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**DYLON ISTHMIAN CHARITY SHIELD**

versus

**SUTTON UNITED**

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### THE CHAIRMAN KICKS OFF!

In welcoming the new football season at Loakes Park, we are, I hope, going to welcome a season of interest, excitement and skilful fair play. Soccer is a game of skill intended to be played fairly and, in addition to highlighting the League Champions and League Cup Winners in this first Dylon game to be played on our ground, we should also see two sporting teams.

If I was to hope for anything in the new season, it is to see a return to seeing more skill on the field and keenly contested matches that finish with a smile and a handshake. We have had a very busy close season and, like so many Clubs engaged on major ground maintenance, we have had mixed feelings during a hot and dry summer. The pitch from goal to goal and the width of the penalty area, has been redrained and seeded at considerable cost - we hope with considerable success!

Paul Birdseye, our 'old' player, has followed Mike Phillips, who has moved to Oxford United, as our Commercial Manager. Whilst Rod Lavers has joined us as the new Groundsman. Welcome to two good men fulfilling vital rolls for the Club. Sadly, the Supporters Club, with an ever decreasing member-

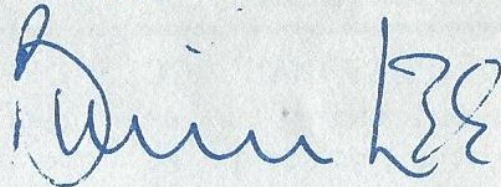


ship, have decided to link up with the Blues Club. A sure sign of the times but we are all conscious of the great service given by the supporters in the past and we hope the new relationship will serve the Club well in the future. As we move into the first match though, let me welcome our various visitors to the game this afternoon. The League Chairman, Alan Turvey, leads a delegation of our League Officials and from our League sponsors, Servovarm; League Cup sponsors, Hitachi; today's Charity Shield match sponsors Dylan, and our own sponsors, Norman Reeves of High Wycombe.

Last, but by no means least, our old friends and rivals, Sutton United, led by Chairman, Peter Molloy. There is no Club in the League that we admire and respect more than Sutton United and in congratulating them on last year's achievements, we hope they enjoy another successful season and finish runners-up!

To you all, and our other visitors and supporters, welcome to Loakes Park. Remember, it does not matter who wins, so long as it is the game of football itself.

Brian Lee



#### THE DYLAN ISTHMIAN CHARITY SHIELD

This is the sixth occasion that the League's annual curtain raising match between the previous season's Champions and League Cup Winners has been sponsored by Dylan International (UK) Limited and today's teams compete for the prize bearing the name of the Sponsors, the Dylan Isthmian Shield.

Both Wycombe and Sutton have been involved in Shield matches before, with the Wanderers winning in 1981 and United being runners up in both 1980 and 1982.

Let us not forget that whoever wins on the pitch today, the real winners are the beneficiaries of the proceeds of the match. Under the terms of the sponsorship the Company add a sum of money to the match proceeds and the final amount is then given to charity by cash donation or, as last year, when eight televisions were donated to the cancer unit of a London Hospital; other recipients have included the South Atlantic Fund, Cancer Research and the Lord Mayor of London's Appeal Fund.

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#### DYLON ISTHMIAN CHARITY SHIELD

SEASON	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
1978-79	Enfield	Dagenham
1979-80	Barking	Enfield
1980-81	Enfield	Sutton United
1981-82	Wycombe Wanderers	Slough Town
1982-83	Leytonston & Ilford	Sutton United

N R ROBINSON

HON SECRETARY

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### SECRETARY'S NOTES

Instead of opening the innings as usual I find myself batting at number three. Sorry, wrong game. However I feel honoured following such illustrious and honourable person-ages as my Chairman Brian Lee and League Secretary Nick Robinson, and it is pleasing to have two other contributors to the programme.

The match this afternoon affords us an opportunity to share with you a pleasant ceremony that could not take place at the end of last season. As you know we were on tour in Tunisia when the League Presentation Dinner and Dance took place and therefore two of our Committee Tony Lee and Dave Pitwell attended the function and collected the various trophies, including momento's for the players.

This afternoon we can properly present the trophies to the players with the co-operation of Mr. Sid Starkie, Operations Director of Servowarm - sponsors of the League - and Mr. Alan Turvey, the League Chairman.

This pleasant little ceremony will take place on the pitch at 2.45. The other trophies are on view in the Blues Social Club, and of course we are proudly flying the championship pennant.

Prices of admission for the coming season have been approved by the Committee and show a slight increase in one or two places





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- 8 Jim Jacobs
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Season Tickets:- £20 This now includes a  
seat in the stand

OAP's £10 This now includes a  
seat in the stand

'30' Club £40

Blues Club 50p

So you can see the increase are 10p on adult ground admission and £3 on season tickets, but this year this includes a seat in the stand. Season tickets cover all League and Reserve team League matches. As you are aware all Cup and Friendly matches have to be excluded because of the necessity of sharing with opponents.

Nevertheless where else can you obtain 1½ hours entertainment 40 times a year for less than a price of a pint? If you decide to join the exclusive '30' Club the same arrangements apply for League match but in addition you have your own lounge with TV your own seat in the official section of the stand, tea at half-time and your own car park. Not bad at £1 a match if you attend all first and reserve team League matches. This is a very exclusive Club the number cannot exceed 30, so why not join and enjoy your football in luxury.

All season and '30' Club tickets are available from the Treasurer's office now.

Elsewhere you will find a new item and that is the John Bowles weekly column on non-league football, and also a fixture card.

John Goldsworth

## OUR VISITORS - SUTTON UNITED

The Sutton United team visiting Loakes Park today shows only a few changes from last season's line-up.

Sutton's major new signing is left-back John Sparrow who, although still only 26, has considerable experience playing in the Football League. A former England Youth and England Schoolboy, Sparrow made his name at Chelsea playing in the side that won promotion to Division One in 1976-77; also in that team were England star Ray Wilkins and the former Wanderer Kenny Swain. Sparrow made 69 League appearances for Chelsea before joining Exeter City in 1979 and remained with the Devon Club until being given



a free transfer earlier this year.

Another new signing is Steve Galloway, a tall coloured striker who joined from Bromley where he scored 18 goals last season. Aged 20, he has also played for Dulwich Hamlet. One player returning to Sutton is Steve Bangs. He began his career there as a schoolboy in 1973 making 136 appearances for the Club before joining Carshalton in 1977.

There is a doubt about Captain John Rains availability following an ankle injury sustained in pre-season training. If he is fit it is expected that he will play up-front following his successful conversion from a defender to a forward last season which led to him scoring no less than 25 goals.

Uncertainty surrounds the playing future of Sutton's Assistant Manager Larry Pritchard. Wycombe fans will remember that Larry, who will be 39 in October, broke his arm towards the end of last season and missed the two Hitachi Cup Final matches.

It is interesting to note that although both Sutton and Wycombe have played in previous Dylon Charity Shield matches today is the first occasion on which either has qualified in their own right. In 1980 Sutton were invited to play Enfield - winners of both the League and League Cup in 1979-1980 - as the losing Hitachi Cup Finalists, and last year faced Leytonstone & Ilford (who had also done the "double") as League runners-up. Wycombe's win at Slough in 1981 was made possible because Slough were also holders of the League and League Cup titles from the previous season, whilst runners-up Enfield had left to join the Alliance.

## JOHN BOWLES NON LEAGUE COLUMN - 1

Despite a close season fire at Barking it will be business as usual when the Essex club begins its Servowarm Isthmian League programme. The fire at Mayesbrook Park caused damage estimated at £100,000 but the Dressing Rooms were saved, as was one of the large bars. Barking were adequately insured and are expected to recover rebuilding costs.

Chesham United, another club hit by fire near the end of last season expect to have their new stand in operation by September 30th. It will be smaller than the old one and will have improved dressing room facilities.

Molesey start the season under completely new management after the tribulations of 1982 - 83 when they were threatened with extinction and had to call in the trustees. They now have a new set of officials and a new manager in Arthur Evans, who previously spent 10 years at Epson and



Ewell. He succeeds Peter Howell, who resigned for business reasons. However Molesey have met another setback. Their application form to enter the F.A. Vase arrived too late at the Football Association.

Corinthian-Casuals are to share the Molesey ground this season, having recently played the first leg of what could be a unique double - appearing at Hampden Park and Wembley in the same season. Casuals took part in a goalless match against Scotland's Queens Park on July 29th as part of the Surrey Club's Centenary Celebrations. They are hoping for a Wembley visit in the Final of the F.A. Vase on April 29th 1984.

Two well known faces will be missing from the football scene this season. They are Corinthian-Casuals Chairman Bill Wickson and Geoff Dell who has given up as Secretary of the Athenian League after 18 years. Bill resigned for personal reasons. Geoff's successor will be Brian Hitchings who in turn is succeeded as Secretary of the Essex and Herts Border Combination by Brian Daniels, a former Football League Referee.

News in brief: Maidenhead United are planning to sell their ground and move to a new site on the outskirts of the Town. Southern League Hillingdon Borough went into liquidation during the summer and a new club Hillingdon F.C. has succeeded them.

Alan Humphries, the Woking Coach, has returned for a third spell at Leas Road, this time as General Manager in overall charge. They too plan to sell up and move headquarters. Former Chelsea centre half John Dempsey, who won 19 Republic of Ireland caps, and had a spell as manager of Maidenhead United has been appointed Manager of League of Ireland Club Dundalk.

The Alliance Premier League has a new points system. Away wins will be worth three points, home wins two and drawn games one point.

Jeff Blockley, the former Arsenal and England defender has been appointed manager of Leicester United, the Southern League Club which has changed its name from Enderby Town. Ex-Maidenhead chief Barry Watling has taken charge of Bromley. His assistant is Dave Cook from Tooting and Mitcham.

#### HITACHI LEAGUE CUP - FIRST ROUND

We have been drawn home to Letchworth Garden City in this competition. A full list of the draw will follow later.



# FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	LEAGUE		CUP	
	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS
GARRY LESTER	122	-	44	-
STEVE TOLL	83	-	34+1	1
GEORGE BORG	101+2	11	40+1	2
MARK HILL	42	3	14	2
ANTON VIRCAVE	64+2	4	34	7
BOB DELL	127+3	14	45+1	5
JIM JACOBS	120+8	10	48+2	3
PAUL WEST	46+14	3	15+9	1
STEVE LONG	163+19	61	56+3	22
TERRY GLYNN	94+2	44	33	20
STEVE PERRIN	93+8	41	35	18
KEN WILSON	74+21	18	34+5	8
CHRIS WAY	43	-	8+2	-
STEVE THORNE	10+3	3	2+2	-
JOE KOTVICS	2+4	-	2+3	1
ANDY HARMON	3+3	-	0+3	-

NOTE: Cup matches include only F.A. Cup, F.A. Trophy, League Cup and County Cup matches.

It is with regret that we learnt of the passing of Mr. John Timberlake last Saturday following a long illness. John was currently a Trustee of Loakes Park and had been associated with the Wanderers for a great period. John was a player and Club Captain from 1924 to 1932, Chairman from 1951 to 1954, President from 1954 to 1964 and a Ground Trustee from 1964 to date. A truly great servant of the Club. There will be a silent tribute to John before today's match.



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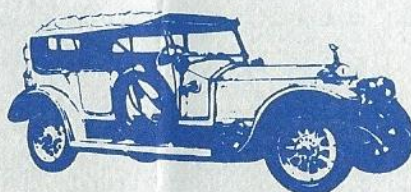
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