

CSKA SOFIA'S RECORD IN EUROPEAN FOOTBALL

Season	Comp				First Leg	Second Leg
1956-57	EC	Dynamo Bucharest	..	..	W 8-1 (h)	L 2-3 (a)
		Red Star Belgrade	..	..	L 1-3 (a)	W 2-1 (h)
1957-58	EC	Vasas Budapest ..	..	..	W 2-1 (h)	L 1-6 (a)
1958-59	EC	Atletico Madrid ..	..	..	L 1-2 (a)	W 1-0 (h)
					(Play-off in Geneva)	L 1-3
1959-60	EC	Barcelona	..	..	D 2-2 (h)	L 2-6 (a)
1960-61	EC	Juventus ..	..	..	L 0-2 (a)	W 4-0 (h)
		I.F.K. Malmo ..	..	..	L 0-1 (a)	D 1-1 (h)
1961-62	EC	Dukla Prague	..	..	D 4-4 (h)	L 1-2 (a)
1962-63	EC	Partizan Belgrade	..	..	W 2-1 (h)	W 4-1 (a)
		Anderlecht	..	..	D 2-2 (h)	L 0-2 (a)
		(All the above matches were played under their former name of CDNA)				
1965-66	CWC	Limerick	..	..	W 2-1 (a)	W 2-0 (h)
		Borussia Dortmund	..	..	L 0-3 (a)	W 4-2 (h)
1966-67	EC	Sliema Wanderers (Malta)	..	..	W 2-1 (a)	W 4-0 (h)
		Olympiakos Piraeus	..	..	W 3-1 (h)	L 0-1 (a)
		Gornik Zabrze ..	..	..	W 4-0 (h)	L 0-3 (a)
		Linfield ..	..	..	D 2-2 (a)	W 1-0 (h)
		Inter-Milan	..	..	D 1-1 (a)	D 1-1 (h)
					(Play-off in Bologna)	L 0-1
1969-70	EC	Ferencvaros	..	..	W 2-1 (h)	L 1-4 (a)
1970-71	CWC	Valkeakosken Haka	W 9-0 (h)	W 2-1 (a)

EC: European Champions' Cup; CWC: Cup Winners' Cup.

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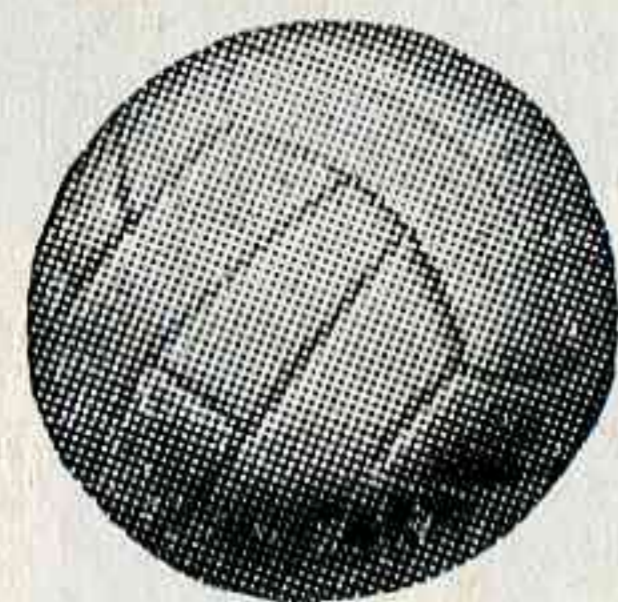
European Cup-Winners' Cup, Second Round (Second Leg) Season 1970-71

Wednesday, 4th November, 1970—Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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KEITH WELLER
CHARLIE COOKE
PETER OSGOOD
IAN HUTCHINSON
PETER HOUSEMAN

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JOHN PHILLIPS
JOHN BOYLE
DEREK VAUGHAN
TOMMY BALDWIN
DEREK SMETHURST

Substitutes
Of five nominated any two per club may play.

YORDAN FILIPOV
IVAN ZAFIROV
BOJIL KOLEV
PLAMEN YANKOV
GEORGUI DENEV
DIMITR PENEV (Captain)
TSVETAN ATANASSOV
ASPAROUKH NIKODIMOV
PETAR JEKOV
DIMITR YAKIMOV
VLADIMIR DANTCHEV

STOJAN YOURDANOV
ILYA TCHALEV
BORIS GAGANELOV
BORIS STANKOV
IVAN TICHANSKI

Linesman (Red Flag):
Mr. Werner Spiegl
(Austria)

Referee:
Mr. Paul Schiller
(Austria)

Linesman (Yellow Flag):
Mr. Willy Kanduth
(Austria)



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The Talk of Stamford Bridge

TWO weeks ago tonight, we scored one of the finest victories by any British team in European football when we beat CSKA Sofia by a goal to nil in Bulgaria. On performance and achievement, it was a night to be proud of British football, of Chelsea football, and of the players who brought it about.

So we are in the happy position of starting tonight's Cup-Winners' Cup second round, second leg, with a goal "in the bank." But, bearing in mind CSKA's reputation, it is as well to remember that, while one half of our job was done in Bulgaria, the other half has still to be completed.

We thank our visitors for their hospitality when we were in Eastern Europe for the first leg, and tonight we are delighted to welcome them as our guests to Stamford Bridge. We also welcome the match officials from Austria, referee Paul Schiller and his linesmen, Werner Spiegl and Willy Kanduth.

Second leg ties in all three big European tournaments are being played tonight, and in our case the objective is a place in the quarter-finals. Because of the midwinter break in so many European countries, the next round is not due to be played until March, and we hope that at the end of tonight's match we shall be able to look forward to consulting the European air routes again in four months' time.

In the event of the teams finishing level on aggregate, away goals count double, but if, for example, CSKA led 1-0 after 90 minutes' play tonight (as we did in Sofia), an extra half-hour would be played. During extra time, away goals still count double, but if no decision is reached after 120 minutes, the tie must be decided on penalty-kicks.

Each side takes five penalty-kicks, alternately and all by different players. If, after five kicks apiece, the teams are still level, the taking of penalties must continue—alternately, and in the same order—until, after an equal number of kicks, one team has scored a goal more than the other.

Needless to say, we hope it won't come to that, but it's as well for everyone to be aware of the procedure . . . just in case.

FRONT COVER SHOT

WHAT a beauty! Ian Hutchinson gives this header from John Hollins' centre everything he's got, and it's the second goal in our 5-1 win here against Aris Salonika in the first round of the European Cup-Winners' Cup. For the rest of the Chelsea goals that night, please turn to the centre pages.

The injured: As you may have read, **Alan Hudson** has been ordered three weeks' rest to cure the shin-soreness that has troubled him lately. **Eddie McCreadie** is similarly resting for two weeks with that damaged left ankle. **Keith Lawrence**, our 16-year-old, 6ft. Youth team centre-half, broke a bone in his left foot in last Wednesday's 5-2 Southern Junior Floodlit Cup win against Southampton. He will be a month in plaster and two months out of action.

Greatest goal quiz: Earlier in the season we invited supporters to name the greatest Chelsea goal seen at Stamford Bridge. The question was inspired by John Hollins' superb effort against Arsenal . . . and the answer will be given in our programme for the next home match against Spurs on November 14.

Blackpool hustle: Those four goals in the last 20 minutes at Blackpool were sandwiched between two other high-speed Chelsea efforts last Saturday week. Because it was the final week-end of the Blackpool illuminations, we were unable to book hotel accommodation there, so stayed overnight in Manchester. Come Saturday lunch-time, the coach which should have conveyed us to Blackpool failed to appear, so the dash across Lancashire was made in a convoy of taxis. After the match we sped back to Manchester in the same taxis, and from there caught the evening plane to London, arriving at Heathrow at 8.15 p.m. Phew!

Sell-out v. Spurs: All reserved seats have been sold for the visit of Tottenham to Stamford Bridge a week on Saturday.

Turned down: The European Football Union last week rejected our appeal against the three-match suspension of John Dempsey from European competition, following his sending-off in the Cup-Winners' Cup first round tie against Aris Salonika. This means he is not available for tonight's match.

Home and Dry: Because our players had complained of getting blisters on this season's hard grounds, we made a special point of phoning the Met. Office last Friday. The forecast was "dry", so Ground Overseer George Anstiss had the sprinklers on all night to soften the surface for the game against Southampton. At 5 a.m. on Saturday, just as George turned off the watering system, down came the rain and lasted till past breakfast-time! And what with emergency repairs needed when Channon shot the first Southampton goal clean through the netting, it was "one of those days" for the groundstaff.

THE FIRST LEG IN SOFIA

Wednesday, 21st October

CSKA 0, Chelsea 1 (Half-time 0-1).

CSKA—Filipov; Zafirov, Kolev, Yankov (Gaganelov), Denev, Penev, Atanassov, Nikodimov, Jekov, Yakimov, Marashliev.

Chelsea—Bonetti; Mulligan, Harris, Hollins, Hinton, Webb, Weller, Hudson, Osgood, Baldwin, Houseman.

Scorer: Baldwin.

Referee: Mr. W. Schereur (Switzerland).

Attendance: 45,000.

Baldwin's 43rd min. goal, shot at close range when Weller pulled the ball back from the right, made us the first European opponents to beat CSKA on their ground. This was a superb all-round team performance, with our defence specially well organised to contain the free-scoring Jekov, Yakimov and company.

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP



LIST OF PAST WINNERS

- 1961 **Fiorentina** (4-1 on agg. v. Glas. R.)
- 1962 **Atletico Madrid** (3-0 v. Fiorentina after 1-1 draw)
- 1963 **Tottenham Hotspur** (5-1 v. Atletico Madrid)
- 1964 **Sporting Lisbon** (1-0 v. MTK Budapest after 3-3 draw)
- 1965 **West Ham United** (2-0 v. TSV Munich)
- 1966 **Borussia Dortmund** (2-1 v. Liverpool)
- 1967 **Bayern Munich** (1-0 v. Glasgow R.)
- 1968 **AC Milan** (2-0 v. Hamburg SV)
- 1969 **Slovan Bratislava** (3-2 v. CF Barcelona)
- 1970 **Manchester City** (2-1 v. Gornik Zabrze)

DATES OF ROUNDS 1970-71

First Round

1st Leg — Sept. 16
2nd Leg — Sept. 30

Second Round

1st Leg — Oct. 21
2nd Leg — Nov. 4

Quarter-finals

1st Leg — March 10
2nd Leg — March 24

Semi-finals

1st Leg — April 14
2nd Leg — April 28

Final

In Athens — May 19 or 20

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This season's entries numbered 32.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP 1970-71—SECOND ROUND, FIRST LEG RESULTS

CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 0, Chelsea 1.

Honved (Hungary) 0, Manchester City 1.

Cardiff City 5, Nantes (France) 1.

Benfica (Portugal) 2, Vorwaerts (E. Germany) 0.

FC Bruges (Belgium) 2, FC Zurich (Switzerland) 0.

Goztepe Izmir (Turkey) 0, Gornik Zabrze (Poland) 1.

PSV Eindhoven (Holland) 4, Steaua (Rumania) 0.

Real Madrid (Spain) 0, Wacker Innsbruck (Austria) 1.



Back row: MANOLOV (Manager), ZAFIROV, PENEV, NIKODIMOV, YORDANOV, STANKOV (K.), GAGANELOV, STANKOV (B.), KOVATCHEV (Coach).

Front row: TICHANSKI, ATANASSOV, JEKOV, YAKIMOV, DENEV, MARACHLIEV.

(The trophy is the cup which CSKA won in Majorca in an international club tournament on the eve of this season.)



PEN PORTRAITS OF THE CSKA SOFIA PLAYERS

FILIPOV, Yordan (Goalkeeper): Along with Russia, the Bulgarians are renowned in Eastern Europe for producing courageous and competent 'keepers. Filipov is clearly unfortunate to play in the shadow of Slavia's Simeonov. 24 years/4 caps.

ZAFIROV, Ivan (Right-back): Promising player capable of doing a good job anywhere in defence. Won a silver medal in the 1968 Mexico Olympics and played last season against England's Under-23 XI.

GAGANELOV, Boris (Left-back): Skilful and constructive, former captain of the Bulgarian national team—and of CSKA until superseded by Penev. At his best when allowed to move forward. 29 years/41 caps.

DENEV, Georgui (Right-half): Midfield player of all-round ability. Prefers to play in the "loose", but is a disciplined defender when under orders. Signed from Spartak Pleven. 20 years, with Youth and Under-23 caps.

STANKOV, Kiril (Centre-half): Another Olympic finalist in Mexico when only 18. Tall, commanding in the air and still only 21, has been a regular for two seasons. Now, however, being pressed by promising younger players.

PENEV, Dimitr (Left-half): Captain and key man in CSKA's defensive system. Will probably play as sweeper tonight, but his class stands out whatever his role. 25 years/46 caps.

ATANASSOV, Zvetan (Outside-right): Orthodox winger, but sturdy and quick rather than a ball-player. Frequently called up for training with the national squad but so far uncapped except at Under-23 level. Age 22.

NIKODIMOV, Asparoukh (Inside-right): Old-fashioned type of inside forward who plays up-and-down in midfield, fetching and carrying. Has a fine understanding with Jekov, for whom he has laid on many a goal. 25 years/9 caps.

JEKOV, Petar (Centre-forward): A compromise between the central European type leader and the British hustler. Was produced by Beroe and joined CSKA in 1968. His 119 league goals in the last four seasons is almost certainly the best in Europe. 26/21 caps.

YAKIMOV, Dimitr (Inside-left): A player of outstanding skill and intelligence. Specialises in dribbles into the enemy box, and once there he scores himself, lays on a goal for Jekov or often gets a penalty. 29 years/60 caps.

MARASHLIEV, Dimitr (Outside-left): Speedy, strong and likely to get the vote if one winger is dropped tonight to play an extra man in midfield. 23 years/8 caps.

YORDANOV, Stojan (Goalkeeper). Played in the 1968 Olympics final and has one full cap. With Filipov was Bulgaria's third 'keeper in the Mexico World Cup 22. Age 26.

KOLEV, Bojil (Left-back): A converted inside-forward, he played versus England's Under-23 team last season. Is younger brother of Ivan Kolev, record 75 times capped CDNA inside-left now retired. 23 years/1 cap.

STANKOV, Boris (Wing-half): One cap and five years a regular, lost his place recently to Denev. 28 years/1 cap.

YANKOV, Plamen (Utility defender): Former Youth cap and first product of CSKA's new youth policy. Plays full-back or stopper. Age 19 years.

THE GOALS AGAINST ARIS THAT TOOK US THROUGH THE LAST ROUND AND ON TO SOFIA

Left: Now Marvin Hinton gets into the scoring act. He takes a return pass from "Hutch" to make it 4-0 with his first goal since April 1965.



Below: The loneliness of the long-distance chip shot! "Hutch" puts us five up inside the hour. Aris scored five minutes from time, and we went through to the second round of the Cup-Winners' Cup 6-2 on aggregate.



Above: First of our five goals here in the first round, second leg against Greek Cup-holders Aris Salonika. Marksman: John Hollins, with a powerful right-footer from 18 yards. That was after eight minutes . . . and after 17 John set up the second goal of the night by Ian Hutchinson, shown on the front cover.



Right: Hollins does it again, this time with a cracking left-footer from 35 yards. Not a hope for the Greeks' goalkeeper-captain Christidis—and it's 3-0 after 28 minutes.

Football Combination

1970	Opponents	Venue	Result
Sat. Aug. 15	West Ham United	Away	L 0-3
Wed. " 19	SWANSEA CITY	HOME	D 0-0
Sat. " 22	Q.P.R.	HOME	W 1-0
Tues. " 25	Swindon Town	Away	L 0-3
Wed. Sept. 2	NORWICH CITY	HOME	L 0-1
Sat. " 5	BRISTOL R.	HOME	L 1-2
Sat. " 12	Bournemouth	Away	L 0-1
Wed. " 16	Leicester City	Away	L 0-3
Sat. " 19	ARSENAL	HOME	L 0-3
Wed. " 23	Cardiff City	Away	D 0-0
Sat. Oct. 3	WEST HAM U.	HOME	W 2-0
Sat. " 10	Oxford United	Away	W 3-1
Sat. " 17	BOURNEM' TH	HOME	W 3-1
Sat. " 24	SOUTHAMPT' N	HOME	W 4-1
Tues. " 27	Ipswich Town	Away	L 0-6
Sat. " 31	Fulham	Away	D 1-1
Sat. Nov. 7	PLYMOUTH A.	HOME	.....
Sat. " 14	Tottenham H.	Away	.....
Sat. " 28	BIRMINGHAM	HOME	.....
Wed. Dec. 2	Reading	Away	.....
Sat. " 5	Gillingham	Away	.....
Sat. " 12	IPSWICH TOWN	HOME	.....
Sat. " 19	Q.P.R.	Away	.....
Sat. " 26	CRYSTAL P.	HOME	.....
Sat. Jan. 9	Swansea City	Away	.....
Sat. " 16	SWINDON	HOME	.....
Sat. " 23	BRISTOL CITY	HOME	.....
Sat. " 30	Birmingham City	Away	.....
Sat. Feb. 6	GILLINGHAM	HOME	.....
Sat. " 13	Bristol City	Away	.....
Sat. " 20	LEICESTER C.	HOME	.....
Sat. " 27	FULHAM	HOME	.....
Sat. Mar. 6	Southampton	Away	.....
Sat. " 13	TOTTENHAM H.	HOME	.....
Sat. " 20	Plymouth Argyle	Away	.....
Sat. " 27	Bristol Rovers	Away	.....
Sat. Apr. 3	READING	HOME	.....
Sat. " 10	Crystal Palace	Away	.....
Sat. " 17	OXFORD UTD.	HOME	.....
Wed. " 21	Norwich City	Away	.....
Sat. " 24	Arsenal	Away	.....
Sat. May 1	CARDIFF CITY	HOME	.....

LONDON CHALLENGE CUP

Wed. Sept. 9	(1) Fulham	Away	D 1-1
Thur. Oct. 1	(Rep.) FULHAM	HOME	W 3-2
Mon. Oct. 12	(2) West Ham Utd.	Away	L 1-6

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP

Tues. Sept. 8	(1) Bournemouth	Away	W 2-1
Tues. Oct. 20	(2) Southampton	Away	D 0-0
Wed. Oct. 28	(Rep.) SO'TON	HOME	W 5-2

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JUNIOR FIXTURES

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE—DIVISION I

1970	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 15	Charlton Athletic	Away	L 2-4
" 29	BRENTFORD	HOME	W 4-0
Sept. 5	Orient	Away	W 1-0
" 12	CRYSTAL P. (League Cup-1)	HOME	L 1-4
" 19	READING	HOME	W 5-0
" 26	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	L 2-4
Oct. 3	WATFORD	HOME	D 1-1
" 10	Fulham	Away	W 1-0
" 24	WEST HAM UTD.	HOME	W 2-1
" 31	Q.P.R.	Away	W 5-0
Nov. 7	GILLINGHAM	HOME	.....
" 14	Ipswich Town	Away	.....
" 21	CRYSTAL PALACE	HOME	.....
" 28	Crystal Palace	Away	.....
Dec. 5	IPSWICH TOWN	HOME	.....
" 12	Reading	Away	.....
" 19	MILLWALL	HOME	.....
Jan. 2	LUTON TOWN	HOME	.....
" 16	ORIENT	HOME	.....
" 23	CHARLTON A.	HOME	.....
" 30	Arsenal	Away	.....
Feb. 6	Brentford	Away	.....
" 20	Gillingham	Away	.....
" 27	Q.P.R.	HOME	.....
Mar. 6	FULHAM	HOME	.....
" 13	Watford	Away	.....
" 20	West Ham United	Away	.....
" 27	Millwall	Away	.....
Apr. 10	Luton Town	Away	.....
" 17	TOTTENHAM H.	HOME	.....
Undated:	ARSENAL	HOME	.....

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE—DIVISION II

1970	Opponents	Venue	Result
Aug. 15	CHARLTON A. (Cup)	HOME	W 4-0
Sept. 5	MILLWALL (Cup)	HOME	W 4-1
" 12	West Ham United (Cup)	Away	L 1-2
" 19	Gillingham (Cup)	Away	D 2-2
" 26	ORIENT (Cup)	HOME	D 3-3
Oct. 10	FULHAM (Cup)	HOME	W 6-0
" 17	Tottenham H. (Cup)	Away	W 4-2
" 24	Millwall (Cup)	Away	L 0-1
" 31	C. PALACE (Cup)	HOME	W 3-1
Nov. 7	Charlton Ath. (Cup)	Away	.....
" 14	WEST HAM U. (Cup)	HOME	.....
" 21	Crystal Palace (Cup)	Away	.....
" 28	Orient (Cup)	Away	.....
Dec. 12	GILLINGHAM (Cup)	HOME	.....
" 19	Gillingham	Away	.....
Jan. 2	Fulham (Cup)	Away	.....
" 9	TOTTENHAM H. (Cup)	HOME	.....
" 16	Crystal Palace	Away	.....
" 23	Millwall	Away	.....
" 30	FULHAM	HOME	.....
Feb. 6	TOTTENHAM H.	HOME	.....
" 13	ORIENT	HOME	.....
" 20	CHARLTON ATH.	HOME	.....
" 27	Charlton Athletic	Away	.....
Mar. 6	Fulham	Away	.....
" 13	MILLWALL	HOME	.....
" 20	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	.....
Apr. 3	Orient	Away	.....
" 10	GILLINGHAM	HOME	.....
" 17	CRYSTAL PALACE	HOME	.....
" 24	WEST HAM UTD.	HOME	.....
Undated:	West Ham United	Away	.....

Home matches (11 a.m.) are played at the Imperial Services Ground, Bishopsford Road, Mitcham, Surrey.

CSKA

UNBEATEN THIS SEASON—EXCEPT
IN THE FIRST LEG OF THIS CUP-
WINNERS' CUP-TIE!

BULGARIAN football did not really make its presence felt until considerable sums of money were put into sport by the Government. CSKA, as the club of the Bulgarian Army, were one of the biggest beneficiaries. They were given almost a free hand to recruit the players they needed and, formed early in 1948, they were champions in their first season.

The club was then known as Septemvri CVD, but by 1950 renamed CDNA (Czentral Dom Narodni Armee—Central House of the National Army). As CDNA the club went through an incredible boom period unequalled anywhere else in the world. Between 1951 and 1962 CDNA won the championship 11 times in 12 seasons, including nine titles in a row between 1954 and 1962. In addition they won the Red Army Cup, the equivalent of our FA Cup, seven times.

In total the club has carried off the Cup and League double on six occasions—the last being 1968-69. Until CDNA's "failure" in 1962-63, when Spartak Plovdiv won the league title, the championship has always been won by one of the Sofia clubs. Since then the difference in strength between Sofia clubs and those in the provinces has been levelled off.

In January 1969, during the mid-winter break in the 1968-69 season, the Sports Ministry effected sweeping changes of the sort that could not be remotely contemplated in this country. Deciding at last that there were too many clubs in Sofia, amalgamations were arranged and after the dust had settled Spartak Sofia had been swallowed up by the traditional favourites Levski; Slavia fused with Lokomotive to become GSK Slavia, and CDNA amalgamated with a Division II club Septemvriska Slava and became CSKA.

The majority of CSKA's current players were transferred from other clubs when they were drafted into the Army for their stint of national service and, offered a commission, they became "regulars".

Having given CSKA a civilian base through the link up with Septemvriska Slava, the club can now develop their own young players and amongst recent Sports Ministry decisions is one that states: "After completing a course of national service, players will automatically be transferred back to their old clubs from the University or Army teams".

Other new regulations adopted during the summer appear even more provocative and certainly surprising when one considers that *technically* the Bulgarians are all amateurs. Only two new players may be signed by any club in one year—three if they come from clubs in lower divisions—and the first contract between player and club must be for a minimum of four years.

Overall, these recent innovations are probably for the good of the game as a whole. What Honved did for Hungarian football and Dukla did for Czechoslovakia was to concentrate the bulk of the best players with the Army team, thus providing a solid base upon which the national team could be developed.

Last season, completing their five remaining matches after the World Cup in Mexico, CSKA were forced into second place by Levski. Going neck and neck for most of the season CSKA crashed 2-5 v. Levski and finally wound up three points behind in second place:

	P	W	D	L	Goals	Pts
Levski	30	23	4	3	67-17	50
CSKA	30	21	5	4	73-29	47

In the Bulgarian Cup it was a similar story, the draw keeping the two giants apart to produce a classic final just one month before the new 1970-71 season commenced. Again Levski had the edge, beating their neighbours 2-1, so CSKA participate in the Cup-Winners' Cup here tonight not as winners but as runners-up to Levski. The days of the Army club's obvious supremacy are over, but after eight games in the new campaign it is CSKA who top the table.

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NEW TICKET-SELLING ARRANGEMENTS

WE regret that we were unable to keep exactly to our original date for accepting bookings for the rest of the season. As you will all appreciate, the new method of selling tickets by computer is quite complicated and we felt that we owed it to you as well as ourselves to make sure that we fully understood and were efficient in operating the new Seat Reservation System.

It became clear that we should have a trial run with one game—Tottenham Hotspur—and use it as a “guinea pig”, so to speak. This we have done and we have used the computer to “pull” the tickets for postal applications—and we are now sold out for that match.

The next step is to “throw open” the rest of the League programme—with one or two precautionary exceptions.

First, we anticipate receiving a very heavy mail at the outset and we must obviously handle that before we can handle queues at the Box Office. Therefore, while you can write as from NOW in accordance with the instructions given below, please do NOT call at the Box Office for advance bookings until 30th NOVEMBER—except those requiring tickets only for the Stoke City match (November 21), who may call as from Monday, 9th November.

Secondly we CANNOT ACCEPT advance bookings—postal or personal—for the following matches:

13th February, 1971 v. NOTTM. F.

6th March, 1971 v. BLACKPOOL

27th March, 1971 v. LEEDS UNITED

The reason is that these matches clash with F.A. Cup 5th Round, 6th Round and Semi-final dates and as we hope to be “otherwise engaged” on those dates we do

not want to issue tickets for those League matches in advance and risk getting us—and you—in a muddle.

The following procedures now come into operation:

1. FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Prices 12/-, 16/-, 24/-.

(a) HOME MATCHES (except the three listed above):

(i) *Postal applicants:* You may write at any time stating the number and price of tickets required and for which games, enclosing the correct total remittance and a return addressed envelope.

PLEASE NOTE and this is **MOST IMPORTANT**, if you write for tickets for more than one match at a time, please write the name of the first of the matches in the bottom left-hand corner of the envelope you address to us. If you are writing for tickets for one match only, state that match in the bottom left-hand corner of the envelope. This will make for quick identification when sorting and enable us to handle applications in date order.

(ii) *Personal applicants:* You may call at the Box Office as from Monday, 9th November for tickets for the match versus STOKES CITY on the 21st November. You may call to buy tickets for any other home League match (except the three arranged on F.A. Cup dates) as from 30th NOVEMBER so long as tickets are available.

(iii) PLEASE NOTE: (a) Lost tickets cannot be replaced—so look after them carefully. (b) Refund or exchange of tickets cannot be made except in the case of postponed matches and then only if the tickets are returned to us not less than 48 hours prior to the re-arranged kick-off.

2. F.A. CUP

(a) *Home:* No tickets available for sale. All seats already taken by Season Ticket Holders and by the Visiting Club under F.A. Cup Rule. Any returned by Visiting Club will be placed on sale at the Box Office to personal applicants during the morning of the match.

(b) *Away:* Application details and prices will be published in Club Programme when known following draw.

(c) *Replays:* Arrangements will be announced in match programmes.

3. INTER-CLUB EUROPEAN MATCHES

(a) *Home:* (i) **Season Ticket Holders** should apply either in writing or in person, immediately prices are announced. We will hold their seats for 7 days following the Cup draw, following which any seats unclaimed will be offered for sale to the general public.

(ii) **General Public:** Applications in writing and in person may be made as soon as prices are announced.

(b) *Away:* Tickets not normally available. Enquire at Box Office following announcement of date.

With your help and co-operation we hope quickly and easily to effect the changeover of systems and to overcome any teething troubles which might arise. Then we feel that we will be able to offer our supporters what we hope to be the finest booking office facilities in the world of football. Thank you all for your patience during this trial period while we have been learning the new system and for your understanding of our problems which were obviously numerous.

In off the post

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

THEY'RE ALSO SOFIA BOUND

YOUR programme readers may be interested to hear that Chelsea are not alone in having to travel to Sofia for European competition.

The Polytechnic, as English Water Polo champions, have entered the European Cup and have been drawn to travel to Sofia where we will meet the champions of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Finland and Switzerland on November 6th, 7th and 8th.

The coincidence of two London clubs travelling to Sofia does not end here. Jack Budd, one of your former Directors, was a Water Polo player himself and represented Great Britain with great distinction.

Here, however, the coincidence does end for whereas Chelsea can afford to travel we cannot, most of our players being students and the air fare to Sofia being £117.

We did wonder if any of your readers, being swimming enthusiasts, would like to help us in this venture as we will be the first British club in this competition.

Incidentally, I hope you are not too unkind to Sofia on November 4th as we are quite likely to be travelling back to Bulgaria with them on the 5th.

Neil Ray.

Polytechnic Swimming & Water Polo Club. Headquarters:

309, Regent Street, London W.1.

THE LATE MR. C. H. COLLONS

We have learned with regret of the sudden passing of Mr. C. H. Collons, of Harrow. He was a Chelsea supporter of many years standing and he will be sadly missed by his many friends in the East Stand.

CAN ANYONE HELP?

I HAVE been supporting Chelsea for eight years and have seen them play many times. I am trying to complete my collection of home programmes and need just one, **March 15, 1965, Chelsea v. Leicester** (League Cup), to complete seven full seasons. Can any reader help, please?

B. C. Millard.

37 Elmhorne Road,
Wolvercote,
Oxford.

... AND FROM TWO LANCASHIRE LADS

WE are two lads who live in Lancashire and support Chelsea. We would like two female Pen-Pals aged 15-16. All answers will be replied. Write to:

David Whitehead Dean Wilcock
(16), (15),

73 Belfield Road, 315 Albert Royds St.,
Rochdale, Lancs. Rochdale, Lancs.

FOUND AFTER MATCH

ON returning from the match v. Derby I dropped the case containing my glasses. Within three days they were returned to me but without the sender's address.

Because there is no other way I can thank him/her, may I do so through the club programme?

A. Pummell.

145 Essex Road,
Leyton, E.10.

FROM 0-3 DOWN TO 4-3 UP AT BLACKPOOL



Our last two away trips took us to Lancashire—first to Blackpool, where we came from three down with 20 minutes left to win sensationally by 4-3. This was the goal that made it three-all, scorer Keith Weller, with 'keeper Thomson on his knees.



And this was the scene after our winning goal in the last minute. Dave Hatton (No.4) has put the ball into his own net, and is as bemused as five of his team-mates. We could hardly believe it, either!

BUT LEAGUE CUP DEFEAT AT OLD TRAFFORD



Then, last Wednesday, we went to Old Trafford in the Football League Cup fourth round. After Bobby Charlton opened the scoring for Manchester United, here's John Hollins (left) beating Rimmer with another of his long-range "specials" for an equaliser.



In the second half we were hit by George Best's "spectacular", which proved the winner. But this was how near we came to equalising a second time—Keith Weller's terrific drive bounces down from the crossbar, strikes Rimmer and is cleared.

CSKA's manager is Manol Manolov, 58-times capped star of the club's triumphs in the fifties. In charge since 1964, he has at his disposal one of the most experienced squads in Europe. Nine of his players have full international caps and three more played in the 1968 Olympics final against Hungary.

To underline the strength of Manolov's hand, eight of Bulgaria's 22-man World Cup squad in Mexico this year were drawn from CSKA—including two goalkeepers!

Seven of the present team took the club to the semi-finals of the European Cup of 1966-67. Then they drew 1-1 at home and away to Inter-Milan. The play-off was in Italy, where Inter won 1-0.

With Chelsea a goal up, the Bulgarians recognise that they face a stiff task tonight. But if a tight, physical and largely defensive game will not be to their liking, they have two men who could run riot in the right circumstances. Four times in a row, centre-forward Petar Jekov has been Bulgaria's leading scorer and in 1968-69 his 36 league goals (in 30 matches) was the highest individual total anywhere in Europe.

The other man who will bear careful watching is inside-left Dimitr Yakimov, who plays an attacking game from deep midfield. In possession Yakimov is a master craftsman, specialises in solo dribbles to set up goal chances and this season has also been doing the scoring himself.

After eight League games Yakimov tops the scorers' list with 13 goals and in the Cup-Winners' Cup first round against Finland's Valkeakosken Haka, he scored five in a 9-0 win.

BULGARIAN LEAGUE TABLE

	Latest positions						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CSKA Sofia	8	7	1	0	27	7	15
Botev Vratza	8	6	0	2	14	7	12
Etar Tirnov	8	5	1	2	10	9	11
Levski-Spartak Sofia	8	4	2	2	12	4	10
Trakia Plovdiv	8	4	2	2	15	13	10
Spartan Plevne	8	4	1	3	17	12	9
Marek	8	3	2	3	13	9	8
Akademik	8	2	3	3	5	6	7
GSK Slavia Sofia	8	3	1	4	13	14	7
Dounav	8	2	3	3	7	12	7
Locomotive Plovdiv	8	2	2	4	10	15	6
Cernomore Varna	8	3	0	5	7	13	6
Gabrovo	8	2	2	4	9	15	6
Yambol	8	1	4	3	3	10	6
Cernomoretz	8	1	3	4	8	15	5
Maritza Plovdiv	8	0	3	5	5	14	3

Leading Goalscorer: Yakimov (CSKA) 13 goals.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	15	6	1	0	14	4	4	3	1	10	5	24
Arsenal	15	7	1	0	23	2	3	2	9	12	22	
Tottenham	15	5	1	1	12	4	3	4	1	11	6	21
Man. City	14	4	3	0	14	4	3	2	2	5	7	19
CHELSEA	15	3	4	0	13	10	3	3	2	9	8	19
C. Palace	15	5	1	2	11	6	2	3	2	6	6	18
Wolves	15	4	1	2	15	13	4	1	3	14	16	18
Liverpool	14	5	2	0	14	2	1	3	3	3	5	17
South'p'ton	15	4	2	1	10	3	1	3	4	9	12	15
Stoke	15	5	3	0	16	2	0	2	5	5	18	15
Newcastle	15	2	4	1	7	6	3	1	4	10	13	15
Everton	15	3	3	1	12	7	2	1	5	9	18	14
Coventry	15	3	1	3	7	6	2	2	4	6	10	13
W. Brom.	15	4	3	1	16	9	0	2	5	10	23	13
Man. Utd.	15	3	3	2	8	5	1	2	4	7	15	13
West Ham	15	2	4	2	11	11	0	4	3	7	12	12
Nott'm. F.	15	3	2	2	12	7	0	4	4	1	12	12
Huddersf'd	15	3	4	1	9	5	0	2	5	4	15	12
Ipswich	15	4	2	2	14	7	0	1	6	1	10	11
Derby	15	3	1	4	11	11	1	2	4	7	13	11
Blackpool	15	1	3	3	9	13	1	1	6	5	16	8
Burnley	15	1	2	5	6	13	0	2	5	2	12	6

FIRST-TEAM APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HARRIS	15	DEMPSEY	11
HOLLINS	15	HUTCHINSON	11
MULLIGAN	15	HINTON	10
BONETTI	14	WEBB	9
HUDSON	14	BALDWIN	4
OSGOOD	14	COOKE	4 (3)
WELLER	14	PHILLIPS	1
HOUSEMAN	13(1)	D.SMETHURST	1

Goalscorers: Weller 8, Hollins 3, Hutchinson 3, Webb 2, Dempsey 1, Harris 1, Hudson 1, Mulligan 1, Osgood 1, Opponent 1. Total 22.

Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

BONETTI	4	OSGOOD	3
HARRIS	4	BALDWIN	2
HOLLINS	4	DEMPSEY	2
HOUSEMAN	4	HINTON	2
WEBB	4	BOYLE	1
COOKE	3	HUDSON	1
HUTCHINSON	3	D.SMETHURST	1
WELLER	3	HOUSTON	1
MULLIGAN	3		

Goalscorers: Osgood 2, Baldwin 1, Hollins 1, Hutchinson 1, Webb 1, Weller 1. Total 7.

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP

BONETTI	3	WELLER	3
HARRIS	3	HINTON	2
HOLLINS	3	HOUSEMAN	2
HUDSON	3	HUTCHINSON	2
MULLIGAN	3	BALDWIN	1 (1)
OSGOOD	3	COOKE	1
WEBB	3	DEMPSEY	1

Goalscorers: Hutchinson 3, Hollins 2, Baldwin 1, Hinton 1. Total 7.

F.A. CHARITY SHIELD

BONETTI	1	HUTCHINSON	1
HARRIS	1	MULLIGAN	1
HINTON	1	OSGOOD	1
HOLLINS	1	WEBB	1
HOUSEMAN	1	WELLER	1
HUDSON	1		

Goalscorer: Hutchinson 1. Total 1.

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IT'S less than three months since Chelsea's Big Pool was launched, yet already the total paid out to 276 individual winners this season stands at £6,485. Every week, without fail, the prize-money has increased, and the new record reached last Saturday was £628-16s.-3d.

That will give you a good idea of how the Chelsea Pool is growing, with £402 our biggest single pay-out so far, and two £220 winners last week-end

We have 42,000 regular weekly members, with entries coming from as far away as Nigeria, Germany, Ireland and Scotland. Our next target is 50,000 members!

To help us reach that figure, we need still more agents, and if you would like to become one, you can do so by filling in the coupon below and posting it to us, or by calling at the Pools Office (situated over the Club Offices, Main Entrance) after tonight's game.

The winner of the all-expenses-paid trip (every agent went into the draw) with Chelsea to Sofia two weeks ago was Mrs. Catherine Franks, of Whitgift Street, Lambeth S.E.11. Because of her husband's indisposition, Mrs. Franks was unable to travel to Bulgaria, so instead she will receive a 1971 holiday voucher to the equivalent value.

To: Chelsea F.C. Pools Association, Stamford Bridge Grounds, Fulham Road, S.W.6.
I would like to help Chelsea Football Club by acting as an Agent for the new "Chelsea Pool". Please send me details. I am over 18.

Name..... (Mr./Mrs./Miss)

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