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GOOD AFTERNOON, everyone; may we extend a warm welcome back to Gander Green Lane today after the short close season to the officials, players and supporters of Wycombe Wandererers, along with those of our own followers who have not yet had a chance to see Sutton in action in the friendly games. Today the season begins in earnest.

We should also like to welcome this afternoon visiting officials of the League, of its new sponsors Vauxhall-Opel and in particular of the sponsors of today's event, Dylon International Ltd. Our League's new tie-up with Vauxhall-Opel promises to be a very exciting and beneficial one and whilst they have taken over sponsorship of both the League and League Cup competitions to give a bright new name to the Isthmian tradition, it is equally good to note Dylon's unchanging support for the pre-season Charity Shield, now in its eighth year.

As for our visitors from Wycombe, today's game could be considered their Isthmian 'swansong' after 64 unbroken years in the competition, as they have decided to take the brave step forward into the Gola League. Without doubt, every one of their former rival clubs will be carefully watching Wycombe's progress to see how they fare, for they are the first Isthmian side to take the plunge since a promotion link with the Gola was established. However, no-one will be watching more closely than Sutton as we, of course, had first refusal on the Gola place as champions but decided, after much agonising, to decline it, due to the financial uncertainties of the coming year or two.

Whether our cautious approach proves right or wrong, only time will tell; I'm sure Wycombe have thought the problem through equally thoroughly. But it needs to be stressed once again that Sutton United's ambition is to join the Gola League, and all our efforts on and off the field from this season onwards are going to be directed towards that.

Certainly we shall miss Wycombe, because over our 22 years of common lsthmian membership, there can be no side with whom Sutton have enjoyed such consistently entertaining battles. And that ought to point to a cracking 'farewell' today.

We wish our visitors all the best in the season ahead and if we should meet again in League combat during the next few years, we hope it will be because Sutton are in the Gola League, not because Wycombe have returned to the Vauxhall-Opel!

Although this is the fifth time Sutton have competed for the Dylon Charity Shield, and we are the current holders, this is the first time we have contested it on home ground, that privilege being accorded to the League champions. The money raised from the annual challenge match has been distributed over the years to a variety of charities, this years beneficiaries being ASBAH, the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus sufferers.

Dylon's sponsorship involves not only providing the shield and trophies, but adding to the funds raised for these worthwhile causes.

For those who haven't seen any of Sutton's pre-season friendlies, you'll be pleased to know that our form has so far looked very encouraging (with the possible exception of penalty taking!). We were of course, sad to lose Micky Joyce to Maidstone United and we shall undoubtedly miss his flair up front — but it is a matter of club policy that we do not stand in the way of players who want to progress to a higher level. What is encouraging is that goals have continued to come plentifully, whether from forwards or defenders.

To the newcomers to Sutton — Ron Fearon, Ray Metz, John Archbold (as we've discovered he spells his name!), Ned Metaxa, Martin Simmonds and others — may we offer an official 'welcome' to the club; we hope your stay will be happy and fruitful.

On Tuesday night we complete the friendly programme with a stern-looking test against Gola League Enfield on this ground (7.30 pm), then on Saturday we have an equally tough start to the Vauxhall-Opel League programme when we visit newly promoted Farnborough Town. We hope as many supporters as possible will make the trip and if you haven't been to Farnborough before, full 'how to get there' details are given elsewhere in the programme.

Simon Clennell



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- 1978 Enfield (Champions) 2 Dagenham (Cup Winners) 1
- 1979 Barking (Champions) 1 Enfield (Cup Winners) 0
- 1980 Enfield (Champions) 2 Sutton United (Cup Runners-Up) 1
- 1981 Slough Town (Champions) 1 Wycombe Wanderers (3rd in League) 4
- 1982 Leytonstone-Ilford (Champions) 3 Sutton United (League Runners-Up) 2
- 1983 Wycombe Wanderers (Champions) 1 Sutton United (Cup Winners) 0
- 1984 Harrow Borough (Champions) 1 Sutton United (Cup Winners) 3

# Man in the Middle

In charge of this afternoon's game is Mr KEITH WENHAM from Bromley, who was last at Gander Green Lane in April, when Slough Town were the visitors. Mr Wenham has been on the Isthmian list for a number of seasons and this is also his second year as a Football League linesman; in addition this season, he is a 'panel' referee covering the Gola League and Football Combination. He took charge of last season's London Senior Cup final between Bromley and Fisher Athletic and has also refereed the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup final and the All-England Police Cup semi-final. Sales director for a Surrey cleaning company, Mr Wenham enjoys gardening and walking and is also chairman of Riverside FC, a junior club running a number of teams. His linesmen today are Mr C. L. Stupack from Pinner and Mr A. P. Holmes from Morden; the reserve official is Mr Colin Grady, who has refereed numerous Sutton games in recent seasons and moved during the summer from Lightwater to Guildford.





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ATHENIAN LEAGUE Champions 1927/8, 1945/6, 1957/8; Runners-up 1946/7. Reserve Section: Winners 1961/1; Runners-up 1932/3.

Challenge Cup: Winners 1945/6, 1955/6, 1961/2, 1962/3.

SUBURBAN LEAGUE Champions 1974/5, 1977/8, 1978/9, 1981/2, 1983/4; Runners-up 1971/2, 1972/3, 1980/81; Cup Winners 1980/81.

- F.A. CUP 4th Rd 1969/70; 2nd Rd 1981/2; 1st Rd 1945/6, 1946/7, 1960/1, 1963/4, 1966/7, 1975/6.
- F.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY: Finalists 1980/81.
- F.A. AMATEUR CUP Finalists 1962/3, 1968/9; Semi-finalists 1928/9, 1936/7, 1967/8.

ANGLO-ITALIAN SEMI-PRO TOURNAMENT: First British winners 1979; Runners-up 1980, 1982.

LONDON SENIOR CUP Winners 1957/8, 1982/3.

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SURREY INTERMEDIATE CUP Winners 1966/7, 1971/2, 1978/9, 1981/2; Finalists 1949/50, 1951/2, 1959/60, 1961/2, 1964/5, 1974/5.

SURREY PREMIER CUP: Winners 1982/3.

HITACHI CUP Winners 1982/3, 1983/4; Finalists 1979/80.

LONDON CHARITY CUP Winners 1969/70; Finalists 1967/8, 1968/9, 1972/3.

GRONINGEN YOUTH TOURNAMENT Winners 1983; Runners-up 1979, 1981.

DYLON CHARITY SHIELD Winners 1984; Runners-up 1980, 1982, 1983.



# 20-year League Sequence Table

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# FARNBOROUGH TOWN, Saturday 24 August

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- **BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Farnborough (change at Wimbledon and Surbiton or Woking) and Farnborough North (change Effingham Jc and Guildford) stations are both within walking distance, but neither offers a simple route from Sutton. Probably easiest is to take the Green Line 716 to Woking and change to rail there.
- **RECOMMENDED PUB:** In an area dominated by noisy Courage pubs it's worth seeking out a pint of Morlands in traditional surroundings at the Old Wheatsheaf, Frimley Green Road (take A321 rather than A325 from M3 or Guildford). Lunchtime meals.



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# **Introducing our Visitors**

## WYCOMBE WANDERERS F.C.

WYCOMBE'S decision to join the Gola League means that this season will be the first since 1963 that our two clubs do not cross paths in league combat. Our visitors joined the Isthmian League as long ago as 1921 and they leave its ranks with a fine record, having won the title on seven occasions; the first was in 1956, the most recent in 1983.

In recent seasons, Wycombe's success record on this ground has been surprisingly poor, although more seasoned followers may recall that they won on every visit here between 1969 and 1974. Since then they have recorded only one success, in November 1982, when two Terry Glynn headers gave them a 2-1 win. That year they went on to win the title, clinching it indirectly on this ground — for while they were suffering a narrow defeat in the Hitachi Cup final, their League rivals dropped enough points to direct the championship shield to Loakes Park. However, Sutton fans' fondest memory of encounters with Wycombe will no doubt be that amazing 1981 FA Trophy clash here when we recorded a 5-1 success with a stunning display of finishing, en route to Wembley.

The clubs have contested the Dylon Shield once before, in 1983 when Wycombe had home advantage as champions and won a close-fought game with a goal from Ken Wilson, one of several players to have joined Slough in the close season. Much of their squad remains intact, though, for Wycombe's attack on the Gola League, and manager Paul Bence, an ex-Reading, Brentford, Torquay and Brighton defender, who took over at Loakes Park in 1984, has added three players who were with him at his previous club, Wokingham.

- GARY LESTER, Goalkeeper: Tall, agile player who was signed six years ago from Chalfont St Peter and has been first choice 'keeper ever since.
- **KEVIN COLLINS, Defender:** Signed during last season from Staines, having come through the ranks at Wheatsheaf Lane, making nearly 200 appearances. An ex-Wimbledon junior.
- **GRAHAM PEARCE, Defender:** Made the transition to full back two seasons ago after coming through the reserves as a speedy winger. Now 24, he first appeared for Wycombe's youth team in 1977.
- SEAN PRICE, Defender: Strong central defender who is one of three close-season signings from Wokingham; whilst there he earned a reputation for scoring vital goals and attracted Football League scouts. Previously with Reading and Newbury, and had an earlier spell at Loakes Park.
- ANTON VIRCAVS, Defender: Tall and commanding central defender signed in 1981 from Hellenic League side Pressed Steel.
- **DES McMAHON**, Midfield: Another capture from Wokingham, whom he joined from Reading in 1982. Previously with Hungerford, he has represented the FA and was one of seven Isthmian players selected for England's initial non-League squad of 40 last season.
- ROY FAIRCHILD, Forward: An ex-Flackwell Heath favourite who joined Wycombe early last season, scoring on his debut.
- SIMON READ, Forward: Signed with Declan Link at the start of last season from Staines, their reputation as a prolific goalscoring partnership being maintained with a yield of over 50 goals in their first season at Loakes Park.
- **BOB DELL, Midfield:** Aggressive player signed from local football in 1980. Has represented Middlesex Wanderers and is also a gifted cricketer, having played at minor counties level for Bucks.
- DECLAN LINK, Forward: The other half of the ex-Staines goalscoring partnership, he is a former QPR junior and represented England Public Schools. Still only 21.
- NEAL STANLEY, Midfield: The third close-season signing from Wokingham. An exciting young player who graduated through youth ranks at Finchampstead Road, attracting several Football League scouts.
- ANTHONY RILEY, Defender: Has appeared in the first team in Wycombe's pre-season friendlies after spending last year in the reserves.



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# **Personalities of the Year**



Pictured above with manager Barrie Williams (right) after their presentations at the club's annual dinner and dance in May are Phil Dawson, youth team player of the year; Tony Rains and Ray Sunnucks, joint first team players of the year; and Paul Thornton, Suburban team player of the year. Norman Elliott, who amongst other efforts for the club has organised gatemen and programme sales for many years, was voted clubman of the year. The Suburban and clubman awards are given annually by the patrons, the youth trophy by the vice-presidents. The Supporters Club player of the year was Mark Golley.



Final Tables - 1984/5 Season

# SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE - Premier Division

				HOME					F	AWA	Y		Goal	Bon	us*	
		Ρ	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Diff	F	A
1	Sutton Utd	42	14	5	2	66	24	9	10	2	49	31	84	+60	7	_
2	Worthing	42	14	4	3	52	29	10	4	7	37	30	80	+30	2	
3	Wycombe Wds	42	13	3	5	37	22	11	3	7	31	24	78	+22	2	1
4	Wokingham T	42	12	6	3	38	22	8	7	6	36	32	73	+20	2	1
5	Windsor & E	42	11	5	5	35	28	8	5	8	30	27	67	+10	3	1
6	<b>Bognor Regis</b>	42	12	4	5	39	26	8	2	11	28	32	66	+ 9	2	1
7	<b>Dulwich Ham</b>	42	12	5	4	56	29	4	12	5	26	28	65	+25	4	
8	Harrow Boro	42	12	3	6	45	24	6	5	10	25	32	62	+14	1	
9	Hayes	42	12	2	7	37	25	5	6	10	23	31	59	+ 4	1	
10	Tooting & M	42	10	4	7	37	29	6	7	8	27	37	59	- 2	2	1
11	Walthamstow A	42	9	5	7	37	32	6	6	9	27	33	56	- 1	1	3
12	Croydon	42	9	7	5	38	24	6	5	10	24	39	55+	- 1	2	1
13	Epsom & Ewell	42	5	11	5	28	26	8	3	10	37	36	53	+ 3	1	_
14	Slough Town	42	10	6	5	36	27	3	6	12	33	47	51	- 5	-	
15	Carshalton A	42	9	3	9	33	31	5	5	11	22	37	50	-13	-	1
16	B. Stortford	42	9	4	8	29	30	3	8	10	19	37	48	-19	1	2
17	Hendon	42	4	11	6	30	26	5	8	8	32	39	46	- 3	3	2
18	Billericay T	42	8	8	5	31	27	3	6	12	22	47	46†	-21		4
19	Barking	42	8	6	7	29	27	5	1	15	14	48	46	-32		4
20	Hitchin Town	42	4	10	7	27	29	6	5	10	28	41	45	-15	1	1
21	Leyt'stone/Ilf	42	6	6	9	18	32	5	4	12	19	40	43	-35		6
22	Harlow Town	42	3	6	12	24	41	2	6	13	21	54	27	-50	-	6

+ = Two points deducted, † One point deducted for registration offences. \* This column shows the number of shares won (and conceded) in the Premier Division goalscoring bonus pool of £3,000 for wins by four clear goals. Total number of shares 35, value of each £85.71

Division 1													
	P W D L F A Pt												
Farnborough T	42	26	8	8	101	45	86						
Kingstonian	42	23	10	9	67	39	79						
Leatherhead	42	23	10	9	109	61	76*						
Chesham Utd	42	22	8	12	78	46	74						
Wembley	42	20	10	12	59	40	70						
St Albans C	42	19	10	13	79	59	67						
Tilbury	42	18	13	11	86	68	67						
Bromley	42	18	9	15	71	65	63						
Hampton	42	17	11	14	75	62	62						
Staines Town	42	16	11	15	59	53	59						
Maidenhead U	42	17	8	17	65	64	59						
Walton & H	42	16	8	18	60	69	55+						
Aveley	42	16	7	19	62	78	55						
Oxford City	42	14	12	16	62	53	54						
Lewes	42	15	9	18	70	72	54						
Basildon Utd	42	15	8	19	55	61	53						
Boreham Wood	42	15	7	20	72	83	52						
Hornchurch	42	15	6	21	55	74	51						
Woking	42	15	6	21	60	91	51						
Met Police	42	10	12	20	65	92	42						
Clapton	42	5	11	26	50	124	26						
Hertford T	42	5	10	27	36	97	25						
* 3 pts deducted, + 1 pt deducted													

### **Division 2** North Section - top 8 A Pts P W D L F Leyton-Wingate 38 24 9 5 98 49 81 Finchley 38 24 8 6 66 31 79+ Heybridge S 38 22 9 7 71 33 75 Stevenage B 38 23 6 9 79 49 75 Saffron Walden 38 22 8 73 31 74 8 Tring Town 38 19 11 8 76 41 68 Chalfont St.P 38 17 41 61 10 11 72 Flackwell Hth 38 16 11 11 53 40 59 South Section - top 8 P W D L F A Pts Grays Ath 36 24 9 3 84 25 81 Uxbridge 4 20 76 36 22 10 81 Molesey 36 20 5 11 62 42 65 9 49 63 Hungerford T 36 18 9 71 Whyteleafe 36 17 9 66 34 61 10 Egham Town 36 17 7 12 54 42 58 Southall 36 18 3 15 54 57 57 Bracknell T 36 15 7 14 54 48 52 + 1 pt deducted

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Supporters Club is to be held this Thursday, 22 August, at 8 pm in the Main Hall. There are several important matters to be discussed including the appointment of new committee members to fill certain key positions, and it would be helpful if as many members could attend the AGM as possible.

### GROUND PAINTING

The Supporters Club is organising a volunteer taskforce to give paintwork around the ground a facelift. If you are available any evening to help, please see Dave Farebrother.

### NON-LEAGUE GUIDE

An essential part of any non-League fan's equipment for the new season is the 'Touchliner Special' Guide to Non-League Football, now available from the Club Shop, price £1.50. It covers all clubs in the upper part of the pyramid – Gola, Vauxhall-Opel, Southern and Northern Premier Leagues – giving details of how to reach the grounds (OS grid references included), the facilities available at each club and even recommended real ale pubs nearby.

### COACH TRAVEL TO FARNBOROUGH

In the temporary absence of a travel secretary, can supporters please make bookings at the Club Shop today.

# Stadium Club

Except on match afternoons or evenings, admission to the bars and entertainment is restricted to members and one registered guest. Membership costs £6 a year (£8 for husband and wife); please enquire at the bar for further details. The two bars are open from 7 - 10.30 pm (11 pm Fri/Sat) every night, and lunchtimes from 12 - 2.30 pm (2 pm Suns).

Weekly events: MONDAY – Bingo run by the Club Vice-Presidents. Ten games each night plus an early bird and a flyer; 20p entry and 25p a book. All cash prizes. Starts 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY- Members' ballroom dancing and social evening - open to all. Beginners' classes also available 8 - 9 p.m.

SATURDAY – Members' family night with music for dancing – all ages welcome. Live entertainment on certain nights.

SUNDAY – Ballroom and social evening – all members and temporary members welcome.

The main hall is available for private hire for dinner-dances, business luncheons or meetings, and small conference and meeting rooms are also available. A full catering service can be laid on if required. For full details please ring Doug or Mildred Fry on 01-644 3866.

		AP	PEAR	ANCE	S			GO	ALS		TOTAL	FOR
	Lge	Cup	Fr	тот	Su	b*	Lge	Cup	Fr	TOT	SUTT	ION
Max:	42	18	5	65	u	n/u	- 10				Apps	Gls
Steve Bangs	42	18	5	65			1	-	-	1	252	4
Micky Barker			1	1	1	-			-		1	
Lee Batt	-	1	3	4			-		1	1	79	7
<b>Rick Collier</b>	12	2		14		-		-	-	_	165	
lan Craig	-	1	-	1		-			_		1	-
Phil Dawson	11	7	2	20	6	7	-	-		-	20	
Paul Estall	2	-	-	2	1	1		-			3	-
Steve Galloway	12	5	4	21	1	1	11	2	2	15	67	33
Mark Golley	41	18	5	64		-	10	3	2	15	258	42
Nigel Golley	33	15	2	50		-	10	2	-	12	126	28
Doug Hatcher	17	11	1	29		_			-	—	29	
Grant Horscroft	2	-	-	2	2				-	—	2	
Micky Joyce	35	13	2	50		1	23	6	—	29	376	199
Ricky Kidd	29	15	4	48	3	1	10	2	2	14	454	183
Roger Mackay	42	18	5	65			—	-		-	97	1
Paul McKinnon	42	17	5	64	-	_	32	16	4	52	292	128
Clive Offer	12	4	5	21	1		-		_		36	-
Larry Pritchard	-	—	1	1		-		-	1	1	781	132
John Rains	42	17	3	62	3	3	7	3	1	11	606	118
Tony Rains	40	16	5	61		_	2	3		5	389	32
Neil Robson	9	4	4	17	8	5	-	-	-	—	17	
Paul Rogers	24	11	1	36	6	7	2			2	64	8
Micky Stephens	38	17	4	59	1		4	_	1	5	359	26
Ray Sunnucks		1	4	5		-		-	1	1	185	17
Paul Thornton	6	10	1	17	10	5	-	-			17	
Steve Tutt	12	4	1	17	4	4	1	1	—	2	50	5
Mark Woodcock	1		1	2	1	1		-	_	-	2	-
					own g	oals:	2	1	2	5		
							115	39	17	171		

### FULL APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1984/5

\* Sub. appearances, whether used (u) or not (n/u), are included in main totals.

# LEADING LEAGUE AND HITACHI CUP GOALSCORERS 1984/5

- 39: P. McKinnon (Sutton United), 32 League + 7 Hitachi Cup
- 35: P. Williams (Leatherhead), 32 + 3
- 30: S. Kirby (Rainham Town), 30 +0
- S. Read (Wycombe Wanderers), 23 + 7 28: G. Harthill (Tring Town), 27 + 1
- D. Link (Wycombe Wanderers), 23 + 5
- 27: K. Morris (Farnborough Town) 24 + 3
- P. Parris (Lewes), 24 + 3
- 26: G. Geard (Eastbourne Utd), 26 + 0
- 25: S. Hill (Epsom & Ewell), 23 + 2
  - M. Joyce (Sutton United), 23 + 2
- 24: M. Edmonds (Worthing), 24 + 0

**NOTE:** Paul McKinnon was actually the highest scorer in senior non-League football last season, hitting 48 in competitive matches.

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# SUBURBAN SIDE

HOPING to win the Suburban League (South championship for a record third time in a row as well as maintaining the reserves' primary role in developing players for first-team football, manager Ken Ireland begins this season with much the same squad as last term, and is also trying out a number of newcomers in the pre-season games.

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The latter include goalkeeper Steve Smither, 21, formerly with Petersfield Utd and now living in this area; central defender John Golley – yes, the third (and oldest) Golley brother!; and front runners Christian Adediji, 22, who has played at top level in his home country of Nigeria, and Alan Emberson, a youth player at Sutton some eight years ago.

Three friendlies have been played so far:

### Saturday 3 August CHIPSTEAD 4 SUTTON RES 3

In a game played over four 25-minute periods, Surrey Premier League Chipstead led 2-1 at the halfway stage, a 30-yard scorcher from **Keith Waldon** having neutralised their early lead. Sutton then drew ahead with goals from **Mark Woodcock** and **Paul Thornton** and were actually winning at the 90-minute mark; however, Chipstead's superior number of substitutes (Sutton's strength had been cut by firstteam demands) gave them fresh energy to score two late goals and snatch victory — the first of these goals coming from Phil Dawson's brother, Gerald. Adediji did get a last-ditch effort in the net for U's, but the 'equaliser' was disallowed.

**Team:** Smither, Rossi, Estall, Barker, J Golley, Woodcock, Waldon, Emberson, Adediji, Thornton, Hanlan (Peacock).

### Wednesday 7 August THREE BRIDGES 0 SUTTON RES 3

Sutton took a 15th-minute lead with a welltaken chip by **Ricky Kidd**, after a neat buildup with Paul Estall, but the Sussex League hosts came back strongly as the game progressed and only some superb goalkeeping by Martin Simmonds — including one pointblank save — preserved U's lead. **Dave Melham** finally ended Three Bridges' hopes by finishing off a half-struck Hanlan shot with seven minutes to go, then **Melham** was again on hand three minutes later to cash in on a careless back pass.

**Team:** Simmonds, Goring, Estall, Metaxa (Ruddock), Barker, Kidd, Woodcock, Robson, Melham, Adediji (Hanlan), Mair (Emberson).

### Tuesday 13 August SUTTON RES. 2 DITTON 0

Ditton, who are entering the Surrey Premier League this season, provided quite strong and experienced opposition for U's in this friendly played on Collingwood Rec. However, two goals before half-time assured Sutton of victory; the first came from Matthew Hanlan, the second was credited to Neil Robson although a defender got the final touch. Trevor Roffey had to make several good saves to preserve Sutton's lead.

**Team:** Roffey, Goring, Rossi, Barker, J Golley, Mair, Robson, Metaxa (Melham), Estall, Adediji (Waldon), Hanlan.

### FIXTURES

The reserves are at Surbiton Town for a friendly today and have another lined up at Feltham on Wednesday night, before starting their Suburban League programme next Saturday with a tough home fixture against Walton Casuals.

### SUBURBAN LEAGUE

### South Section - Final Table 1984/5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Sutton Utd	34	23	5	6	95	39	51	
Epsom & E	34	20	8	6	71	34	48	
Carshalton A	34	18	9	7	51	38	45	
Walton Cas	34	18	8	8	64	34	44	
Tooting & M	34	14	12	8	74	50	40	
Walton & H	34	16	8	10	71	50	40	
Croydon	34	17	5	12	67	49	39	
Hampton	34	16	5	13	77	61	37	
<b>Dulwich Ham</b>	34	16	5	13	65	51	37	
Kingstonian	34	15	5	14	85	58	35	
Leatherhead	34	11	11	12	69	79	33	
Banstead Ath	34	12	8	14	52	63	32	
Bromley	34	11	8	15	53	60	30	
Whyteleafe	34	10	7	17	38	63	27	
Dorking	34	8	7	19	49	78	23	
Met Police	34	7	8	19	64	87	22	
Redhill	34	8	5	21	38	71	21	
Horsham	34	3	2	29	24	142	8	

### **YOUTH SIDE**

An update on youth team news and preseason friendlies will appear in the next home programme.



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