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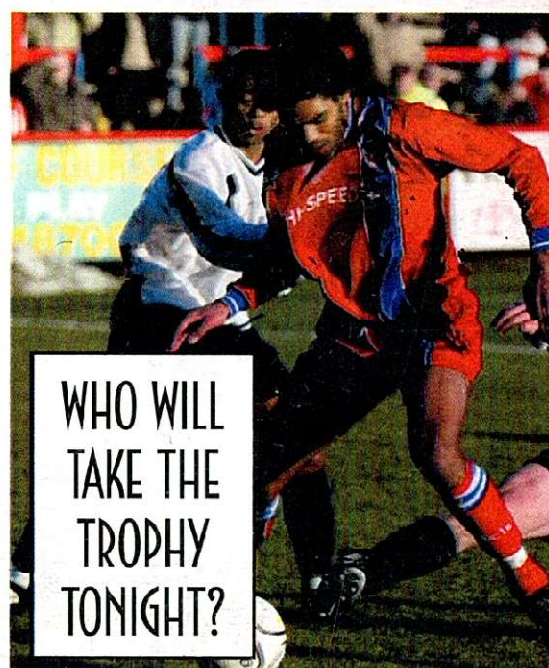
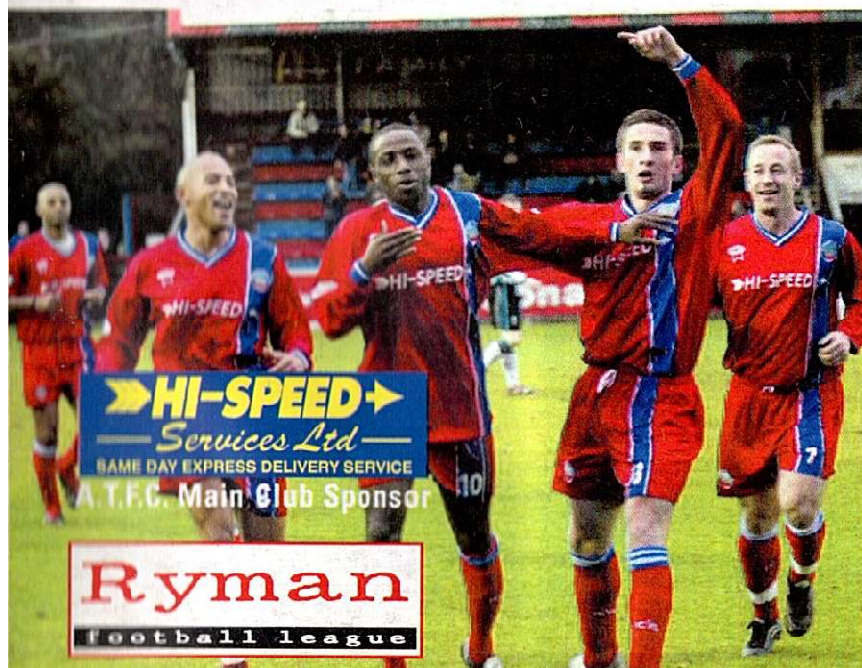
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1997/98, 1998/99, 2001/02

Southern Youth League Champions

1999/00, 2001/02

Southern Youth League Cup Winners 1998/99

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EXTRA TIME & PENALTIES IF REQUIRED

This evening we welcome our guests from Yeading Fc, who include in their team tonight 3 former Shots players. Manager Johnson Hyppolite, Jason Tucker and Dwane Lee, the latter joined the Shots on loan last season. Welcome back to the Rec.

Yeading compete in Ryman Division One North and opened their season on Saturday with a 2-1 victory at Wealdstone with goals from Jordan and Campbell in a 2 minute spell in the second half.

The Shots started their league campaign only 9 days ago. Who would have bet on the Reds record to date? Played 3, won three. We all know that our new league will be tough but we knew that in our previous league where we spend some 5 seasons trying to step up. We have learnt in a short time that our squad is good enough to compete with the big boys of our new league. We can look

forward to the bank holiday weekend with some anticipation when Woking visit the Rec for the first time for a league encounter and follow up on Monday to former league club Hereford United who top the league on goal difference.

The Directors and Management would like to thank all our supporters who travelled to Margate and Telford. You out sang the opposition by a mile. It does help the team settle you really make them feel at home on their travels.

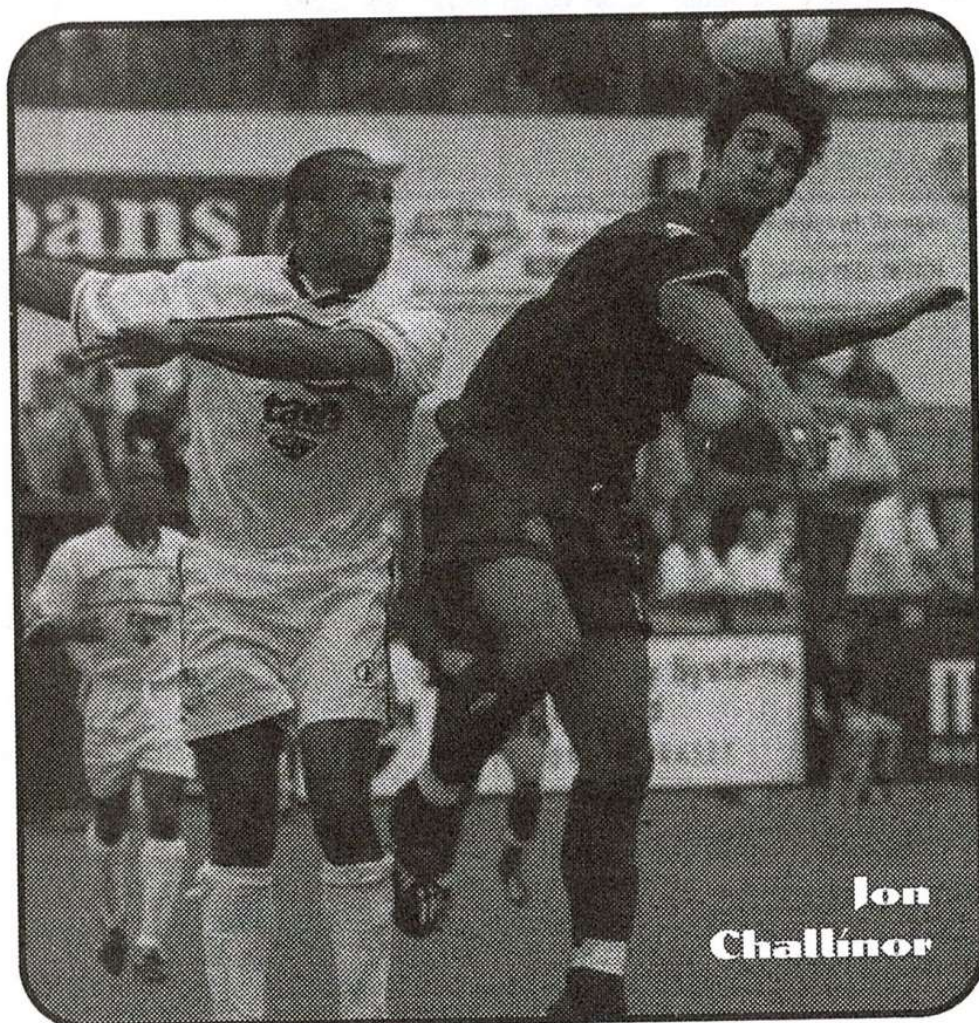
We say a big hello tonight to all our friends from the Ryman League. It gives us the opportunity to say thank you for supporting Aldershot Town over their last 11 years.

Enjoy tonight's game, should the scores be level after 90 minutes there will be extra time and penalties if required.

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BUCKS DESTROYED BY PASSING SHOTS



Shots were forced back in the early stages and Rodwell was forced to concede a second minute corner when Mills cottoned onto Clarke's long ball and his volleyed right-wing cross looked dangerous. The resulting left-wing corner by Williams was headed simply and downwards by skipper Green from 4 yards and Bull was well beaten to his right. 1 - 0 to Telford and poor marking by the statuesque Aldershot defenders had contributed to the goal.

However, instead of Telford settling to dominate the contest, it was Shots who began to pass the ball about with Manuella and Challinor particularly impressive. Rodwell and Warburton coped fairly securely with the twin dangers of Grant and Mills, but Shots' finishing did not match some of their purposeful approach play. Roddis was changing the direction of play with some neat passes but it was surprising to see how often the Bucks used the long-ball tactic to Mills, experienced though he is, especially considering the Telford midfield contained Simpson and Green.

Sills could only manage a partial connection on Hooper's 8th minute centre, then D'Sane's ambitious 35 yard effort was much too high. On 9 minutes, Roddis' free-kick seemed to bounce off Warburton beyond the far post allowing McKenzie to collect, before Mills threatened twice. Disappointing ex-Villa youngster Blackwood headed on for Mills, whose left-foot volley flew across the face of goal,

then the striker failed with another volley, following Sterling's defensive header. Just after D'Sane drove low and wide, good work by Challinor on 13 minutes saw the ball break to the striker again but this time his drive rose wildly over the angle.

Sterling defended well on 14 minutes, denying Grant, following Mills' pass then 6 minutes later Challinor's loose first touch allowed Mills an opportunity to curl a 20 yard effort which Bull was pleased to watch veer off target. D'Sane laid the ball back to Manuella on 28 minutes but his 22 yard effort, like most of the visitors' finishing so far, was well wide. Seven minutes on and Challinor's dropping volley from 18 yards, following Roddis' free-kick was again too high, before Mills missed a glorious chance to increase the Bucks' lead.

Clarke found Grant on the right and his low centre was powered first-time by Mills from 12 yards but the ball rose just over Bull's crossbar. Once again the Shots defenders had been statuesque but Mills had latched onto the ball in a flash. Little had been seen of McLean, Sills was battling manfully in the middle and yet until his poor header from Sterling's cross in the 41st minute, the striker had rarely threatened the Bucks' goal. Mills headed Challis' free-kick straight at Bull, then McLean broke away at last on the right, only to see his centre cleared by the Bucks defence. Telford went close on 43 minutes when Mills found Williams on the right but Grant's header from the winger's cross flew wide of the far post.

It was Challinor who provided Shots with the impetus to equalise right on half-time. His running forced a right-wing corner, which was headed away for another flag-kick, this time on the left. Challinor's delivery dropped into the 6 yard box and McLean's low header evaded McKenzie, to the winger's obvious delight. 1-1.

Sterling had been a rock at left-back despite a couple of long, wild passes and the midfield had looked useful for much of the half, the languid Manuella timing his challenges with uncanny accuracy. Although Mills had been the expected threat for Telford, Bull had rarely been troubled.

Half-time: Telford 1 Shots 1

The second-half began with a fine block by Roddis on Mills and a Challinor free-kick to D'Sane, whose sliced shot bent away for a throw-in! On 52 minutes Mills used an arm to set himself for a shot, but Bull saved the deflected effort with a fall to his right anyway. D'Sane's run in the 56th minute resulted in a shot which dragged across goal, then after McKenzie had dropped the ball under pressure and Howarth had cleared McLean's effort off the goal-line, Hooper's 59th minute centre was superbly headed down by Sills for the opportunist Challinor to fire past the 'keeper from 5 yards. Shots were in the lead and the limping Rodwell, who had defended stoutly, was replaced by Chewins, allowing Sterling to play a vital and excellent role in the middle of the visitors' defence. McLean and D'Sane began to find more space as the Bucks pushed forward and the pair set up Sills on the hour but his drive sliced wide of the near post.

A brilliant tackle by Warburton on Mills left the Shots skipper limping, but when Sills ran onto Roddis' through-ball on 62 minutes, shrugged off Howarth and volleyed low past the helpless McKenzie from 15 yards, the Shots fans could barely believe their eyes! 3-1 ahead! Following two headers by Sterling in the 67th minute, Sills turned neatly to volley just wide from 22 yards and then Chewins made a fine block on substitute Moore, 3 minutes later. Bull held onto Mills' downward header from Moore's cross then D'Sane broke excitingly but his 25 yard drive was blocked by a defender. Bull gathered in a 76th minute header from Howarth, before on 78 minutes, Mills made an horrendous error to gift Manuella a simple goal. With a couple of Shots players hurt, Challinor's left-wing free-kick dropped at Mills' feet, facing his

own goal, 5 yards out. As he hesitated, Manuella nipped in to slot the ball past the shocked McKenzie.

It was remarkable; 4-1 ahead and away at Telford! Sills limped off to be replaced by the lively Harper on 79 minutes, Roddis' curled effort was held by McKenzie 2 minutes later, then in the 83rd minute, another Telford error, this time by Eustace, led to Shots' fifth goal. The defender's attempted back-pass was intercepted by the rampant, roughly treated McLean and he lifted the ball past hapless 'keeper McKenzie.

Gedling replaced D'Sane on 84 minutes, McLean found the net after good work by Roddis and Harper but an off-side flag nullified the strike, then Mills reached the bye-line for the shell-shocked Bucks on 86 minutes and his low cross from the right was slammed home from 7 yards by Grant, to reduce the deficit. As time ran out, Howarth's 18 yard drive was deflected for a corner which Eustace headed wide of the far post.

Delight for Shots and total disbelief for Telford. The relentless probing by Shots' lively, ebullient midfielders was integral in this fine victory, Warburton led the defence dourly and Sterling was just brilliant. Sills was battered for much of the game yet still got up for more and Shots' lead allowed D'Sane and McLean to appear more and more dangerous as the game wore on. Telford's long-ball game was in disarray and despite the class of Mills, mistakes and a severe lack of creativity led to the Bucks taking a nose-dive in the market....

Telford 2 Shots 5

Peter Ray



THE HISTORY OF YEADING FC

Yeading Youth Club was formed for the 1960/61 season and became Yeading Football Club in 1965. Early days were spent in the now extinct Hayes & District Youth League and the old Uxbridge District Leagues. Minor successes came in the lower divisions of the Uxbridge Leagues but the club really started to blossom after 1965. As Uxbridge League Premier Champions in 1967, the Ding joined the South West Middlesex League, winning the Championship twice and claiming the Middlesex Junior Cup for the first time in 1968/69.

1970/71 saw Yeading win both the Middlesex Junior and Intermediate Cups and during the 1970s they won the latter five times and the former twice. Promotion to the Middlesex League saw Championship success in their first season, scoring a record 122 goals in the process. Season 1972/73 saw the club sweep all four trophies - League and Cup - in the Middlesex League.

The Middlesex Premier Cup was won in 1980/81 and after winning the Middlesex League Championship and the League's Premier Cup six times each, the club won senior status, joining the Spartan League in 1984. Promotion to the Premier Division was achieved in their first season, and in 1985/86 the club won the League Cup but were just pipped at the post by Collier Row in the league. That disappointment was the following season as Yeading secured the League and Cup double in a record unbeaten league season. Election to the Vauxhall Opel League (Division Two South) followed and in their inaugural season (1987/88) the club finished a respectable tenth.

1989/90 saw success at national level, becoming the first Middlesex club to win the FA Vase, beating Bridlington Town in a replay, at Elland Road, Leeds, after a 0-0 draw at Wembley. A magnificent season was rounded off by winning the Vauxhall Opel League Division Two (South) title.

Third place in Division One in season 90/91 was followed the next by the Ding becoming the first Middlesex Club to win all four County Cups at Junior and Senior level by securing the Middlesex Senior Cup with a 2-1 win against Wembley F.C..

1991/92 saw promotion gained to the Diadora League Premier Division. After a year of consolidation, the 1993/94 season saw the club reach the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the first time. Division Three side Gillingham were held to a 0-0 draw in the game played at Hayes F.C., but in the replay overcame the Ding 3-1.

Relegation was narrowly avoided in 1993/94 but, after the introduction of many new faces the 94/95 campaign, saw an unbeaten 16 match run, including the scalp of Conference side Telford United in the FA Cup. That win took the club into the First Round Proper for the second successive season. This time Colchester United managed by George Burley were the visitors. Millions tuned in to on Match of the Day and saw Yeading hold the Essex side 2-2 but in the replay reality hit hard and the Ding exited 7-1! The same season saw Yeading once again win the Middlesex Senior Cup beating Staines Town 2-0 and the side finished the Premier Division League campaign in ninth position, the highest in the club's history.

Season 95/96 was one of consolidation with former player Steve Cordery taking over the reins. The following year (1996/97) Cordery then led the Ding to a fifth place finish in the ICIS Premier Division.

With almost exactly the same team as the previous season, 1997/98 proved to be very disappointing. With eight games remaining and relegation looming a management change saw captain Mark Woods take first team charge. However, even wins over promotion chasing Sutton United and eventual Champions Kingstonian could not save the Ding from the drop, relegated on the goals scored rule. One bright spot of season 1997/98 was the FA Umbro Trophy victory over Yeovil Town. A goal-less draw in Somerset in front of over 2,000, was followed by a 1-0 replay win. Southport however, proved stronger in the next round with a 6-0 victory over the Ding at the Warren.

Over the next few seasons manager's Jim Melvin, Jon Turner and Paul Sweales came and went struggling to get cohesive teams together. A new management team of Naseem Bashir and former Ding favourite,

Johnson 'Drax' Hippolyte arrived in March 2001 with relegation from Division One looming. With management experience from Chesham United Reserve side the joint-mangers made some quick moves before transfer deadline and saw the Ding finish with a mid-table finish with just two defeats in twelve games to top of the league form table. Following his appointment as Assistant Academy Director at Reading FC, Naz Bashir left the club in December 2001 leaving Drax in sole charge of first team affairs but now assisted by coach Erskine Smart, Jason Tucker and Dereck Brown.

Season 2002-03 saw one of the best pre-season campaigns of recent years including a draw with a full-strength Barnet and victory over star-packed Watford who were to become FA Cup semi-finalists later that year. The league season however, began disastrously with the Ding losing their opening three games. A rally just before Christmas saw them in contention for promotion but a poor February and March saw League hopes fade. Silverware was still in

sight however and reaching the Bryco Cup Final against Canvey Island, Yeading were huge underdogs but showed their strength and ability by deservedly winning 2-0 to lift the cup. The reserve side also secured the Capital League South-West Division Championship pipping sides including Farnborough Town and Havant & Waterlooville. With a superb team-spirit the majority of the side remain at the Warren hopeful that season 2003-4 holds even more success and trophies.

Off the field, the club boasts the impressive Warren Suite that plays host to regular Sportman's Dinners as well as Wedding Receptions and other private functions. The club's other facilities have also become world-renowned having been used as the backdrop for a number of tv commercials and feature films. Notably, box-office hits Bend It Like Beckham (starring Yeading's own Commercial Manager Bill Perryman) and The Mean Machine (starring Nevin Saroya alongside Vinnie Jones) have been filmed at The Warren.

YEADING PEN PICS

MICHAEL BARIMA (Forward)

Strong, powerful forward who linked up with the Ding in pre-season and impressed in his first game with a goal against Egham Town. Has also featured for Harrow Borough, Hampton & Richmond Borough and Beaconsfield SYCOB.

JOE BENNETT (Utility)

Young player who joined the Ding during the summer looking to see first team action.

BOBBY BEHZADI (Utility)

Joined the Ding in the summer of 2001 arriving from Hayes. Saw action in the Conference for the Church Road club and previously at Stevenage Borough. Comfortable at full-back or in midfield his ability to beat players and get crosses in offer different attacking options.

LUKE BLACKMORE (Goalkeeper)

Arrived at the Warren from Chalfont St Peter in early 2003 making his debut at home to Oxford City in the league.

DARTI BROWN (Midfielder)

Now in his second spell at the club having rejoined the Ding at the end of last season. A hard-working

midfielder, he has also seen service at Harrow Borough, Wembley and Willesden Constantine.

DERECK BROWN (Midfielder)

Probably the most experienced player in the non-league game, Dereck has won international honours and Player of the Yeading awards at non-league level and has seen service at Welling United, Walton & Hersham, Woking, Wembley, Hendon and Chesham United. Joined the Ding in the summer of 2002 to link-up with former Chesham team-mate.

DJ CAMPBELL (Forward)

Joined the Ding in February 2003 from Stevenage Borough but made limited appearances last season due to injury. Now back to full fitness and looking very sharp pre-season, showing the kind of form that saw him star as a trainee with Aston Villa before spells with QPR and Chesham United.

DAVID CLARKE (Midfielder)

Highly regarded and experienced player who arrived at the Ding pre-season having played for Kingstonian for the last two seasons. Previous Clubs include Dover Athletic, Eastwood Town and Harrow Borough having begun his career with Notts County.

DEAN HARPER (Defender)

Young player who joined the Ding near the end of season 2002/03 from Hanwell Town. Made a number of first team appearances in the defensive line and will be looking to secure his own spot there this season.

JOHNSON HIPPOLYTE (Striker/Manager)

Returned to the Warren in March 2001 as joint-manager with Naz Bashir, who left in December 2001. As a player 'Drax' featured in both of Yeading's FA First Round Proper appearances in 1993 and 1994, scoring many goals in his Ding career and during his time at Hampton, Aldershot Town, Dulwich Hamlet, Chesham United, Chertsey Town, Wealdstone, Chalfont St Peter, Uxbridge and Hounslow. Still starring as a player when required, he led Yeading to their first silverware in several years when lifting the Bryco Cup last season.

MATT HODSON (Goalkeeper)

Returned to the Warren at the start of season 2001/02 for his second spell at the club after featuring for Hayes in the Conference, having begun his career in a highly successful Wycombe youth side before a spell at Marlow. Has been troubled by injury but back to full fitness now and looking to retain the number one jersey.

DANNY JORDAN (Midfielder/Forward)

Joined the Ding in February 2002 and soon earned the nickname 'Viduka' after Leeds' Aussie striker. Arrived at the Warren via Hillingdon Borough, Brook House and Uxbridge, where he had impressed in the reserves enough to force his way into the first-team as a teenager.

DWANE LEE (Defender/Midfielder)

One of the longest serving players at The Warren having made his first-team debut in November 1998 following an impressive spell in the reserves. Highly creative and equally at home in the centre of midfield or defence, Dwane has attracted attention of pro-scouts and has spent recent spells on trial at Exeter City, Reading and Barnet.

RYAN MCINTOSH (Midfielder)

An excellent striker of the ball, Ryan arrived at the Ding in the summer of 2001 having been released by QPR.

KEITH NEWBY (Midfielder)

Last season's Player of the Year after another tenacious season at the heart of the Yeading midfield. Originally arrived at The Warren on loan from Harrow Borough

on loan in March 2001 before making the move permanent later that summer. After beginning his career at Cambridge United, Newbs went on to feature for Cambridge City and Chelmsford City before his move to Harrow.

DELROY PREDDIE (Goalkeeper)

Vastly experienced between the sticks, Delroy linked up with the Ding in pre-season having been with Chesham United since 1999. Having started as a trainee with Northampton Town, Delroy has also played for Slough Town (in the Conference) and Walton & Hersham.

EMOND PROTAIN (Defender)

Left-sided player whose impressive first season at the Warren earned him the coveted Player's Player of the Year award in May 2003. Came to the Ding in via Harrow Borough and Wembley.

KEVIN RANDALL (Defender)

Now in his second season at the club, having marshalled the Ding defence to Bryco Cup glory in his first. Began his career as a Chelsea schoolboy before 2 years in the Barnet youth set-up. Moved on to St Albans City where, having impressed as Reserve team captain, he earned a first team debut aged just 17. Arrived at the Warren via Northwood and Berkhamsted Town.

NEVIN SAROYA (Defender)

Captained the Ding to Bryco Cup glory last season after another solid performance at the heart of defence. Nev is Yeading's very own celebrity having featured alongside Vinnie Jones in The Mean Machine and in a number of documentaries about Asian footballers. Made a name for himself as a trainee with Brentford where he impressed boss Ron Noades enough for first team selection.

ERSKINE SMART (Coach)

Joined the Ding in January 2002 immediately putting the squad to the test with his tough training regime. Has an impressive career as a player that saw service with Harrow Borough, Farnborough Town, Hendon, Enfield, St Albans City, Kingstonian, Dulwich Hamlet and Walton & Hersham.

ERROL TELEMAQUE (Striker)

Originally signed for the Ding on loan from Hayes before transfer deadline 2001. Had featured in the Conference for Hayes and Stevenage Borough and has used his skill and confidence learnt there to great effect in a Yeading shirt and is a constant nightmare to defenders in the Ryman League.

JASON TUCKER (Defender/Midfielder)

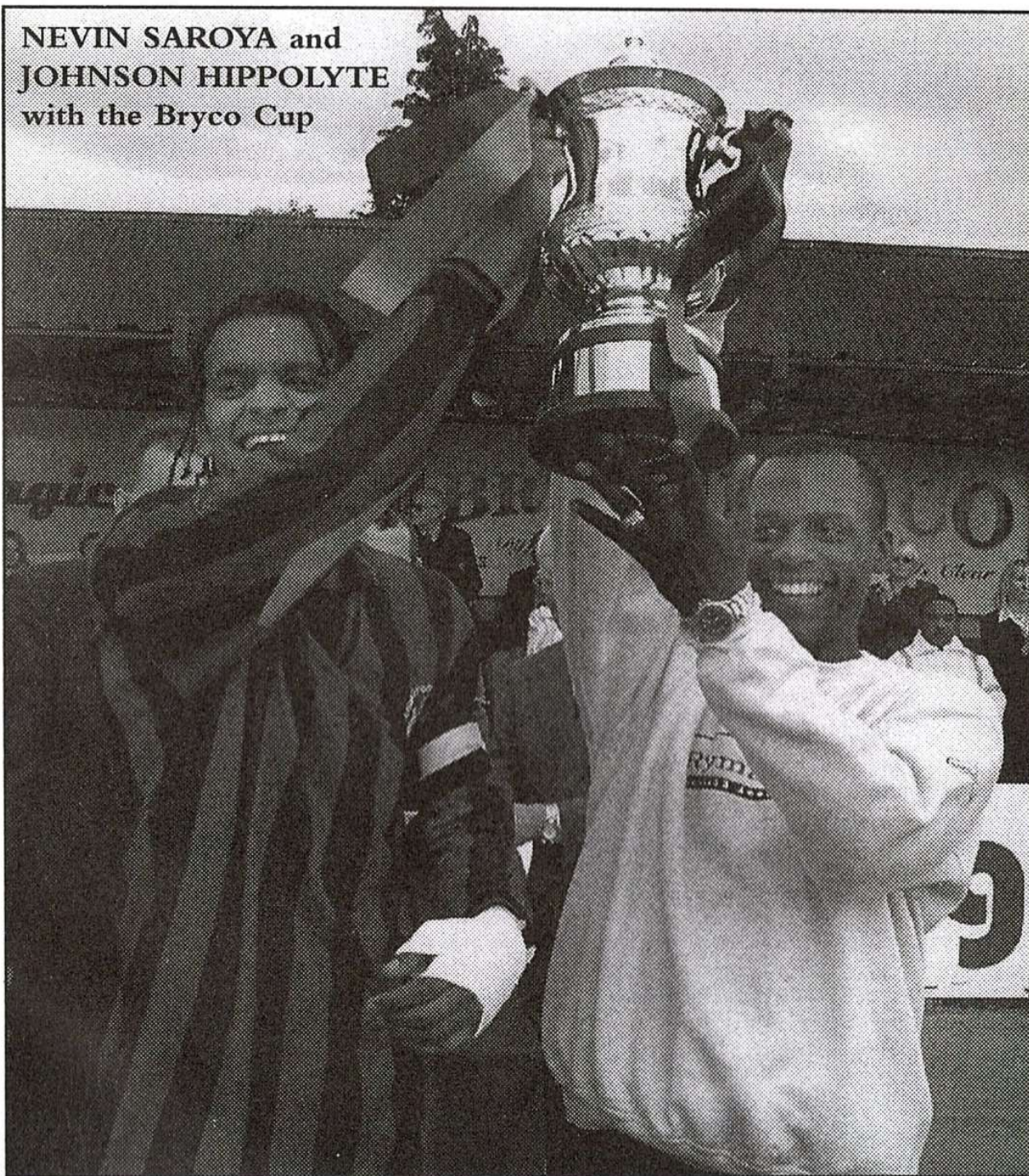
Now in his fourth spell at The Warren having returned this summer to oversee the Capital League Reserve side and lend his experience and footballing

ability to the squad, First made an impact as a teenager playing for Aldershot in their final games in the Football League, and has since had spells with Hanwell Town, Hayes, Boreham Wood and Chertsey Town as well as the Ding.

LEON WOODRUFFE (Utility)

Another player in his second spell at The Warren having returned in October 2002. Originally arrived at the Ding via Wembley and Hampton & Richmond Borough before leaving the Warren for spells at Harrow Borough and Hendon.

**NEVIN SAROYA and
JOHNSON HIPPOLYTE**
with the Bryco Cup



STANLEY MATCH WAS UNIQUE IN MANY RESPECTS...

The Accrington Stanley match was unique in many respects as we know. The programme insert from the last time Aldershot played the Lancashire team in the Football League was fascinating in more than one way. The classic we will keep to later on in this piece.

Bearing in mind that the game was played on 6 February 1962, the Fourth Division table was quite revealing. The Shots were six points behind the leaders Colchester United but with three games in hand. Wrexham were second two points in front of us. We had a better goal average than Millwall in fourth place.

It was the contention at the time that having taken or about to take a total of three points from the two games with Accrington, their subsequent withdrawal from the League cost us dearly as most of our rivals had not played Accrington twice before they packed up.

Incidentally the Sunday newspaper who referred to the match here a week or so ago said we had not met for 412 years! This clearly makes us the oldest two clubs in the history of the game. But it also had it wrong in that we were the only two teams to quit the Football League during a season. Wigan Borough pulled out in October 1931.

Anyway, back to the programme for 1962 and did you note the name of Geoff Chappell scoring goals for the Aldershot A team? Also Billy Horton was the leading scorer in the Surrey Combination. He was employed as office junior at the time and went on to make Football League history by being the only player to make his first three senior appearances in three different competitions: League Cup, League and FA Cup.

One of the ball donors mentioned in the programme was the grandfather of Lewis Scard who, with wife Linda and his own father Roy, are staunch ambassadors of Aldershot Town Football Club to this day. Wonderful example of the Shots being a family club.

It was also good to see some of the old players who were with Aldershot those 41 years ago. Arthur Tyrer, Dave Jones, Gordon Henry, George Norris and winger Carl Taylor who I had not seen since he played here.

I had to report to them of the recent passing away of Gordon Neave who was with Aldershot from 1955 to 1957 after leaving Bournemouth. He returned to Portsmouth and remained there until his recent death.

I am grateful for Richard Owen, the Portsmouth historian for the sad news.

One other interesting note about the Fourth Division game with Accrington was referee Leo Callaghan the Welshman from Merthyr. He was a character, rather dour in his outlook and rarely appeared to venture beyond the half-way line!

Another visitor on the Sunday in question was Bob Raine, who had not been back in the town since he left us as a player in the early 1950s. He came with his son who had been born in Aldershot and with whom I chatted when we played Margate at Dover.

Bob Raine had been born in Chesterfield and played for Newbold Colliery. He was signed on by Chesterfield and made his debut against Tottenham Hotspur the day after Boxing Day 1949, leading the attack in a 1-1 draw before a crowd of some 26,000 at Saltergate. Bob also played in the FA Cup tie with Yeovil Town, which Chesterfield won 3-1. But these were his only two senior matches for them and he was allowed to drift out of the League to Kidderminster Harriers.

It was from there that Aldershot signed him in February 1951 and he was our top scorer with 14 League and Cup goals in the following season. In and out of the team he then made only two League appearances in 1953-54, one of them at right-back. I also seem to recall him playing wing-half in the reserves.

His next port of call was Snowdown Colliery in the Kent League and his family still live in the area. Anyway according to Raine junior, dad had a good time watching his old team win.

Now to the classic from that old programme. The front cover picture is actually Ian Winters a Gateshead player who was with the north-east club from 1948 to 1952. Aldershot never wore dark shorts at the time, nor socks of that design. Someone also painted dark sleeves on the Gateshead white shirt!

As you will have gathered this design was kept all season - but had been used for several previous ones, too! Pretty cruel, since Gateshead were no longer in the Football League, having lost their status in 1960 ...

Jack Rollin

CHELSEA RESERVES 3

ARSENAL RESERVES 2



For much of Chelsea's opening home reserve game of the season, the football on display was easy on the eye rather than engaging; the teams on show were steady and organised rather than incisive and enterprising.

Arsenal, like Chelsea lacking any big names, took a first-half lead and looked capable of holding on but then Chelsea's German Under 20 striker Sebastian Kneissl took the game by the scruff of its neck and we didn't look back.

Arsenal's French starlet Aliadiere scooped an early chance over while with eight minutes gone, Chelsea came the closest we would to scoring in the opening 45 minutes when Kneissl, running onto Stuart Taylor's charged-down clearance, drove a rasping shot against the post from the edge of the area.

Both Aliadiere and Kneissl continued to pose threats at their respective ends as the half progressed but still the game continued in second gear.

David Bentley, a frequent Arsenal feature of these fixtures in recent times drove just wide on the half-hour but he was not to be denied some seven minutes later.

A high ball forward saw Pidgeley in no man's land as Bentley latched onto it and he lofted high over the Chelsea youngster for the game's opening goal.

If anything, the second-half began as an even more staid affair than the first. That was until just past the hour when the fireworks began.

Chelsea's equaliser had 'Made in Germany' stamped right the way across it. It also had 'bloody good goal'

clearly marked too! Birthday boy Robert Huth floated a lovely intentional ball in the direction of Kneissl where without second thought, his compatriot unleashed a stunning volley into the top left corner from the edge of the area.

Two minutes later, a ball from the left reached Kneissl, this time at floor level, and with a twist back on himself he found the bottom corner with a finish that would remind any oldies present of German striking legend Gerd Muller.

Chelsea only had to wait five minutes more for the third and Kneissl was involved in the build up this time. Backheeling just outside the area, he kept the ball active and when it eventually emerged, young Italian striker Michele Gallaccio, on as a second-half sub, coolly finished.

Kneissl was now in incendiary form and nearly completed what would have been one of the best hat-tricks you could ever see but his cracking near-post angled shot was punched wide by a despairing Taylor. In the end only a calf injury near the finish was able to stop him.

Arsenal managed to close the gap in the dying seconds when a well-timed ball by Bentley sent Aliadiere behind the Chelsea defence and he finished calmly. Fortunately there was barely enough time for a kick-off, let alone an equaliser.

A win over at Arsenal at any level is not something to be sneezed and thanks to the finishing of Sebastian Kneissl, this was one of the more memorable ones.



A CRUSHING EVENING

My best two mates at college were John Follett, a Millwall fan and Martin Phipps who followed Spurs. Mart was a decent centre-forward himself and when Spurs were to have a pertinent say in whether Leeds or local rivals Arsenal won the league-title on May 3rd, 1971, it was suggested that a few of us should travel to White Hart Lane on that memorable Monday. One of the lads borrowed his mother's car for the occasion and around lunchtime we set out from Reading. We were aware that a huge crowd was expected, but what we saw when we arrived at the ground was entirely unanticipated.

It was not an all-ticket affair and queues were forming all round the stadium for the evening kick-off, but it was only 3.20pm! The car was left too close to the ground for my liking, but no parking restrictions were visible and I made no comment. We had intended to find a food-joint, but due to the throng of people, we had little choice except to join the fairly orderly, snaking lines of expectant supporters. By all accounts, some 100,000 people were locked OUT of the ground that night and 51,192 forced through the turnstiles!

The entrances were opened very early, unsurprisingly. I guess this was done to shift the ever-growing mass of spectators, but the mood began to change. Orderly queues became panicky and people rushed and pushed towards the turnstiles from any position. We were fortunate, for we were able to twist and wrestle clear of the stampede and made for an opening gate. And so it was that we witnessed a famous match.

A no-score draw would give Arsenal the title by the narrowest of margins, 0.013 of a goal. A win would obviously have been preferable, but defeat or a score-draw would have sent the trophy to Elland Road, leaving Arsenal to contest the FA Cup Final against Liverpool, the next week, maybe as compensation. Spurs had finished third in the league, but well back and their players had been promised a £400 pounds bonus per man, should Arsenal lose, thus nullifying talk of handing the title to their rivals.

Leeds actually played in a testimonial match that evening in Hull, alleviating the problem of huddling around radios and twitching!

The crowd noise was deafening yet I felt like I shouldn't have been there. I didn't really belong. Pat Jennings saved early from Charlie George but Spurs linked well culminating in Martin Peters' drive clipping the Arsenal crossbar, but the Gunners ended the half in the ascendancy. Bob Wilson was injured at the feet of Joe Kinnear, almost precipitating a punch-up, then Alan Gilzean failed to get a touch to Cyril Knowles' low cross & Arsenal creaked. As the game noisily yet nervously careered towards a 0 - 0 draw & Arsenal's title, Jennings made a fine save from Jon Radford's header, but Ray Kennedy headed George Armstrong's resulting cross into the net off the crossbar. Three minutes to go, Arsenal were in the lead but also in a cleft stick. An equaliser for Spurs would mean the title going to Leeds & Arsenal's nerves looked terribly frayed as the players defended desperately & Wilson pounced on the ball in a crazy goalmouth melee as the seconds ran out.

Odd really that Spurs had won at Leeds earlier in the season & Jack Charlton was not impressed.... Me? Well, my mates & I struggled off the terraces & joined the throng filing from the ground, squeezing through sardine packed exits & spilling onto the street. We clutched at each other as we tore away from the marauding masses to locate our transport back to Reading.

The car looked different somehow. The hood & trunk sections were scratched but curiously the roof was crushed in, to the horror of the owner's son. We could do no more but sympathise & try to push out the dents from inside the car. We alerted the police but as the crowds finally began to disperse, the constabulary was of little use except to affirm that young children had been placed onto the vehicle earlier in the day when the crowd congestion had been at its worst. They said that the car could even have saved lives.

We never did find out how the driver's mother reacted to the damage, but that game 31 years ago has remained in my memory ever since. And Arsenal won the cup too....

Peter Ray

HEREFORD UNITED

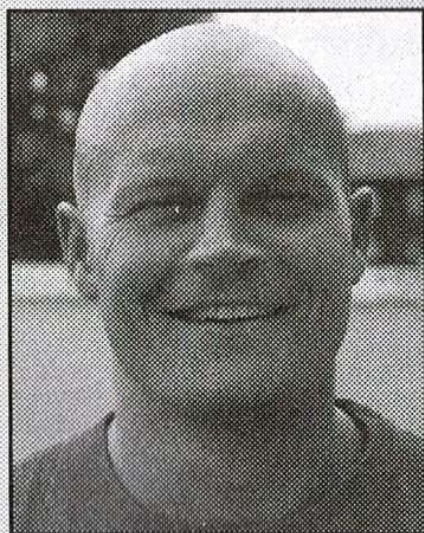
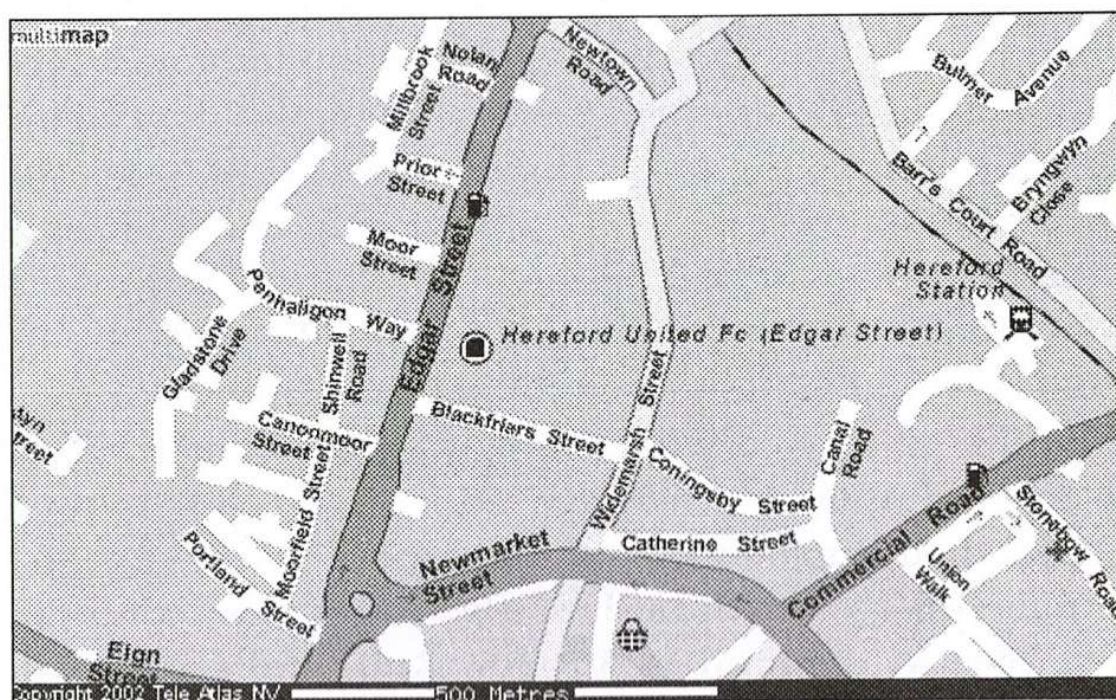
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Sat 16 Aug	Telford United	5-2	2206	Bull	Hooper	Sterling	Warburton	Rodwell	Challinor 1

ENFIELD FC SUSPENDED

It is with regret the League announce that Enfield FC have been suspended from the League and are unable to take part in the business of the League. The reason for this is the Club were given until 5pm on Monday 11 August to deal with three outstanding matters, namely the payment of monies due to the League, the submission of the membership application form to the League and the resolution of a dispute with Boreham Wood FC with whom they had a ground share agreement. The Club made a payment to the League bank account on Monday but this payment has still not cleared. The membership form has been received now but the dispute with Boreham Wood FC has not been resolved. Assuming the payment received does clear on Monday 18 August the matter which remains outstanding is as to where Enfield FC will play their home games this season. The Club had a ground share agreement with Boreham Wood FC approved by the Board of the League at its meeting in March 2003 as required by League Rules but failed to make a payment due under the agreement and have still not made that payment; as a result of this Boreham Wood have served notice purporting to terminate the agreement and at the present time Enfield FC do not have a ground on which to play their matches. The Club has been advised to resolve its dispute with Boreham Wood FC and until this happens the suspension is unlikely to be withdrawn. The first match of the season away to Barking & East Ham United and the first home game against Uxbridge have been postponed and on Monday 18 August, if the matter has still not been resolved the matches due to be played on 23 August and 25 August will also be postponed.



Roddis Challinor Sills 1 D'Sane 1 McLean Nutter (6) Gedling (9) Harper (11)
 Challinor Manuella Sills 1 D'Sane 1 McLean Nutter (10) Harper (11) Gedling
 Roddis Manuella 1 D'Sane Sills 1 McLean 2 Harper (10) Chewins (5) Gedling (9)



Fiston on the score sheet last Saturday.

SHOULD AN EVACUATION PROCEDURE BE REQUESTED PLEASE EXIT THE GROUND BY THE GATE NUMBERS BELOW AND FOLLOWING THE STEWARDS AND POLICE DIRECTIONS

GATE NO.	GATE SITUATED	PART OF GROUND
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N3 H4, H5 H6, H7 E1, E2	Ordnance Road High Street End High Street End East Terrace	North Stand Supporters Club Officials & Staff Club Guests & Sponsors Players Match Officials Catering Staff
E1, E2 N3 H4, H5 H6, H7	East Terraces Ordnance Road High Street End High Street End	East Terrace Supporters

Please remember these emergency plans are to safe gaurd you, your family and friends who attend these matches. Please do take note

Parting Shots



NEXT HOME GAME

Woking

Sat 23rd Aug

**Kick Off:
3.00 pm**



Tim Sills

Aldershot Town FC
Top Scorer To Date

Todays Squads

ALDERSHOT TOWN FC

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Todays Officials

Ref: B. Baker Green: C. Banks Yellow: G. Mays 4th Official: S. Tincknell



**Tomorrow sees the start of the Pontins League.
The Shots go to Colchester for their opening
game with a 2.00pm kick off.**