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## INTRODUCTION

Hello Chelsea fans everywhere and welcome to what I hope is the most comprehensive quiz on your club in existence. I expect my inclusions and omissions will produce some argument, particularly where my choice of 'Fulham Road Favourites' is concerned, but that's all to the good. The League Cup has had so many sponsors that I've simplified things by always referring to it as 'The League Cup'. You will find no mention of Super Cups, Club World Championships, Club World Cups, Intercontinental Cups and their like. To me they are pointless excesses that have no meaning, are usually arranged a few thousand miles from where the supporters of the clubs live and leave a carbon footprint much larger than their value in players' and supporters' lives. They fill me with as much joy as international friendlies.

## QUIZ No. 1

**ANYTHING GOES**

1. Ron Tindall, Chelsea's centre-forward who scored 67 goals in 160 games for the club between 1955 and 1961, also played in 172 first-class cricket matches for which county?
2. Who are the only club that Chelsea have both won and lost the Community Shield against in a penalty shoot-out?
3. Chelsea were involved in a Boxing Day encounter full of incident in 2007 with three players being sent off and the visitors making it 4-4 with a last-minute penalty. Who were those visitors?
4. Chelsea were certainly up for it when Spurs came to Stamford Bridge on the night of 2 May 2016, although the home side quickly found themselves two goals down. If Chelsea could get something from the game they would snuff out any lingering hopes Spurs had of winning the Premier League. It proved enough motivation and with the help of a magnificent goal from Hazard the game ended 2-2. It wasn't pretty, however. How many yellow cards did Spurs receive that night?
5. What was unique about the goal Christian Pulisic scored for Chelsea in the 2020 FA Cup final against Arsenal?
6. Who scored a hat-trick when Chelsea won 5-1 at MK Dons in the FA Cup fourth round of the 2015/16 season?
7. On 20 November 2011 Chelsea lost 2-1 at home to Liverpool. Chelsea's goal was scored by a player who eventually joined Liverpool and the visitor's winner in the 87th minute came from someone who had previously played for Chelsea. Who were the two players?
8. Chelsea players Harold Halse and Dennis Wise are part of a club that has only five members. The other three are Ernie Taylor, John Barnes and David James. What links them all?



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9. On 26 September 1970 Chelsea had a slice of luck when they beat Ipswich Town 2-1 at Stamford Bridge. A shot hit the stanchion and rebounded out but the referee gave a goal, although the shot had gone wide. Who 'scored' the goal?
10. A legendary figure because of his size, which goalkeeper played for Chelsea 34 times in their first league season after gaining one England cap and appearing in three FA Cup finals in four years for Sheffield United?

## QUIZ No. 2

**ASSORTED BLUES**

1. Which member of Chelsea's title-winning side of 1954/55 later won the FA Cup as a manager with West Ham United?
2. Without the First World War this excellent centre-forward would have played more than the 99 matches he managed for Chelsea. He would certainly have been crowing about being the only Chelsea scorer in each of the first four games of the 1921/22 season. Who was he?
3. Which member of Chelsea's League Cup-winning side of 1965 was transferred to Birmingham City the following season after 160 league appearances for the club?
4. This scorer of the winning goal in extra time at Newcastle United in 1915 that got Chelsea into the FA Cup semi-final was a well respected member of the eventual FA Cup finalists that season and played in 222 league games for the club. If he got fed up with dashing down the wing he could always produce cars for a living! Who was he?
5. He impressed as a schoolboy at Charlton before signing for Chelsea in 1963 after over 130 games for the club from the south east of the capital. A classy centre-half who always seemed to have time on the ball, he went on to play 265 league games for the Blues. Who was he?
6. This centre-forward was the first man to score 100 league goals for the club after that earlier goalscorer George Hilsdon got stuck on 98. Between 1929 and the Second World War he turned out 220 times in the league for Chelsea and also scored a hat-trick on his England debut. Who was he?
7. But for the Second World War, this winger, who scored 62 goals in 221 league games for Chelsea, would have clocked up far more. He was still there after the War and became the oldest player to appear for the Londoners when he ran out against Bolton Wanderers in September 1947 at the age of 39. Who was he?

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8. This Scotsman was as versatile as they come and was employed as a destructive midfielder in the successful Chelsea sides of the mid-to-late 1960s. He could also play a bit too. He ended his time at Chelsea just two short of 200 league appearances. Who was he?
9. Chelsea's wartime captain and a key member of their title-winning 1954/55 team, this centre-half played over 300 times for Chelsea and went on to manage Sheffield United in three different decades. Who was he?
10. We'll finish with another centre-half who came down from Scotland after his time with Morton and quickly became a fixture at the Bridge, eventually making 224 league appearances between 1983 and 1989 when he was sold to Charlton for more than six times what Chelsea paid for him. Who was he?

## QUIZ No. 3

**BLUES SEEING RED**

1. On 23 November 2002 a Chelsea player was sent off in a 1-1 draw at Bolton, and another got his marching orders when Chelsea beat Liverpool 1-0 at Stamford Bridge on 17 September 2006. Both their surnames begin with a 'B'. Who were they?
2. In 2006 a Chelsea defender saw red in a 1-1 home draw with Charlton Athletic, then ten years later a Chelsea forward who shares the first letter of his surname with the earlier player was sent off in an FA Cup tie that Chelsea lost 2-0 at Everton. Who were the two offenders?
3. One Chelsea goalkeeper received a red card in a 3-1 defeat at Wigan in 2009, while another whose surname began with the same letter was dismissed in a 3-0 home defeat by Manchester City in 2016. Who were the two goalkeepers?
4. In October 2006 a Chelsea player was sent off in their 2-0 win at Reading, while on Boxing Day of 2009 another Chelsea player with the same first letter of his surname was given a red card in a 0-0 draw at Birmingham City. Who were the two players?
5. Spurs and Chelsea produced some fireworks of their own on 5 November 2006 when a Chelsea defender was sent off in a 2-1 defeat at White Hart Lane. Then in September five years later a Chelsea forward saw red when they beat Swansea City 4-1 at Stamford Bridge. The two players' surnames begin with the same letter. Who were they?
6. Which Chelsea defender picked up a red card at Old Trafford in a 1-1 draw with Manchester United on 8 May 2004?
7. Which Chelsea defender got a slightly early bath after being sent off in the 92nd minute of the derby with Fulham at Craven Cottage on 19 March 2006, which Chelsea lost 1-0?
8. Which Chelsea player got red cards away to both Sunderland and West Bromwich Albion in the 2005/06 season?

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9. Which Chelsea midfielder was given a red card in added-on time in their 2-0 win at Derby County on 24 November 2007?
10. Which Chelsea forward saw red in a 0-0 home draw with Fulham on 29 September 2007?

## QUIZ No. 4

**A BRIDGE TOO FAR  
(LOSING FA CUP SEMI-FINALS)**

Chelsea have lost ten times in FA Cup semi-finals. Here are some questions about those defeats.

1. Which club, in 1932, became the first team to beat Chelsea in two FA Cup semi-finals, having previously beaten them in 1911?
2. In 1920 Chelsea lost 3-1 to eventual winners Aston Villa. The Londoners' first goal in a losing semi-final came appropriately enough from a man whose name rhymes with goal. Who was he?
3. Which club knocked Chelsea out at the semi-final stage twice in three years in 1950 and 1952?
4. In both those years the games went to a replay, necessitating four matches between the clubs that were all played on the same ground. Which one?
5. The 1960s brought successive FA Cup semi-final defeats by 2-0 from which two clubs, the first in 1965 and the second in 1966?
6. After a 30-year gap Chelsea lost another FA Cup semi-final in 1996. Who beat them on this occasion?
7. Who scored for Chelsea when they lost 2-1 to Liverpool in the 2006 FA Cup semi-final?
8. The player with the shortest surname to score in an FA Cup semi-final for Chelsea got their consolation goal when they lost to Manchester City in 2013. Who was he?
9. Leaving Wembley out of the equation, which I wish they would as a semi-final venue anyway, which is the only city where Chelsea have lost an FA Cup semi-final on two of its grounds?
10. What is the most common scoreline in Chelsea's FA Cup semi-final defeats?

QUIZ No. 5

**CHELSEA IN EUROPE - 1958-72**  
**- CLUBS**

1. Chelsea played their first game in Europe in the Fairs Cup on 30 September 1958 and won 3-1 against BK Frem away from home. In which country were they playing?
2. In the Fairs Cup run of 1965/66, which club from Austria did they meet after knocking AS Roma out at the first hurdle?
3. The games against AC Milan are covered in the 'Players' section. Close on 60,000 turned up at Stamford Bridge for the second leg and I was one of that throng. To the nearest thousand, what had been the attendance figure in Italy for the first leg?
4. Which German club that had reached the Cup Winners' Cup final the previous season did Chelsea beat 3-2 on aggregate in the next round?
5. When Chelsea lost the third match 5-0 to Barcelona in the semi-final they must have been out on their feet with so many games and so much travel. They also reached the FA Cup semi-final. How many competitive matches did they play that season?
6. As related in the 'Players' section, when they returned to the tournament in 1968/69 they accounted for Morton in the first round. The next round saw 210 minutes of stalemate without a goal in sight. During this period the players seemed to spend as much time tossing coins as playing football and Chelsea weren't very good at it. Coin tossing that is, not football! Who knocked them out by this method?
7. The 1970/71 season saw them lift the European Cup Winners' Cup. After removing Aris Thessalonikis they won 1-0 home and away against CFKA Sredets. Which country did they represent?

8. The next round brought a pleasing finish for Chelsea fans at Stamford Bridge when Chelsea overturned a 2-0 deficit from the first leg to win the second leg 4-0 after extra time against which club?
9. As they had two rounds before, Chelsea won the semi-final 1-0 home and away against the holders of the trophy. Who were they?
10. After beating Real Madrid after a replay in the final Chelsea defended the trophy in 1971/72 and must have thought it would be a doddle to win it again when they defeated Jeunesse Hautcharage 21-0 on aggregate, creating a few records along the way. However, things went from the sublime to the ridiculous in the next round when they went out on the away-goals rule to Atvidaberg. From which countries did their two opponents come?



QUIZ No. 6

**CHELSEA IN EUROPE - 1958-72  
- PLAYERS**

1. Well, who do you think scored home and away against Chelsea's first European opponents in the 1958/59 season? Have a guess.
2. It was the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup that Chelsea entered that season and in the next round they lost 4-2 on aggregate to Ville de Belgrade. Which winger scored both of their goals?
3. They had a right go at winning that trophy the next time they entered it in 1965/66, going out in the semi-final after the loss of the toss of a coin to decide the venue of the third match after the first two produced a stalemate. They had won the second leg 2-0 at Stamford Bridge against Barcelona. Which two players scored their goals?
4. In that first European adventure of the 1960s, on 22 September 1965, who became the first Chelsea player to score a hat-trick in Europe when Chelsea beat Roma 4-1 in the first leg of their first tie in the competition?
5. It wasn't only the semi-final that went to three matches. Earlier they had a titanic contest against AC Milan, losing 2-1 away and winning 2-1 at home. Which Chelsea man scored in both games?
6. Chelsea lost the coin toss for the venue of the deciding third match and had to return to Milan where not even extra time could separate the sides, but Ron Harris got this coin toss right and Chelsea went through after a 1-1 draw. Who scored that vital goal that night?
7. In 1968/69 they returned to the Fairs Cup and beat Scottish club Morton 9-3 on aggregate in the first round. Which Chelsea player found the net in both games?

8. Chelsea made quite a splash when they entered the European Cup Winners' Cup for the first time in 1970/71 and ended up winning it. When they beat Greek club Aris Thessalonikis 5-1 in the second leg at Stamford Bridge in the first round three players with surnames starting with 'H' were among the goals. Who were they?
9. In the final against Real Madrid it took two more games to decide the outcome. Who scored for Chelsea in both of them?
10. In that last match when the trophy was won 2-1, which Chelsea player scored his only goal in Europe for the club?

QUIZ No. 7

**CHELSEA IN EUROPE - 1994-2000**

1. It had been over 20 years since Chelsea had tasted European football when they entered the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1994/95 because FA Cup winners Manchester United had also won the league and therefore competed in the Champions League. Chelsea beat their first opponents in the competition, Viktoria Zizkov, 4-2 on aggregate. Which country were they from?
2. After accounting for Austria Wien and Bruges, they went out to Real Zaragoza in the semi-final. If they had won that semi-final which event would have happened 24 years before it did?
3. In 1997/98 Chelsea were back in the tournament and this time they won it, beating VfB Stuttgart in the final. On the way they had a 7-1 win over a Norwegian side at Stamford Bridge, running out 9-4 winners on aggregate. Who were their opponents and which Chelsea player scored five of their nine goals?
4. The other three clubs beaten by Chelsea that season were Slovan Bratislava, Real Betis and Vicenza. Di Matteo and Vialli scored in three of the nine matches they needed to win it. Who scored in four of them?
5. Chelsea made a good stab at defending the trophy the following season with three wins over Scandinavian clubs in Helsingborgs, FC Copenhagen and Valerenga before going out in the semi-final to Real Mallorca. This was the competition's final season and if Chelsea had won that semi-final they would have fancied their chances in the final due to the venue being chosen for that event. Where was it held?
6. When Chelsea were entitled to go for the inaugural European Cup competition as English champions in 1955/56, the FA forbade them to take part! Now, in the last year of the century, under a new and somewhat misleading name for it, Chelsea were at last able to test themselves against the elite, and did well in reaching the quarter final. Which Spanish club knocked them out in that quarter final?

7. In the first group stage they drew 1-1 and 0-0 with one Italian club and in the second group stage they had drawn away to another Italian club before losing to them 2-1 at Stamford Bridge in the final game of the series when a draw would have meant Chelsea had topped a group for the second time. Who were their two Italian opponents?
8. Who was Chelsea's only goalscorer from the penalty spot in the Champions League in that 1999/2000 season, his goal being the first they scored in the competition in a 2-1 defeat at Hertha Berlin?
9. In the 14-match marathon that constituted their participation in the Champions League that season, they scored 22 goals. Who, with five of them, was their top scorer in the competition?
10. Their biggest win was by 5-0 and came at Stamford Bridge in the first group stage against which Turkish club?