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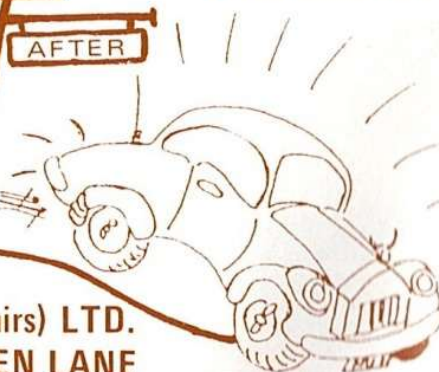
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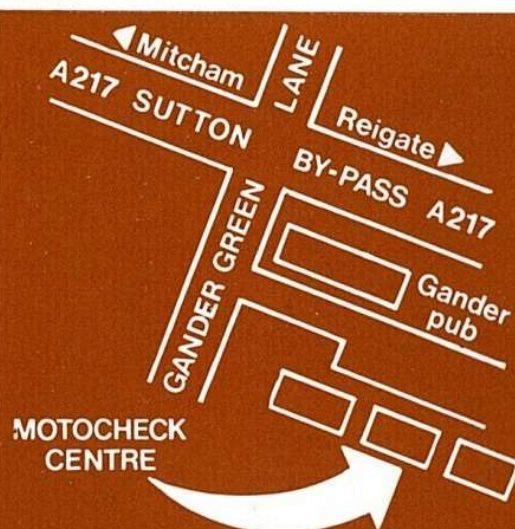


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## CLUB CHAT

IT IS with very great pleasure that we welcome back to Gander Green Lane this Bank Holiday afternoon the officials, players and supporters of our arch-rivals for the Vauxhall-Opel League championship last season, Yeovil Town.

I'm sure no-one who was in the 5,348 crowd – surely a modern-day record for a semi-pro League game – on the occasion of our last crucial meeting at the Huish in April will forget the highly-charged atmosphere of that evening for a long time to come. Whilst, ultimately, Yeovil's 2-0 success was not enough to deny us the title, it did set the scene for a thrilling – and exhausting – finish.

This season they are even more determined not to make any mistake and manager Gerry Gow has strengthened the side further with several experienced signings: defender Phil Ferns, who played more than 200 Football League games for Aldershot, Bournemouth, Wimbledon, Charlton and Blackpool; Don Gillies, who starred with Gow in Bristol City's side of the '70s; Walthamstow's speedy Danish striker Carl Zachau; and midfielder Ricky Chandler, a £4,000 signing from Bath who also has Bristol City experience.

Yeovil will not, however, have it all their own way as I know Wycombe are equally anxious to return to the GM-Vauxhall Conference and Harrow have made similar noises. As a 'dark horse' bet it might be worth watching Bognor, who greatly impressed when they won 2-0 here in a pre-season friendly and have hit four goals in both their first two League games, away games at that.

### THE VAUXHALL CHARITY SHIELD

The rematch between Sutton and Yeovil today is to contest the Vauxhall Charity Shield, which under a further extension of the GM-Vauxhall Group's generous sponsorship of non-League football has replaced the Dylon Charity Shield this season.

The Charity Shield traditionally matches the previous season's League champions with the Cup (i.e. AC Delco Cup) winners, but as Sutton United won both in 1985/6, Yeovil as League runners-up were invited to compete, with Sutton having home advantage.

This is, believe it or not, the fifth consecutive season in which we have contested the Charity Shield, and the sixth season out of the last eight. In 1980 we competed as Cup runners-up, since Enfield had done the 'double'; in 1982 we competed as League runners-up, Leytonstone-Ilford having done the double; and in 1983 and 1984 we competed as Cup winners. Then last year, we contested the Shield as champions for the first time, playing the Cup winners, Wycombe, on this ground but going down 3-1. We have only lifted the Shield once out of those five previous times – in 1984 when we won 3-1 at Harrow.

As the title suggests, the proceeds of today's game go to a deserving charity, and you will be pleased to hear that last season's fixture raised almost £600 for ASBAH, the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. We are delighted to welcome to the ground this afternoon Mr Douglas Jack, Appeals Director of ASBAH, who will be presented with a cheque for that amount.

This year's chosen charity is the Motor and Cycle Trade Benevolent Fund and we are pleased to welcome also their director, Mr Geoffrey Atkinson.

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# WHO'S WHO AT SUTTON

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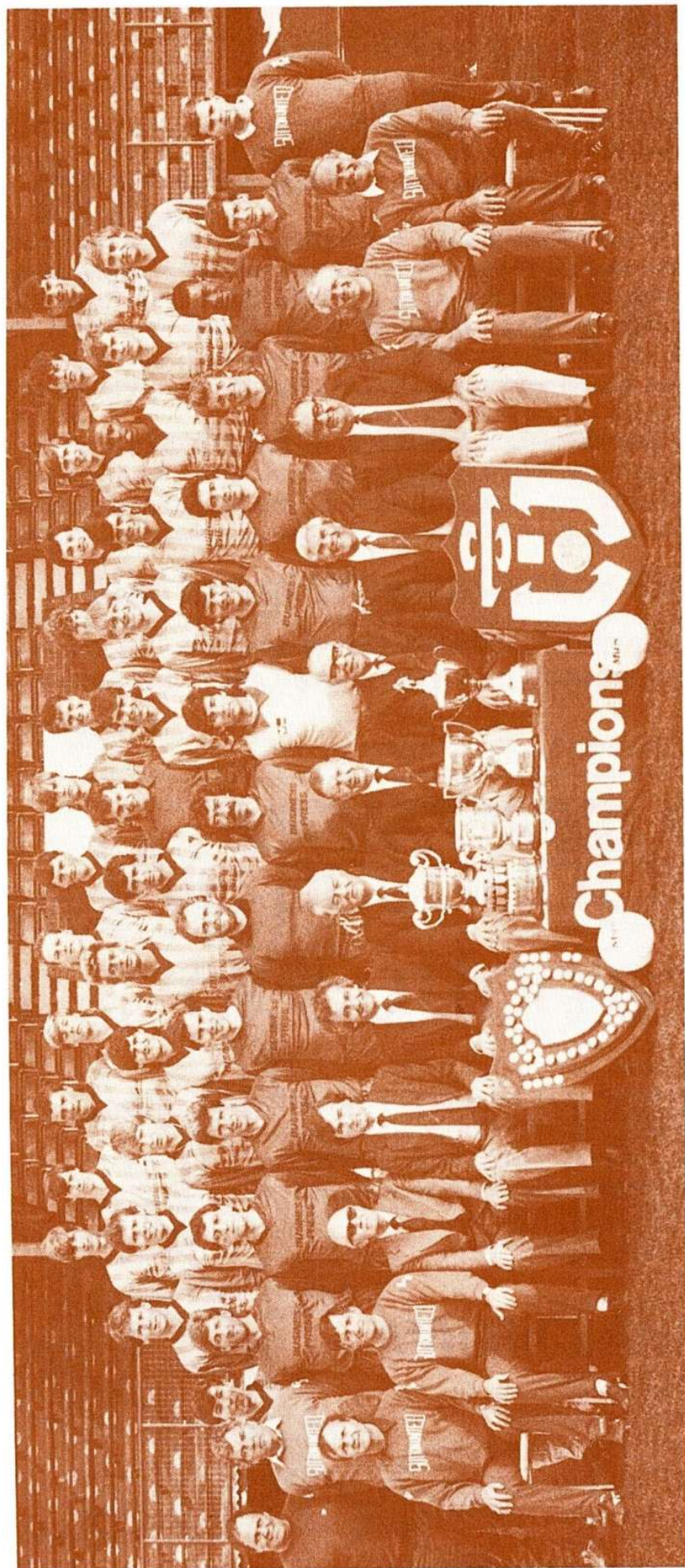
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## STARS OF A RECORD - BREAKING SEASON

Season 1985/86 was undoubtedly the most successful in Sutton United's long history, with not only the first team collecting a League Championship 'double' and two major trophies, but the reserves lifting the Suburban League (South) title for the third year in succession and the youth side reaching the Southern Youth League Cup final. Lining up here for a celebratory official photo are (left to right):

**BACK ROW:** Keith Irvine, Ian Rondeau, Jason Roud, Paul Adam, Lee Edwards, Steve Fowler, Terry Thorogood, David Shepherd, Sean Smith, Martin Byrne, Graham Morris, Steve Barwick, Tass Pederzolli. **SECOND FROM BACK:** Micky Barker, Steve Tutt, Paul Thornton, Neil Robson, Alex Mair, Mark Rossi, Trevor Roffey, Matthew Hanlan, Paul Rogers, Paul Golding, Hilton Goring, Ned Metaxa, Dave Melham. **SECOND FROM FRONT:** Ted Shepherd (youth manager), Geoff Moxey (reserve trainer), Paul Estall, Mike Cornwell, Micky Stephens, Steve Bangs, Nigel Golley, Rick Collier, John Rains (club captain), Ron Fearon, Mark Golley, Tony Rains, Roger Mackay, Lenny Dennis, Phil Dawson, Ray Woods (youth trainer). **FRONT ROW:** Barrie Williams (club manager), Larry Pritchard (first team manager); Dr Frank Harwood; club officials Bruce Elliott, Simon Clennell, Don Hayden, Andrew Letts (president), 'Toffee' Evenden, Barry Aplin and Tony Holland; Ken Ireland (reserve manager) and last but not least, Dave Wall (liaison officer). Club chairman Peter Molloy was unfortunately among those unable to be present.

The photograph was taken by **Chris Brackley MPA**, from whom enlargements in full colour may be purchased. He can be contacted on Burgh Heath (07373) 59887.



# CLUB CHAT *continued from page 3*

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP 'THANK YOU'

A number of other special guests are attending today's game, and a special lunch beforehand, as personal guests of our chairman, Peter Molloy, who wished to take this opportunity of saying thank you to the Vauxhall-Opel League for his election at the end of last season as a Life Member of the League.

This is indeed a great honour, and a much deserved one, for Peter, as Life Membership has only been granted 16 times in the League's 81-year history and then to a very distinguished roll of football administrators, including the late Sir Stanley Rous. Peter is, in fact, the first person so elected who has not previously served the League as a senior officer, although he has sat on the management committee as a club representative since 1981 and Sutton followers will not need reminding of the enormous amount of hard work and dedication he has contributed to this club during its membership of the Isthmian and Vauxhall-Opel Leagues.

Peter's guests today include Peter Blincow, sales manager of AC Delco; Keith Barry of Vauxhall Motors; Alan Turvey, League chairman; Nick Robinson, League secretary; Brian Robinson, League treasurer; and Bill O'Neill, chairman of Boreham Wood FC who has also been much involved in the design and commissioning of our new covered terracing and other ground improvements.

Unfortunately, because of the Bank Holiday, this programme had to go to press before the weekend so I am not able to bring you news of Saturday's fixture at Nuneaton. Obviously, after the disappointment of losing against Enfield we shall have been hoping for better fortunes there, although our sterling performance against the reigning champions has offered much encouragement.

Simon Clennell

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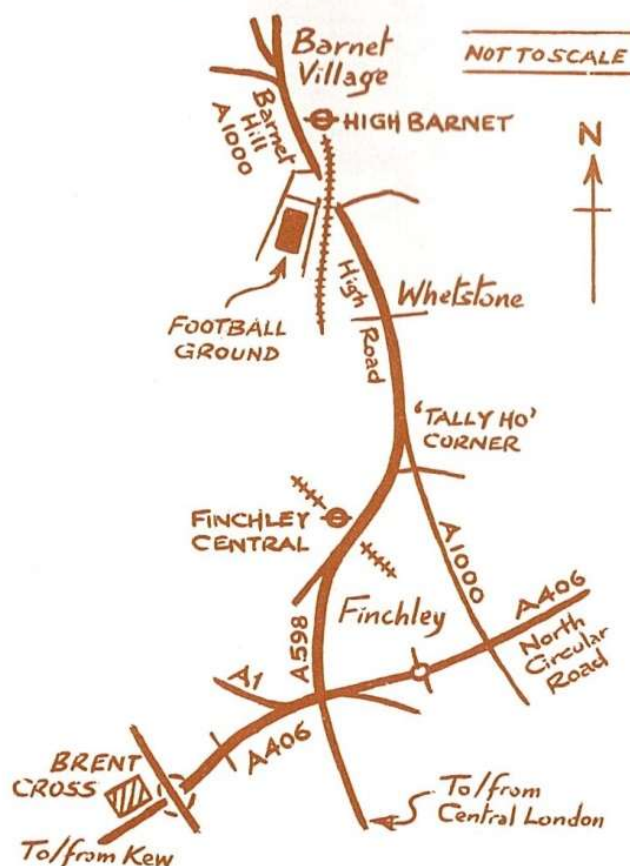
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Th 7 Aug	Epsom & E	F	H	W	2-1	Tutt 2	Fr 26 Dec	GMV A
Sa 9 Aug	Bognor Regis	F	H	L	0-2		Th 1 Jan	GMV H
Tu 12 Aug	Wycombe Wds	F	A	L	0-1		Sa 3 Jan	GMV A
Sa 16 Aug	Telford Utd	GMV	H	D	2-2	Rogers, Thornton	Tu 7 Jan	AC3
Tu 19 Aug	Enfield	GMV	H				Sa 10 Jan	GMV H
Sa 23 Aug	Nuneaton B	GMV	A				Sa 17 Jan	GMV H
Mo 25 Aug	Yeovil Town	VCS	H				Sa 24 Jan	GMV H
Sa 30 Aug	Barnet	GMV	A				Sa 31 Jan	GMV A
Tu 2 Sep	Wealdstone	GMV	H				Sa 7 Feb	GMV A
Sa 6 Sep	Altrincham	GMV	H				Sa 14 Feb	CT3
Tu 9 Sep	Wealdstone	GMV	A				Sa 21 Feb	GMV A
Sa 13 Sep	Hounslow T	FA1q	H				Tu 24 Feb	AC4
Tu 16 Sep	Welling Utd	GMV	H				Sa 28 Feb	GMV H
Sa 20 Sep	Boston Utd	GMV	A				Sa 7 Mar	GMV H
Tu 23 Sep	Bath City	GMV	A				We 11 Mar	GMV A
Sa 27 Sep	Dagenham	FA2q	A				Sa 14 Mar	GMV A
Tu 30 Sep	Cheltenham T	GMV	H				Sa 21 Mar	GMV A
Sa 4 Oct	Dagenham	GMV	H				Sa 28 Mar	GMV H
Tu 7 Oct	Kettering T	GMV	A				Sa 4 Apr	GMV H
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Sa 1 Nov	Bath City	GMV	H				Sa 25 Apr	GMV H
Sa 8 Nov	Gateshead	GMV	A					
Tu 11 Nov		AC1						
Sa 15 Nov		FA1						
Sa 22 Nov	Kidd'minster	GMV	H					
Sa 29 Nov	Frickley A	GMV	A					
Sa 6 Dec	Stafford R	GMV	A					
Sa 13 Dec	Weymouth	GMV	H					

Competition key: F = Friendly, GMV = GM-Vauxhall Conference,  
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 SS = Surrey Senior Cup, VCS = Vauxhall Charity Shield.  
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# ***MATCHES OF THE DAY***

### **GM Vauxhall Conference:**

Altrincham v. Northwich Victoria  
Barnet v. Maidstone United  
Bath City v. Kidderminster H  
Cheltenham T v. Kettering T  
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*If you would like to help Sutton United by sponsoring a ball, please contact Barry Aplin at the Club on matchdays or call him on Burgh Heath 53939 (H), 01 - 237 0571 (B).*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### SIX YEARS AGO — Harrow Borough 1 Sutton United 2

Bank Holiday Monday six years ago, 25 August 1980, was one of those occasions Sutton supporters remember with most relish as we defeated Harrow Borough on their own ground, eliminating them from the Hitachi Cup at 1st Round stage. It was an especially well-earned victory for two reasons: firstly, U's had made a patchy start to the League programme, drawing 1-1 at Harlow, losing 0-3 at Staines and then winning 3-1 at Leytonstone (all the early games were played away due to pitch refurbishment). Secondly, Sutton had team problems with Paul McKinnon having departed for Malmö ten days earlier and John Rains and Larry Pritchard having been injured at Leytonstone. But Roger Wyett and Martin Clark deputised well, and Micky Joyce and Graham Dennis got the goals that nicked it. Sutton's rather unkind reward was further away ties at Dulwich and Enfield, our eventual conquerors!

**Sutton:** Collyer, S Rogers, Green, Wyett, T Rains, Clark, Waldon, Stephens, Joyce, Cornwell, G Dennis. Sub (n/u): Southam.

## ?? QUICK QUIZ

- 1 Who contested the Charity Shield on the last occasion when Sutton United were not involved (1981/82)?
- 2 Who scored Yeovil's goal on this ground when we won 3-1 in the League last season?
- 3 Who scored his only League goal for Sutton last season in the same match?

Answers on page 24



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After four successful seasons under the Gola banner, sponsorship of the Alliance Premier League has from this season onwards been taken over by the General Motors Group and their UK subsidiary, Vauxhall Motors. As a result the League has been retitled the GM-Vauxhall Conference.

The sponsorship, which will run for two years with an option on a third, will be worth almost £1½ million including promotional support through GM-Vauxhall dealers, with whom it is intended that clubs establish a local link. In this respect Sutton United have started one jump ahead of existing clubs in the League, having enjoyed Vauxhall-Opel sponsorship last season in the former Isthmian League and already established a fruitful relationship with the local GM-Vauxhall dealers, Jack Brabham of Worcester Park.

Besides sponsoring these two leading semi-pro leagues, the GM Group are deeply involved in other aspects of football including the GM School of Excellence at Lilleshall.

Cash awards alone in the first year of GM-Vauxhall sponsorship of the Conference will be worth £100,000, of which £44,000 (£2,000 per club) will be shared out amongst member clubs early in the season. The main championship prizes are:

Champions	£5,000
Runners-up	3,000
3rd Place	2,000

In addition there is a monthly goal jackpot worth £2,500 in each of the eight months of the season. This will be awarded for the highest **average** number of goals per game scored during the month, although the League will have power to vary the criteria should weather conditions severely reduce the number of games played. These awards are:

Highest scorers	£1,000
2nd highest	750
3rd highest	500
4th highest	250

## **GMAC CHALLENGE CUP**

GMAC, the financing subsidiary of the GM-Vauxhall Group, are this season sponsoring a new knockout tournament for senior clubs in the Pyramid which replaces the old Gola League's Bob Lord Trophy and the Vauxhall-Opel League's AC Delco Cup (of which Sutton are the holders). Clubs taking part are all those in the GM-Vauxhall Conference, the Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division, the Southern League Premier Division and the Multipart League. The latter three Leagues will each stage a qualifying round to produce 14 participants apiece, who will go into the 1st Round proper alongside the 22 GM-Vauxhall clubs, giving a total of 64. The competition will be regionalised until quarter-final stage.

Total value of the sponsorship is £10,000, main prizes being:

Winners	£2,500
Runners-up	1,500
Losing semi-finalists	1,000 each
Losing quarter-finalists	500 each

## **GOLA MANAGER OF THE MONTH**

Although withdrawing from the main sponsorship of the League, Gola are retaining their link with the competition by sponsoring the 'Manager of the Month' awards, which have previously been undertaken by Mackenzies Whisky. The awards are:

Manager of the Month: £100 plus £50 worth of Gola merchandise.

Manager of the Season: A 'Golden Boot' trophy to keep.

## **BASS CHARRINGTON**

As in previous seasons, Bass are sponsoring a cash award and cup for the highest individual scorer in the GM-Vauxhall-Conference.



# ***ABOUT OUR VISITORS***

FORMED in 1923, Yeovil Town FC started life in the Southern League, Western Section, winning the championship in their first season. This success was repeated on three subsequent occasions, and in 1959 they became founder-members of the Southern League Premier Division. Yeovil then enjoyed a 20-year unbroken run at that level, a feat matched by only Weymouth and Telford, and during this time they won the championship twice, in 1964 and 1971, finished runners-up on seven occasions and lifted the League Cup four times.

In 1979 Yeovil were founder members of the Alliance Premier League, but after comfortably holding their own for three seasons they began to struggle, and in 1983 and 1984 their status was only preserved because no Isthmian League club wished to take their place. In 1985, despite the highest average attendance in the League, 1,297, they again finished in the bottom three and this time were relegated to the Vauxhall-Opel League to be replaced by Wycombe.

Last season, of course, our two clubs fought out a tremendous battle for the VOL title which we eventually won by four points, but only after going to the Huish in April and losing 2-0 in front of a phenomenal crowd of 5,348. Once again Yeovil's support throughout the season was magnificent, and virtually all their home league matches were watched by four-figure crowds.

As cup fighters Yeovil have a formidable reputation, being one of only four non-League clubs to have reached the fifth round proper of the FA Cup. That was in 1948-49 season when victories over Romford, Weymouth and Bury took them to a fourth round home tie with Sunderland. Yeovil won 2-1, the most famous game to date on their sloping Huish pitch, and their run was only ended by Manchester United, who won their fifth round tie 8-0 at Old Trafford. They have reached the third round proper nine times in all, most recently in 1979-80, and beaten Football League opposition on twelve occasions, more than any other non-league side. Their 37 appearances in the competition proper is also a record.

# ***MAN IN THE MIDDLE***

In charge of this afternoon's game is Mr MICHAEL BROWN, who was last here in November when we played Wokingham. An aircraft electrical technician, he is now stationed at RAF Halton near Aylesbury, but was previously based at Lincoln and refereed in the Central League. He joined the Vauxhall-Opel League list on moving South in 1981, and a year later became a Football League linesman. He has refereed the RAF and Lincolnshire Senior Cup finals and was reserve official for our AC Delco Cup final against Uxbridge in May. He was also a linesman for the QPR v. Chelsea Milk Cup quarter-final. Married with two daughters, he lives in Steeple Claydon, near Buckingham. His linesmen today are Mr R Highfield from Reading and Mr M Wyvill from High Wycombe. Reserve official is Mr Mike Topping, who was in charge of the Kingstonian game here in May, in which we clinched the VOL title, and two days later ran the line at the Chelsea v. Liverpool match which saw Liverpool win the 1st Division championship.



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# FACTS & FIGURES

## GOLA LEAGUE FULL APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1985/6

	APPEARANCES					GOALS				TOTAL FOR	
	Lge	Cup	Fr	TOT	Sub	Lge	Cup	Fr	TOT	SUTTON	
<b>Max:</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>u (n/u)</b>					<b>Apps</b>	<b>Gls</b>
John Archbold	9	4	3	16	3 (2)	2	—	—	2	16	2
Steve Bangs	34	14	3	51	1 (1)	1	—	—	1	293	5
Micky Barker	1	1	—	2	2 (—)	—	—	—	—	3	—
Rick Collier	—	1	1	2	— (1)	—	—	—	—	164	—
Mike Cornwell	26	12	—	38	1 (—)	8	2	—	10	129	35
Phil Dawson	33	15	2	50	2 (2)	1	1	1	3	63	3
Lenny Dennis	31	14	—	45	— (—)	23	9	—	32	45	32
Paul Estall	1	1	1	3	— (1)	—	—	—	—	5	—
Ron Fearon	42	19	3	64	1 (—)	—	—	—	—	64	—
Nigel Golley	23	12	2	37	7 (10)	2	3	—	5	162	33
Mark Golley	42	20	4	66	1 (—)	19	5	2	26	312	68
Ricky Kidd	4	3	2	9	4 (2)	—	—	—	—	450	183
Roger Mackay	34	17	3	54	— (—)	—	—	1	1	151	2
Paul McKinnon	36	16	4	56	— (—)	28	22	3	53	335	181
Dave Melham	—	—	—	—	— (3)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ned Metaxa	4	1	1	6	1 (2)	—	—	—	—	6	—
Ray Metz	7	4	3	14	1 (—)	—	—	—	—	14	—
John Rains	39	20	3	62	— (—)	7	2	2	11	660	129
Tony Rains	41	20	3	64	— (—)	1	—	1	2	451	34
Neil Robson	5	2	1	8	3 (10)	1	—	—	1	20	1
Paul Rogers	16	9	4	29	4 (3)	3	—	1	4	82	12
Martin Simmonds	—	—	2	2	1 (—)	—	—	—	—	2	—
Micky Stephens	32	18	3	53	1 (—)	3	2	—	5	394	31
Paul Thornton	14	6	1	21	6 (4)	8	3	—	11	33	11
Steve Tutt	6	6	4	16	3 (4)	1	—	—	1	61	6
own goals:						1	2	—	3		
						109	51	11	171		

**Substitute appearances:** The above table has been prepared, this season, in line with Football League practice on substitute appearances. Where a player came on the field (denoted 'u') it is included as an appearance in the various totals, but where he did not take the field ('n/u') it has been omitted. However, the latter figures are still shown in Column 6 for interest and for the benefit of those who wish to continue keeping records under the old convention.

**Total appearances/goals for Sutton:** These have likewise been adjusted to omit non-playing substitute appearances over the relevant seasons, so the appearance figures may be lower than those previously published in the programme.

**Cup games:** The Dick Prichard Trophy, Dylon Charity Shield and Surrey Benevolent Shield matches have all been counted as Cup games for the purpose of this table, rather than as friendlies, since a trophy was involved in each case.

**Bookings:** There were 23 cautions recorded against Sutton players in all matches during the season, as follows — Mark Golley 6, Mike Cornwell 3, Lenny Dennis 3, Ron Fearon 2, Roger Mackay 2, Paul Rogers 2, Steve Tutt 2, John Rains 1. Eleven of these bookings were in the League.



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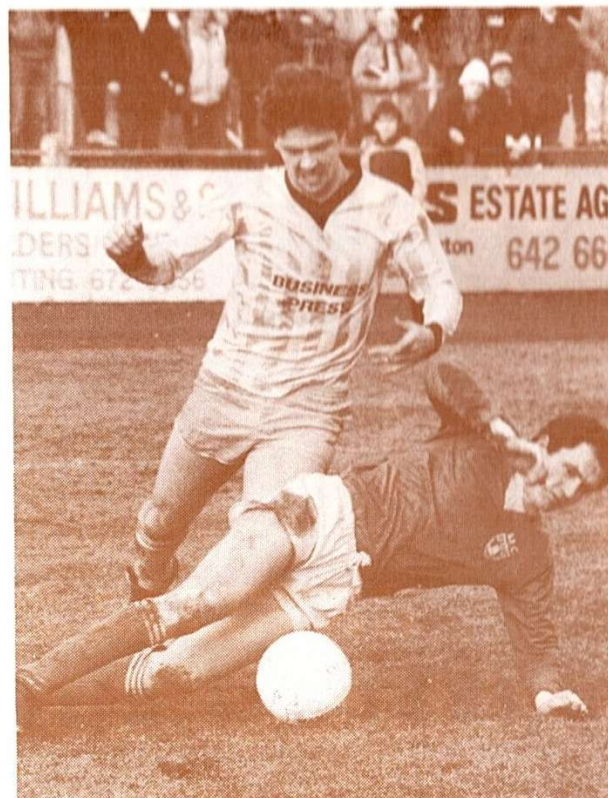
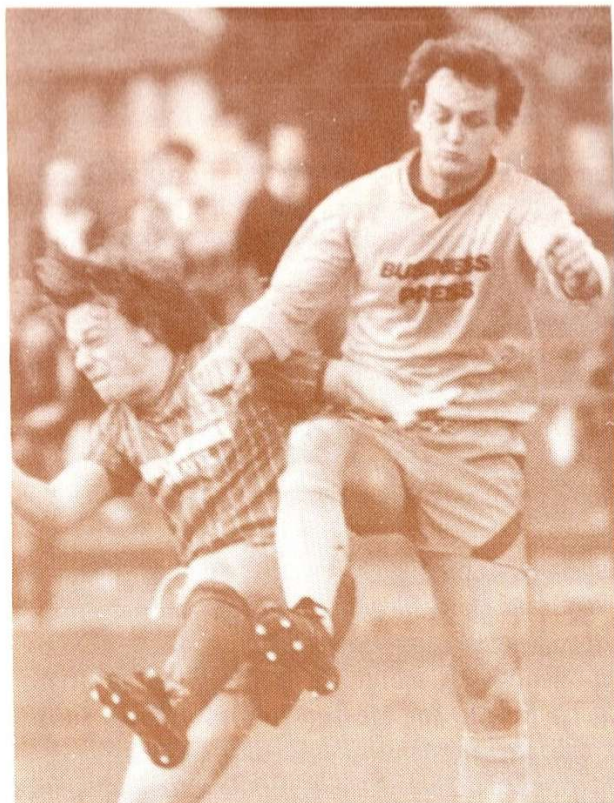
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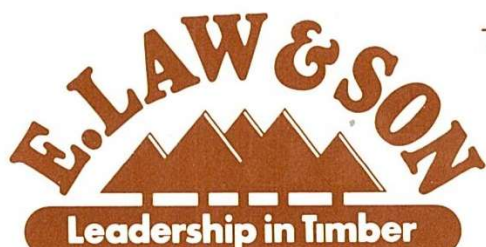






Paul McKinnon hit a modern-day club record of 53 goals in all matches last season — the second time running he has passed 50 — and deservedly earned the club's 'Player of the Year' award. Photo: Sutton Advertiser.

The competitiveness of Mark Golley was an important factor in Sutton's run of success last season, and the determination shows clearly on his face in this picture by Neil McGinn of the Sutton Herald.



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**GERRY GOW, manager:** Took over the reins two years ago after a lengthy Football League career as an aggressive midfielder with Bristol City, for whom he made nearly 400 appearances, Manchester City, Rotherham and Burnley. Appeared in the 1981 FA Cup Final for Manchester City, who paid Bristol City £185,000 for his services.

**DAVE WALTER, goalkeeper:** Tall and highly promising 'keeper signed midway through last season from Western League Torrington for £2900, a Western League record.

**NEIL COATES, defender:** Signed in December from Bournemouth after previously being on Watford's books. Hard tackling full-back who started as a winger.

**PHIL FERNS, defender:** Close season capture on a free transfer from Aldershot. Has also played for Bournemouth, Charlton, Wimbledon and Blackpool, and made over 200 Football League appearances in all.

**TONY RICKETTS, defender:** Became the most expensive player in Yeovil's history when he moved from Bath City in January for £7500. While at Bath he earned a reputation as one of the best centre-backs in non-league football. Is now Yeovil's captain.

**DON GILLIES, defender:** Experienced player who appeared alongside Gerry Gow in Bristol City's side during the 1970s. Like Gow a Scot, he played for Morton before moving south, and also spent a year playing in Cyprus before moving to the Huish earlier this month.

**GERRY PEARSON, midfielder:** Signed a year ago from Maidstone for £3,500 as a striker, he has been converted to a midfielder. Previous clubs include Weymouth, Bath and Sheffield United.

**JOHN MCGINLAY, forward:** Signed at the start of last season from Highland League Nairn County, an exciting and promising striker who scored over 20 goals last season, including Yeovil's goal here in March, and their first at the Huish in April.

**ALAN PARDEW, midfield:** Talented player who cost £5,000 when bought from Dulwich in February. Has gained Vauxhall-Opel League and FA representative honours.

**CARL ZACHHAU, forward:** Danish striker signed during the summer from Walthamstow Avenue. Possesses a terrific burst of speed. Has also played in Malta.

**PHIL JAMES, forward:** Hard-running and bustling striker in his fifth season with the club. The only Yeovil survivor today from our FA Trophy meeting in 1983, he is also an accomplished cricketer.

**RICKY CHANDLER, midfield:** £4,000 close-season signing from Bath City. A midfielder who began his career with Bristol City.

**TONY CHUTTER, midfield:** Joined the club early last season, and has emerged as a first team contender this term after some impressive reserve performances.

**TOM RITCHIE, forward:** Player-coach who was another team-mate of Gerry Gow's at Ashton Gate. In his career with Bristol City, Sunderland and Carlisle he played over 400 games and scored 111 goals.

**DAVE SPENCER, forward:** Plucked from local football in Bristol last season, since when he has averaged a goal a game, including the second against us in April.

**PAUL RANDALL, forward:** Made his debut here in March having been signed from Bristol Rovers. Has also played for Stoke City, who paid the Eastville club £200,000 for his services in 1979.

**DAVE LINNEY, defender:** Signed three seasons ago from Oxford United, having begun his career with Birmingham.

**FORBES PHILIPSON-MASTERS, defender:** Strong centre-back signed from Bristol City. Played over 200 Football League games for Plymouth, Exeter and Oxford.

**DAVE CRAIG, defender:** Centre-back signed at the start of last season from Western Leaguers Weston-Super-Mare.

**PAUL MUIR, midfield:** Strong tackling player who has broken into the first team squad after three seasons in the reserves.



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# FOR THE RECORD

**Saturday 16 August — GM Vauxhall Conference**

## **SUTTON UNITED 2 TELFORD UNITED 2**

After being two goals down with less than 20 minutes to go in last Saturday's opening GM-Vauxhall fixture, Sutton recovered with a late rally to take a deserved share of the points from the experienced Shropshire visitors. U's got off to an enthusiastic start and had the best of early exchanges: Mike Cornwell couldn't quite get a shot in after Kevin Charlton had fumbled Nigel Golley's 5th-minute cross, then Cornwell again tested the Telford 'keeper with a fierce drive. But Telford recovered their composure with Ron Fearon and Tony Rains both having to take the ball from Stringer's feet as he lined up shots, and they went ahead after 20 minutes. Centre-half Steve Nelson intercepted the clearance from a corner and his quick flick forward allowed three players to beat Sutton's offside trap, **Eddie Hogan** winning the race to fire home. Ken McKenna hit the bar just before half-time as Telford continued to dominate, but U's returned from the break with renewed vigour and Paul Thornton was unlucky when he got in behind the defence but put his header just over the bar. It was much against the run of play that Telford stunned U's with a second goal after 71 minutes, **McKenna** winning the ball on the halfway line and running through a rather static Sutton defence before beating Fearon. But U's hit straight back without Telford even touching the ball, as Dawson fed Nigel Golley whose cross to the far post was well met by **Paul Rogers**. Six minutes later Dawson was again the initiator, winning the ball from a throw-in and sending a long pass forward to **Paul Thornton**, who despite the close attentions of two much burlier defenders brought down the ball and turned on it beautifully, cheekily squeezing between his markers to send a shot beneath the bemused Charlton's body. Only moments after this John Rains might have sewn it up when he headed over an open goal, and it was Telford who were much the more relieved side to hear the final whistle.

**Sutton:** Fearon, Rogers, Mackay, J Rains, T Rains, M Golley, Stephens, Dawson, Thornton, Cornwell, N Golley. Subs (n/u): Barker, Robson. **Telford:** Charlton, McGinty, Wiggins, Griffiths, Nelson, Hancock, Halton, Stringer, McKenna, Hogan, Alcock. Subs (n/u): Williams, Turner. **Referee:** S Pearce (Hemel Hempstead). **Attendance:** 766.

**Tuesday 19 August — GM Vauxhall Conference**

## **SUTTON UNITED 0 ENFIELD 1**

U's can count themselves very unlucky not to have taken at least a point from the reigning League champions in this thoroughly entertaining GM-Vauxhall clash last Tuesday night, although must shoulder the blame for not making more of their chances. The game was played at a furious pace throughout with no holds barred yet no incidents of nastiness, which enhanced the enjoyment. Certainly Sutton gave as good as they got and both Paul Thornton and Mike Cornwell were unlucky not to get on the end of crosses as Enfield found their defences stretched, while at the other end one-time Sutton youth player Paul Harding should have scored, but fired wide. With 20 minutes gone Andy Pape had to push a curling shot from Micky Stephens on to the bar and just before half-time he took the ball off Lenny Dennis's feet, although in between times Enfield probably had the better chances and Stuart Hemsley found his competitive debut in the back four a baptism of fire. U's saw three corners scrambled away as they renewed the pressure after the break while Pape saved another Dennis effort, but it was Enfield who took an unexpected lead when **Dave Flint** got free on the left, cut in, and beat the onrushing Ron Fearon superbly from an angle in the 59th minute. A marvellous clearance by Hemsley on the line denied Harding a second for Enfield soon afterwards, but Sutton were far from spent yet and Dennis might have done better when he made the edge of the box with only Pape to beat, but dwelt too long on his shot. Enfield's closest shave came, though, in the 72nd minute when they failed to pick up Mark Golley from a Stephens corner and his bullet header flashed past the post with Pape utterly beaten.

**Sutton:** Fearon, Mackay, M Golley, J Rains, T Rains, Dennis (Rogers 76), Stephens, Dawson, Thornton, Cornwell, Hemsley. Other sub n/u: N Golley. **Enfield:** Pape, Gray, Hayzelden, Cooper, Howell, Kinsella, Flint, Duffield, Harding, Keen (Docker 80), Ironton. Other sub n/u: Drummy. **Referee:** A P Murphy (Basingstoke). **Attendance:** 756.

## **QUIZ ANSWERS (see page 11)**

1 Slough (Champions and Cup Winners) and Wycombe. 2 John McGinlay. 3 Phil Dawson.



## Vauxhall-Opel League, Premier Division

## Results at a Glance

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	Slough Town		
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	Windsor & Eton		
	Wokingham Town		
	Worthing		
	Yeovil Town		
—	0-0	2-2	0-2
2-1	—	0-0	3-3
2-1	0-0	—	4-0
0-1	1-0	1-1	—
3-1	1-2	1-2	1-2
0-1	2-1	2-0	2-1
0-1	2-1	2-0	2-1
1-1	1-3	2-5	3-1
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2-0	4-3	1-0	1-0
1-1	3-2	4-1	6-0
3-1	3-2	1-2	1-0
3-2	2-0	1-3	5-2
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1-1	2-0	2-2	1-2
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## SUBURBAN SIDE

Wednesday 13 August

### THREE BRIDGES 3 SUTTON RES.2

A bad defensive lapse in the early stages of the second half cost Sutton victory in their fourth pre-season friendly game. Newcomer **Mark Cossey** had put U's ahead just before the break, spinning round on a Mair cross to fire home, but suddenly it all went wrong as play resumed and Sutton were trailing 1-3 — the Sussex County League side's first goal following a mistake by Sunnucks, the second two down to poor clearance of crosses. Had it not been for Ian Craig, who saved two more certain chances, the punishment may have been worse, but Sutton recovered their composure to grab a goal back five minutes from time through **Stuart Massey**, who headed home Paul Rogers' free kick.

**Sutton:** Craig, Byrne (Smith), P Estall (Sunnucks), Goddard, Pederzoli (Barcelona), Hanlan, Robson, Massey, Cossey, Rogers, Mair.

Saturday 16 August

### MET POLICE RES. 0 SUTTON RES. 0

Despite the scoreline, this friendly played on Police's 'A' pitch at Imber Court was a very entertaining game. Sutton, with ten players unavailable through holidays or injury, were forced to field something of a makeshift side, but everyone did well; the defence included recalled Mark Rossi and Mark Woodcock, while newcomer Russell Morrow was tried out in both midfield and attack and Iranian forward Morrie was given a run-out. John Kinard gave a sterling performance in the back four to stifle many of the Police's best moves and U's came the closest to breaking the deadlock in the second half, notably when Alex Mair had a good shot parried and Morrow's follow-up was equally well saved.

**Sutton:** Craig, Byrne, Rossi, Woodcock, Kinard, Hanlan, Shepherd, Morrow (Ireland), Cossey, Morrie (Morrow), Mair.

## LEAGUE PROGRAMME

Sutton started their defence of the Suburban League title on Saturday after this programme went to press, with a visit from Redhill. Tomorrow they are at home to Walton Casuals, k.o. 7.30 pm, and on Saturday at home yet again to Dulwich Hamlet.

Molesey have left the Suburban League this season and Woking have moved from the North Section to the South Section to take their place.

In the 1st Round of the Suburban League Cup, U's are away to Kingstonian. The winners play Tooting. Sutton have a bye in the 1st Round of the Surrey Premier Cup, the rules of which have thankfully been revised so that anyone who has played more games for the reserves than the first team at the time of the tie is eligible.

## SUBURBAN LEAGUE

### South Section

Final Table 1985/6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Sutton Utd</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>59</b>
Hampton	34	24	6	4	62	21	54
Dorking	34	21	5	8	75	45	47
Dulwich Ham	34	18	6	10	73	45	42
Leatherhead	34	15	10	9	59	45	40
Croydon	34	15	9	10	58	37	39
Walton Cas	34	14	11	9	53	46	39
Met Police	34	12	11	11	47	40	35
Banstead A	34	13	7	14	46	52	33
Tooting & M	34	12	7	15	47	50	31
Epsom & E	34	11	6	17	47	52	28
Carshalton A	34	9	8	17	38	55	26
Molesey	34	9	8	17	43	66	26
Bromley	34	9	7	18	43	60	25
Walton & H	34	9	7	18	39	82	25
Kingstonian	34	8	7	19	41	70	23
Whyteleafe	34	8	6	20	45	67	22
Redhill	34	6	6	22	30	77	18

### RESERVE TEAM SCORERS (all matches)

27: Paul Thornton	3: Paul Estall
21: Dave Melham	2: Christian Adediji,
13: Paul Rogers	Hilton Goring,
9: Neil Robson,	Ricky Kidd, Ned
Steve Tutt	Metaxa
7: Alex Mair	1: Steve Barwick,
5: Micky Barker,	Phil Dawson, Nigel
Matthew Hanlan,	Golley, Robin
Keith Waldon	Hayton, Richard
4: Paul Golding	Pape, Mark Wood-
	cock.

Total goals: 127 (incl. 5 og)

## SOUTHERN YOUTH LEAGUE

Final Table 1985/6

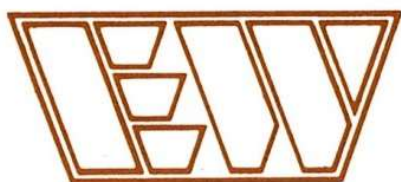
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croydon	16	10	6	0	39	13	26
Epsom & E	16	7	4	5	46	32	18
Tooting & M	16	4	9	3	28	21	17
Walton & H	16	7	2	7	46	38	16
Molesey	16	8	0	8	37	35	16
Redhill	16	7	2	7	32	36	16
<b>Sutton Utd</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>
Carshalton A	16	5	4	7	32	38	14
Whyteleafe	16	0	6	10	13	59	6

### YOUTH TEAM SCORERS (All matches)

10: Keith Irvine	2: Graham Morris
8: Peter Deadman	1: Steve McGahan,
7: Steve Barwick	Ian Rondeau,
6: Frankie Felix,	Jason Roud, David
Steve Fowler	Shepherd, Sean
4: Martin Byrne	Smith, Kevin
3: Elliot Owens	Thompson, Steve
	Wood,

Total goals: 55 (incl. 2 og)





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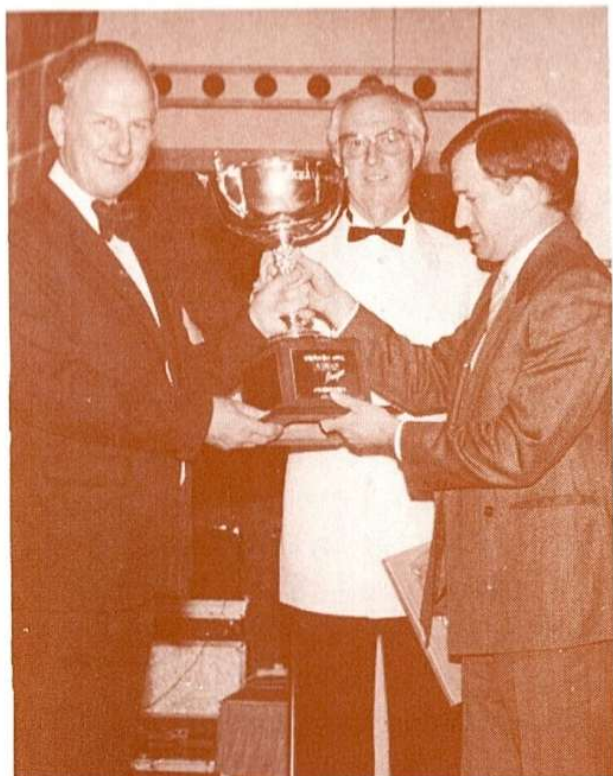
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