

"There must be a very good chance of getting in one game before the end of the season, even though everything in the club is geared to winning the championship," he told me.

"The great thing, as far as I am concerned, is that I am now accepted as a member of the 16-strong first team pool. But for the fact that I'm not eligible for European competition, I think I would have gone to East Germany for the U.E.F.A. Cup quarter-final in Dresden."

A knee injury, suffered with City, has restricted Peter's playing opportunities with Liverpool so far.

But he's now fully fit and already just one step away from winning his first Liverpool medal. This follows his decisive goal for Liverpool Reserves against Preston in the semi-final of the Lancashire County Cup.

Said Peter: "It was a

his wife June, and three-month-old daughter Elisa can join him in Liverpool.

Margaret has given birth to their first child—a daughter, Claire Louise.

"That could be around £2,000," secretary Sully estimates.

Batsmen spare that tree

Stoke Bishop Cricket Club and their tree are parting company.

With the League bringing a new era to Bristol club cricket this coming season, the club decided either it would have to go — or they would.

Before the conservationists among you get up in arms, let me hastily add that the tree is staying and Stoke Bishop C.C. are going.

That spreading chestnut tree inside the boundary has made cricket at Stoke Lodge — home of the club since 1932 — something unique.

Where else can you score a four without the ball reaching the boundary?

But that is all in the past now for Stoke Bishop — the club for whom former Test star Tom Graveney and brother Ken used to play as teenagers.

The club are moving across the road to the National Smelting Company's ground, which has better facilities than the Education Department's Stoke Lodge — and no tree.

"With the coming of League cricket — we start off in the second division

— we felt we must have a ground with really good facilities," said secretary Terry Hutton.

"We were very lucky the chance came along to go to another ground so near."

He added: "We're sorry to leave and it won't be quite the same without the tree. But we're an ambitious club. We're aiming for the first division — and, frankly, Stoke Lodge is not up to that standard."

Batsmen who hit any part of the tree scored four runs. "The strange thing is, although it is so large, it only gets hit about half-a-dozen times a season," said Terry.

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