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SECRETARY'S NOTES

This evening we have pleasure in presenting the first leg of the Hitachi League Cup Final. This excellent competition involving all clubs in the League is generously sponsored by Hitachi the world-wide television and audio manufacturers, who are also involved in the manufacture of many other electronic systems. This competition has been supported by Hitachi since 1978-79 and we all are grateful to Hitachi for their continuous support.

Neither team competing in this year's final has previously won the Trophy, although in the season 1979-80 Sutton were losing finalists to Enfield by two goals to three. Wycombe's best achievement in the competition was to reach the semi-final last season.

We are pleased to welcome to Loakes Park this evening the Sutton players, officials and supporters. We have shared with Sutton for many years the principles of attacking football and I think it is fair to say that neither club excels in purely defensive football. This two-leg final has therefore all the ingredients for highly exciting and attacking football. Due to injuries and illness there may be several alterations from established line-ups, but those taking part will be giving of their best to ensure a crowd-pleasing match. We know sadly that Larry Pritchard will be missing from the Sutton line-up due to a broken arm at Bognor a couple of weeks ago and we wish Larry a quick recovery from this set back.

Other visitors we welcome tonight are: Nick Robinson, the League Secretary, Brian Robinson, League Treasurer and Ray Parker, the League Assistant Referees Secretary. We also hope that local County officials Tom Hooker and David Townsend will be able to join us.

You will find in your programme a voting paper for the 'Player of the Month' for March. The games played were: Leytonstone & Ilford (H), won 1—0; Carshalton (H), won 1—0; Hitchin (A), won 3—0; Sutton (H), won 2—0; Bromley (A), won 2—0; Carshalton (A), won 2—0. Past winners have been George Borg, Gary Lester, Mark Hill, Anton Vircavs, Jim Jacobs, Bob Dell and Ken Wilson. The winning presentation will take place next Tuesday.

The players are holding their final DISCO of the season on Saturday next in the Blues Club. That is 16th April at 8 o'clock.

We have been asked by the Football Association to let you know that the **Four Nation Semi-Professional Tournament** will take place at Scarborough on Tuesday 31st May, Thursday 2nd June and Saturday 4th June. The competing nations are England, Scotland, The Nether-



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STEVE TOLL	2
GEORGE BORG	3
MARK HILL	4
ANDY HARMAN	5
BOB DELL	6
JIM JACOBS	7
PAUL WEST	8
STEVE PERRIN	9
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lands and Italy. All the matches will take place on the Scarborough ground, so if you are in the area why not support the home side who play on all three days.

Another important event that occurs during May is the **European Youth Championship**. The semi-finals take place on 20th May at Arsenal and Chelsea and the final at Tottenham on 22nd May. Details of all these matches appear in the current issue of 'Around Football' which is on sale tonight.

Our congratulations are extended to Harrow Borough on their fine performance last Saturday at Telford in the first leg of the Trophy semi-final when they defeated the locals 2—0. We shall all be wishing them every success in the second leg at Harrow on Saturday and a very successful visit to Wembley in the final on Saturday 14th May.

Spare a thought tonight for our Reserves who are at Dulwich, playing the Hamlet in a replay of the Suburban League Cup semi-final. I also believe Sutton's Reserves are playing Carshalton tonight in the other semi-final.

The remaining first team fixtures are: Sat. 16th April (A) Leatherhead, League; Tues. 19th April (H) Barking, League; Sat. 23rd April (A) Italy; Mon. 25th April (A) Italy; Sat. 30th April (A) Sutton, second leg of Hitachi Cup.—J.G.

OUR VISITORS

By MICHAEL KNOX (Bucks Free Press)

In the past few seasons no two Isthmian League teams have played more open and attractive football than Sutton and Wycombe—and it is fitting that they should meet in this first Hitachi Cup Final to be played over two legs.

It is therefore sad that Larry Pritchard, who has graced both sides during a distinguished football career, will be unable to play. Larry, now 38, broke an arm during the semi-final against Bognor—and there is now serious speculation that the Sutton assistant manager may have played his last senior game. If so, his talented midfield skills will be badly missed.

Also in that game Paul McKinnon broke his nose, and although he is now fit again, he will find it difficult to regain a first team place for which there is plenty of competition.

For instance, Micky Joyce, scorer of 40 goals this season, is not a certainty to start the game. A twisted ankle followed by a back strain caused him to miss several matches, and with the team playing so well of late he has had to sit on the substitutes' bench.

The man in form is former Dagenham striker Ricky Kidd, who scored twice in their recent 4—0 victory over Tooting & Mitcham in the Surrey Senior Cup Final. It has been quite a cup year for Sutton, who will play Woking in the London Senior Cup Final after their semi-final victory over Welling.

They are likely to have three pairs of brothers in the first leg tonight. There are the Sunnucks, winger Ray and full back Andy, sons of former Wycombe player Alan Sunnucks; defenders Nigel and Mark Golley; and the well-known John and Tony Rains. The Rains brothers used to play at the back, but John has switched most successfully to the role of prolific striker and has scored 20 goals—though he still retains his favourite No. 4 shirt.

Sutton's previous best performance in the Hitachi Cup was in season 1979-80 when they lost 2—3 in the final to Enfield at Harrow Borough.

The second leg takes place at Sutton on 30th April, and while the Wanderers complete their league programme and travel to Italy, Sutton find themselves with a number of matches left—and playing three games a week on occasions.

THE ROUTE TO THE FINAL

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

1st Round—Harrow Borough (H) 2—1, Dell, Long.

2nd Round—Carshalton Ath. (A) 4—3 a.e.t., Borg (pen.), Suddaby, Dell, Long.

3rd Round—Met. Police (H) 3—2, Vircavs, Hill, Perrin.

4th Round—Kingstonian (A) 1—0, West.

Semi-Final—Bromley (A) 2—0, Perrin, Wilson.

SUTTON UNITED

1st Round—Ware (H) 6—1, Kidd (3), Burns, M. Golley (pen.), Mitchell.

2nd Round—Worthing (A) 2—1, Joyce, Pritchard.

3rd Round—Hertford Town (H) 3—0, Joyce, R. Sunnucks, Kidd.

4th Round—Windsor & Eton (A) 4—3, J. Rains (3), Kidd.

Semi-Final—Bognor Regis Town (H) 2—0, Stephens, N. Golley.

Hitachi Cup winners

1974-75*	Tilbury	1978-79	Enfield
1975-76*	Slough Town	1979-80	Enfield
1976-77*	Hendon	1980-81	Slough Town
1977-78	Dagenham	1981-82	Leytonstone & Ilford

* 1974-1977 called League Cup

RESERVES NOTES BY DENNIS HOBBS

Tonight while the first team are playing the first leg of the Hitachi Cup against Sutton we shall be at Champion Hill trying to get a result from our replay in the semi-final of the Suburban League Cup. If you remember we drew, no goals, at home after extra time. Sutton Reserves are in the other semi-final against Carshalton.

Last Saturday we lost our first league game since we were defeated by four goals to nil at Farnborough on 11th December. Our opponents were Woking and they won by the odd goal. They seem to be a bogey side as they have managed to beat the teams in the top half of the League although lying in ninth position themselves. They fielded a very young side (virtually their youth team) and on the day were the better side, scoring their goal after 32 minutes.

TEAM: G. Lester, G. Slaughter, T. Lee, K. Stone, A. Harman, K. Eldred, R. Wood, B. Hub-bick, T. Glynn, R. Hall (sub. Z. Micic, 60 min.), J. Kotvics (sub. J. Gutteridge, 45 min.).

Next Saturday, 16th April, we are at home to Camberley in the League, kick-off 3 p.m., and the following Thursday, 21st April, at home to Addlestone, kick-off 7.30 p.m. We remain at the top of the table, having played the same amount of games as our nearest rivals, Harrow Borough, with just a one point lead. The crunch game with Harrow will be away on 30th April.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WYCOMBE WAND.	40	25	6	9	74	45	81	Billericay	34	14	9	11	47	38	51
Leytonstone & Ilford	36	21	7	8	59	31	70	Barking	35	13	10	12	41	44	49
Hayes	36	21	7	8	56	33	70	Carshalton Athletic	37	14	6	17	51	53	48
Dulwich Hamlet	39	17	12	10	57	51	63	Staines Town	40	12	11	17	60	74	47
Slough Town	36	16	12	8	63	30	60	Wokingham Town	35	12	8	15	31	41	44
Harrow Borough	32	18	6	8	66	46	60	Walthamstow Avenue	39	11	11	17	43	59	44
SUTTON UNITED	35	16	8	11	85	57	56	Hitchin Town	39	11	7	21	46	72	40
Croydon	38	16	8	14	62	50	56	Bognor Regis Town	31	11	6	14	31	40	39
Tooting & Mitcham Utd.	34	16	7	11	56	47	55	Bromley	34	8	11	15	33	42	35
Hendon	38	17	3	18	66	61	54	Woking	37	5	5	27	26	72	20
Bishops Stortford	36	15	8	13	54	48	53	Leatherhead	37	4	4	29	42	105	16

LEADING GOALSCORERS

League: Long 17, Wilson 11, Borg 8, Dell 8, Glynn 6, Kennedy 5, Perr in5, Hill 3, Thorne 3, Vircavs 3, Jacobs 2, Longstaff, Norman, Suddaby. TOTAL 74.

Cup: Wilson 5, Dell 3, Long 3, Hill 2, Perrini 2, Vircavs 2, Borg, Glynn, Kennedy, Kotvics, Suddaby. TOTAL 23.

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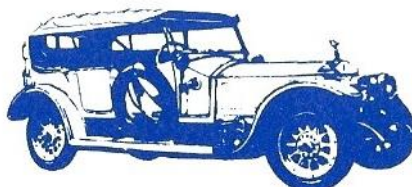
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