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INTRODUCTION BY THE GHAIRMAN OF THE RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Good evening

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to this evening's League Charity Shield match featuring the League Champions 1998/99, Sutton United F.C. and League Cup Winners 1998/99, Aldershot Town F.C., which has been kindly sponsored by One 2 One, who also sponsor The Football Association Charity Shield.

Tonight's contest promises to be keenly contended with Sutton United, previous winners in 1984/85 and runners-up to Kingstonian in 1998/99, determined to make amends for last year's defeat. This will be the first time that Aldershot Town have contested this trophy and they qualify by having beaten Boreham Wood F.C. in last year's League Cup final.

Since the competition was introduced in 1978/79, many thousands of pounds have been donated to national charities by way of income from the matches played and various sponsorships. Likewise, the proceeds after match expenses from this evening's game, together with the generous sponsorship from One 2 One will also be donated to major charities, the details of which will be announced at a later date.

A special welcome is extended to our many guests this evening, in particular Malcolm Cooke, Marketing Director of the Ryman Group and Sandy Munro, Director of One 2 One, together with representatives from our other sponsors, promotional associates and members of county football associations.

In conclusion I thank you all for your support for this evening's match and would take this opportunity of wishing you a happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

> Alan C. F. Turvey Chairman & Managing Director Ryman Football League

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would first of all like to welcome the Management Committee of the Ryman League and the Chairman Alan and Secretary Turvey Nick Robinson for this evening's match. It is an honour for the club to stage this match and for Aldershot Town it is the first time the club has participated in the Charity Shield, I would also like to welcome John Rains and his Sutton United team to the Rec.

Continuing the. OIL. Isthmian League front it is good news for the club that four of our players have been selected for the Isthmian League XI to play against the F.A. XI this coming Wednesday Dulwich evening at Hamlet F.C. I am pleased for all four players namely Jason Chewins, Mark Bentley, Grant Payne and Gary Abbott.

Last Tuesday evening I was disappointed with the result at Dagenham & Redbridge. To be honest we had the opportunities to sew the match up in the first half and we didn't take them and that was to prove costly with the way Dagenham responded in the second half.

Whilst I still feel there is a long way to go we need to produce a good run in the league and to start climbing up the table to start putting pressure on the top teams.

As you will be aware we are still involved in three cup competitions and the draw for the F.A. Umbro Trophy last week has paired us with a home tie against Staines Town. Obviously any cup draw at home must be good news for the club but we will not underestimate Staines and I am sure they will be looking forward to playing at the Rec.

This coming Saturday we entertain Dulwich Hamlet at the Rec and I hope you continue to give the excellent support that we have received so far this season.

Enjoy the match.

George

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Welcome to . . .

We participate in the Isthmian League Charity Shield for the first time in our short history this evening. As Ryman League Cup holders we are paired against last season's

Ryman League champions and current Conference side Sutton United. The match will be concluded this evening and if the scores are level after 90 minutes there will be a period of extra time and, if required, a penalty shoot out.

Exeter City aftermath

With respect to the above fixture played on Saturday 20th November, we have detailed a documented report to the Football Association regarding the unsatisfactory events that occurred on that afternoon. It is exceedingly likely that a meeting is to be held at Exeter City F.C. later this month with all relevant bodies attending, including representation from both football clubs.

I will explain the situation at greater length in due course. However, thank you to every supporter that has contacted the club with respect to the events that occurred that day and I confirm that we will be in touch as soon as we are in a position to inform you of any developments.

As supporters who were present on the day our stewards, who were all off duty, acted swiftly and certainly helped ease the situation. I would like to thank the following for showing their initiative: Darron Cornwall, John Rogers, Peter Stanford, Steve Aspinal, John Traynor, Harold Stewart, Mick Pullen, Dave Crane and Barry Spindler.

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Back to the Rec on Saturday

We entertain Dulwich Hamlet at the Rec this coming Saturday afternoon (December 11th) in a Ryman Premier Division match. Kick off is 3pm.

Famborough Town

As you will be aware by now we will be entertaining our close neighbours Famborough Town twice in undays over the Christmas period. On Tuesday 211 December we will stage the Ryman League Cup third round match (7.45pm) whilst on Monday 2711 December we stage our first ever league match against Famborough. Kick off is 3pm.

Neither match will be all ticket but we will be selftickets in advance this coming Wednesday III December from 10am to 4.30pm onwards and behave and after Saturday's match against Dulwich Hamler.

For the Ryman League Cup tie season ticle

 holders will be able to reserve their seats to purchasing tickets in advance at the club offices. For the league match season ticket holders can gain access by using the relevant stub in their book.

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Turnstiles will be op on the day at 6.30pm r December 21st at



1.30pm on December 27th. There will be specific entrances for pre-sold tickets similar to the arrangements versus Hednesford Town this season and Woking last scason.

There will be STRICT segregation and Famborough Town supporters will be allocated the East Bank away section and also the McDonalds Family Stand. We apologise to our supporters who use the Family Stand – it is a disappointment that for every big match that is staged at the Rec the Family Stand is provided for visiting supporters and we will be addressing that issue and it may be that the Family Stand will be moved for next season.

We do advise supporters to purchase tickets in advance to ensure quicker access into the stadium on both matchdays.

Admission for both matches will be as follows:

Adult Terrace	£7.00
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Concessionary Terrace	£4.00

Concessionary tickets are juniors (6 to 15 years old inclusive), Senior Citizens, Students (under 24 in full time education and on production of a valid NUS card), UB40 holders (signed on as unemployed and in possession of a valid ES40 card) and Disabled.

Hampshire Senior Cup

We are away to Newport (IoW) in the third round of the Hampshire Senior Cup. The match is to be played on Tuesday 14th December at St George's Park, Newport, Kick off is at 7.45pm.

Congratulations to . . .

We are pleased to announce that four Shots' players have been selected to represent the Isthmian League Representative XI versus F.A. XI at Dulwich Hamlet F.C. to be played this coming Wednesday evening.

Full squad: Tony Roberts, Ashley Vickers (St Albans), Paul Newell, Tim Cole, Derek Payne (Dagenham & Red.), Justin Gregory, Dave McEwan, Dave Stevens (Dulwich), Keith Dublin, Steve Watson (Famborough), Paul Towler, Bontcho Guentchev, Paul Whitmarsh (Hendon), Jason Chewins, Mark Bentley, Gary Abbott, Grant Payne (Aldershot), Al James Hannigan (Slough), Greg Berry (Purfleet), Phil Simpson (Enfield).

More good news

We are also pleased to announce that the Football Association has considered the club's application for Associate Membership of the Football Association and the request has been granted.

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Meet the Shots

GARY ABBOTT - Forward Born Catford, 7th November 1964 Debut: 22nd August 1958 v Purfleet (A) Appearances 75 - Goals 60

Signed from Slough Town in Aure 1998 and became a firm favourite with the Shots' supporters. Scored his first of four hat-tricks last season in the opening home match versus Hampton in August 1998. He also became the club's record goalscorer for a season netting 48 goals during the last campaign, including the winners in both the Ryman and Hampshire Senior Cup finals. Has also played for Barnet and Enfeld and scored over 100 Conference goals for Weiling United. Has represented England at amateur level. Scored two hat-tricks in a week in September.



OLLIE ADEDEJI - Defence Bom Lewisham, 15th July 1970

Debut: 14th August 1999 v Hendon (A) Appearances 21 - Goals 0

A dose season acquisition from atomicy when he had played for the part six seasons. A milable consistent centre half who impressed against the Shots on five occasions last season for the Kent side. Offer progressed through the reserver initially before making the centre half position his own. A former Player of the Season at Bromiley. Offer has also played for Finchley and Boreham Wood.

NEIL BAKER - Dofesce

Born Askford (Middlesex), 4th September 1979 Debut: 7th September 1999 v Aylesbury United (A) Appearances 6 - Coals 0

Arrived at the Recreation Ground in July from Famborough Town. Nolserved the Cherrywood Road dub for three seasons and became renowned for producing a high level of consistency. A level headed player, Neil's father Keith is a former Assistant Manager at Aldershot. Town who made 1.17 appearances for the club between 1992 and 1995.

SIMON BASSEY - Midileid

Born London, 5th February 1976 Debut: 6th December 1997 v Worthing (H) Appearances 29 – Gods 1

A highly promising busiling midlield player who has bravely returned to full fitness with intense work after a poor diallinge versus Gravesend & Northfleet ended his 1998/99 season in August. He received reptarous applause when he returned at Fisher Athletic in the F.A. Cup in early October. Originally signed for the dub from Carshalton Athletic and started his career as an apprentice at Charlton Athletic.

NICKY BELL - Midleid

Born Reading, 18th December 1978 Appearances 5 - Goals 1

Local product who was an apprentice at Reading, Inspressed in early season reserve trans matches before joining the first team squad. Nicky's father, Teny, was a popular forward who spent five seasons at the Recreation Ground between 1973 and 1978.

MARK BENTLEY - Midlehf

Born Hertford, 7th January 1978 Debut: 14th August 1999 v Hendon (A) Appearances 19 - Goals 7

Signed during the close season after being a new ever-present for Enfield last season. Mark retted 11 Ryman League goals last season for the Middlesex club, for whom he had progressed through the ranks. Teamed up at Aldersheit with former manager George Borg, Turned down an offer to sign for Nationwide League Barnet last season. Mark scored the winning goal on his home debut against Gravesend & Northfleet in August.

GEORGE BORG - Manager

Born London, 11th May 1958

His proved popular with the Aldershot faithful after leading the club to the Ryman Division One championship in his first session at the club and securing the first cup silverware in Aldershot's history last session. Renowned within non-League lootball George poined Aldershot with a fine pedigree after ensuing the most successful period in Enfeld's history, leading the Middlesest club to the Premier Division championship and the third round of the F.A. Cup. Was also successful at Cheshem United (a further championship trophy) and Harrow Borough (two cup final victories) and also against the odds progressed with Chelmsford City and Barking sarly in his management cases; the latter when he was last 29 years of age.

STUART CASH – Antistavt Manager/Defence Born Båston, Sth September 1965 Debut: 24th September 1997 v Leyton Pennant (A) Appearances 48 – Goals 3

Has proved a great influence in the dressing room under his Assistant Manager's role. First team opportunities were limited last season and injury halted Stuart's season early. A former professional with Chesterfield, Rothesham United and Brentford, Stuart actually featured in a bisame League Cup match at Liverpool in 1992 when the lower division side were 2-0 in the lead and finally drew 4-4. A Wembley FA. Trophy winner also with Wycombe Wanderers.



NEIL CHAMPION - Midfield Bom Famborough. Sth November 1975 Debut: 16th August 1997. v Chertsey Town (H) Appearances 102 - Goals 1 Missed only a handful of matches last season after forong his way into the starting line-up in the First Division. championship season. Noil was former manager Steve Wigley's find signing in the summer of 1997 after arming from Fareham Town. Started his career as a youth player at APC Bournemouth.

JASON CHEWINS - Defence

Rom Portsmouth, 22nd October 1970 Debut: 13th August 1994 v Billericay Town (H) Appearances 263 - Goals 6

Last element's Player of the Scalam. A left back who has proved popular with the supporters and is now the longest serving player at the club. Is one of only three players to make 200 plas appearances for the club and now has Mark Butler's record of 303 matches in his sights. Previously served Basingstoke Town and Weakhtone.

SAM COBBETT - Midleid

Born Aldershot, 21st October 1980 Debut: 5th January 1999 v Berkhamsted Town (A) Appearances 15 - Goals B

A local product that forced bik way into the first beam last season and impressed the management to secure a two-year contract at the dub. A former Mytchett Junior, Sam joined Aldershot Town at the age of 15 and way an influential part of the successful youth team last season.



Meet the Shots

OWEN COLL – Deterce Born Donegal, 9th April 1976 Debut: 24th November 1998 v Charlszy Town (A) Appendances 56 – Goals 5

An over-present towards the end of last season, Owen slotted into the centre back position with ease. Was also called to play at right back due to the injury situation at the dub. A former Spus apprentice, Owen made his Football League debut for AFC Bournemouth in Division Two at the ago of 19 in March 1996, playing 24 times for them before joining the Shots via a brief spell at Stevenage Borough. Represented the Republic of Ireland at junior level.

COLIN FIELDER - Playet/Coach

Bost Winchester, 5th Junuary 1964 Debut: 22nd August 1997 v Furliert (A) Appearances 81 – Goals 7

Th only player on the books who played for Aldershot in the Football Laugue. Colin made 88 appearances as a professional before moving to neighbours. Famborough Town where he was a major part of their progress to the Conference in 1989 and 1991. An escellent carver has also seen. Colin win two F.A. Trophy medals with Woking, including scoring a last minute Wambley winner. Signed from Yeovil Town where, as Playet/Coach, the Somerset dub won promotion to the Conference in 1997, Appointed Player/Coach at Aldershot Town in the summer of 1999.



RICHARD GELL - Midheid

Som London, Bih December 1975 Debut: 14th August 1999 v Hendon (A) Appearances 20 - Goals 0

Signed during the summer after a season at Chesham United. An attacking midfield player, Richard commerced his career on the books of Chesha and Wycombe Wanderers. In 1995 he joined Yeading in the Premier Division of the IsBimian League and sport three seasons at the Middletex club.

STUART HARTE - Defence

Born Basingstocke, 12th December 1977 Debut: 7th September 1999 v Aylesbury United (A) Appearances 7 – Goals 0

Jointed former Famborough Town team-mate Damen Robson after antiving from Cherrywood Road during the summer A former Bristol Rovers player, Stuart joined Famborough Town during the 1997/98 season and produced a high level of consistency for the club in the sight back position before joining the Shots

IAN MATHAMAY - MUCHER

Born Wordsley, 22nd August 1968 Debut: 26th September 1998 v Billericzy Town (A) Appearances 71 – Goala 11

Had an excellent first season at the club, his first outside the professional game for 11 years. Was made captain as the team lifted the Hampshire Senior Cup in May, Commenced his playing career as an apprentice at W.B.A. before a spell in Midland non-Lesgue football ended when he joined Mansheld Town in 1989. In total he made 209 Football League appearances, scoting 17 goals and also featured for Rothenham United. Torquay United and Colchester United.

JOE NARTEY - Forward

Bom Ghana, 28th May 1976 Debut: 28th March 1998 v Billencay Town (H) Appearances 73 – Goals 27

Recorded his best return of 29 goals last season, including four in a loan

spell at Bilericay Town. Set a dub record of scoring five goals in a match in the 8-0 win at 8ishop's Stortford in September 1998 and scored a further low goals against the Hertfordshire side in the 5-0 home victory. Completed 10 goals against Stortford by also netting against there in his loan spell. Antired at the club from Chertsey Town in March 1998 and also had a successful spell at Hayes when the Middlesex club gained promotion to the Conference in 1996.



ANDY PAPE - Goalkeeper Som Hammersmith, 22nd March 1962 Debut: 96th October 1999 v Lymington/New Milton (A)

Appearances 9 - Goals 0

Experienced goalkeeper who has Football League experience at Barnet and Queens Park Rangers. He had a highly successful period at Enfield, where he holped the Madelman club to win the Football Conference title and IIA Trophy. In total he spent over 10 seasons at Enfield in two spells. He also possesses 15 England simi-professional international caps.

GRANT PAYNE - Forward

Born Woking, 29th December 1973 Debut: 13th November 1999 y Enfield (A) Approximates 2 - Goals 7

Signed from Nationwide Conference neighbours Woking, where he was extremely popular with the supporters. A former Wimbledon apprentice, Grant scored approaching 50 goals for Woking in a twoyear spell. Made history on his Aldershot debut becoming the first player in 73 years of football in Aldershot to score four goals in his first match. Followed this up with a het-trick in his next match, a Ryman League Cup tie at Abingdon Town.

ANDY PEARCE - Defence

forn Braifford apon Avon, 20th April 1965 Debut: 16th October 1999 v Lymington/New Milton (A) Appearances 7 – Goals 0

lotted the Stots in October despite having the opportunity to remain in the professional game. Has mude approaching 200 Premiership appearances, spanning spells at Coventry City, where he was signed by Bobby Gould, Sheffield Wednesday and Wenbledon. Adds height and experience to the team.

JAMMY SUGRUE - Midlield

8om Hammersnith, 1st Ianuary 1974 Debut: 18th March 1995 v Abingdon Town (A)

Appearances 101 - Goals 43 A firm favourite with the supporters who never gives less. than 100%. Originally arrived at the club on kian from Kingstonian in March 1995 and instantly proved a hit. Is now in his second spell at the Recreation Ground. and in between Jimmy was a part of Hayer' championship side of 1996 that won promotion to the Conference in 1996. Has previously won the Player of the Season Award. Another Shots' player who started his career in the professional ranks as an apprentice at Fulham.







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remember my father telling me of the hoax which was played on the sporting public around the turn of the century, involving an entire race meeting card including horses, riders and a

full s.p. - all of which was fictional!

Well, we must have come close to it a couple of weeks ago in the football world when it was reported in two national newspapers at least that Liverpool were interested in signing Didier Baptiste from Monaco – unfortunately the player was a character from the Sky soap, 'Dream Team'I

Monsieur Baptiste is portrayed by an actor who also plays Sunday League football and was chuffed when he heard Liverpool were prepared to bid £3.5 million for his services!

Naturally the rest of the national press, who had not been hoodwinked by this, did some investigating and alleged that the source of the story had been with a sports agency, who strangely enough were not available for comment. For Dream Team, read Nightmare.

Perhaps it was a quiet day on the football front, but whether the idea was a prank or just a genuine mistake, it falls short of the maxim that you should never believe anything you read until it's checked out.

But it gets worse – the programme's producer went on record by saying he had named the character, the aforesaid Didier Baptiste, after no less than two players. Firstly the Didier comes from Chelsea midfield player, French international Deschamps. Secondly the Baptiste was in memory of the "great international who played in the same French team as Michel Platini".

My memory being as suspect as anyone else's these days, I thought I had better check on the name myself as it did not register at all. Scanning through the Platini years I came across many with the letter 'b', notably Maxime Bossis, Bruno Baronchelli, Dominique Bathenay, Marc Berdoll, Francois Bracci, Daniel Bravo and Bruno Bellone to name but a few. Then there was Patrick Battiston, but no Baptiste. More to the point, in the entire history of French international football there has never been a full international with that surname. It must have been Battiston.

So, Liverpool were not only on the point of signing a ficticious character, it was one who did not exist even in the figment of someone's imagination. Embarrassingly, Liverpool's Chief Executive Peter Robinson and Manager Gerard Houllier had to issue statements to the effect that they had never said they were interested in Baptiste.

One also suspects that the internet has something to answer for in this respect and it may not be the end of similar stories. Where will it end? Next thing the EA. will allow a club already knocked out of the EA. Cup to be reinstated – there's a joke.

But remember Darlington are not the first club to lose a match in the competition and appear in the next round. For a variety of reasons others have had defeat turned to

victory. However, the quiz question of all time concerns Charlton, who reached the final in 1946 having lost one leg of a tie with Fulham, the season the tournament was based on home and away scores.







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LAST SEASON saw Aldershot Town perform in the Ryman Premier Division for the first time in the club's short seven-year existence. Indeed it was a bizarre season for the Hampshire club, who endured 65 matches in a marathon campaign.

In their league campaign the Shots finished in a oreditable seventh position, loting only one of their last 10 matches. Goalscoring was also no problem and Gary Abbott netted 48 goals in his first season at the club and he was the top scorer in the whole of the Ryman League. At the Recreation Ground 83 goals were recorded in the 21 home league matches staged, the highest total in senior football within the United Kingdom.

It was in cup football that the dub won silverware. though - in a superb finale to the season the club wonthe Ryman League Cup and Hampshire Senior Cup within two days in the first week of May. In the Ryman League Cup Final Boreham Wood were beaten 2-1 with Gary Abbott netting an extra time winner to ensure that the Shots went one stage further than their 1995/96 final defeat versus Kingstonian. It was the Hampshire Senior Cup Final victory that sent the pukes racing though - playing with 10 players for over an hour of the match Aldershot dinched the County Cup for the first time in their history when Abbott netted an injury time winner to confirm a 1-0 victory against a Basingstoke Town side that had won their previous four matches against their local rivals. The match at Southampton F.C.'s The Dell was played in front of over 3,500 spectators, the vast majority travelling from Aldershot producing an electric atmosphere in what many supporters state was the best night they have experienced as an Aldershot supporter including the Football Leasue era.

It has been a fairytale seven years for Aldershot Town. In March 1992 the town was without a football club after Aldershot F.C. became the first Football League team since Accrington Statley in 1962 to fold during the season. An emotion-charged encounter at Cardiff City's Niman Park on March 20th 1992 is now in history as the Shots' last competitive fixture and over 6,000 people were there to witness it.

There were, however, some excellent tangs in the Football League for the Hampshire club. As recently as 1987 Aldershot won promotion via the first ever Fourth Division Play-Off Final, beating Wolves 3-0 on aggregate – the second leg was played in front of 20,000 spectators at Molineux.

In the season before the closure of Aldershot F.C. the Shots held West Ham to a draw at Upton Park in an F.A. Cup third round replay. Also if the play-offs had been introduced earlier then Aldershot would have featured in them on five occasions in a 10-year spell prior to the introduction of them.

However it has been the re-emergence of footbal

In the town that has built an outstanding loyalty from the supporters who have been so influential in the club's progress. Starting in the Diadora Isthmian League in 1992 Aldershot Town were born. Despite the fact that the level was five divisions lower than the Football League the attendance for the first ever competitive fixture was higher than the last ever professional match played at the Rec. Ten successive victories were recorded and in front of an average attendance of over 2,000 Aldershot won the championship by 18 points.

A further promotion and an F.A. Vase quarter-final placing was achieved in the 1993/94 season and when manager Steve Wignal departed to take charge of Colchester United midway through the 1994/95 season he left the club content that he had built a firm foundation. Former Nottingham Forest winger Steve Wigley took over but was unfortunate that despite steering the club to six successive victories at the end of the season only goal difference prevented a third successive promotion.

After narrowly missing out during the next two seasons Wigley left to become Youth Development Officer at Notingham Forest in July 1997 and after many hours of intense work Aldershot officials finally managed to secure the services of their number one choice to replace him.

George Borg arrived at the Recreation Ground in September 1997 with an excellent record. After ersuring he had the correct management beam in Assistant Stuart Cash and Physiotherapist Phil Shedden both arriving from his previous club Enfield, work was undertaken to secure the First Division championship by 11 points from Billericay Town. Attendances continued to tast during this period and the final fixture at home to Berkhamsted Town attracted 4.289 people to the Rec.

Last season also saw the highest-ever attendance for an Aldershot Town fixture when 6,870 attended a rain-drenched Rec for the F.A. Cup fourth qualifying round vait of Wolding. This surpassed the 5,951 that attended the 1993 Hampshire Senior Cup clash with local rivals Famborough Town. The club were the best supported team outside the Nationwide Conference. It was also a prosperous time for the youth team last season - led by former player Andy Nunn and Dave Barratt, a runners-up spot in the Southern League was achieved together with another cup double - the Hampshire Roodlit Youth and Southern League Cup. Also for the 1999/2000 season the reserve team have been reformed and they compete in the Capital League. Club officials have worked hard to ensure that the progress of the dub has continued and as we look. forward to entering a new century supporters are optimistic that Aldershot Town F.C. is heading in the right direction.

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GARETH HOWELLS - Goalkeeper

In his second season with the club after being signed from St Albans, where he made over 200 appearances in four seasons. A junior at Tottenham, where his brother David became a first team regular, he played a handful of youth games for Sutton in 1986 before making over 100 appearances for Torquay

DANNY BROOKER - Defence

Attacking right back signed from Kingstonian in summer 1997, he missed only two games in his first two seasons with the club and his consistency won him the Player of the Year awards from both the Football Club and Supporters Club in 1997/98.

RICHARD SKELLY - Defence/Midfield

Left-sided player who has impressed in both defence and midfield after being signed from Basingstoke at the start of last season. He has Football League experience with Cambridge United and Northampton, and has also played for King's Lynn.

GWYNNE BERRY - Defence

Centre back in his third spell with the club and made his 300th appearance early this season. Spent a year and a half with Woking where he won an F.A. Trophy medal in 1994. Has represented the Ryman League and his outstanding form last season saw him voted the club Player of the Year.

ANDY RILEY - Defence

In his third spell with Sutton, Andy has also played for Carshalton (where he made over 400 appearances), Kingstonian, Crawley and Dulwich Hamlet. Originally signed in September 1996, he finished his first season at Sutton with the Player of the Year award. Captained the side to the Ryman Premier title last season and has represented the Ryman League.



PAUL HARFORD - Utility

Versatile player who was signed last October after a brief spell with Welling, although previously a regular in Famborough Town's Conference line-up and won their Player of the Year award two seasons ago. Can play in defence, midfield or up front, although

most of his appearances have been in central midfield.

DAVID HARLOW - Midfield

Influential member of the squad after being signed early last season from Famborough Town, with whom he represented England at semi-professional level. Began his career with Fulham before making over

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300 appearances for Kingstonian. Represented the Ryman League last season.

PAUL SEARS - Midfield

Signed earlier this season from local Ryman rivals Carshalton, Previously with Crystal Palace.

SAMMY WINSTON - Striker

Signed during the summer from Chesham for a fourfigure fee after an impressive toan spell at the end of last season. Previously played in the Conference for Yeovil after making 11 Football League appearances for Leyton Orient.

MARK WATSON - Striker

Originally signed from local football in 1993, making sufficient impact to earn a transfer to West Ham two years later. After loan spells at Shrewsbury and Leyton Orient, he spent a season with Bournemouth before joining Welling and then Sutton in



March 1998. Finished last season as leading scorer with 32 goals despite missing two months through injury. Made his 100th appearance near the end of the season.

JIMMY DACK - Midfield

Began his third spell with the club when he rejoined from Aldershot Town last season. First signed as an 18year-old in 1990, he made around 150 appearances in three years, including a number in the Conference, before spells with Crawley and Carshalton. Rejoined Sutton in 1995, making his 200th appearance and representing the Ryman League before joining Aldershot at the start of last season.

NKO EKOKU - Forward

Signed at the start of last season after three seasons with Harrow Borough. Previously with Hampton and Malden Vale, he is the brother of Nigerian international Efan Ekoku, who began his career with Sutton in 1989.

KEITH ROWLANDS - Striker

Signed in February from Farnborough Town, for whom he scored some important goals to preserve their Conference status two seasons ago. Previously with Hanwell Town.

JOE BAKER - Winger

Signed in early November after being released by Leyton Orient, for whom he made nearly 100 appearances. Previously with Charlton Athletic. The Programme

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arch 5th 1998 saw Sutton United celebrate its 100th birthday. With the amalgamation of Sutton Association and Sutton Guild Rovers, the club quickly established itself as the leading local outfit and in the years before the First World War the club played at a variety of local grounds, including one season at the Sutton Adult School Ground.

In 1910 the decision was made to seek senior status as members of the Southern Suburban League and after the war the club returned to the Adult School premises, whose name was changed to the Borough Sports Ground when ownership switched to the local council – that ground in Gander Green Lare has been home to the club ever since.

Sutton United was elected into the Athenian League in 1921 and captured its first Athenian League championship in 1928. During the thirties the club established itself as a rapidly developing force in the amateur game and enjoyed several good runs in the Amateur Cup. The semi-finals were teached in 1929 and 1987 but on the first occasion the club was expelled from the competition because two players were found 'guilty' of also playing Sunday tootbalf

During World War Two United captured a young centre forward called Chartie Vaughum, whose prolific goalsconing helped the team to a succession of wartime boriours. When the Athenian Loague re-commenced in the 1945/46 season, Vaughan's haul of 42 goals helped the side to another title success. The Surrey Senior Cup was also captured for the first time.

Vaughan soon himed professional with Chariton Athletic and although the 1950's brought few major playing bonours, they were times of great charge for Sutton, who were widely acknowledged as one of the most imaginative and forward-thinking clubs in the country. Assets were transferred to Sutton United Ltd in 1953, with current President Andrew Letts as Chaloman of the oub and the limited company, and a large new stand was constructed. Top young coaches were brought in to improve the side, including Jimmy Hill and Malcolm Alison, but it was not until George Smith was appointed Manager that the groundwork began to bear fruit. The Athenian League title was won for a third time in 1958 and that year the London Senior Cup was captured for the first time.

George Smith left to take over at Crysta Palace and after Peter Molloy held the post for two seasons. United recruited Sid Cann from Wycombe to take charge of the team. His reign became known as the club's 'Golden Era', commencing with a visit to Wembley for the 1963 Amateur Cup Final, which Wimbledon won 4-2.

That summer the U's were elected into the following League and in 1967 they captured the title. Another trip to Wembley followed in 1969, ending in defeat again at the hands of North Shields, and in 1970 the club enjoyed nationwide tame with an EA. Cup 4th Round clash at home to the mighty Leeds United who won 6-0. Cane's charges finished us runners-up in the league twice and won the county cup three times.

In 1974 Cann was replaced by his former captain, England international Ted Powell, but United went through a series of managers in quick succession, inducting Dario Gradi, before Keith Brunt stradled the 2np. His major achievement was to guide the team to win the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1979, before taking over at Maimö and being succeeded at The Lane by Barrie Williams.

The U's reached the EA. Trophy Final in 1981, kising 1-0 to 8shop's Stortfold and finished as league runners-up in 1982, in 1993 a troble of the Surrey Senior, London Senior and Hitachi Cups was completed, with two retained the following year, and in 1985 the lathman League title was captured again

Because of problems connected with the ground lease, promotion to the Gola League was not sought, but the title was retained in 1985 and the U's joined the Vauxhall Conference Five years in that competition were notable for EA. Cup successes, including a draw with Middlesbrough and wins over Aldershot and Peterborough and, most famously of all, a 2-1 win against

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Coventry City. The club captured the county cup a record six times in succession.

Despite winning the Bob Lord Trophy in 1991 and racking up a Conference record away wid, 9-0 at Gateshead, the side was relegated at the end of the season. Hopes of a quick return to the top flight were not realised but Sutton could beast a growing list of players who were transferred into the Football League. That lint was spearheaded by Efan Ekoku, but also included Paul Rogers, Andy Scott and Robert Scott, who all joined Sheffield United, Stuart Massey and Andy Barnes (both Crystal Palace). Office Morah (Cambridge United) and Mark Watson (West Ham United). A little earlier, record goalscorer Paul McKinnon had been sold to Blackburn Rovers.

More EA. Cup glory was tasted in 1993 when both Colchester and Torquay were beaten on their own turf before a 3-2 defeat at Notis County in the third round. In 1996 a new managerial team took over, brother John and Tony Rains, second and third in the club's all time list of leading appearances.

They guided the team to third place in their first season and after leading the league table for many weeks, the U/s just failed to celebrate their centenary by securing promotion into the Conference and eventually finished in third place behind Kingstonian the league cup was won though, with centre forward Joff Vansittart scoring five times when Oxford City were beaten 6-1 in the final. He has since been sold to Dover Athletic and the goalcoring burden has fallen onto the skillul Frenchman, Nassim Akrour, Mark Watson (who re-joined the club towards the end of last season after a spell with Welling United) and summer signing Barry Blackman, Another to re-sign in the summer was Andy Riley, Player of the Year in 1997, and goalkeeper Gareth Howells was brought in from St Albans Oity.

The completion in 1997 of a new covered terrace behind the goal at the Gander Green Lane end has tarned the ground an 'A' grade and with the pitch benefiting from some intensive renovation last year, the old stadium now looks better than ever.



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Saints close in on Daggers briefly

On Saturday 27th November St Albans City moved into second place in the Premier Division, winning 3-2 at Boreham Wood. The home side fought back from 2-0 down with two goals in a minute, but City clinched it with a 73rd minute Lenny Piper strike. Leaders Dagenham & Redbridge were held to a 1-1 draw by Chesham United, both goals coming in the 66th minute but followed that up by beating Aldershot Town last Tuesday night to open up the gap between them and St Albans to seven points.

Results

Saturday 27th November

Ryman Premier		
Boreham Wood	2 v 3	St Albans City
Dagenham & Red.	1 v 1	Chesham United
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Aldershot Town	3 V 1	Braintree Town
Bognor Regis Town	1 y 2	Walton & Hersham
Bromley	2 V 0	Chelmsford City
Crawley Town	0 v 2	Wealdstone
Dulwich Hamlet	1 9 1	Burnham
Enfield	2 1 2	Newport IoW
Gravesend & North	2 v 0	Worthing
Hampton & Rich.	1 9 2	Carshalton Athietic
Harlow Town	2 V 3	Dover Athletic
Harrow Borough	0 4 0	Oxford City
Hendon	1 v 0	Grays Athletic
Hereford United	1 4 0	Barton Rovers
Heybridge Swifts	3 V 2	Witney Town
Kettering Town	2 4 2	Thame United
Leatherhead	0 4 0	Bedford Town
Leyton Pennant	0 V 3	Staines Town
Purflect	5×0	Raunds Town
Tiverton Town	0 v 4	Famborough Town
Uxbridge	0 v 2	Canvey Island
Whyteleafe	4 y 2	St Leonards
Yate Town	0 v 2	Billericay Town
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Monday 29th November (Ryman Premier) Carshalton Athletic 1 v 2 Gravesend & North.

Tuesday 30th November F.A. Cup 2 replay Enfield $0 \vee 3$ Preston North End Ryman Premier Aylesbury United $0 \le 1$ **Billericay Town** Dagenham & Red. 3 y 1 Aldershot Town Walton & Hersham 1×2 Hendon F.A. Trophy 2 replays Bedford Town 2×0 Leatherhead. Sumham. 1 v.0 Dulwich Hamlet Oxford City $3 \vee 2$ Harrow Borough Thame United 0.v.1Kettering Town 22

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9	Gravesend & Northfleet	17	4	3	3	2	3	2	6	6	5	28	19	9	24
10	Hitchin Town	16	5	2	2	2	0	5	7	2	7	26	28	-2	23
11	Purfleet	16	3	4	2	2	3	2	5	7	4	23	18	5	22
12	Slough Town	15	3	1	3	3	3	2	6	4	5	23	18	3	22
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14	Walton & Hersham	18	3	2	3	2	3	5	5	5	8	24	33	-9	20
15	Hendon	14	3	0	3	3	1	4	6	1	7	21	26	-5	19
16	Hampton & Richmond	16	- 3	2	4	1	3	3	4	5	7	16	24	-8	17
17	Carshalton Athletic	16	2	3	3	2	0	6	4	3	9	20	33	~13	15
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19	Boreham Wood	18	1	2	6	3	1	5	4	3	11	13	30	-17	15
20	Aylesbury United	18	3	2	4	1	0	8	4	2	12	26	45	-19	14
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MIDFIELDER Darren Robson decided that it was time to leave the club two days before our Ryman Premier Division match against Enfield.

The 30-year-old joined the club in the summer from Farnborough Town and, in total, made 16 appearances for the club.

He said on the Telefonix Shotsline. "At my age I need first team football and I couldn't see it in the next few weeks so I have decided to

move on."

As supporters will recall Darren had an excellent pre-season campaign and looked a real threat. "To be my pre-season honest contributed to my downfall. You set your standards but it i 15 not real playing friendlies but everybody expects you to keep that standard. It is not possible in competitive action because you just don't get the time."

Despite leaving the club after a short time Darren has good memories of Aldershot Town, "I'm not sure of my future at the moment although I would like to return to the Conference. It is a difficult league to play in but it is also a good standard. I have enioved it at Aldershot as it is a well-run friendly club.



There are no hard feelings whatsoever and I wish all the fans the best "

Darren Robson was in conversation with Graham Brookland on the Telefonix Shotsline – 09066 555855.



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Station Road West, Ash Vale, Aldershot, GU12 5XA Telephone: 01252 371000 Fax: 01252 371007 work of this result. The boys were never under any pressure, but with such a tight scoreline lady luck could have deserted us at any time. The game flowed from end-to-end with Aldershot having more of the chances, the team unable to find the finishing touches to put the game totally out of reach of Halliford. Goalscorers for the Shots were Connor Wickham and Platrick Murphy.

Under-12's progress to the last 16 of the County Cup Aldershot Town 10 v 0 T.C. Tomadoes

Aldershot's opponents came from Fareham and with no knowledge of the quality of the team Aldershot played a very defensive game in the first half assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition, taking a first half lead by one goal. Aldershot came out in the second half with a more attacking formation to open up the game and test their opponents. Robert Cairns was creating openings down the wings as Jay Foster was seizing on loose balls in front of goal, Karl Wright was controlling the midfield and all the Tornadoes could do was defend in numbers. Goalscorers for Aldershot were Jav Foster (3), Karl Wright (3), Robert Cains (2), Stacey Kinch and Scott Wyld.

Under-14's progress to the last 16 of the NEHY League Cup Aldershot Town 6 v 1 Famham Town

Aldershot from Division One entertained Famham from Division Two in this League Cup game. Aldershot were very sloppy in the first half and were not creating the chances while Adrian Collins in the back line was completely cutting out the Famham Town forwards, leaving very little for the keeper to do. Aldershot had two goals to their credit from the first half and were making hard work of it, but a change of formation for the second half brought about a more attacking forward line, with Howard Grice supplying through-balls for the front lads to put away. Even then with all the chances Aldershot created the scoreline should have been into double figures but shooting by the lads up front was wayward. Famham Town scored from the penalty spot late on but by then the game was already wrapped up.



The internet has certainly made access to information quicker and more readily available to a lot of people.

The juniors have started to develop their own web page linked to the Aldershot official website and also the unofficial Aldershot website. Both parties have been very helpful in making this link-up possible – it enables the junior section to give more information to any interested party and it was encouraging the other day to find out that the local junior football clubs have been viewing with interest the team's progress.

For those of you who are not sure how to access the site then the following steps should help you. Access through the official site is linked via the 'Owen Cod' icon on the main page and then by clicking on the Youth page. Tony Sharp's unofficial Aldershot site has access through the 'Links' directory and then through the Junior section.

All the match results for all teams are updated on the Sunday evening and match reports by the Monday night. At present we are in the process of developing each age group's section and you will see improvements weekly.

Under-8's progress to League Cup semis

Halliford Colts 1 v 2 Aldershot Town The team have played better but made hard

ALDERSHOT TOWN JUNIOR SOCCER CENTRE

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WELCOME TO this evening's special Isthmian Charity Shield match. Tonight we welcome Sutton United to the Rec. Sutton United were promoted into the Football Conference last season from the Ryman Premier League and ATFC were the winners of the League Cup, which brings us together for this match.

The big Phoenix Club Christmas Party is nearing and if you haven't replied yet please do so either this evening or on Saturday, alternatively by post to my home address which is on your invitation. It should be a brilliant evening and we look forward to welcoming all the players and of course Santa.

Look out for Saturday's notes as a message from Simon Bassey will be there but in the meantime enjoy tonight's game and cheer on the Shots. Jo Official Benchwear suppliers to the Ryman Football League





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A continuing history of Aldershot F.C.

which Aldershot were involved – we managed only 43 goals in 46 league games, failed to score at all in 21 of them, yet succeeded in finishing as high as sixth in the Fourth Division. Had the play-offs operated then, we would have made the same position we achieved before beating Wolves and Bolton at that stage six years later.

On 6th December our visitors were Halifax Town. Aldershot had been unable to find the back of the net – or anything approaching it over the goal line in the previous five league and cup matches. We had been knocked out of the F.A. Cup by the only goal of the game at Oxford United.

Mark Sandford was brought back into the first team for this one in the hope of injecting some finish into the front line and he took his place in the following team: Glen Johnson, Nigel Edwards, Alan Wooler, Les Briley, Tommy Youlden, Joe Jopling, Dave Tomlin, Mark Sanford, Colin Garwood, Malcolm Crosby, Stuart Robinson.

Many supporters felt at this time that Wooler was less effective at full back than he had been when first introduced as a sweeper after being signed from West Ham United in April 1976. Alas his arrival at that time was after the transfer deadline and he was unable to participate in any of the relegation battles which eventually led to Aldershot going down. With him playing we might have escaped the drop.

In 1976 we had a number of players whose surnames began with the letter 'w' - Richard Walden, Len Walker, Jim Wallace, Bob Wallace, Ronnie Walton and Neil Warnock to be exact – so a Wooler seemed to be at home. Pity we could not use him.

Garwood had been our top scorer the previous 1979/80 season with 10 goals and had left Portsmouth where he had also been their leading marksman. As a result of adding these two sums together, he was awarded the Golden Boot in Division Four.

One less familiar name was Stuart Robinson – signed from Newcastle United he was to make 35 league and cup appearances, score six goals and then move on to play for Seaham Red Star in his native north-east. However, the Halifax game gave us two welcome points – the three points for a win did not come into the reckoning until the following season – and must have been as a consequence of looking at Aldershot's record which included 11 goalless draws . . .

In fact it was by courtesy of goals from Robinson and Sanford that enabled us to beat Halifax 2-1. Two weeks later in our next league game we crashed 4-1 at York, only to bounce back on Boxing Day with a 4-0 victory over Hereford United with Sanford grabbing all four goals. Alas in the next eight league games we were only able to score in two of them.

Four wins on the trot from mid-February helped to haul us back into a respectable position – but we even finished the season losing 1-0 at Halifax!







Supporters Club has received a number of approaches from concerned fans. In this respect I can confirm that we have formally written to both Exeter City and the EA, about the inadequate arrangements for our visit. We will let you know what, if any, the response is.

As you may have seen in the last programme, fan Road has stepped down from the Supporters Club Charman's role, but is thankfully continuing his long involvement with our committee through his valuable work on Away Travel and the very successful 200 Club. On behalt of everyone here could I thank him for his seemingly tireless effort, especially as Chaiman, over the twit unique of years. The result of this is that I am now tasked with continuing his good work and Steve Court has very kindly agreed to give me a hand as the new Vice-Chaiman. We hope to try and encourage as many general supporters as possible to work with us and the Board of Directors with a view to progress off the field fund-rasing.

As we move up the soccer pyramid, pressure of finances, becomes ever greater and, since becoming involved with, the Supporters Club i have become aware that there is only so much a small number of people can do to raise additional income. The club is very appreciative of the tremendous efforts already made by individuals but, if we want to continue attracting players of Grant Payne's quality, then we need to do even more. If there is anyone out there who wants to see the club move forward and who feels they could spare a bit of time to help market the club and its various fund-raising activities then I would be very pleased to hear from you.

One only has to take a look at the current financial problems at Woking to see how important it is to generate additional forms of income so that, when the cup runs don't happen and the league gates drop, the club is sull viable.

Whist on the subject of fund-raking could I also remark everyone that many of our new and important players are still without kit sponsors. If you can't afford something individually why not consider perhaps getting together with others and all chipping in'. This is precisely what taxon Gibo and Kevin Selmes recently did in sponsoring Grant Payne's shirt. Many thanks guys and to all the other sponsors, your contribution is very much appreciated.

Finally, the Football Club Christmas Shop will be operating in the Wellington Centre again this year (on the ground floor) and opens this coming Saturday and will stay open until Christmas. Enjoy the game. Mike Guess



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- 11 Ian Hathaway
- 12 Joe Nartey (\$46)
- 14 Richard Gell (\$72) (880)
- 15 Nicky Bell
- 16 Darren Robson
- 17 Stuart Harte

Assistant Referees: A. Parsoni (Leicester); M. Smith Attendance: 1,719 (Bilston)

Summary Shots recorded a piece of history with a superb recovery to defeat their fifth-placed Conference opponents. Lake opened the scoring with a magnificent free kick prior to the interval but the hard-working Shots were fully deserved victors to set up a first-ever visit to a Football League team in Easter City. The visiting support on the evening was a great testament to the club.

How the goals were scored:

1-0 (44) - LAKE gave Andy Pape no chance at all with a powerful 25-yard free kick to put the Midlanders into the lead.

1-1 (67) - A fine run from CHEWINS for his first goal of the season with a fine strike insidethe box on the left-hand side:

1-2 (87) - Nartey's initial effort was cleared to ABBOTT outside the box and he guided the ball superbly round the keeper into the net.

The Borg belief: "What a fabulous night for the club. I am so chuffed for the supporters - I love them to death and they were magnificent tonight and we did it for them. It is my best day as manager of Aidershot Town but this is for the supporters."

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