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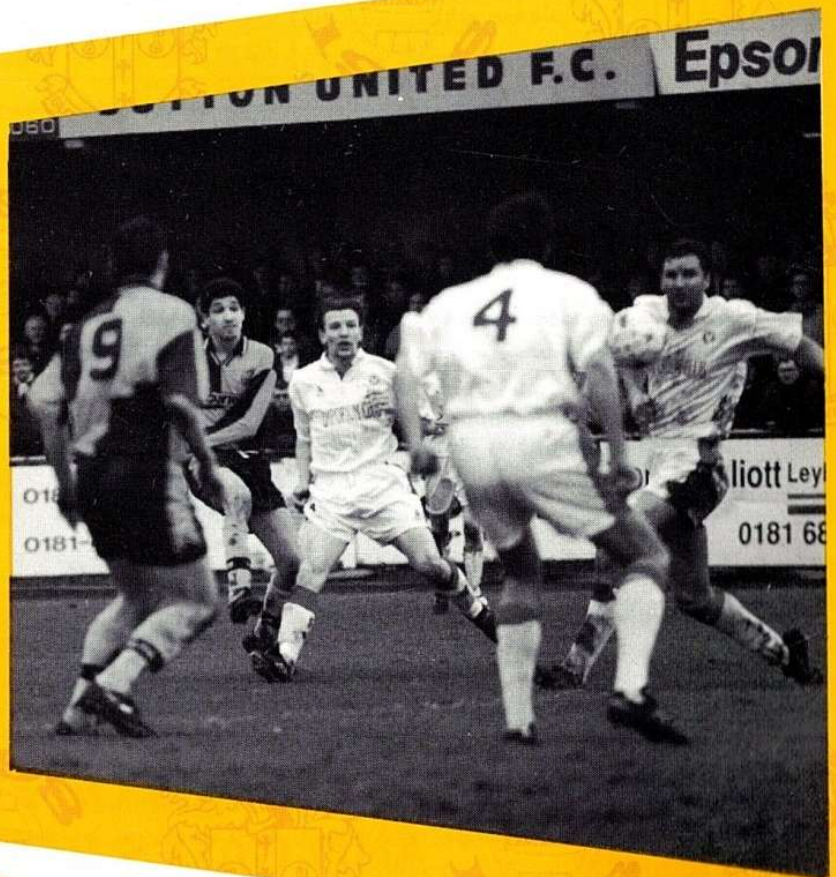
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COVER PHOTOGRAPH: Action from the exciting 3-3 draw here in April, with Nassim Akrouir firing in a shot ahead of Dean Hooper's challenge watched by Joff Vansittart. Matt Crossley and Terry Evans are the other K's players.

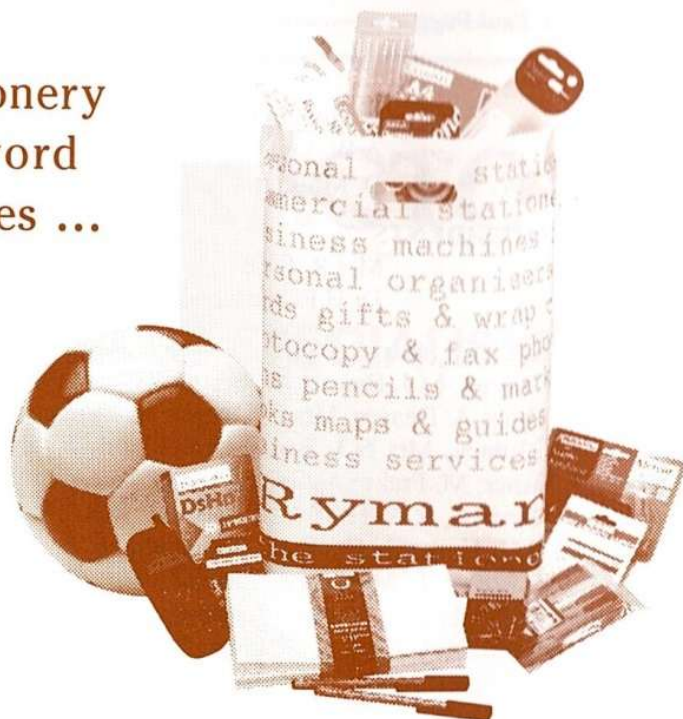
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CLUB CHAT

WELCOME KINGSTONIAN

After a hectic month of ten league games which, in the main, have gone as well as we could have hoped, we take a break over the next week to begin our FA Cup campaign and, tonight, take part in the annual Isthmian Charity Shield game that pairs last season's Ryman League champions and League Cup winners. This year it has the added attraction of being a local derby, and we have great pleasure in offering a warm welcome to everyone who has made the short trip from Kingsmeadow tonight. We last met here in April, a thrilling 3-3 draw which ended our mathematical hopes of the title, although K's had to wait a little longer to clinch it themselves, but they have been here twice since, winning the Surrey Senior Cup against Woking after a replay. We must congratulate them on a more than satisfactory start to their Football Conference career, which was given a huge kick start when they beat Hereford in their opening game, and the Ryman League officials here tonight, who we also welcome, can take justifiable pride from the current Conference table which shows the last four sides to have gone up from our league as champions, Hayes, Stevenage, Kingstonian and Yeovil, all in the top ten after Saturday's games.

SEEKING TO IMPROVE SHIELD RECORD

Although this is the first time since 1986 that we have featured in this annual game it is our seventh appearance in all, and we are looking to improve a fairly desperate record which has seen us win just once, at Harrow in 1984. In all except that last encounter, a rain swept 5-1 thumping by Yeovil, which was on the August Bank Holiday Monday, we played the game as a pre-season fixture rather like the FA Charity Shield, but in the last few years it has become a midweek fixture once the season has started, which may not be the ideal situation, if for no other reason than it can be difficult to find a midweek date to suit two sides who, under normal circumstances, will be playing in different competitions. Having said that, with the Conference season having started a week earlier than the Ryman League this year, it might not have been any easier to organise it for pre-season. For all that, the fact that tonight's game is a local derby should ensure that it is both well supported and competitive, and league chairman Alan Turvey has kindly contributed an article to tonight's programme in which he explains how charities will benefit from the game. Should the scores be level after 90 minutes tonight, extra time and, if necessary, penalties will decide the destination of the Shield.

NERVE ENDS FRAYING

As Kingstonian found out last season, a side doing well in the Ryman League can attract good crowds, and on a less than glorious afternoon weatherwise it was good to see nearly 900 people in the ground for Saturday's game against Hampton. I can't believe that any of them would have gone away feeling anything other than well entertained, but those with allegiances might also have had mixed feelings. Hampton fans will have been disappointed that their hopes of an unexpected point vanished so near the end, while our own supporters, though relieved at three points and an extended lead at the top of the table, must be wishing that we didn't make quite such hard work of some of these wins as it doesn't do the nerves much good! We played so well for an hour that the first shot Gareth Howells had to deal with was the penalty with which Hampton began their comeback, and while it was frustrating to see the two goal lead evaporate, I do feel that Barry Blackman's late goal only gave us what a largely fluent and entertaining performance deserved – congratulations to Barry on scoring his first league goal for us at such an opportune time, and to another Barry, Laker, who is in line to make his 100th appearance for us tonight.

UP FOR THE CUP

As mentioned in Saturday's programme, we are entering a phase of the season in which the fixture list depends on our progress, and that of other clubs, in cup competitions, and we visit St. Leonards on Saturday looking to take our first step in this season's FA Cup. We hope as many of you as possible will make the trip to the Sussex coast for what is a tricky tie. On paper we will start as favourites, particularly after a 5-1 pre-season win on the same ground, but St. Leonards have made enough of a start in the Southern Division of the Dr Martens League to suggest that we will need to be at our best – Saturday's 4-1 defeat of Yate was a particularly good result. Any replay will be here next Tuesday, and decided on penalties if necessary.

At present there are no changes to the timings for the Centenary Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening, and it will be a case of coming back as quickly as possible and hoping for a clear run up the A21, not the quickest of roads the other side of Tunbridge Wells. If there are any late alterations we will announce them tonight.

FRIDAY NIGHT IS FOOTBALL NIGHT

A reminder that we visit Dulwich next Friday in the Ryman League the game having been brought forward a day due to England's European Championship qualifier on the Saturday. We haven't bothered with travel details to a reasonably local and frequently visited ground, but do check if you're going by train, for any amendments to the timetable now the winter schedules have started. If you do want details of how to get there, they were in the Heybridge programme.

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FROM THE MANAGEMENT

GOOD EVENING everyone and welcome to our near neighbours from Kingstonian as we take a break from league and major cup action for what will hopefully be an enjoyable game. To me it's no surprise that Kingstonian are doing well in the Football Conference, as they looked a strong side in winning our league last season and, from the few games I've seen in the Conference this season they look capable of more than holding their own.



I'm sure a lot of our supporters were scratching their heads on Saturday wondering how we'd thrown away our two goal lead, and they weren't the only ones. Although it came right in the end with Barry Blackman's late goal, I wasn't happy afterwards as to me it's ridiculous to dominate a game that much and then let the opposition back in. In my opinion it was the second consecutive game in which we'd played well to open a two goal lead, but missed some good chances before taking our foot off the pedal, and if you give a side a sniff of being able to get back in the game they'll take it, as Hampton did aided by some poor defensive play on our part. As with the previous game here against Boreham Wood it seemed to take their equaliser to rouse us back to our earlier form, but I told the players afterwards that they can't expect to just turn the pressure on and off like that, and the time to relax is when you're three or four up, not two.

On the positive side, though, I did think we played very well in the first half, and it was nice to see the winner come from a near post corner, which we work on a lot as it's difficult to defend, but the delivery isn't always of the quality it was for that one. It's also nice to see the decisive goal scored by a substitute you've put on ten minutes earlier in an effort to change things around a bit and find a winner.

Staying positive, we've now had a month of the season and, apart from a couple of disappointments at home, you've got to say that things have gone pretty well so far. We've 23 points from 10 games, which keeps us well on track for our target of 84 points which I don't think will be far away from a winning total, although without a crystal ball I can't say for certain that it will be enough.

On Saturday we make our first appearance in this season's FA Cup, and like all other clubs we will be hoping for a good run for financial purposes. It may not be an advantage to have beaten St. Leonards easily in a pre-season friendly, as we will have to guard against complacency.

It will also be difficult on Saturday as it will be a rush for the spectators, players and officials to get back for the Centenary Dinner in the evening. The most important thing on the day, though, is that we progress in the FA Cup, and if it means we're slightly late back then so be it. To have played the game on Sunday would have meant that none of the players could go to the dinner, while St. Leonards is a long way to go on a Friday night, and after all Saturday is football day. That said, the following week we play at Dulwich on a Friday, but the players were happy with that, and ultimately it's up to them.

Enjoy tonight's game.

John Rains

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A WELCOME FROM THE LEAGUE CHAIRMAN

GOOD EVENING.

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Management Committee and member clubs of the Ryman League to welcome you to tonight's Isthmian Charity Shield match between Kingstonian, 1997-98 League Champions, and Sutton United, 1997-98 League Cup Winners.

Supporters of football at this level will be aware that Kingstonian not only took the championship in style, losing only five games during the season, and thereby gaining promotion to the Football Conference, but have also started the new campaign with great success and are showing, by their results, the high standard of our league and the ability of clubs to more than hold their own in the Conference.

I would also like to take this opportunity of offering congratulations on behalf of everyone to Geoff Chapple for the National Award he recently received as the Team Manager of the era.

Sutton had a convincing 6-1 win over Oxford City in the final of last season's League Cup, and have had an extremely successful league season, challenging strongly for the championship, losing only eight games and finishing third.

Prior to tonight's match cheques totalling £2000 will be presented to national charities, representing the proceeds from previous matches. Since 1997 the league has donated many thousands of pounds to various charities, and tonight's beneficiaries are: Motor Neurone; Heart and Stroke Association; Dr Barnardo's; and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The League is grateful to the players and officials of both clubs for their co-operation regarding tonight's match and in particular would thank the directors and officials of Sutton United for their help in staging the game. It is only right that I also offer congratulations from the League to Sutton United on reaching their Centenary.

In conclusion, may I thank you all for your support tonight and for your support of the Ryman Football League.

Alan C.F. Turvey
Chairman

NEXT DOWN THE LANE

CHESHAM UNITED, who are or next senior visitors here in a fortnight's time looked as though they might be heading for a quick return to Division One when Graham Roberts took over as manager earlier this year. But with the help of several of his former Yeovil players, he steered them to the safety of mid-table. A further strengthening of the squad in the summer, notably with the addition of strikers Mick Swaysland and Sam Winston, saw them among many people's fancied sides, but their season so far has been a strange mixture, with a couple of good wins, notably last week at St Albans, but also a heavy defeat at Billericay and three successive home games without a goal. Bruce Grobbelaar's appearance in goal has earned them publicity, and they will be aiming to repeat last season's 4-2 win here, when Micky Engwell scored the only hat-trick of his career.

RESERVE & YOUTH GAMES

Saturday 3 October, 3.00pm	v. THAME UNITED	Suburban League
Monday 5 October, 7.30pm	v. FARLEIGH ROVERS	Surrey Premier Cup 1 st Round
Saturday 10 October, 3.00pm	v. To be announced	Suburban League*

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HISTORY

The Kingstonian club that we know today came into existence in 1919, but the club's history dates back to the formation of Kingston & Surbiton YMCA in 1885. After being known as Saxons and then Kingston Wanderers, they adopted the title Kingston on Thames FC in 1893. Internal disputes in the early 1900s led to the club splitting, and in 1908 Kingston Town and Old Kingstonians played as separate clubs before re-merging in 1919.

The newly formed club began life in the Athenian League and at a new ground in Richmond Road. The Athenian League title was won in 1924 and 1926, and three years later K's accepted an invitation to join the Isthmian League, replacing Civil Service FC.

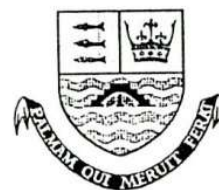
The 1930s saw Kingstonian enjoy some of their most successful times, with an FA Amateur Cup coming to the club in 1933. In the final K's played Stockton, and after a 1-1 draw at Dulwich had to travel to their opponents' territory for the replay at Darlington. Despite conceding an early goal, they came back to win 4-1. The following season came the Isthmian League championship, and this was repeated in 1937.

Subsequent years proved less successful, with runners-up spot in 1948 and 1963 K's best efforts, but in 1960 they did seem set to regain the Amateur Cup when they led Hendon 1-0 at Wembley with three minutes left, only to concede two late goals and force a hasty change of ribbons on the cup.

In 1967 K's won the Surrey Senior Cup for the 9th time, but after a barren spell they were relegated from the top division of the Isthmian League in 1979. They regained their place six years later but only after Leatherhead, who had originally finished second to Farnborough, had three points deducted.

1988 saw Kingstonian leave Richmond Road, and they had to spend a season and a half lodging at Hampton before moving to a new ground at Kingsmeadow in August 1989. The ground is on the site of the old Norbiton Sports Ground that housed Kingston Town in the early 1900s, and K's celebrated the move to new surroundings by finishing fourth in the league and reaching the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy.

The 1990s saw Kingstonian's name feature in the FA Cup, most notably in 1994 when they beat Brighton at Kingsmeadow, their only win over Football League opposition, although they gave a good account of themselves against Plymouth a year later. In 1996 they won the Guardian Insurance Cup, then last season produced a storming run in the second half of the season to win their third championship and with it promotion to the Football Conference. They followed this up by beating Woking 2-1 in a replay and achieving a 10th Surrey Senior Cup success.



MEETINGS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS

- 14 January 1989 – FA Trophy 1st rd – Sutton 1 (Dennis) Kingstonian 0
- 21 September 1991 – Diadora League – Kingstonian 0 Sutton 0
- 1 February 1992 – Diadora League – Sutton 2 (Feltham 2) Kingstonian 2 (Davidson, Cherry)
- 19 September 1992 – Diadora League – Kingstonian 0 Sutton 1 (R Evans)
- 28 December 1992 – Diadora League – Sutton 1 (Feltham) Kingstonian 1 (Gates o.g.)
- 23 February 1993 – Full Members Cup 2nd rd – Sutton 2 (Quail, D Jones) Kingstonian 1 (Pearce)
- 14 September 1993 – Diadora League – Sutton 2 (Morah, D Jones) Kingstonian 1 (Akuamoah)
- 30 April 1994 – Diadora League – Kingstonian 0 Sutton 2 (Morah, Feltham)
- 22 November 1994 – Full Members Cup 1st rd – Kingstonian 1 (Daly) Sutton 3 (D Jones, Anderson, M Watson)
- 10 December 1994 – Diadora League – Kingstonian 1 (Finch) Sutton 1 (M Watson)
- 20 March 1995 – Surrey Senior Cup semi-final – Sutton 2 (Feltham, M Watson) Kingstonian 2 (Wingfield, Akuamoah)
- 28 March 1995 – Surrey Senior Cup semi-final replay – Kingstonian 0 Sutton 2 (Feltham, Smart)
- 6 May 1995 – Diadora League – Sutton 4 (Smart 2, Shepherd, Feltham) Kingstonian 1 (Wingfield)
- 9 September 1995 – ICIS League – Sutton 0 Kingstonian 1 (Bolton)
- 23 September 1995 – ICIS League – Kingstonian 2 (Bowyer, Brooker) Sutton 2 (Vansittart, Feltham)
- 31 August 1996 – ICIS League – Kingstonian 2 (Akuamoah, Riley pen) Sutton 3 (M Jones, Vansittart, Hynes)
- 8 February 1997 – ICIS League – Sutton 5 (M Jones 2, Hynes 2, 1 pen, Everitt) Kingstonian 2 (Akuamoah 2, 1 pen)
- 15 November 1997 – Ryman League – Kingstonian 0 Sutton 0
- 3 February 1998 – Surrey Senior Cup 3rd rd – Kingstonian 4 (Luchett, Leworthy, Roach, Akuamoah) Sutton 0
- 18 April 1998 – Ryman League – Sutton 3 (Akrou 2, M Watson) Kingstonian 3 (Leworthy, Akuamoah, T Evans)

IN CHARGE

GEOFF CHAPPLE guided Kingstonian to the Ryman League title last season, his first at Kingsmeadow after a 13 year stay at Woking which had seen them climb from Division Two of the Isthmian League to the Football Conference, win the FA Trophy on three occasions and reach the 4th round of the FA Cup in 1990-91. He has also managed Windsor.

ON THE PITCH

Goalkeeper **JEROME JOHN** has become a favourite with the crowd after some outstanding performances helped K's to the title last season. A junior with West Ham, he joined K's from Altrincham. Also at Kingsmeadow is **SIMON BROWN**, recently signed on a month's loan from Tottenham, where he is currently fourth choice keeper.

Wing back **TARKAN MUSTAFA** scored on his debut for Kingstonian after signing in August from Barnet, where he made 11 senior appearances. He was previously with Kettering and Wimbledon.

COLIN LUCKETT was originally signed from Millwall in 1994 as an attacking full back but he has more recently converted to midfield and has scored some important and spectacular goals. He is approaching his 200th appearance.

One of the key members of last season's championship success was **MATT CROSSLEY** who was ever-present and voted Player of the Year by the supporters. He was signed at the start of the season from Wycombe, where he won a Conference championship medal in 1994 and featured in two FA Trophy wins and a Wembley play-off success.

A more recent signing is Leeds born centre back **SIMON STEWART**, who joined from Fulham at the start of the season. He played three games for Fulham having previously been with Sheffield Wednesday and Shrewsbury, and had a spell on loan at Woking last season.

The centre of defence was further boosted in the summer with the signing of **MARK HARRIS**, who has played over 300 Football League games, mainly for Swansea. He first joined Crystal Palace from Wokingham, and had spells with Burnley, Swansea and Gillingham before spending last season with Cardiff.

Another player with considerable Football League experience is **GARY PATTERSON**, who was signed from Wycombe at the start of last season. He began his career with Notts County, and then won a Division Three championship medal with Shrewsbury.

GEOFF PITCHER is a midfielder who is in his second spell with the club after rejoining from Colchester at the start of last season. An accurate passer of the ball, he has also played for Watford.

A great future is predicted for **GAVIN HOLLIGAN**, an 18-year-old striker signed from Walton in the summer, and he has already been on target in the Conference.

The goals of **DAVID LEWORTHY** were a key factor in K's title success last season, with 30 in all games after his signing from Rushden & Diamonds. After playing in the Football League for Tottenham, Portsmouth, Reading and Oxford, where he won a League Cup winner's medal in 1986, he subsequently played for Farnborough before joining Dover for what was a record fee for a non-league player. While at Dover he won four England caps and had a spell as player-manager.

The longest serving member of the squad is fast and skilful striker **EDDIE AKUAMOAHI**, who was signed in August 1993 from Carshalton. The club's leading scorer two seasons ago, he represented Great Britain in the 1996 World Student Games in Japan.

The find of last season was striker **SCOTT CORBETT**, who established himself in the squad after graduating through the reserves.

Attacking midfielder **KEVIN RATTRAY** was with Geoff Chapple at Woking, and joined K's a year ago after spells with Gillingham and Barnet.

JOE FRANCIS, a central midfielder, was added to the squad in March from Hayes. He has previously played for Bromley and Enfield.

K's squad also includes two players signed from Welling at the start of last season. Defender **WAYNE BROWN** had been with the Kent club for ten seasons, and utility player **DANNY SMITH** five, although he had a spell here on loan in March 1997. He was a junior with Tottenham.

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		HOME					AWAY					Goal	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1. Cheltenham T	12	3	3	0	15	6	5	0	1	13	6	+16	27
2. Rushden & D	11	3	1	1	15	5	4	2	0	11	3	+18	24
3. Stevenage B	12	3	3	0	9	4	2	2	2	5	6	+4	20
4. Hayes	11	3	1	1	7	4	3	1	2	9	12	0	20
5. Kettering T	12	2	2	2	7	5	3	2	1	8	3	+7	19
6. Southport	11	3	1	2	13	10	2	2	1	6	7	+2	18
7. Hereford Utd	11	3	1	1	7	3	2	2	2	6	8	+2	18
8. Kingstonian	12	3	1	2	8	9	2	2	2	9	10	-2	18
9. Kidderminster H	11	5	1	0	17	6	0	1	4	3	8	+6	17
10. Yeovil T	12	1	1	4	8	11	3	3	0	8	5	0	16
11. Hednesford T	11	3	1	1	7	4	1	3	2	6	9	0	16
12. Dover Ath	11	1	3	1	5	5	3	1	2	7	8	-1	16
13. Leek T	11	4	0	2	16	6	1	0	4	3	6	+7	15
14. Northwich Vic	11	3	0	3	7	8	1	2	2	4	5	-2	14
15. Telford Utd	11	1	3	2	4	6	2	1	2	6	8	-4	13
16. Forest Green R	12	2	0	4	7	10	1	3	2	7	8	-4	12
17. Welling Utd	13	2	3	2	7	8	0	3	3	6	12	-7	12
18. Morecambe	12	2	2	2	8	7	1	0	5	6	21	-14	11
19. Woking	12	0	3	3	6	9	2	1	3	10	9	-2	10
20. Doncaster Rvrs	12	1	2	2	3	4	1	2	4	9	13	-5	10
21. Barrow	12	1	3	2	5	6	1	1	4	8	17	-10	10
22. Farnborough T	11	2	1	3	12	14	0	2	3	0	9	-11	9

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES: Last night: Stevenage B v. Farnborough T. Tonight: Hereford Utd v. Northwich Vic; Telford Utd v. Yeovil T.

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F.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY: Finalists 1980/1; Semi-finalists 1992/3.

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.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: Winners 1945/6, 1964/5, 1967/8, 1969/70, 1979/80, 1982/3, 1983/4, 1984/5, 1985/6, 1986/7, 1987/8, 1992/3, 1994/5; Finalists 1944/5, 1954/5, 1961/2, 1962/3, 1963/4, 1965/6, 1975/6, 1981/2, 1993/4.

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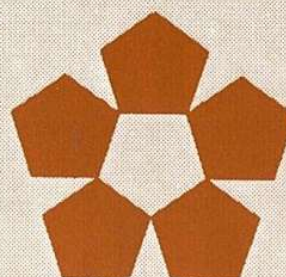
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REPORT ROUND-UP

Saturday 26 September – Ryman League Premier Division

SUTTON UNITED (2) 3 HAMPTON (0) 2

Sutton: 1 G. Howells; 2 D. Brooker, 4 G. Berry, 3 A. Riley, 5 R. Skelly; 8 A. Salako (sub 14 B. Blackman, 78), 7 S. Watson, 6 D. Harlow, 11 N. Ekoku; 9 N. Akrou (sub 12 J. Ugbah, 89), 10 M. Watson. Sub n/u 15 B. Laker. **Goals:** Akrou, Riley (pen), Blackman. **Booked:** Howells (64 – foul on Hippolyte to concede penalty).

Hampton: 1 M Russell; 2 W. Drew, 6 D. Stephenson, 3 N. Burton (sub 15 D. Forte, 29), 4 P. Wood; 7 J. Brown, 10 J. Beer, 5 S. Cheshire; 8 I. Savage (sub 12 R. Lewis, 84); 11 M. Miller (sub 14 A. Gray, 78), 9 J. Hippolyte. **Goals:** Savage (pen), Forte. **Booked:** Beer (30 – foul on Riley), Cheshire (89 – foul on Harlow). **Sent off:** Beer (86 – foul on Ekoku, second bookable offence).

Scoring: 18 mins 1-0: Ekoku dispossesses Stephenson on left and his high cross is met by **Akrou** with towering header over Russell. 37 mins 2-0: Mark Watson's battling run takes him past two defenders and he is bundled over by Wood. **Riley** converts penalty. 64 mins 2-1: Ball slipped through to Hippolyte, who is brought down by Howells as he tries to go past him. **Savage** converts penalty. 72 mins 2-2: Deep cross from the left falls to **Forte**, who brings ball down and hammers home from close range. 87 mins 3-2: Left wing corner glanced into far corner of the net by **Blackman** from corner of six yard box.

Referee: G. Monk (Grays)

Attendance: 883

Brief summary: That we deserved to win cannot be questioned, but we made hard work of it having looked to be coasting after an hour. In the first half we were fluent and exciting, Andy Salako failed to connect with Nko Ekoku's 6th minute cross, and nine minutes later Andy Riley's volley was headed off the line. A minute after the first goal another storming run by Ekoku almost set up a goal for Mark Watson, but Russell's legs got in the way. Before half time Akrou shot wide after being put through by Gwynne Berry, although referee Graham Monk's interception of Beer's pass played a part. The second half followed the same pattern, Russell denying Mark Watson and Salako hitting the post, but without doing anything to deserve it Hampton were suddenly back in the game, although between their two goals Salako volleyed over from Ekoku's cross. When Hippolyte found himself clear with just Howells to beat even worse looked possible, but Howells saved and we regained the initiative. Russell tipped over Steve Watson's header before Jamie Beer committed one foul too many, and a minute later Barry Blackman picked an opportune moment to open his competitive account. He put another header in the side netting before the end.

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This game came just after an FA Cup tie rather than just before it, and after a good 5-1 win against Hillingdon we were looking forward to a trip to Stevenage Town. It was a chance to give a game to a few of the fringe players, with centre half Mike Sinclair making one of only two senior appearances, as was inside right Peter Smith. Another unfamiliar name at right back was Bill Wallace, while the league representative side included defender Bobby Taylor, who had helped us to the title the previous season before leaving for pastures new, while Dennis Clarke, who was to join us from Walthamstow later in the season, also played. The game finished 1-1, with Peter Smith our scorer. Our team was: Dave Roffey, Bill Wallace, Glyn Garfield, Ted Powell, Mike Sinclair, Dario Gradi, Mick Mellows, Peter Smith, Dave Hutchins, Larry Pritchard, Terry Howard. Keith Blunt was an unused substitute.

The number one record of the day was from an exotically named and very popular singer, his second chart topper and the third in a run of eight consecutive top five hits. At the time of writing it was proving a little difficult to track down, but hopefully it will be played over the PA at half time (from this week's reaction of those who know what it is, the word 'hopefully' is subjective!).

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ISTHMIAN CHARITY SHIELD NEWS

1978	Enfield	2	Dagenham	1
1979	Enfield	0	Barking	1
1980	Enfield	2	Sutton United	1
1981	Slough Town	1	Wycombe Wanderers	4
1982	Leytonstone-Ilford	3	Sutton United	2
1983	Wycombe Wanderers	1	Sutton United	0
1984	Harrow Borough	1	Sutton United	3
1985	Sutton United	1	Wycombe Wanderers	3
1986	Sutton United	1	Yeovil Town	5
1987	Wycombe Wanderers	1	Bognor Regis Town	0
1988	Yeovil Town	4	Bromley	0
1989	Bishop's Stortford	1	Redbridge Forest	2
1990	Slough Town	2	Aveley	0
1991	Woking	3	Redbridge Forest	1
1992	Woking	5	Grays Athletic	1
1993	Chesham United	4	Marlow	1
1994	Stevenage Borough	0	Chertsey Town	5
1995	Enfield	1	Aylesbury United	2
1996	Hayes	4	Kingstonian	2
1997	Yeovil Town	1	Boreham Wood	0

DID YOU KNOW? Sutton and Kingstonian are the only two clubs to have had their grounds used as a neutral venue for the Charity Shield. Slough's 2-0 win against Aveley in 1990 was at Kingsmeadow, while two years later, Woking hammered Grays here.

SUTTON IN THE SHIELD

Despite making a record six appearances in the Charity Shield, we have won only once. We first competed at Enfield in 1980, a repeat of the previous season's League Cup Final. Goals either side of half-time by Steve King and John McCombe gave Enfield the lead, and although Paul McKinnon pulled one goal back on his last game before joining Malmo, it was not good enough. Two years later, Micky Joyce gave us an early lead at Leytonstone, but then we lost 'keeper Dave Collyer through concussion and stand-in Micky Stephens was beaten three times in seven minutes either side of half-time, with Joyce pulling back a consolation goal. A year after that Terry Glynn scored the only goal for Wycombe at Loakes Park, and when Dave Silman gave Harrow an early lead at Earlsmead in 1984, it looked to be a fourth successive defeat, but two goals from Steve Galloway and one from Paul McKinnon meant that at last the Shield came to Gander Green Lane. It was on its way out again in 1985, back to Loakes Park as Paul McKinnon gave us an early lead but Declan Link equalised before half-time, and in the second half Simon Read and Neal Stanley added further goals. A year later we were here again, this time against Yeovil on a rain-swept Bank Holiday, and Carl Zacchau's hat-trick underpinned a 5-1 win that was the biggest winning margin in the match until Woking equalled it in 1992 and Chertsey then beat it two years later. Lenny Dennis scored our goal.

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DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP.	RES.	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
22 Aug	SLough TOWN	RL	0-1	942	Howells	Brooker	Riley	Berry	Shelly #	L. Gosh	S. Watson	Sadako	Alcorn	Elshu	Haynes	Laker	Atkinson	M. Watson #
24 Aug	St. Albans City	RL	2-2	583	Howells	Brooker	Riley 2	Berry	Shelly	L. Gosh	S. Watson	Sadako	Alcorn	N. Watson	Elshu	Laker	Atkinson	Haynes
29 Aug	Bittern Town	RL	2-1	725	Howells	Brooker	Riley 1 #	Berry	Shelly	L. Gosh	S. Watson	Sadako	Alcorn	N. Watson	Elshu 1 #	Laker #	Atkinson	Haynes
01 Sep	HEYBROOK SWIFTS	RL	4-1	582	Howells	Brooker #	Riley	Berry	Shelly	L. Gosh	S. Watson	Sadako 1	Alcorn	N. Watson	Elshu	Laker #	Atkinson	Haynes
05 Sep	HEYBROOK SWIFTS	RL	1-1	702	Howells	Brooker	Riley	Berry	Shelly	L. Gosh 1 #	S. Watson	Sadako	Alcorn	N. Watson	Elshu #	Laker	Atkinson	Haynes
08 Sep	Durham Harrier	RL	1-1	312	Howells	Brooker	Riley	Berry	Shelly	L. Gosh 1 #	S. Watson	Sadako	Alcorn	N. Watson	Elshu 1 #	Laker	Atkinson	Haynes
12 Sep	Harrow Borough	RL	3-0	255	Howells	Brooker	Riley	Berry	Shelly	L. Gosh 1 #	S. Watson	Sadako	Alcorn	N. Watson	Elshu 1 #	Laker	Atkinson	Haynes
15 Sep	BORHAM WOOD	RL	2-1	540	Howells	Brooker #	Riley	Berry	Shelly	L. Gosh	S. Watson	Sadako	Alcorn	N. Watson	Elshu 2	Laker #	Atkinson	Haynes
22 Sep	Albion Town	RL	2-1	279	Howells	Brooker	Riley	Berry	Shelly	L. Gosh	S. Watson	Sadako	Alcorn	N. Watson	Elshu 1	Laker	Atkinson	Haynes
26 Sep	Hasling's Shortland	RL	2-1	210	Howells	Brooker	Riley	Berry	Shelly	L. Gosh	S. Watson	Sadako	Alcorn	N. Watson	Elshu 1	Laker	Atkinson	Haynes
29 Sep	WANTON	RL	3-2	883	Howells	Brooker	Riley	Berry	Shelly	L. Gosh	S. Watson	Sadako	Alcorn	N. Watson	Elshu	Laker	Atkinson	Haynes
03 Oct	KINGSNIGHT	RL	1-2															
09 Oct	St. Leonards	RL	1-2															
13 Oct	CHESHAM UNITED	RL																
17 Oct	GRAVESEND & NORTHFEE	RL																
19 Oct	Bedford	RL																
31 Oct	Bedford	RL																
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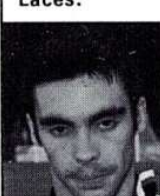

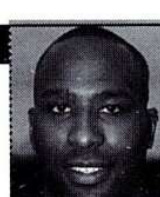

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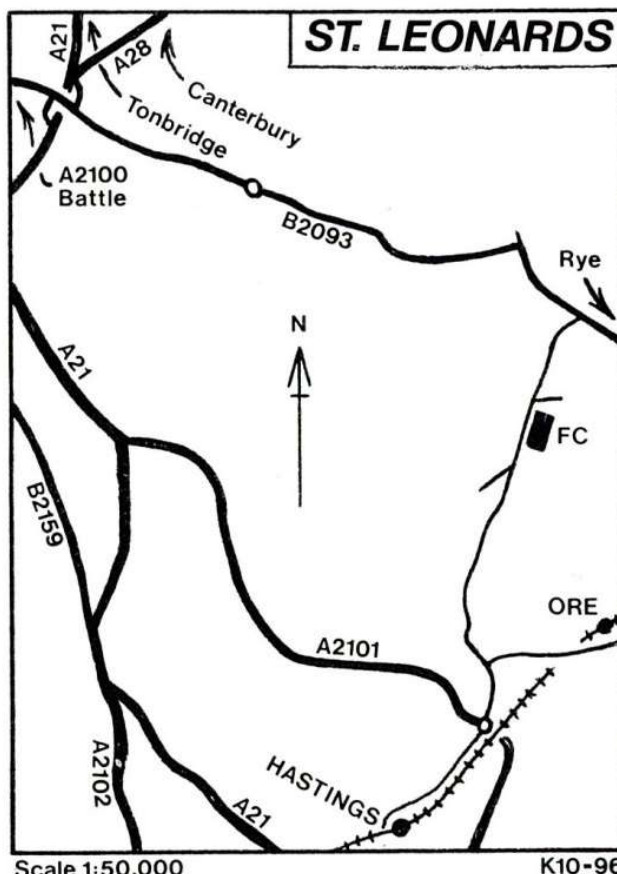
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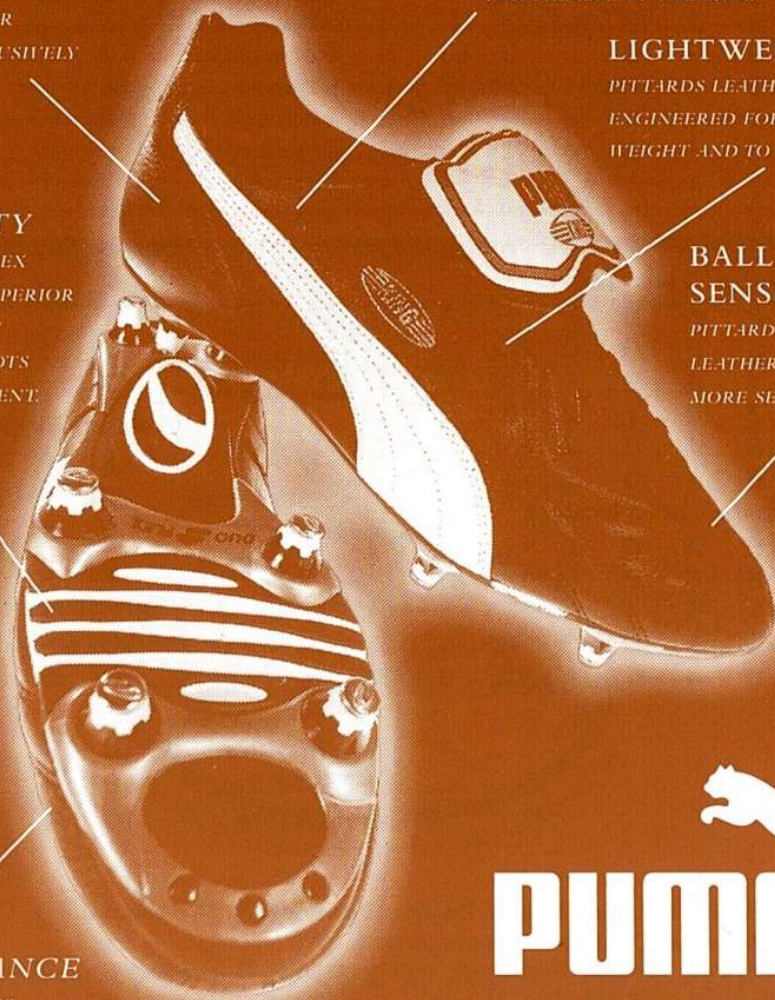
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Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bognor Regis T	8	6	0	2	16	6	18
Chertsey T	8	5	3	1	16	8	18
Canvey Island	8	6	0	2	13	7	18
Oxford C	8	5	2	1	13	8	17
Braintree T	8	5	1	2	25	12	16
Croydon	8	5	1	2	17	11	16
Hitchin T	7	4	2	1	13	7	14
Molesey	7	3	4	0	7	3	13
Grays Ath	6	4	0	2	13	8	12
Staines T	8	3	2	3	7	8	11
Romford	9	2	4	3	18	17	10
Wealdstone	7	3	1	3	7	9	10
Uxbridge	8	2	3	3	9	9	9
Maidenhead U	8	3	0	5	13	14	9
Leatherhead	8	2	3	3	8	10	9
Whyteleafe	8	3	0	5	9	13	9
Worthing	9	2	3	4	6	13	9
Barton Rvrs	7	1	4	2	4	6	7
Leyton Pennant	8	1	3	4	13	20	6
Yeading	9	1	1	7	9	20	4
Wembley	7	0	3	4	5	15	3
Berkhamsted T	9	0	2	7	8	25	2

Division Two leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Harlow T	6	6	0	0	24	4	18
Edgware T	7	4	2	1	17	8	14
Northwood	7	4	1	2	16	9	13
Windsor & E	6	4	0	2	11	5	12
Hertford T	6	4	0	2	11	10	12

Division Three leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wingate & F	6	6	0	0	18	6	18
Clapton	7	5	1	1	18	9	16
Camberley T	5	5	0	0	18	4	15
Epsom & E	6	4	1	1	12	8	13

DR MARTENS LEAGUE

Southern Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Havant & W	9	7	1	1	18	4	22
Bashley	8	5	1	2	17	9	16
Ashford T	7	4	2	1	15	8	14
Margate	7	4	2	1	14	8	14
Folkestone Inv	7	4	2	1	15	11	14
Raunds T	9	4	2	3	14	13	14
Witney T	8	3	3	2	10	8	12
Chelmsford C	7	3	2	2	12	7	11
St. Leonards	7	3	2	2	13	9	11
Yate T	8	3	2	3	12	13	11
Erith & B	7	3	1	3	10	9	10
Tonbridge A	7	2	4	1	7	6	10
Sittingbourne	8	2	4	2	11	15	10
Fleet T	8	2	3	3	9	11	9
Baldock T	8	2	3	3	6	10	9
Newport IOW	9	3	0	6	9	16	9
Fisher Ath	7	2	2	3	9	7	8
Corby T	8	2	2	4	11	14	8
Andover	9	2	1	6	10	22	7
Brackley T	9	1	3	5	9	19	6
Dartford	7	1	2	4	2	5	5
Cirencester T	8	1	2	5	8	17	5

Premier Division leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nuneaton B	11	9	0	2	27	8	27
Hastings T	11	7	2	2	14	4	23
Gresley Rvrs	11	7	2	2	17	10	23

Midland Division leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stourbridge	9	7	1	1	17	5	22
Wisbech T	9	6	2	1	16	10	20
Clevedon T	8	5	2	1	12	6	17

UNIBOND LEAGUE

Premier Division leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worksop T	10	8	1	1	19	8	25
Winsford Utd	10	6	2	2	17	12	20
Hyde Utd	10	4	5	1	14	7	17
Runcorn	10	4	5	1	14	11	17

TOP MIDWEEK FIXTURES: Ryman League Division One: Tonight: Berkhamsted T v. Chertsey T; Hitchin T v. Canvey Island; Leyton Pennant v. Croydon; Romford v. Braintree T.

Ryman League Division Two: Tonight: Chalfont St. P (17) v. Harlow T; Horsham (16) v. Hertford T; Marlow (20) v. Edgware T; Northwood v. Witham T (15).

Ryman League Division Three: Tonight: Epsom & E v. E Thurrock Utd (6).

Dr Martens League Southern Division: Last night: Dartford v. Bashley. Tonight: Ashford T v. Margate; Erith & B v. Folkestone Inv; Havant & Waterlooville v. Tonbridge; Raunds T v. Witney T; Sittingbourne v. St. Leonards.

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Unibond League Premier Division: Tonight: Chorley (19) v. Hyde Utd; Stalybridge C (20) v. Worksop T; Winsford Utd v. Runcorn.

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FACTS & FIGURES

RYMAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Saturday 26 September inclusive

		HOME					AWAY					Goal		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts	Ave Att*
1. SUTTON UTD	10	3	1	1	10	6	4	1	0	11	5	+10	23	692
2. Aylesbury Utd	10	3	2	0	6	0	2	2	1	11	8	+9	19	781
3. Billericay T	10	3	1	1	8	3	2	3	0	6	3	+8	19	654
4. Basingstoke T	10	3	2	0	7	4	2	1	2	15	10	+8	18	667
5. St. Albans C	10	3	1	1	15	10	2	2	1	4	3	+6	18	737
6. Purfleet	9	3	1	1	9	6	2	1	1	6	5	+4	17	414
7. Chesham Utd	10	2	2	1	5	4	3	0	2	9	8	+2	17	812
8. Aldershot T	10	3	0	2	14	7	1	4	0	11	3	+15	16	2518
9. Slough T	10	2	2	1	9	7	2	1	2	5	8	-1	15	827
10. Bromley	10	3	1	1	13	6	1	1	3	5	6	+6	14	628
11. Dagenham & R	10	3	1	1	13	3	1	1	3	7	12	+5	14	706
12. Enfield	10	3	0	2	13	8	1	1	3	3	6	+2	13	594
13. Boreham W	10	2	2	1	7	5	0	4	1	6	7	+1	12	238
14. Hendon	10	2	2	1	11	9	1	1	3	7	12	-3	12	301
15. Gravesend & N	9	2	1	2	6	3	1	1	2	4	6	+1	11	457
16. Walton & H	10	3	1	1	8	5	0	1	4	4	8	-1	11	236
17. Hampton	10	1	3	1	8	7	1	0	4	7	16	-8	9	278
18. Dulwich H	10	2	1	2	7	7	0	2	3	1	9	-8	9	407
19. Harrow B	10	1	2	2	5	10	1	1	3	5	9	-9	9	260
20. Carshalton Ath	10	1	2	1	5	6	1	0	5	6	16	-11	8	300
21. Heybridge Sw	10	0	2	3	4	16	1	1	3	4	14	-22	6	213
22. B Stortford	10	0	2	3	4	14	0	3	2	9	13	-14	5	487

* Attendance figures correct to 19 September

WEEKEND NEWS: With Billericay and Aldershot sharing the points at New Lodge, Aylesbury moved into second place on Saturday when Keiron Gallagher struck ten minutes from time to beat Walton – as the table shows Aylesbury have yet to concede a home goal in the league. David Adekola gave Billericay a flying start inside two minutes against Aldershot, but defender Jason Chewins equalised with fourteen minutes left in front of the day's biggest crowd – just over 1,400. Basingstoke's Ian Mancey scored twice against Bromley as his side won 3-1, and Steve Clark was also on target twice as St. Albans came from 2-1 down to beat Hendon. Purfleet could go second if they beat Gravesend tonight – they were two up inside 20 minutes against luckless Bishop's Stortford, and Richard Gell's 77th minute penalty, his second goal of the game, gave Chesham a 3-2 win over Gravesend for whom Dave Powell scored twice. Paul Cobb also scored two in Dagenham's 3-0 win over Slough, while the biggest winners were Boreham Wood, 4-0 against Dulwich. Carshalton won away for the first time this season at Heybridge.

FIXTURES: Tonight: Gravesend & N v. Purfleet. No games on Saturday or midweek. **10 October*:** Billericay T v. Boreham Wood; B Stortford v. Aylesbury Utd; Bromley v. Purfleet; Carshalton Ath v. Aldershot T; Chesham Utd v. Dagenham & R; Dulwich H v. Sutton Utd; Hampton v. Basingstoke T; Hendon v. Enfield; Heybridge Sw v. St. Albans C; Slough T v. Harrow B; Walton & H v. Gravesend & N.

* These games may be played at any time over the weekend due to England's international on the Saturday. No precise details were known at the time of going to print, except that our game at Dulwich is on Friday night.

	Aldershot Town	Aylesbury United	Basingstoke Town	Billericay Town	Bishop's Stortford	Boreham Wood	Bromley	Carshalton Athletic	Chesham United	Dagenham & Redbridge	Dulwich Hamlet	Enfield	Gravesend & Northfleet	Hampton	Harrow Borough	Hendon	Heybridge Swifts	Purfleet	St. Albans City	Slough Town	Sutton United	Walton & Hersham
Aldershot Town	xxx									4-3			3-0	5-0					1-2		1-2	
Aylesbury United		xxx				0-0		2-0			3-0								0-0			1-0
Basingstoke Town			xxx					2-0	3-0	1-1	2-1	1-0			2-1	1-1						
Billericay Town	1-1			xxx																	1-2	1-0
Bishop's Stortford	0-8			1-1	xxx						4-0	1-2							1-1		1-2	
Boreham Wood			1-1			xxx	0-3								3-0			2-1				0-0
Bromley	1-1		1-3				xxx					2-1		2-4			6-1					
Carshalton Athletic			1-0			1-1	1-1	xxx								0-2						
Chesham United	0-0								xxx		0-0	2-0	3-2									
Dagenham & Redbridge				1-2		1-1		5-0		xxx	xxx				0-2		3-0					
Dulwich Hamlet					1-1		2-0			1-2	xxx	xxx					4-1					3-2
Enfield		2-3								4-0		xxx	0-2									3-2
Gravesend & Northfleet				0-0									xxx	3-0	2-0				0-1	1-2		
Hampton						3-3			0-1		0-0			xxx		3-1				2-2		
Harrow Borough		1-4			2-2					2-1		0-0			xxx						0-3	
Hendon		3-3			5-3		2-1						0-0			xxx	xxx	1-2				
Heybridge Swifts		1-1	3-9					0-2	0-4								xxx	0-0				
Purfleet	1-1			0-2	3-1			4-2										xxx	1-0			
St. Albans City			4-2						2-3					3-1		4-2			xxx		2-2	
Slough Town		1-0		1-1	2-2				3-1									2-3		xxx		
Sutton United						2-1								3-2		4-1	1-1			0-1	xxx	
Walton & Hersham							1-0	3-2							2-2		0-1			2-0		xxx

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	LEAGUE		CUP		OTHER		CAREER TOTAL	
	Gls (21)	Apps (10)	Gls (3)	Apps (1)	Gls (14)	Apps (7)	Gls	Apps
Nassim Akrouir	4	10	-	1	6	7	24	46
Gwynne Berry	-	10	-	1	-	6	-	243
Barry Blackman	1	6 (6s)	-	1 (1s)	1	4	2	11
Danny Brooker	-	9	-	1	-	5	2	81
Nko Ekoku	4	10(1s)	-	1	1	2	5	13
Dave Harlow	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Junior Haynes	-	5 (3s)	-	1 (1s)	2	7 (1s)	3	31
Gareth Howells	-	10	-	1	-	5	-	16
Barry Laker	-	6 (3s)	-	-	-	4 (3s)	3	99
Andy Riley	4 (2p)	8	-	1	2	7	15	59
Andy Salako	2	10	-	1	-	5 (1s)	15	71
Richard Skelly	-	10	-	1	-	7 (1s)	-	18
John Ugbah	-	7 (2s)	1	1	-	5 (1s)	11	70
Mark Watson	5	10(1s)	1	1	1	6 (2s)	34	71
Steve Watson	-	10	-	1	1	5	10	147
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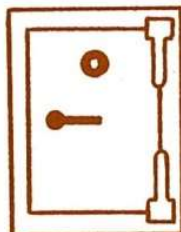
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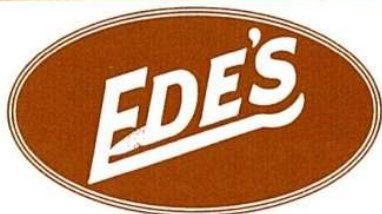


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IN RESERVE

Tuesday 22 September – Suburban League Challenge Shield

CHIPSTEAD (1) 2 SUTTON UNITED (0) 2

Without a first team match that week, Chipstead fielded a very strong side which dominated the match, but our second string fought well to earn a draw. Chips took the lead after a quarter of an hour when the unfortunate Steve White headed through his own goal, but it wasn't long before we came back, Danny Tanner having a shot smothered after Danny King's right wing cross. John Wheelhouse made several excellent saves throughout the game, while our only other chance of the half again fell to Tanner, this time shooting wide from Junior Muslu's cross. Chips went 2-0 up mid-way through the second period after a pass through the defence left their striker one-on-one with Wheelhouse and he slotted home, but we came back on 70 minutes to pull one back when **Paul Selway** stepped up to convert a penalty after he himself had been tripped. The equaliser came with five minutes remaining, King putting **Simon Hatton** through to finish neatly with a shot from the edge of the box.

Sutton: Wheelhouse, Wright, Rogers, White, Dell, Muslu (Hallac), Campello (Hain), King, Hatton, Tanner, Selway.

Saturday 26 September – Suburban League Premier Division

MARLOW (0) 0 SUTTON UNITED (0) 0

This was a very poor match on a difficult surface with neither side really deserving of a goal, never mind a result. The closest we came to scoring was after 21 minutes with Paul Selway heading against the post from Simon Hatton's knock-back of Danny Tanner's cross. Tanner himself actually had a better chance just after the break, but shot straight at the keeper when clean through. Lee Rogers saw a powerful shot parried after 66 minutes, but just before the end, it was only a fine save by John Wheelhouse that kept the scoreline at nil-nil.

Sutton: Wheelhouse, Dunne (Wright), Rogers, White, Dell, O'Shea (Campello), King, Selway, Hatton, Tanner, Hain (Cayley).

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Wimbledon's reserves made their Gander Green Lane debut here a fortnight ago against Norwich City, and shrugged off the concession of an early goal to battle back and earn a 1-1 draw. Last Wednesday they visited Layer Road to face Colchester, and again drew 1-1, giving them a total of five points so far. Manager Lawrie Sanchez is having to blood a number of very young players at the moment with injuries to several young professionals giving chances to the likes of 17 year old Rob Grier at centre back and another teenager, Neil Jenkins at left back. U's fans might recognise the latter as the younger brother of our own former youth team graduates Mark and Paul Jenkins.

Wimbledon return here next Wednesday evening with an attractive game against West Ham, who have had a number of injuries lately at first team level and therefore a few players who might need a run-out in the absence of any Premiership games the following weekend.

ON THE INTERNET

In addition to our official website publicised on page three of the programme, there are two unofficial sites run by supporters which would welcome new visitors: <http://www.freecyellow.com/members4/suttonunited2/> is the address of Stewart Howe's home page, while <http://www.members.xoom.com/sufc> will take you to the page maintained by Adam Brewer.

In the circumstances of tonight's game it would be remiss to ignore the excellent K's Web site which can be found at <http://www.members.xoom.com/kingstonian/index.htm> All three sites include chat pages.

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For those of you who have already joined the Supporters' Club, you should be able to collect your membership cards today in the Club Shop. For those who haven't yet got round to filling in an application form, you can get them from the same place – The cost is a mere £3 (or £1.50 for Senior Citizens and Under-16s).

CLUB SHOP

The 1999 Non-League Directory is now in stock and selling like hot cakes (whatever that means!). If you want a copy, hurry. Meanwhile we have all the usual items such as replica kit, sweatshirts, polo shirts, ties, scarves, hats, etc., plus badges, mugs, pens, lighters and much more. Additionally we have our usual comprehensive supply of programmes, both past and current.

TOUCHLINER

The first edition of *Touchliner* for the season is out today so hurry along to the Club Shop for your copy. And if you feel like putting pen to paper, please note that the proposed deadlines for future editions are 7 November, 12 December, 31 January, 13 March and 17 April – start writing now!

KIT SPONSORSHIP

The Kit Sponsorship scheme is up and running and, as last year, will cost you just £30 for a complete strip. Individual items can, of course, be sponsored at: Shirts - £18, Shorts - £8, Boots - £10, Socks - £4 and, for Junior Members only, Laces - £2. Already a number of players have had items snapped up so, if you have a particular favourite, hurry and see Tony Cove in the Club Shop.

COACH TRAVEL

We will be taking bookings in the Club Shop today for next Saturday's FA Cup trip to St. Leonards as well as our next League match, which is at Dulwich on Friday 9 October (note the changed date). Alternatively you can make your reservation by ringing Jane Taylor on 0181-642 9951.

GOLDEN GOALS

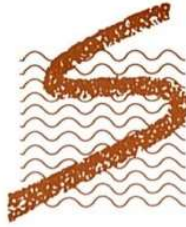
Golden Goal tickets are on sale around the ground at all home First Team matches. Priced at just 50 pence, you stand to win £20 if the time on your ticket matches the time of the first goal. The winning time in our match against Hampton was 18 minutes.

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Parents or friends of children aged between 6 and 12 (approximately) can obtain further details of the mascot scheme from Lesley Parker at home on 0181 644 5322.

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HI STRIKERS

Have you entered our latest competition yet? All you have to do is write your answers to the following questions (which are all about this summer's World Cup) on a piece of paper, add your name and hand it in to me in the Club Shop by the end of our game against Gravesend & Northfleet on 17 October. And, if you are the lucky winner, you will receive one of the prizes generously donated by our sponsors, TOMY TOYS.

1. Which two teams contested the opening match of the World Cup finals?
2. Who scored England's opening goal of the finals?
3. Which team did England lose to in the Group matches?
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5. Who won the tournament?

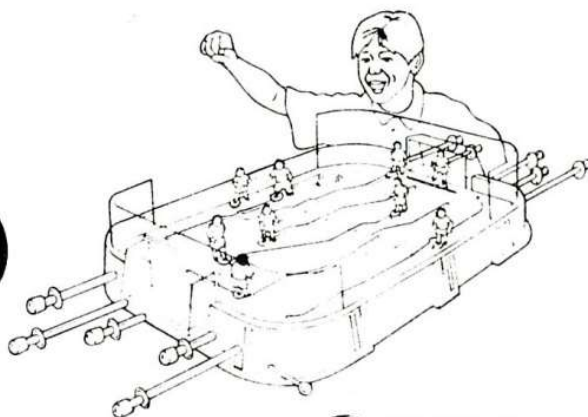
You must be a **Strikers' Club** member to enter the competition but, if you haven't already joined for this season, you can do so at the same time as submitting your answers – Membership costs just £1.50.

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ASSISTANT REFEREES: GRAHAM HORWOOD (Luton) - green trim

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