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TO-DAY'S VISITORS

SUTTON UNITED V. ENFIELD

HITACHI CUP FINAL

MONDAY, 5th MAY, 1980.

Good afternoon and welcome to Earlsmead venue for this years Hitachi Cup Final. Harrow Borough Football Club extend a cordial welcome to all the Officials and Representatives of the Isthmian League and the sponsors of the Trophy, Hitachi, their guests, the players, officials and supporters of both teams, the match officials and everyone else who has come to see what we hope will prove to be as good a match as it promised to be on paper.

Both sides on view today are well known to all followers of non league football with Enfield being a powerhouse in the Isthmian League over the last decade. Whilst Sutton have made a name for themselves in the F.A. Cup and the Anglo-Italian Semi Professional Tournament in the past two seasons. Today is the first appearance of Sutton in the League Cup Final although of course Enfield are the holders.

The Hitachi Cup Competition was from 1974–77 known as the League Cup and it is compulsory for all the Clubs competing in the Berger Isthmian League to play in the Competition. It is a popular tournament with spectators and players alike and over the years has produced some outstanding matches and the usual cup upsets.

PREVIOUS FINALISTS:

Season	Winners	Runners Up	
1974 / 75	TILBURY	CROYDON	
1975 / 76	SLOUGH TOWN	TILBURY	
1976/77	HENDON	BARKING	
1977 / 78	DAGENHAM	LEATHERHEAD	
1978/79	ENFIELD	HAYES	

With the prospect of an entertaining match in store the Officials of Harrow Borough Football Club know that everyone here will treat the occasion with the respect it deserves and maintain an Isthmian tradition of friendly rivalry, magnanimity in victory and courtesey in defeat.

KICK-OFF 3.00 P.M.

ENFIELD HISTORY ...

Enfield is one of the famous names in non league football and have a long and proud history. The Club was formed in 1893. In 1912 they became founder members of the Athenian League joining the Isthmian League in 1963. Enfield have been playing at their present home in Southbury Road since 1963. Enfield who won the Athenian League Championship in 1962 and 1963 have been champions of the Isthmian League six times. These triumphs have come in two spells with the first hat trick of titles coming in 1968, 69 and 70 and the second in 1975, 76 and 77. Enfield have appeared at Wembley in the Amateur Cup Final four times. In 1967 and 1970 they were victors whilst in 1964 and 1972 had to settle for being beaten finalists. By Isthmian standards Enfield have an unrivalled record in winning trophies. In 1978 the hat trick was attained by winning the Isthmian League, the Middlesex Senior Cup and the Dylon Charity Shields. However, the best ever season was in 1970 when four Senior The Isthmian League, Middlesex Senior Cup, Amateur Cup and the Trophies were won : European Amateur Cup. In all they appeared in six of the last ten finals of the County Cup, winning five of them and in the London Senior Cup in the last eleven years they have reached the final five times, winning on three occasions. Last Season they reached the final of this Competition beating Hayes to take the Trophy for the first time. This season has seen Enfield maintain their high standard and have already claimed the Middlesex Senior Cup and now look set to take this season's League Championship.

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ENFIELD PEN PICTURES:

TERRY MOORE		With Bishops Stortford. Has represented Middlesex Wanderers and
		Isthmian League XI's. Ever present in all games this Season.
ROGER WADE	-	Defender, aged 23, previously with Ilford and Spurs. First Season with Enfield. Eire Youth International Captain.
JOHN TONE		Defender, aged 25, in fourth season with Enfield. Played over 300 games for Enfield since joining them from Clapton. Has three League Championship medals.
TONY JENNING	S–	Midfield, aged 29, also has three League Championship medals and when with Hendon won 1974 Amateur Cup Winners medal. Captain of present Enfield semi professional side.
KEITH ELLEY	-	Defender, aged 22, fourth season with Enfield, previously with Leytonstone and West Ham.
TONY GIBSON	-	Defender , aged 27, won Amateur Cup Winners medal with Bishops Stortford. Apart from three seasons at Bishops Stortford rest of career at Enfield
MICKY O'SULL	VAN	Midfield, aged 29, previously with Slough. Has now massed over 400 games and 100 goals for Enfield. Now in testimonial season.
JOHN BORELA	ND	Midfield, joined this season from Dagenham.
JOHN McCOMBI	E	Striker, aged 22, joined from Rayliegh where he scored 64 goals in two seasons.
JOHN BISHOP	-	Striker, aged 29, In fourth season, scored at Wembley in Trophy final when with Hillingdon.
STEVE KING	-	Striker, formally with Leytonstone, in third season, rated top winger in League.
NORMAN MILN	IE-	Utility player, joined from Ilford this season previously experience with Sutton.

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SUTTON UNITED HISTORY . .

As the name implies, Sutton United's formation in 1898 resulted from a merger between two local Junior sides, Sutton Association and Sutton Guild Rovers. Senior status was achieved in 1910 with Sutton then joining the Southern Suburban League. They moved into their present ground, the Borough Sports Ground in Gander Green Lane soon after the first World War and in 1921 began a 51 year membership with the Athenian League. In the periods either side of the second World War Sutton were one of the strongest teams in Amateur Football. Several players won amateur International caps and others were later to make their name as professionals.

Season 1957/8 brought the Athenian Championship back to Sutton along with the London Senior Cup for its one and only time. The sixties provided the golden era and in 1962 Sutton reached the Amateur Cup Final for the first time, losing to Wimbledon. That year they were elected to the Isthmian League alongside Hendon, Hitchin Town and Enfield. The Isthmian Championship followed in 1967 and the following year Sutton were runnders up. In 1969 they reached Wembley again only to fall to North Shields at the last hurdle. National acclaim in the press and television came in 1970 when Leeds United were the visitors to Gander Lane and in front of a 14,000 capacity crown lost 6–0 to Leeds who were then probably the finest side in Europe. Last season had their first major Cup success in ten years. Invited to compete in the Anglo-Italian Semi Professional Tournament they upset all odds to beat Chieti 2–1 away in the final and became the first British team to lift this Prestigious Trophy. This season Sutton have already claimed the SURREY Senior Cup and have been fore-runners in the League and look well set to another exciting chapter in their history.

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SUTTON UNITED PEN PICTURES:

DAVE COLLYER	-	Goalkeeper, rated one of the top keepers in the League.	
		Signed from Staines in 1977. Many representative honours.	
TONY RAINS	-	Defender, 19 years old – A polished player.	
BOBBY GREEN	-	Defender , signed from Tooting in September 1979 for a four figure fee. Has represented England semi-pro side and Middlesex Wanderers, Surrey and Isthmian Leagues sides.	
DAVE DYER	-	Defender , strong central defender signed from Kingstonian start of 1978/79 Season. Was an apprentice with Birmingham City.	
STEVE ROGERS	-	Defender , signed from Dulwich Hamlet in November 1979. Has represented F.A. and Berger Isthmian League Sides.	
GAVIN FRASER	4	Midfield, ex Wycombe Wanderers and former English school- boy International.	
KEITH WALDRON	_	Midfield, on Millwall's books 1965–71.	
LARRY PRITCHAP	RD	Midfield, 35 years old, one of the best known players in non- League Football. Gained 48 England Amateur Caps. Made over 600 appearances for the Club with over 100 goals.	
MICKY JOYCE	-	Striker, recruited from local football early 1977.	
MICK CORNWALL	-	Forward, formally with Horsham has representative honours with England schools and Sussex.	
PAUL McKINNON	_	Forward, former Chelsea Junior, signed from Woking in 1977.	
	RTIN CLARK - Utility player, joined 1977 from Banstead Athletic.		
PAUL BRINDLE	_	Forward, apprentice with Blackpool, joined Club 1979.	

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Guest Writer

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER, 1979

A personal viewpoint by HOWARD LOWRY of Fleetwood

One of the most interesting parts of my summer holiday in the States was watching two games in the North American Soccer League. The games were Philadelphia Fury v. San Diego Sockers and Washington Diplomats v. Toronto Blizzard.

Ticket prices varied from \$3 to \$7 to enter the marvellous stadiums they have, all seats, first-rate facilities for the family, pre-match and half-time entertainment. Quite often a junior game or presentations to juniors precedes the main match (soccer in schools is rapidly growing in the States although there's still a long way to go). Cheer girls do their routines on the sidelines before and during the match, some families arrive very early for "tail-gating", having a cook-out picnic in the stadium car park before the match. Half-time entertainment at Washington included an incredible display of "Sky-Lancers"—model aircraft zooming around like fast moving kites and frequently crashing into each other as the circuits they were weaving got more and more intricate. The electronic scoreboards are incredible; they can show anything from lists of match sponsors and guests to action replays of goals and comments like "Let's go Dips" when the team really need the crowds to get behind them. Plenty of fun is provided by the team mascots, "Bugs Bunny" for New York Cosmos and Washington Bear for the Dips are just two examples.

Philadelphia Fury share the Veterans' Stadium with the local baseball and American Football teams (who both average around 40,000 while the match I saw only attracted 7,000) and play on Astroturf. At all matches the anthem is preceded by the teams being individually introduced and then as the match started we had an incredible match commentary which made a very strange atmosphere and the scoreboard frequently flashed up symbols to show the referee's decisions. San Diego obviously thought the commentator more important than the referee as he announced a free kick which they' duly planted into the net only for the referee to disallow the "goal" as he'd signalled an indirect free kick! The match was 1–1 with 10 minutes to go and I hoped I may see the shootout (players take turns from 35 yards to beat the goalkeeper) as draws are not allowed under NASL rules, but two late goals saw San Diego 3–1 victors. Frank Worthington (Bolton) scored for Fury who also included Jim Redfern (Chester, Bolton) and John Dempsey (ex-Chelsea). Fury had a strong Yugoslav contingent, no doubt a product of their Yugoslav coach Marko Valok. San Diego featured several useful Mexicans and Germans in their squad.

Diplomats v. Blizzard (crowd 12,000) was a great game full of attacking football, both forwards making use of the extra room allowed by the different offside rule (no offsides between the halfway line and 35-yard line). A great start for Washington with an own goal by Blizzard in the first minute, but with Washington's Droege sent off after 20 minutes, Blizzard urged on by Keith Eddy (ex-Sheffield U., Watford) roared into a 4–1 lead. Jim Bone (ex-Norwich, Scotland), Cliff Calvert, Colin Franks (Sheffield U.) played for Blizzard, also York's Peter Lorimer who hit the bar late on with one of his specials. The incredible happened though, and Dips stormed back to win 5–4 with Alan Green (2) and Bobby Stokes (1) (Southampton's Cup hero) looking very sharp. Bill Irwin (ex-Cardiff) was a little shaky in goal for Dips, Paul Connell (Newcastle) was a late sub, Mike Dillon (Birmingham) also played but Green, now on loan to Worcester, and Hungarian captain Horvath were outstanding.

It was very hard in just two games (played in temperatures of upper 80s and 90s) to assess the standard of the NASL but certainly I felt it didn't match English First Division, more likely Second or Third. Success obviously pays as over here New York Cosmos can attract as many as 70,000 for a league match. I found it particularly fascinating seeing how some British players really are stars in America who never hit the limelight here – Ken Cooper, who played for my hometown club Fleetwood in the Northern Premier League in England has twice been voted America's top 'keeper in his long stay with Dallas Tornadoes. New York Cosmos are typical of NASL teams in having a blend of players who would never be seen together over here – Terry Garbett (ex-Barrow) alongside Franz Beckenbauer for instance. All in all I found the NASL very interesting and very much alive and well – American for the World Cup? Well, not just yet!



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