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The Chairman's Message

Good Evening,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all here to the home of Stevenage Borough Football Club for tonight's ***LEAGUE CHARITY SHIELD MATCH*** *between Stevenage Borough Football Club our League Champions and Chertsey Town Football Club our League Cup Winners.*

In particular may I welcome the officials, players and supporters of both clubs for what I am sure will be a very keenly contested match.

Last season Stevenage Borough distinguished themselves with very impressive performances and consistency in winning the Diadora League Championship. I am delighted that the Club has been able to accept a promotion position to the Football Conference although, as always this is tinged with regret at seeing our Champions leave us. Chertsey Town had a truly memorable 1993/94 season themselves, not only did they defeat Premier Division runners-up Enfield in the Final of the Diadora League Cup, they also won the Carlsberg Trophy competition and finished runners-up in Division Two, assuring themselves of a promotion place for a second successive season.

May I also welcome representatives from our League sponsors here this evening, and it is very much hoped that both Sebastian Coe the Chairman and Ron Wilson the Sales and Marketing Director will be in attendance. A warm welcome also to our many other friends in the world of football and the media.

The proceeds from tonight's game will be donated to National Charities, the details of which will be announced in due course. You will be interested to know that over the years the competition has been running many thousands of pounds have been donated to various charities.

The aim of the League and its Member Clubs is to provide a high standard of football which can be witnessed in comfortable surroundings by all members of the family. We are aiming to provide football for the community and work with the community. THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

In conclusion, on behalf of the League, I would express appreciation to Chairman Victor Green and all connected with Stevenage Borough Football Club for the staging of tonight's important match.

ALAN C. F. TURVEY
Chairman & Managing Director

Introducing today's hosts... STEVENAGE BOROUGH

By footballing standards, Stevenage Borough are one of the younger clubs, having been formed as recently as 1976. A group of enthusiasts formed together when the previous club, Stevenage Athletic went into liquidation.

Initially however, football in Stevenage dates back to 1884 when Stevenage Town F.C. was formed. The town was little more than a village and it's football was confined to the North Herts. League and local charity competitions. After the First World War, the club also competed in the Herts. League. The North Herts. League Division One Championship was won in 1919/20 and 1920/21 with the Premier Division Championship clinched in 1922/23 and 1931/32. The club had three spells in the South Midlands League. Between 1926 and 1932, the first team competed in the competition winning the Division Two title in 1930/31. In 1932 the club was elected to the Spartan League. they were Division Two East runners-up three times before the Second World War. after the war, they were Division One East runners-up in 1947/48 and won the Championship the following season, so gaining promotion to the Premier Division and achieving senior status. The Division One East runners-up spot was again achieved in 1950/51. Stevenage Town became founder members of the Delphian League in 1951. They stayed in this league until 1963 without much success, the highest placing achieved being fifth in 1952/53. However in 1953/54, the Club reached the FA Amateur Cup 1st. Round for the first time losing 1-3 at home to Wimbledon. The following season they pulled off a shock 3-1 home win against Corinthian-Casuals before losing 2-5 at their London Road ground to Pegasus in the 2nd. Round.

By this time, the New Town was growing rapidly and had formed its own club called Stevenage Rangers. It was thought however, that it would be better to form one big club, so at the close of the 1955/56 season, the two amalgamated under the title of Stevenage F.C. - motto - "Nulli Secundus" (which translates more or less to "Second to None"). In 1960 the "Town" was returned to the Club's name and in 1963 the bold step was made to turn semi-professional and join the Southern League. Playing in the First Division, they came 6th. in 1963/64. They met such sides as Wimbledon and Hereford United, and came fifth a year later. Promotion was won in 1966/67 when they came 3rd. In 1967/68, as well as meeting Wimbledon and Hereford United again, they also played current League sides Barnet and Cambridge United. Stevenage came 18th. out of the 22 that season but had found that the financial burden of running a side at such a high level had become too much, so they resigned from the Southern League and disbanded.

Between 1963 and 1967, the Town club had entered a reserve side in the Metropolitan League and when they disbanded in 1968, it was decided to form a new club which could play at this level. Thus, Stevenage Athletic was born. The metropolitan League was joined and at the end of the 1969/70 season they were runners-up. With the club proving successful and having reasonable sized attendance's in support, it was decided to try for election to the Southern League. This was granted and the club entered Division One for season 1970/71. Changes in the Southern League led to the club being placed in Division One North, where they fared less well and after several seasons they once again found themselves in "financial problems" which led to them resigning and folding at the start of the 1976/77 season.

A senior club did not move into the former Stevenage Athletic's Broadhall Way home after the demise of Athletic due to leasing problems, but again a Stevenage F.C. was formed and played in the Chiltern Youth League on local playing fields. With Senior status being granted the club moved into the Wallspan Southern Combination and then did move into a re-furbished Broadhall Way with "Borough" added to their title in 1980 which also co-incided. with their joining the United Counties League where they

completed a Division One Championship and Cup double in their initial season. Three years later they were elected into Division two North of the Servowarm Isthmian League finishing fourth in their initial season. In 1985/86 they topped the table and won the championship of the division, and during the course of the season also reached the FA Vase Quarter Finals and the Herts. Senior Cup Final for the only time so far in their history - Barnet unfortunately proved to be too strong for the Borough in the Final where they lost 4-0.

Two seasons of struggle followed for the club which culminated in their relegation from Division One back to Division Two North once again. What appeared to be a promising run in the FA Trophy was halted at the third qualifying round stage when they were expelled by the FA for playing an ineligible player in an earlier round, but they finished a creditable fourth, a position they were to repeat the following season, in which although they won a local floodlight competition, long serving manager Brian Williams ended his spell as manager.

The 1990/91 season began with Borough appointing Paul Fairclough as Manager with Vic Clarke as his assistant and since that time Borough's fans have been kept upon the edge of their seats with a string of successes which started that season with the Division Two North championship by an incredible 25 points and with Fairclough being named Hunting Gate Homes Manager of the Month on no less than four occasions.

In 1991/92 the club immediately set it sights on the Division One championship and with hindsight early exits in cup competitions probably assisted the club as they went to the head of the table a quarter of the way through the season and stayed there to win it by no less than fourteen points from Yeading - they also went a second season without losing at home and Paul Fairclough was named as Manager of the Year by William Hill for this great achievement.

1992/93 proved to be a season of consolidation in the Premier Division of the Diadora Football League with the club achieving seventh position - but their unbeaten run at home came to an end at the hands of Dulwich Hamlet some 45 games since it started. The club also progressed further than ever before in the F.A. Trophy losing was arguably their worst performance of the season - against Grays Athletic.

Last season will go down in the annals of the club as the greatest in it's history to date, Borough in only their second term in the top flight of the Diadora League swept all before them and accumulated 31 wins and 97 points to claim a place in the excellence of non-League Football - the GM Vauxhall Conference. An impressive run of 15 games in all competitions without defeat, including nine successive victories in the league at the start of the campaign left their rivals clambering to keep up. Indeed only a mid-season blip ever really tested Borough's ability to win the league. Having been caught for the first time since the early part of the season, just after Christmas, Borough then put together a run of matches that included just two defeats in their last nineteen league games to comfortably win the Division. On the final day they climax their season with a wonderful Championship party, made all the sweeter by knowing that nearest rivals Enfield could not overtake them, even the rain could not dampen the spirits of the 3,005 crowd (the largest ever recorded at Stevenage Stadium) as they enjoyed a 3-0 win over Harrow Borough. Borough also capped their fine season with their best ever run in the F.A. Cup and they also reached both of their County Cup Finals.

PAUL FAIRCLOUGH is now in his fifth season at Borough. he has firmly established his side as a force to be reckoned with, as under his managership they have catapulted through two Divisions of the Diadora League and proudly finished as champions last term. A Liverpudlian, he was previously a schoolteacher by profession, but has recently started a five year term as full time boss at Stevenage Borough. He was named as Diadora Manager of the year last season.

PAUL PETERSON is the assistant Manager at Stevenage Borough and is known by many as "Mr. Borough", having been involved with the club both on and off the field for the past fifteen years. He is widely respected throughout the club and played for Leeds United in the 1970's before then appearing for Swindon Town.

The Stevenage Players

DES GALLAGHER (Goalkeeper) Expected to make his 200th. competitive appearance for the Club tonight. Des had a fantastic 93/4 season, keeping ten clean sheets in the league. Returned to the club on loan from Beazer Homes side Dunstable at the end of the 92/3 season before making a permanent move during that summer. An ever popular player who was also a member of the Division Two North winning side.

TONY JOYCE (Defender) Signed for the Club in the summer of 1993 from Leighton Town after a spell at Woking, having also played for QPR and Aldershot. Made his Football League debut for the Shot's at Walsall. At the Borough Tony's consistency and popularity earned him the Supporters Player of the Year award last season.

RICHARD NUGENT (Defender) As Club Captain, he lifted the Diadora Championship Trophy for the Club last season. Normally wears the number five shirt. In his second spell with the club having joined in the summer of 1993 from Woking. He has also played for both Hitchin and Barnet. A very reliable and skilful player.

MARK SMITH (Defender/Midfield) Signed from Hitchin three season ago, Mark made a dramatic start to his Boro' career by scoring all four goals in the club's first game in the Premier Division against Bognor. He has captured all the club accolades over the past two seasons and with age on his side, offers many more years to delight the Boro' fans.

PHIL SIMPSON (Midfield) Was the "find" of last season having been plucked from the obscurity of the Spartan league and Willesden Hawkeye. He established himself as a firm favourite and has the potential to develop into a great player.

BARRY HAYLES (Midfield) Caught the eye of the Borough management team whilst appearing for Middlesex against Hertfordshire at Stevenage Stadium. Has also been playing for Willesden Hawkeye and made an immediate impression in becoming a crowd favourite. Has already shown his worth this season with some great performances in the pre-season friendlies.

MARTIN GITTINGS (Forward) A Borough legend, Martin is now in his fourth spell with the club after spells with Barnet, Wivenhoe Town and numerous other clubs. Is by far and away the club's top scorer of all time, having netted at whatever level he has played. In addition to scoring his 200th. competitive goal for the club last season, he also picked up the coveted Player of the Year Trophy, and award he had also won some eight years previously. Since his return to the club three years ago he has scored 116 goals, and has made a club record 379 appearances.

DAVE VENABLES (Forward) Joined Borough in the summer of 1993 from Beazer Homes League side Wealdstone. Last season was a dream for Dave, in addition to a Premier Division Championship medal, he is the proud owner of two England Semi-Pro caps. After making his debut against Wales, he went on to score in his second match against Guernsey. Regularly attracts league attentions, he is a menacing player in the opponents half. He was previously with Crawley Town and Eastbourne.

DEAN WILLIAMS (Forward) Spent two years with Cambridge Utd. as a youngster making one Football League appearance before joining St. Albans in 1989. After only eleven appearances he moved on to Hemel Hempstead and then Wokingham Town. Rejoined City before Brentford paid £15,000 for his services. Having trained with both Northampton and Wycombe, approached Borough with a view to signing.

MARK PHILIPS (Midfield) One of four youngsters signed on first team contracts at the beginning of the season. A small tricky player with good close skills. Played for Herts. County Youth as well as Borough's Youth and Reserve teams last season.

STUART BEEVOR (Midfield) Another of Borough's investments in Youth, highlighted for his potential with Paul Fairclough as his School year head for the past five years. He is a promising prospect with a lot of ability who was recently watched by Cambridge Utd. Spent most of last year on loan at Hatfield Town.

THE DIADORA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

This is the Ninetieth season of The Diadora Football League as we know it today and although it cannot claim to be the oldest competitive competition in the land it certainly can claim to be one of the most innovative. Originally formed for the 1905/6 season, three men of vision saw the need in the London area for a really strong amateur league. Those men, Tom Kirkup, for many years Secretary of the London F.A., George Clarke, Hon. Treasurer of Ilford F.C. and Frank Evans, Hon. Secretary of Clapton F.C. met and sent out invitations to six clubs to attend a meeting at the Winchester Hotel in Old Broad Street to informally discuss he subject.

The meeting met with enthusiasm and soon the representatives of the six clubs present - London Caledonians, Clapton, The Casuals, Civil Service, Ealing and Ilford had persuaded their committees of the value of such a competition. The late Harry Huband was approached to become Hon. Secretary and the Isthmian League was officially formed on March 8th. 1905 with Lord Kinnaird as President and Percy Timbs as Chairman.

Much had been made in those far off days of the re-birth of the modern Olympics in Athens in 1896 and as such Greek names were very much the "in thing", thus Isthmian with its Greek connotations became the name of was to become the senior amateur league in the South of England. London Caledonians were the first winners and Clapton were runners-up. It wasn't long before the League started an expansion programme which in due course led to the 87 club set-up of the present season in four separate divisions. The latest clubs to be welcomed are Bedford Town and Canvey Island by way of promotion from the "feeder leagues" and Slough Town who return after several seasons in the GM Vauxhall Conference.

The League can boast of three clubs who have gone on to Football League membership. Wimbledon now in fact a Premiership club joined the Isthmian ranks in 1921 and stayed until 1964. The former Maidstone United were also members between 1959 and 1971 and of course Wycombe Wanderers are now in the Football League Division Two only seven years after leaving our ranks.

The Isthmian League under the Chairmanship of Barry East first embraced professionalism and sponsorship in the early 70's and was the first league to award three points for a win. During the 1980's the present management structure under the guiding hand of present Chairman and Managing Director Alan Turvey transformed the League from two to four divisions and the highly successful sponsorship of Vauxhall Motors was obtained. The league enjoyed six years of that sponsorship agreements which at the time was the longest running sponsorship in football.

The league is now entering its fourth season of a sponsorship agreement with Diadora UK which has seen the Italian Sportswear Company gain a share of the UK market and become a high profile advertiser on sports grounds around the country. It was noticeable in the recent World Cup that several of the competing countries had chosen the Diadora strip for their players and it is to be hoped that during the season a third term of sponsorship with the company can be agreed upon.

During the past decade the league has emerged from the "amateur" tag that it previously had, and now plays a full part each year in the pyramid of football where it provides clubs with both a platform to rise from, and in the case of the clubs at a lower level, a target of membership to aim at. Stevenage are the eighth club to rise to the GM Vauxhall Conference through the Isthmian League as part of the F.A. pyramid system following in the footsteps of Sutton Utd, Wycombe Wanderers, Farnborough Tn, Yeovil Tn, Slough Tn, Redbridge Forest and Woking. Other member clubs Dagenham and Enfield have also been members of that competition but not by way of promotion.

In recent years, member clubs Dagenham and Bishop's Stortford won the F.A. Trophy whilst Sutton United were runners-up. Southall reached the Final of the F.A. Challenge Vase, and Yeading went one step better and won the competition in 1990.

Attendance figures have shown a steady and sometimes meteoric rise as clubs fortunes have improved as witnessed by Woking over several years, by Stevenage Borough last season and by the newly formed Aldershot Town club, that this season will play in Division One of the League alongside one of tonight's competing team Chertsey Town.

STEVENAGE BORO'

(Red & White Striped Shirts, Black Shorts)

1. Des GALLAGHER
2. Scott CRETTON
3. Tony JOYCE
4. Mark SMITH
5. Richard NUGENT
6. Barry HAYLES
7. Dean WILLIAMS
8. Phil SIMPSON
9. Martin GITTINGS
10. Dave VENABLES
11. Mark PHILIPS
12. Stuart BEEVOR
14. Paul WHITMARSH

Manager: Paul Fairclough
Assistant: Paul Peterson
Physio: Ray Lainchbury

CHERTSEY TOWN

(Royal Blue & White Striped Shirts & White Shorts)

1. Adrian BLAKE
2. John DENTON
3. Andy ROBINSON
4. Rory GLEESON
5. Chris SPARKS
6. Paddy McCARTHY
7. Trevor ARGRAVE
8. Ricky HILL
9. Lee CHARLES
10. Byron WALTON
11. Hamid HARRAK
12. Adam WICKENS
14. Marco ELLEKER

Manager: Jimmy Kelman
Coach: Peter Lawrence
Physio: Jean Lewis

Referee: Mr. A. Schneider (London)
Linesmen: Mr. M. Wood (Green Flag); Mr. I. Woodward (Yellow Flag)
Fourth Official: Mr. P. Armstrong

The Isthmian Charity Shield
The Season's Traditional "Opener"

Established in season 1978/79 the Isthmian Charity Shield match is now the established opening event of the Diadora Football League season. Originally the match was sponsored by Dylon Dyes and was known as the Dylon Isthmian Charity Shield. ADT Healthquest were the sponsors in 1991 at Woking, whilst a season before Atcost the builders assisted the League by sponsoring the game at Kingstonian, on a ground they had been responsible for building.

This is the first time that the event has come to Stevenage Stadium, the home of the current champions, Stevenage Borough Football Club and generally speaking it is the League Champions who come out on top in such matches - but not every time.

As recently as three years ago, Woking, then League Cup winners defeated the champions, Redbridge Forest at Kingfield. Woking incidentally, are the only club as can be seen from the list of winners, to have won the Charity Shield match two years running.

Last year however, the tradition was upheld with the champions Chesham United coming out on top by beating Marlow 4-1 in was a lot closer match than the scoreline may suggest, and in fact Marlow proved their worth by being one of the clubs other than Stevenage to have topped the Premier Division table last season.

The list of winning names includes Endsleigh Insurance Football League side, Wycombe Wanderers from as recently as 1987/88 and we pay tribute to the Wanderers in their continued rise up the footballing ranks which last season saw them, by virtue of winning the Division Three play-off at Wembley rise yet again - this time to Division Two. We continue to wish Wycombe every success.

In the three years that Yeovil were members of the competition they played in the Charity Shield match twice, once as AC Delco Cup winners and once as champions. Both matches were well attended which helped to swell the funds that were distributed to charity after the match - for that is what the evening is really aimed at.

Like Yeovil, Stevenage will this season compete in the GM Vauxhall Conference and as this game is being played some five days before their "big kick-off" it is hoped that their fans will turn up in large numbers this evening to take the opportunity to have a look at new players, likewise Chertsey, who have GM Conference ambitions themselves in due course will carefully take note of what is necessary ground wise to stage football at that level.

The Diadora Football League has over the years under other titles, especially its original one The Isthmian League been responsible for much contact with other footballing bodies, be they leagues, touring teams or associations.

It was very interesting to note the progress of the Nigerian team in the World Cup finals, and the writer would guess that as an "underdog" they became many armchair football

fans of the African nation. In the late 1940's the Nigeria F.A. sent a representative team to this country and they played in the same olive green jerseys and white shorts that became familiar to us this summer. A representative side from the Isthmian League played the Nigerians on the ground of the former Ilford Football Club on 10th. September and the teams on the centre pages from that programme are reproduced alongside. It is interesting to note how many of the Nigerian players had been selected from the Marine and Railway clubs of Lagos - probably an indication that football was very much a follow on from the working day in the docks and railways.

Interesting to note the name of T. R. Jover of Dulwich Hamlet amongst the Isthmian team. A long time stalwart of the South London club, he is still a regular visitor to Champion Hill to this day.

For the record the Isthmian League side won 5-1, but its not really surprising for legends that have been passed down from the match suggest that the Nigerians played in bare feet !

Kick-off 3.30 p.m. Representative Match Saturday, Sept. 10th, 1949

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE v. NIGERIAN F.A. XI

TEAMS

Green, White and Gold

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

D. H. JARVIS (1) (Leytonstone)

Right: L. J. WALLIS (2) (Leytonstone); C. WHITWORTH (4) (Dulwich Hamlet); J. L. LEWIS (7) (Walthamstow Ave.); W. BRIDGE (8) (Romford)

Left: R. E. RIDGWELL (3) (Kingstonian); D. STOKER (5) (Kingstonian); D. SAUNDERS (6) (Walthamstow Ave.); H. J. STANNARD (9) (Wimbledon) Capt.; B. R. MARTIN (10) (Oxford City); T. R. JOVER (11) (Dulwich Hamlet)

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NIGERIAN F.A. XI

IBIAM (1) (Port Harcourt)

Olive Green Jerseys, White Shorts

Left: OKERE 11 (Railway, Lagos); DANKARO (6) (Jan Mamun X); ONWUDIWE (3) (Railway, Lagos)

Right: ANIEKE (10) (Railway, Lagos); OTU (7) (Marine, Lagos); LAWSON (4) (Marine, Lagos); OTTUN (2) (Marine, Lagos)

Centre: HENSHAW (9) (Marine, Lagos) Capt.; DOKUBO (8) (Railway, Lagos); ANYIAM (5) (U.A.C.)

Previous Charity Shield Winners

1978/79	Enfield beat Dagenham	at Enfield	2-1
1979/80	Barking beat Enfield	at Enfield	1-0
1980/81	Enfield beat Sutton United	at Enfield	2-1
1981/82	Wycombe Wanderers beat Slough Town	at Slough	4-1
1982/83	Leytonstone Ilford beat Sutton United	at Leytonstone	3-2
1983/84	Wycombe Wanderers beat Sutton United	at Wycombe	1-0
1984/85	Sutton United beat Harrow Borough	at Harrow	3-1
1985/86	Wycombe Wanderers beat Sutton United	at Sutton	3-1
1986/87	Yeovil Town beat Sutton United	at Sutton	5-1
1987/88	Wycombe Wanderers beat Bognor Regis Town	at Wycombe	1-0
1988/89	Yeovil Town beat Bromley	at Yeovil	4-0
1989/90	Redbridge Forest beat Bishop's Stortford	at B. Stortford	2-1
1990/91	Slough Town beat Aveley	at Kingstonian	2-0
1991/92	Woking beat Redbridge Forest (after extra time)	at Woking	3-1
1992/93	Woking beat Grays Athletic	at Sutton	5-1
1993/94	Chesham United beat Marlow	at Chesham Utd.	4-1

Introducing today's visitors...

CHERTSEY TOWN F.C.

Organised football was evident in Chertsey well over a century ago but county affiliation did not take place immediately. The official founding of the Chertsey club took place in 1890 when matches were played in the West Surrey League. The first success came in 1897 when the Surrey Junior Cup was secured. Almost fifty undistinguished years were then spent in junior and intermediate county football.

The club played at various locations within the parish before settling down at its present ground in 1929. The suffix "Town", was added to its title 21 years later. The ground was donated by Sir Edward Stern as a football ground to the "premier club in the parish". Next door, a similar trust provides facilities for Chertsey Cricket Club.

The main stand was constructed in the mid-fifties; the original clubhouse was added in 1960 and the covered enclosure was built some three years later. Other improvements have since earned a "B" grading in the Diadora League ground grading system. A grassed (to eventually be an all weather) training area has been recently developed with the aid of Runnymede Borough Council and substantial expansion of spectator facilities over the past two years has further enhanced the tight ground.

Immediately after the Second World War, Chertsey attained senior status and entered the Surrey Senior League, but it was not until the 1959/60 season that success came with the league championship. This was repeated twice in the next three years, a halcyon period when the league cup was also won on three occasions.

Due to the static nature of amateur football in those days, the club could not progress to the preferred Corinthian League, so in 1963 it was controversially decided to turn professional and enter the Metropolitan League. Although an entertaining three seasons were experienced, it was felt that the cost involved were too much to bear and so a move down to the Greater London League for one season occurred, before a further shift to the Spartan League was effected in 1967.

An indifferent set of results then dogged the club for almost two decades. This situation was only briefly relieved in 1974/75 when the club were Spartan League and League Cup winners runners-up behind the then rampant Farnborough Town. Meanwhile, the fabric of the club was steadily being built up behind the scenes and movement through the London Spartan (1975/76) and Athenian Leagues saw admission to the Isthmian League Division Two South in 1984. A disastrous season on the park resulted in immediate relegation to the Combined Counties League, but a re-organised side soon won promotion back to the Isthmian ranks.

Good positions in the league table were subsequently enjoyed but without a serious challenge towards further promotion. Ironically, the worse season for Chertsey Town since returning to their present competition came when the two division two's were split in 1991 and a place in Division Three had to suffice. This situation came under the guidance of the current manager Jim Kelman, and was immediately rectified with the runners-up slot two seasons ago in a closely fought campaign. That season also witnessed the club reaching the quarter-final of the F.A. Vase, emulating a similar performance in 1986/87. Last season a strong promotion challenge for a Division One position faded but, still, a creditable 7th. place was attained in Division Two.

The Chairmanship of the club was taken over by David Rayner in 1988 and, together with a management company, consolidated, off the park, the progress made with the football team on the field of play.

This season, Chertsey have won themselves a Division One place and last season also won the Diadora League Cup and Carlsberg Trophy competitions with 3-0 and 1-0 victories over Enfield and Hornchurch respectively.

Chertsey Town's nickname, the "Curfews", is derived from a locally famous bell that hangs in nearby St. Peters Church. The bell has rung out the evening curfew, now ceremoniously of course, for over 500 years and was the inspiration of the once popular song "Hang on the Bell Nellie".

The Chertsey Players

TREVOR ARGRAVE (21) A product of the youth team but had a short spell with Burnham before returning at the start of THE 92/3 season. A utility player happy almost anywhere on the park.

ADRIAN BLAKE (28) Has been the regular custodian at Kingstonian for several years and transferred to Chertsey during the close season, was the player involved in the infamous coin throwing incident in a cup tie at Peterborough several seasons back. Has also played for Farnborough Town.

LEE CHARLES (23) Sparkling forward who has found the net regularly since joining from Yeading, his only other previous senior club, midway through last season.

JOHN DENTON (28) Signed for a small fee from Premier Division side, Yeading where he was a member of their F.A. Vase winning side of 1990.

MARCO ELLERKER (26) A speedy ball playing midfield attacker in his prime who came to the club four seasons ago from local Sunday football.

HAMID HARRAK (22) Signed during the close season from Edgware Town, where he gained an excellent reputation as an exciting midfielder. He has also played for Charlton Athletic.

RICKY HILL (34) The former Luton Town midfield attacker who has also won three full England caps. He made a brief appearance for Hitchin Town in 1992/3, but has spent recent years with Tampa Bay in the United States.

FRANCIS JOSEPH (33) A seasoned midfield stalwart who gained fame with regular appearances with Wimbledon and Brentford. he joined Chertsey at the start of last season from Dulwich Hamlet where he played all of the 92/3 season.

RORY GLEESON (23) A strong central defender who joined Chertsey a few weeks into last season from Malden Vale. He has wide experience with other Diadora League club including Harlow Town during their successful period.

PADDY McCARTHY (25) Club Captain and hard working midfield player who joined Chertsey soon after the start of the 92/3 season after a long period with Yeading. He has also seen service with Chelsea, Wealdstone, Weymouth, Farnborough Town and Chesham United.

ANDY ROBINSON (27) Defender and Utility player who joined Chertsey in the autumn of 1993 after only 100 appearances at Aylesbury United. he also had a lengthy stay with Wycombe Wanderers following first team football at Bury and Carlisle United.

CHRIS SPARKS (20) Tall challenging central defender who joined Chertsey at the start of last season after spending the previous year with Brentford where he had first team experience.

JASON TUCKER (20) Appeared for Aldershot's defence in their final Football League season before moving to Yeading from where Chertsey Town signed him, again as a defender in October 1992.

BYRON WALTON (29) An out and out striker who was a close season signing last year from Yeading. He has gained plenty of Isthmian Premier Division experiences for the likes of Hayes, Staines Town, Basingstoke Town and Windsor & Eton.

STUART WALTON (28) Former QPR apprentice goalkeeper who joined Chertsey from Harrow Borough in the last autumn. He has also played for Slough Town, Chesham United and Wycombe Wanderers.

TONY WELCH (28) Much travelled striker who has played for a number of clubs, at lower levels and always manages to score goals. Amongst his clubs last season were Saffron Walden Town and Harlow Town in the Diadora League and Braintree Town in the Beazer Homes League.

ADAM WICKENS (27) 1992/3 player of the year at Alwyns Lane following a strong year in defence, but has yet to establish a firm spot this term. He also joined from Yeading at the start of the 1992/93 season.

FINAL LEAGUE PLACINGS 1993/94 SEASON

Premier Division:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Stevenage Borough	42	31	4	7	88	39	**97**
Enfield	42	28	8	6	80	28	**92**
Marlow	42	25	7	10	90	67	**82**
Chesham United	42	24	8	10	73	45	**80**
Sutton United	42	23	10	9	77	31	**79**
Carshalton Athletic	42	22	7	13	81	53	**73**
St. Albans City	42	21	10	11	81	54	**73**
Hitchin Town	42	21	7	14	81	56	**70**
Harrow Borough	42	18	11	13	54	56	**65**
Kingstonian	42	18	9	15	101	64	**63**
Hendon	42	18	9	15	61	51	**63**
Aylesbury United	42	17	7	18	64	67	**58**
Hayes	42	15	8	19	63	72	**53**
Grays Athletic	42	15	5	22	56	69	**50**
Bromley	42	14	7	21	56	69	**49**
Dulwich Hamlet	42	13	8	21	52	74	**47**
Yeading	42	11	13	18	58	66	**46**
Molesey	42	11	11	20	44	62	**44**
Wokingham Town	42	11	6	25	38	67	**39**
Dorking	42	9	4	29	58	104	**31**
Basingstoke Town	42	5	12	25	38	86	**27**
Wivenhoe Town	42	5	3	34	38	152	**18**

Division One:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Bishop's Stortford	42	24	13	5	83	31	**85**
Purfleet	42	22	12	8	70	44	**78**
Walton & Hersham	42	22	11	9	81	53	**77**
Tooting & Mitcham	42	21	12	9	66	37	**75**
Heybridge Swifts	42	20	11	11	72	45	**71**
Billericay Town	42	20	11	11	70	51	**71**
Abingdon Town	42	20	10	12	61	50	**70**
Worthing	42	19	11	12	79	46	**68**
Leyton	42	20	8	14	88	66	**68**
Boreham Wood	42	17	15	10	69	50	**66**
Staines Town	42	18	9	15	85	56	**63**
Bognor Regis Town	42	15	14	13	57	48	**59**
Wembley	42	16	10	16	66	52	**58**
Barking	42	15	11	16	63	69	**56**
Uxbridge	42	15	8	19	57	58	**53**
Whyteleafe	42	15	6	21	71	90	**51**
Maidenhead United	42	12	13	17	52	48	**49**
Berkhamsted Town	42	12	9	21	65	77	**45**
Ruislip Manor	42	10	8	24	42	79	**38**
Chalfont St. Peter	42	7	10	25	40	79	**31**
Windsor & Eton	42	8	7	27	47	94	**31**
Croydon	42	3	3	36	37	198	**12**

Division Two:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Newbury Town	42	32	7	3	115	36	**103**
Chertsey Town	42	33	3	6	121	48	**102**
Aldershot Town	42	30	7	5	78	27	**97**
Barton Rovers	42	25	8	9	68	37	**83**
Witham Town	42	21	10	11	68	51	**73**
Malden Vale	42	20	10	12	70	49	**70**
Thame United	42	19	12	11	87	51	**69**
Metropolitan Police	42	20	9	13	75	54	**69**
Banstead Athletic	42	19	9	14	56	53	**66**
Aveley	42	19	5	18	60	66	**62**
Edgware Town	42	16	10	16	88	76	**58**
Saffron Walden Tn	42	17	7	18	61	62	**58**
Hemel Hempstead	42	14	11	17	47	43	**53**
Egham Town	42	14	8	20	48	65	**50**
Ware	42	14	7	21	48	76	**49**
Hungerford Town	42	13	7	22	56	66	**46**
Tilbury	42	13	3	26	59	81	**42**
Hampton	42	12	5	25	42	70	**41**
Leatherhead	42	10	6	26	46	92	**36**
Lewes	42	8	10	24	38	85	**34**
Collier Row	42	7	8	27	37	88	**29**
Rainham Town	42	4	2	36	24	116	**14**

Division Three:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Bracknell Town	40	25	8	7	78	29	**83**
Cheshunt	40	23	12	5	62	34	**81**
Oxford City	40	24	6	10	94	55	**78**
Harlow Town	40	22	11	7	61	36	**77**
Southall	40	17	12	11	66	53	**63**
Camberley Town	40	18	7	15	56	50	**61**
Hertford Town	40	18	6	16	67	65	**60**
Royston Town	40	15	11	14	44	41	**56**
Northwood	40	15	11	14	78	77	**56**
Epsom & Ewell	40	15	9	16	63	62	**54**
Harefield United	40	12	15	13	45	55	**51**
Cove	40	15	6	19	59	74	**51**
Kingsbury Town	40	12	14	14	57	54	**50**
Feltham & Hounslow	40	14	7	19	60	63	**49**
Leighton Town	40	12	11	17	51	64	**47**
East Thurrock Utd.	40	10	15	15	65	64	**45**
Clapton	40	12	9	19	51	65	**45**
Hornchurch	40	12	8	20	42	60	**44**
Tring Town	40	10	11	19	48	64	**41**
Flackwell Heath	40	9	11	20	**44**	**83**	**38**
Horsham	40	6	8	26	43	86	**26**

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