Hearts (Scotland), Dunfermline (Scotland), Setubal (Portugal), Basle (Switzerland), Servette (Switzerland), Goztepe Izmir (Turkey), Drapeau Rouge, Brasov (Rumania), Aris Salonika (Greece), Ujpest Budapest (Hungary), Shamrock Rovers (Republic of Ireland), Valerengen, Oslo (Norway).

Reserves: Nottingham Forest, Grasshoppers (Switzerland), Atletico Bilbao (Spain), Vojvodina Novi-sad (Yugoslavia).

Tables, Appearances & Goalscorers

(Up to and including Saturday, September 18)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

	HOME			Goals AWAY			Goals			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	L	F	A
West Brom.	9	3	1	1	15	7	3	0	1	10
Sheff. Utd.	9	4	1	0	9	3	1	2	1	4
Burnley	9	3	1	0	12	4	2	1	2	8
Tottenham	8	4	1	0	15	7	1	1	1	4
Leeds Utd.	9	4	1	0	9	3	1	1	2	8
Sunderland	9	4	0	0	9	2	1	1	3	5
Stoke City	9	2	2	0	10	5	2	1	2	7
Liverpool	8	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	1	12
Everton	9	4	0	1	16	7	0	2	2	4
Man. Utd.	9	2	3	0	7	3	1	1	2	5
CHELSEA	8	1	2	1	6	5	2	1	1	9
Aston Villa	9	2	1	1	8	5	2	0	3	8
Arsenal	8	2	0	1	4	4	1	3	1	7
Newcastle	9	2	1	2	8	7	1	1	2	3
Nottm. For.	9	2	1	1	8	6	0	2	3	4
Leicester	9	1	2	2	10	12	1	1	2	9
Sheff. Wed.	8	3	0	0	7	2	0	1	4	4
West Ham	9	1	1	2	6	12	1	1	3	7
Blackpool	9	1	1	3	10	10	1	0	3	4
Fulham	9	1	1	3	8	13	0	1	3	5
North'pt'n	8	0	2	2	6	8	0	1	3	4
Blackburn	7	1	0	3	4	7	0	0	3	4

FOOTBALL COMBINATION—DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	5	4	1	0	16	3	9
Nottingham Forest	5	4	1	0	17	4	9
Peterborough Utd.	5	4	0	1	14	6	8
Arsenal	5	3	1	1	15	5	7
CHELSEA	4	3	0	1	14	10	6
Crystal Palace	5	3	0	2	8	7	6
West Ham United	5	2	1	2	17	8	5
Southampton	4	2	1	1	12	7	5
Coventry City	5	2	0	3	7	11	4
Swindon Town	6	2	0	4	10	17	4
Leicester City	6	2	0	4	7	14	4
Ipswich Town	5	2	0	3	7	17	4
Northampton Town	4	1	1	2	10	12	3
Plymouth Argyle	5	1	1	3	9	11	3
Fulham	5	1	1	3	10	15	3
Cardiff City	4	1	1	2	5	14	3
Shrewsbury Town	5	1	1	3	6	19	3
Norwich City	5	1	0	4	10	14	2

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (Senior Division)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CHELSEA	5	5	0	0	21	8	10
Arsenal	5	4	0	1	11	7	8
Tottenham Hotspur	5	3	1	1	24	6	7
Millwall	5	3	1	1	20	10	7
Bexley United	5	3	0	2	15	10	6
Queen's Park R.	5	3	0	2	16	11	6
Ipswich Town	5	3	0	2	13	15	6
West Ham United	5	2	1	2	14	6	5
Watford	5	2	1	2	13	11	5
Crystal Palace	5	2	1	2	10	9	5
Charlton Athletic	5	1	2	2	7	19	4
Leyton Orient	5	1	1	3	9	15	3
Brentford	5	1	1	3	3	9	3
Fulham	5	1	0	4	8	16	2
Luton Town	5	1	0	4	6	24	2
Brighton & Hove A.	5	0	1	4	8	22	1

APPEARANCES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

BRIDGES	.....8	MURRAY	.....6
HARRIS	.....8	FASCIONE	.....4
HOLLINS	.....8	BOYLE	.....3
SHELLITO	.....8	TAMBLING	.....3
VENABLES	.....8	McCALLIOG (J)	.....2
BONETTI	.....7	BARRON	.....1
GRAHAM	.....7	HOUSEMAN	.....1
HINTON	.....7	YOUNG	.....1
McCREADIE	.....6		

Substitute: Boyle 2 (Fulham, a; Sheff. Wed., h).

Goalscorers: Venables 5, Bridges 3, Graham 3, Fascione 1, Hollins 1, Murray 1, Tambling 1. Total 15.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

CONBOY	.....4	McCALLIOG (J)	.....2
JONES	.....4	OSGOOD	.....2
SMART	.....4	SINCLAIR	.....2
THOMSON	.....4	YOUNG	.....2
BARRON	.....3	FASCIONE	.....1
B. LLOYD	.....3	T. HARMER	.....1
WOSAHL	.....3	MORTIMORE	.....1
BOYLE	.....2	UPTON	.....1
DUNN	.....2	VOWLES	.....1
HOUSEMAN	.....2		

Goalscorers: Osgood 4, Wosahlo 3, Houseman 2, Boyle 1, Fascione 1, Lloyd 1, Thomson 1, Opponent 1. Total 14.

Commentaries on all first team matches are relayed to local hospitals by members of Chelsea TOC H.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (Senior Division)

G. ADAMS	.....5	B. LLOYD	.....3
R. HOWLETT	.....5	WOSAHL	.....3
J. HUDSON	.....5	CONBOY	.....3
PURCELL	.....2	A. NELMES	.....2
H. WINGROVE	.....5	W. SNASDELL	.....2
K. HALLIDAY	.....4	B. BROWN	.....1
R. SMEE	.....4	E. CAMPBELL	.....1
J. ZENTILIN	.....4	M. VOWLES	.....1
M. BYRNE	.....3		

Goalscorers: Adams 7, Smees 3, Brown 2, Howlett 2, Lloyd 2, Purcell 2, Wosahlo 2, Hudson 1. Total 21.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES (Junior Division Cup)

A. HARLEY	.....4	M. FURIE	.....2
D. LANCASTER	.....4	F. McCALLIOG	.....2
A. LOCHHEAD	.....4	C. MINER	.....2
W. SNASDELL	.....4	K. WALDON	.....2
W. TENNANT	.....4	J. WILSON	.....2
B. BROWN	.....3	K. HALLIDAY	.....1
A. NELMES	.....3	R. HOWLETT	.....1
R. BLACK	.....2	R. WEBB	.....1
E. CAMPBELL	.....2	H. WINGROVE	.....1

Goalscorers: Lancaster 4, Tennant 4, Black 2, Brown 2, Halliday 1, Howlett 1. Total 14.



Outside the Hillsborough ground on the night our First Division match was rained off, Tommy Docherty joins a group of Chelsea supporters who are still smiling despite the drenching and a long, fruitless journey. Where did you get that hat, Tom?



In the dressing-room corridor, the players of both teams smile it off. What else can you do when you find you're out of business instead of battling for Championship points?



MEN OF A.S. ROMA

Goalkeepers

CUDICINI, Fabio: A "B" international. Formerly with Udinese, he joined Roma in 1958. Stands 6 ft. 4 ins. and is almost unbeatable in the air. Has been regular first choice for five years. Age 27.

MATTEUCCI, Enzo: Almost as big as his rival. Played with Inter-Milan, the European Cup holders in 1956, and was also with S.P.A.L. before transferring to Roma in 1961. Age 31.

Full-backs

TOMASIN, Glauco: Automatic choice last season. Won a Cup winners medal in 1963-64, but played only in the final. Can also be used as the "free" back, lining up behind the defence. Age 25.

ARDIZZON, Mario: Another "B" international. Missed only two games last season. Fast, tough and intelligent, he played for Second Division Venezia for seven years before joining Roma in 1963. Age 27.

CARPENETTI, Francesco: Born in Yugoslavia, near the old frontier. Came to the fore with Triestina, and transferred to Roma in 1962. A reserve last season, he claimed a first-team place this season. Age 22.

Half-backs

BENITEZ, Victor: Former Peru international. Played with Alliance de Lima, Boca Juniors (Argentina), in 1960 and joined A.C. Milan in time to star in the 1963 European Cup Final. Transferred to Roma during the summer. Age 28.

LOSI, Giacomo: The club captain for four years, and ever-present last season. Has nine full caps, most of them at left-back, but for Roma plays as the stopper. Age 30.

CARPANESI, Sergio: Missed only one league match last season. Previously with S.P.A.L. Fiorentina and Palermo, joined Roma in 1961, and plays a purely defensive game. Age 29.

FONTANA, Alfio: A former international, he joined Roma in 1960 after five years with A.C. Milan for whom he played in the 1958 European Cup Final against Real Madrid. Can also play at full-back. Age 32.

Forwards

BENAGLIA, Renato: A clever ball player, who is often switched to inside-left. A Roma discovery, he was loaned out to Fiorentina, and re-engaged during the summer. Age 27.

FRANCESCONI, Fulvio: Regular choice last season when he played on the wing. Joined Roma from a junior club in 1964, and regarded as the most promising player in the team. Age 20.

DA SILVA, Riccardo: Centre-forward born in Brazil. Joined Sampdoria (Genoa) just before the ban on foreigners was introduced, scored eight league goals last season and transferred to Roma in June. Age 26.

SALVORI, Elvio: Bought by Roma from Udinese when 18 but loaned out to Fiorentina last season. Got his chance when Roma sold three forward stars to economise. Age 21.

BARISON, Paolo: Left-winger or inside-forward. Helped A.C. Milan win the championship in 1962, and has also played for Venezia and Genoa. Signed from Sampdoria during the summer. Age 29.

TAMBORINI, Giuseppe: Play-anywhere forward, signed from Sampdoria two years ago, and appeared in 1964 Cup Final for Roma. Age 22.

CHELSEA

Colours—Shirts: Royal Blue. Shorts: Royal Blue. Stockings: White.

- 1 **BONETTI**
- 2 **SHELLITO**
- 3 **McCREADIE**
- 4 **HOLLINS**
- 5 **YOUNG**
- 6 **HARRIS**
- 7 **BRIDGES**
- 8 **GRAHAM**
- 9 **OSGOOD**
- 10 **VENABLES (Captain)**
- 11 **FASCIONE**

Referee: Mr. W. J. M. Schalks (Netherlands)

A.S. ROMA

Colours:—Shirts: Maroon. Shorts: White. Stockings: Maroon.

- 1 **CUDICINI**
- 2 **CARPENETTI**
- 3 **ARDIZZON**
- 4 **CARPANESI**
- 5 **LOSI (Captain)**
- 6 **BENAGLIA**
- 7 **LEONARDI**
- 8 **TAMBORINI**
- 9 **FRANCESCONI**
- 10 **BENITEZ**
- 11 **BARISON**

Linesmen: Mr. G. D. Roper (Cambridge) *Red flag*
Mr. A. J. Stewart (East Barnet) *Yellow flag*

ROMA, STAR BUYERS—AND SELLERS

ALTHOUGH formed in 1927, the Associazione Sportiva Roma has football connections going back to 1903. As Il Roman (1903), SG Fortitudo (1906) and Alba (1911) the club played a major role in the development of Italian football and the three clubs joined together in 1927 to form A.S. Roma, and gained a place in the newly-formed National League in 1929.

Roma have remained one of Italy's leading clubs. Runners-up in the League in 1930-31 and 1935-36, and finally champions in 1941-42. Real and lasting success has always eluded the club, however, for in Italy the twin industrial cities of the north, Milan and Turin have invariably dominated the Italian game.

Never lacking in ambition, the club acquired some of the world's best known players, but they have consistently failed to reproduce for Roma the form which made them stars. In attempting to match A.C. Milan, Inter, Juventus and Torino, Roma have spent several million pounds on new players over the past 20 years.

Between 1945 and 1947, they bought six Argentinian stars, but still failed. In 1950 the club escaped relegation by a single point, but a year later there was no reprieve. Bouncing back first time, Roma experienced their best post-war season in 1954-55, finishing third in the League.

Encouraged by this success, the club plunged even deeper into the transfer market, buying players from Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, Sweden and more recently West Germany. During the summer of 1963 the club spent more than £600,000 on new players, Brazilian-born Sormani alone costing £220,000.

Still they could finish only twelfth in the League, but at the end of the season, with several unknown reserves replacing the stars, Roma reached the final of the Italian F.A. Cup. After a 0-0 draw with Torino, the replay was postponed until the opening of the 1964-65 campaign, but though Roma then won 1-0 to register their first Cup success, Torino had already taken Italy's place in the Cup Winners Cup — won on the toss of a coin.

Roma have changed their manager no less than six times in the past two years. Last season it was Spanish coach Luis Miro who began the campaign, only to be replaced by Juan Carlos Lorenzo, boss of Argentina's World Cup team in 1962. Near the end of the season Alberto Kriezlu, right-winger in their championship-winning team of 1942, was appointed for their Cup bid.

Finishing tenth in the 18-club Serie A, Roma won their way through to the semi-finals of the Cup and were paired with European Cup - holders Internazionale (Milan). With the score 2-2 at the end of extra time, the result was settled by penalty-kicks. Manfredini scored six in a row for Roma but failed with his seventh attempt, and the club was eliminated when Inter's Suarez scored seven!

Meanwhile, economic problems were building up, and last season crisis point was reached. From being £400,000 in the red in 1962, Roma's debts spiralled to more than £1 million. For weeks rumours circulated that the club could not survive until the end of the season.

Club Presidente Count Marini Dettina maintained that all would be well, but at the end of the season he resigned, and Roma sold most of their international stars including Schnellinger and Schutz (West Germany), Sormani (Brazil), Angelillo and Manfredini (Argentina).

They have now embarked on a campaign of strict economy. Though Roma's difficulties are the greatest, their problems are shared by all the big Italian clubs who borrow from banks at high interest rates to buy new players, and are severely handicapped by high taxes.

It has been estimated that the clubs retain only about 35% of all gate receipts, and the lion's share goes to the Government. In these circumstances, Roma's fight for economic stability will be uphill all the way.

This season, Roma have drawn 1-1 away to Lanerossi, lost 2-0 at home to S.P.A.L., and are already out of the Italian Cup, beaten 0-2 in extra time by Second Division Livorno. But on Sunday they won 1-0 away to Sampdoria.

A Supporter sends this Poem . . .

AS WE START THE EUROPEAN TRAIL

*When I was but a little lad, way back in
forty-three,
My father was a football fan, and in his
wisdom, he
Would take me down to Stamford Bridge to show
how it was played,
But he seldom ever left the ground content and
undismayed.*

*As time went by and seasons passed, and year
succeeded year,
I went along more frequently, at home games I'd
appear,
But father always seemed upset, I couldn't
comprehend
Just why he went so often if it drove him round
the bend!*

*He always yelled "Now, up the Blues"; I learned
to yell it, too.
It never seemed to do much good to Chelsea's
motley crew.
They always went their own sweet way, their play,
both poor and good,
Seemed based on abstract reasoning—which
no-one understood!*

*One week they'd play exceeding well against the
League elite.
The next, against the bottom club they'd stumble
to defeat.
This pattern of consistency in inconsistent play,
'Twas this that drove supporters wild, and ruined
father's day.*

*In spite of all I still became a fervent Chelsea fan,
Through thick and thin I watched my team—
forever also-ran.
One never knew from week to week just what each
game might bring,
And there's the basic reason for this awful
love-hate thing.*

*A better year was coming, for in nineteen fifty-five,
A miracle—the Championship; yet many kept alive
The fallacy a dirty team had finished at the top,
And European soccer was denied them, as a flop!*

*The Youth Scheme soon began to pay, good
youngsters came to view
And yet the team in all those years till nineteen
sixty-two
Did nothing much to brag about just pottered on
and on,
A-playing of their own sweet game—whilst others
honours won.*

*And yet for several seasons in the Football
Combination,
Reserves had played consistently midst general
acclamation.
The third team, too, had done its best and won its
share of fame.
Whatever was it happened when they tried the
first-team game?*

*So relegation came and went, and Doc used all his
wiles
To make his team the fittest yet, there weren't too
many smiles,
I hear, along the way to runner-up promotion.
Yet still, at last, a new approach requiring stern
devotion.*

*First time up they finished fifth, last season they
were third.
That tiresome talk of treble-chance proved itself
absurd.
But never mind, it matters not, a new idea has
spawned
And Chelsea is a joke no more, a brighter day has
dawned.*

*For we who cannot watch our team for reasons
strange and various,
May now recall those days gone by, when jokers
unhilarious
Made light of Chelsea's soccer skills, and could not
be refuted.
We wait in smug expectancy, whenever Football's
mooted.*

*For in last season's League events you played a
vital part
And finished third to two good teams—no cause for
breaking heart.
The F.A. Semi-Final was fumbled to defeat
But League Cup winners easily, with method grim
but neat!*

*So European Soccer comes to Stamford Bridge at last.
You Chelsea men may further mitigate your Club's
dim past.
For this young team's most splendid days must
surely lie ahead.
Let's hope those ancient Chelsea gibes are now, at
last, stone dead.*

*And all you well-paid Chelsea men when "pros"
and "cons" are hurled
In matters of domestic strife, and stated to the world,
Remember YOU have made your club no more a
laughing stock,
But one man showed you all the way—your hard
taskmaster, Doc.*

*Regardless of the rights and wrongs, the Doc's a
worthy man.
He made the "Blues" a football force and each
true Chelsea fan
Must feel as I do—gratitude—those years of woe
and wail
Are ending, with a journey down a European trail.*

*Let's hope success may follow still, let's hope there's
more to come,
Let's hope no more a Chelsea team the dismal
depths will plumb.
Let's hope the best in London will become the
country's pride
And appoint itself the master—as a European side.*

K. S. ANDREWS

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Spot the Signature CHELSEA F.C. AUTOGRAPHS

Handwritten signatures and names of Chelsea F.C. players and staff, including: Harrison, Eddie M. Crendin, Jimmy Thomson, George Graham, Bonetti, Peter, Dunn, John, Hughes, Tommy, Conboy, Francis, Jones, Mick, McCreadie, Eddie, Shellito, Ken, Boyle, John, Harris, Ron, Hinton, Marvin, Hollins, John, Sinclair, Billy, Thomson, Jim, Young, Allan, Bridges, Barry, Fascione, Joe, Graham, George, Houseman, Peter, McCalliog, Jimmy, Murray, Albert, Osgood, Peter, Purcell, Pat, Smart, Jim, Tambling, Bobby, Venables, Terry, Vowles, Mick, Wosahlo, Roger, Norman Medhurst (Assistant Trainer), and others.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF 1965-66

Player	Height	Weight	Place of Birth	Previous Club	Date Signed (as professional or transferred to Club)
GOALKEEPERS					
BARRON, JIM	5ft. 11in.	11st. 7lb.	Tantobie, Co. Durham	Wolverhampton W.	Apr. 1965
BONETTI, PETER	5ft. 10½in.	10st. 12lb.	Putney	Chelsea Juniors	Apr. 1959
DUNN, JOHN	5ft. 11in.	12st. 13lb.	Barking	Chelsea Juniors	Jan. 1962
HUGHES, TOMMY	5ft. 11in.	11st.	Dalmuir	Clydebank Juniors	July 1965
FULL-BACKS					
CONBOY, FRANCIS	5ft. 8½in.	10st. 9lb.	Marylebone	Chelsea Juniors	July 1965
JONES, MICK	5ft. 8in.	12st.	Berkhamsted	Fulham	Dec. 1964
MCCREADIE, EDDIE	5ft. 9in.	10st. 7lb.	Glasgow	East Stirling	Apr. 1962
SHELLITO, KEN	5ft. 9½in.	13st	East Ham	Chelsea Juniors	Apr. 1957
HALF-BACKS					
BOYLE, JOHN	5ft. 8in.	11st.	Motherwell	Chelsea Juniors	Aug. 1964
HARRIS, RON	5ft. 8in.	11st. 5lb.	Hackney	Chelsea Juniors	Nov. 1961
HINTON, MARVIN	5ft. 10½in.	11st. 11lb.	Croydon	Charlton Athletic	Aug. 1963
HOLLINS, JOHN	5ft. 9in.	11st.	Guildford	Chelsea Juniors	July 1963
SINCLAIR, BILLY	5ft. 6in.	11st. 2lb.	Glasgow	Morton	Sept. 1964
THOMSON, JIM	5ft. 10½in.	11st. 3lb.	Glasgow	Provenside Hibs	Jan. 1965
YOUNG, ALLAN	6ft.	12st. 10lb.	Hornsey	Arsenal	Nov. 1961
FORWARDS					
BRIDGES, BARRY	5ft. 9½in.	11st. 10½lb.	Norwich	Chelsea Juniors	May 1958
FASCIONE, JOE	5ft. 4½in.	10st.	Coatbridge	Kirk'illoch Rob Roy	Sept. 1962
GRAHAM, GEORGE	5ft. 10½in.	11st. 10lb.	Bargeddie	Aston Villa	June 1964
HOUSEMAN, PETER	5ft. 8½in.	10st. 7lb.	Battersea	Chelsea Juniors	Dec. 1962
MCCALLIOG, JIMMY	5ft. 9in.	10st. 5lb.	Glasgow	Leeds United	Sept. 1963
MURRAY, ALBERT	5ft. 7½in.	10st. 8lb.	Shoreditch	Chelsea Juniors	May 1961
OSGOOD, PETER	6ft.	11st.	Windsor	Chelsea Juniors	Sept. 1964
PURCELL, PAT	5ft. 8½in.	10st. 12lb.	Edinburgh	Bonnyrigg Rose	May 1965
SMART, JIM	5ft. 7½in.	10st. 8lb.	Dundee	Morton	Jan. 1965
TAMBLING, BOBBY	5ft. 8in.	11st. 8lb.	Storrington	Chelsea Juniors	Sept. 1958
VENABLES, TERRY	5ft. 8½in.	11st. 8lb.	Dagenham	Chelsea Juniors	Aug. 1960
VOWLES, MICK	5ft. 7in.	9st. 11lb.	Leyton	Chelsea Juniors	July 1965
WOSAHO, ROGER	5ft. 7½in.	10st. 4lb.	Cambridge	Chelsea Juniors	Dec. 1964

INTER-CITIES FAIRS CUP—1st Round, 2nd Leg

A.S. ROMA v. CHELSEA

Wednesday, October 6th (Kick-off 3.30 p.m.)

● The Supporters' Club announce the following proposed re-arranged air travel arrangements, as the match will have an afternoon kick-off:

Depart London, Tuesday, October 5th at midnight; arrive Rome early hours of Wednesday. **FULL DAY IN ROME.**

Return: depart Rome, Wednesday, October 6th at midnight; arrive London early hours Thursday.

Fare: £20 (£10 deposit when booking—

returnable if, for any reason, the charter is cancelled). A minimum of 60 passengers is required.

Anyone interested in making the trip should contact Supporters' Club officials at the Development Office in the main office block after tonight's match.

MATCH SUMMARIES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Wednesday, 15th September.
Drew with SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (Home) 1-1.
Half-time: 0-0.
Chelsea—Bonetti; Shellito, McCreadie; Hollins, Hinton (substitute Boyle), Harris; Murray, Graham, Bridges, Venables, Fascione.
Scorer: Venables.

Sheffield Wednesday—Springett; Hill, Megson; Eustace, Mobley, Smith; Usher, Quinn, Hickton, Fantham, Dobson.
Scorer: Fantham.
Referee: Mr. E. T. Jennings (Stourbridge).
Attendance: 26,183.

Saturday, 18th September.
Lost to MANCHESTER UNITED (Away) 1-4. Half-time: 1-1.

Manchester United—Gaskell; Brennan, Dunne (A.); Crerand, Foulkes, Stiles; Connelly, Charlton, Herd, Law, Aston.
Scorers: Charlton, Law 3.

Chelsea—Bonetti; Shellito, McCreadie; Hollins, Young, Harris; Murray, Graham, Bridges, Venables, Fascione.
Scorer: Venables.

Referee: Mr. V. James (York).
Attendance: 37,917.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 18th September.
Beat IPSWICH TOWN (Home) 6-1.
Team: Barron; Conboy, Jones; B. Lloyd, Thomson, Sinclair; Vowles, Wosahlo, Osgood, T. Harmer, Smart.
Scorers: Osgood 3, Wosahlo 2, Opponent own goal.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (Senior Division)

Monday, 13th September.
Beat CRYSTAL PALACE (Away) 2-1.
Team: W. Snasdell; A. Nelmes, Conboy; B. Lloyd, R. Howlett, H. Wingrove; Wosahlo, G. Adams, R. Snee, Purcell, J. Hudson.
Scorers: Adams, Snee.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES CUP (Junior Division)

Saturday, 18th September.
Beat CRYSTAL PALACE (Home—Hendon) 6-2.
Team: W. Snasdell; H. Wingrove, A. Nelmes; A. Harley, A. Lochead, R. Howlett; R. Black, B. Brown, W. Tennant, D. Lancaster, K. Halliday.
Scorers: Tennant 2, Black 2, Halliday, Howlett.

JUNIOR FIXTURES: SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

SENIOR DIVISION

1965	Opponents	Venue	F. A.
Aug. 21	FULHAM ...	Hendon	5 1
" 28	Queen's Park Rangers ...	Away	5 3
Sept. 4	WEST HAM UNITED ...	Hendon	3 1
" 11	BRIGHTON & H.A. ...	Hendon	6 2
" 13	Crystal Palace ...	Away	2 1
" 25	Brentford (Cup) ...	Away	.....
Oct. 2	Luton Town ...	Away	.....
" 9	Bexley ...	Away	.....
" 16	QUEEN'S PARK R. ...	Hendon	.....
" 23	Watford ...	Away	.....

RAIL EXCURSION

W.B.A. v. CHELSEA (Oct. 2nd)

Outward
Dep. Paddington ... 9.10 a.m. 11.10 a.m.
Arr. Birmingham
Snow Hill ... 11.12 a.m. 1.20 p.m.

Homeward
Dep. Birmingham
Snow Hill ... 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m.
Arr. Paddington ... 8.15 p.m. 10.10 p.m.
Fare: 28/- return (Children under 14, 14/-).

Stand tickets at 7/6 available on postal application (enclosing remittance and stamped, addressed envelope) to: The Secretary, West Bromwich Albion F.C., The Hawthorns, West Bromwich, Staffs.

CHELSEA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Any Supporter interested in becoming an agent for the Development Association, please write to: **Chelsea Development Association, GPO Box No. 1, 232/4 Brighton Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.**

Benfica off: Our home match against Benfica, provisionally arranged for November 2, has been postponed. If possible, it will be re-arranged for the Spring.

Handbook: If you missed our special programme on September 11, you can still obtain a copy of the 1965-66 Chelsea Handbook from our programme sellers tonight, price 6d.

A.S. ROMA 1965



Back row (left to right): Leonardi, Barison, Carpanesi, Ardizzon, Benaglia, Benitez.
Front: Matteucci, Francesconi, Tamborini, Losi, Tomasin.