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GOOD AFTERNOON, everyone, and may we offer an especially warm welcome to our friends from Wycombe Wanderers today for this second leg of the 1982/83 Hitachi Cup Final. Sutton have played in cup finals on many other grounds and we, in turn, have played host to other teams involved in cup finals on this ground, but this must be one of the first times we have had the pleasure of playing in a major final before our own home crowd.

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Quite apart from that, today's game has all the right ingredients for a worthy finale to the Hitachi competition, which started with all 65 Isthmian teams back in August. Sutton hold an important, but by no means insurmountable, 1-0 lead from an entertaining first leg; both teams are committed to open, attacking football, having scored over 160 goals between them in League matches alone; and if forecasts are to be believed, the weather might even smile on us!

Besides welcoming Wycombe's players, officials and supporters to Gander Green Lane today, we should like to welcome and thank representatives of the competition's sponsors, Hitachi UK: Mr. David Ellins, Finance Manager, who will present the Cup and medals, and Mr. Mike Darrall. This is the sixth season Hitachi have sponsored the League Cup, this year's prizes (see page 21) being worth some £3,500, and I gather they have already agreed to continue their support for next year.

We should also like to welcome representatives from our local department store, Allders of Sutton, who have kindly sponsored this whole match; from Sutton United's club sponsors, Business Press International; and from local Hitachi dealers Landau Radio, who have kindly donated a portable cassette/radio for us to raffle. Tickets will be on sale, price £1 for 5, before the game and we shall draw the winning number at half-time.

In addition, we are delighted to have with us this afternoon Messrs Alan Turvey, Ingram Whittingham, Nick Robinson, John Wallington and Ray Parker who are Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Registration Secretary and Asst. Referees Secretary respectively of the Servowarm Isthmian League; also Les Smith, Secretary of Surrey County FA.

Wycombe, having completed their League programme 11 days ago, are in the unusual position that they have come to win the Cup, but could go away winning the League – or, as they will be hoping, could win both in the next 90 minutes! They will be waiting with bated breath for the scores of Leytonstone/Ilford (at Wokingham) and Hayes (at Leatherhead) for even a draw would rule both clubs out of the running. Leytonstone look to have the better chance of catching Wycombe on paper, but Hayes could hit a hatful against Leatherhead which would give an all-important fillip to their goal difference.

During their 11-day break Wycombe have been out to Italy, along with Southern League Chelmsford City, to take part in the Gigi Peronace Trophy games in which we ourselves were involved at Easter last year. I gather it was a very enjoyable trip if not too successful result-wise, due partly to some key players being unable to make the trip, and manager Mike Keen will also be relieved that no players sustained injury. In the first matches Wycombe lost 0-4 to Cosenza and Chelmsford lost 2-3 to Padova, thus providing an all-Italian final; then in the play-offs on Monday night Wycombe beat Chelmsford on penalties, after drawing 2-2 in normal time, and Cosenza beat Padova 2-0.

We had scarcely dared hope for more than a draw to bring home from the first leg (having lost 0-2 in the League at Loakes Park only three weeks earlier), but most people felt we deserved to win on the night; the solitary goal was headed home by John Rains from a Micky Stephens free kick midway through the second half. But while this gives us an important psychological start, Wycombe are simply too good a side to relax against with such a slender lead, and we can be assured they will fight back very hard. We cannot afford over-confidence — Harrow were 3-0 ahead in their Trophy semi-final and look what happened to them!

Can we remind you that our reserves are in action on Monday in the Surrey Premier Cup Final and would much appreciate your support — by the way, this match kicks off at 11 am, not 3 pm as previously stated — and that the first team are back on duty on this ground on Tuesday, k.o. 7.30 pm, in our final League game against Bromley.

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BUFFET-DANCE AND PLAYER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

As we went to press, there were still a few tickets left for tonight's event — so if you still want to come along, present Ray Krant or Dave Farebrother with a fiver straight away! This year's programme includes a **cold** buffet, dancing both to a disco and a very good live band, and the presentation of our Player of the Year Trophy.

CLUB SWEATERS

The latest batch of Club crest sweaters are now available for collection at the shop by all supporters who have ordered them. We have no further news, however, on club bags and shirts.

STORTFORD SEVEN-A-SIDE

Bishops Stortford Supporters Club are staging a seven-a-side tournament tomorrow (Sunday) and we are entering a United team. If anyone has spare car space available for supporters, please see Dave Farebrother today.

SUPPORTERS' SPORTS QUIZ

Our own individual sports quiz will be staged shortly; anyone wishing to enter should see Dave Farebrother. Entry is free!

Stadium Club NEWS & EVENTS

Except on match afternoons or evenings, admission to the bars and entertainment is restricted to members and one registered guest. Membership costs £6 a year (£8 for husband and wife); please enquire at the bar for further details. The two bars are open from 7 - 10.30 pm (11 pm Fri/Sat) every night, and lunchtimes from 12 - 2.30 pm (2 pm Suns).

Weekly events:	MONDAY – Bingo run by the Club Vice-Presidents. Ten games each night plus an early bird and a flyer; 20p entry and 25p a book. All cash prizes. Starts 8 p.m. WEDNESDAY – Members' ballroom dancing and social evening – open to all. Beginners' classes also available 8 – 9 p.m.
	SATURDAY – Members' family night with music for dancing – all ages welcome. Live entertainment on certain nights. SUNDAY – Ballroom and social evening – all members and temporary members welcome.
Fri 6 May: Thu 9 May:	CLUB RACE NIGHT. Tickets and details from Dick Mott. HEN NIGHT – Tickets £5 including supper.

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PERSONALITIES OF THE YEAR

Pictured (from left) after receiving their trophies at the Club Dinner & Dance last May are Dave Ruddock (Youth Team Player of the Year), Tony Rains (First Team Player of the Year), Richard Pape (Suburban Team Player of the Year) and 'Toffee' Evenden (Clubman of the Year). The Suburban and Clubman awards are given annually by the Club Patrons, the Youth award by the Vice-Presidents. The new trophy for the Football Club's own First Team award was personally donated by Peter Molloy, Club Chairman.

Club Honours

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE Champions 1966/7; Runners-up 1967/8, 1970/1, 1981/2.
Reserve Section: Runners-up 1965/6, 1966/7
ATHENIAN LEAGUE Champions 1927/8, 1945/6, 1957/8; Runners-up 1946/7.
Reserve Section: Winners 1961/1; Runners-up 1932/3.
Challenge Cup: Winners 1945/6, 1955/6, 1961/2, 1962/3.
SUBURBAN LEAGUE Champions 1974/5, 1977/8, 1978/9, 1981/2; Runners-up 1971/2,
1972/3, 1980/81; Cup Winners 1980/81.
F.A. CUP 4th Rd 1969/70; 2nd Rd 1981/2; 1st Rd 1945/6, 1946/7, 1960/1, 1963/4,
1966/7, 1975/6.
F.A. CHALLENGE TROPHY: Finalists 1980/81.
F.A. AMATEUR CUP Finalists 1962/3, 1968/9; Semi-finalists 1928/9, 1936/7, 1967/8.
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Runners-up 1980, 1982.
LONDON SENIOR CUP Winners 1957/8.
SURREY SENIOR CUP Winners 1945/6, 1964/5, 1967/8, 1969/70, 1979/80.
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SURREY INTERMEDIATE CUP Winners 1966/7, 1971/2, 1978/9, 1981/2;
Finalists 1949/50, 1951/2, 1959/60, 1961/2, 1964/5, 1974/5.

Wednesday 27 April inclusive

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3	Hayes	39	15	3	3	37	18	8	4	6	22	17	76	+24	1	4
4	Harrow Boro	37	15	2	1	52	23	6	4	9	29	32	69	+26	2	7
5	Slough Town	41	12	5	4	53	16	6	8	6	20	19	67	+38	4	9
6	Sutton Utd	41	8	5	7	47	32	11	3	7	46	39	65	+22	5	9
7	Dulwich Ham	41	11	5	4	33	27	6	9	6	25	25	65	+ 6	5	9
8	Croydon	41	10	5	5	30	20	7	4	10	38	36	60	+12	8	13
9	Tooting & M	38	11	4	3	33	22	6	5	9	27	30	60	+ 8	4	13
10	Hendon	41	11	3	7	38	24	7	2	11	30	37	59	+ 7	8	14
11	Billericay T	40	10	6	5	27	16	6	4	9	25	31	58	+ 5	8	14
12	B. Stortford	39	8	4	8	34	31	7	5	7	24	23	54	+ 4	8	17
13	Barking	40	9	5	6	28	23	5	7	8	19	32	54	- 8	10	17
14	Carshalton A	40	8	5	7	33	26	6	3	11	20	31	50	- 4	12	17
15	Bognor Regis	35	8	4	4	19	20	6	3	10	19	22	49	- 4	4	18
16	Bromley	39	5	9	6	21	22	7	3	9	26	24	48	+ 1	12	18
17	Wokingham Tn	39	7	3	9	18	23	6	5	9	17	24	47	-12	12	19
18	Staines Town	41	7	8	5	34	29	5	3	13	27	47	47	-15	15	19
19	Walthamstow A	42	8	5	8	33	27	4	6	11	15	37	47	-16	17	19
20	Hitchin Town	40	5	5	10	21	37	6	3	11	26	36	41	-26	20	20
21	Woking	41	3	3	15	14	33	3	3	14	16	44	24	-47	21	21
22	Leatherhead	41	4	0	16	18	56	0	4	17	16	64	16	-86	22	22

Final Positions (Fin/Pos): This column on the far right shows the highest and lowest positions in which each team can now finish. In practice the margins may be slightly less wide as teams have to play each other.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

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Div. 1 top and bottom: PWDL

Ρ	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
39	20	13	6	68	37	73
37	22	6	9	70	38	72
37	20	11	6	82	49	71
38	20	10	8	67	57	70
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Maid'head U 38 9 9 20 55 86 36 St Albans C 38 8 9 21 77 31* 46 Teams play 40; these are the only six retaining

an interest in promotion/relegation. (* 2 points deducted)

Div. 2 top and bottom:

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clapton	39	29	3	7	93	43	90
Leyton W	40	25	7	8	110	37	82
Windsor & E	38	24	7	7	84	40	79
Uxbridge	40	21	12	7	79	41	75
Harwich & P	37	5	7	25	39	106	22
Horsham	38	4	6	28	29	97	18
Teams play 42							

LEADING APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

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	SE	ASON	TOTAL				
	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps			
Batt	4	47 (3s)	4	47			
Collyer	4	62		365			
Golley M	11	58	13	135			
Golley N	7	40 (2s)	7	40			
Joyce	51	58 (5s)	144	269			
Kidd	18	43 (14s)	160	348			
McKinnon	2	14 (5s)	70	196			
Pritchard	1	53 (3s)	131	765			
Rains J	25	60 (2s)	93	504			
Rains T	5	54	21	275			
Rogers		40 (2s)	24	192			
Stephens	8	64 (2s)	19	240			
Sunnucks A		20 (5s)	-	20			
Sunnucks R	8	53 (5s)	15	139			

Other goals: Sparks 5, Burns* 2, Sharratt * 2, Lummus 1, Mitchell 1, own goals 3. (*now left)

Total goals 154; max. appearances 65





Servowarm Isthmian League, Premier: Barking v. Hendon Bishops Stortford v. Woking Bognor Regis v. Harrow Borough Croydon v. Billericay Town Dulwich Hamlet v. Slough Town Hitchin Town v. Bromley Leatherhead v. Hayes Staines Town v. Carshalton Ath Wokingham T v. Leytonstone/IIf

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(N.B. Only selected matches of promotional or local interest listed for Divs. 1 & 2).



- 1 Which two clubs fought last year's Hitachi Cup Final and where was it held?
- 2 Who has scored most goals in this year's Hitachi Cup Run Micky Joyce, John Rains or Ricky Kidd?

ANSWERS: 1 Leytonstone & Ilford beat Kingstonian 2–0 at Boreham Wood. 2 Joyce and Kidd have scored 5 each, John Rains 4.



WYCOMBE WANDERERS were formed in 1884 and ten years later took senior status, moving in 1895 to their present ground, Loakes Park, which took two years to cut from the hillside by hand! They joined the Southern League in 1898, but met with little success so withdrew in 1907 to play in the Great Western Suburban League.

After the First World War Wanderers reformed as a Spartan League club, moving to the Isthmian League after winning the Spartan championship in successive years 1919–21; their captain at this time was Frank Adams who later presented Loakes Park to the Club as a gift. They have remained Isthmians ever since, although the championship eluded them until 1955/6. They won it again the following year, then were to enjoy that marvellous spell of four wins in five years between 1970–75 under manager Brian Lee, now Club Chairman.

Wycombe's only Amateur Cup success was in 1931, when they beat Hayes 1-0 at Highbury, although they were beaten finalists in 1957. They have also won the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup 21 times.

Current manager Mike Keen is best known for his distinguished playing service with QPR, whom he skippered to the League Cup and 3rd Div. championship double in 1966/7, although he has strong Wycombe connections; he was born in the town, his father Wilf played for the Blues and his son Kevin has recently continued the family line, becoming the youngest player to appear for the first team at 15 yrs 7 months. Between 1959 and 1972 Mike Keen made 537 League appearances for QPR and Luton, becoming player-manager at Watford in 1972 and later managing Northampton Town and QPR reserves before taking over at Wycombe in January 1980.

Today's line-up is likely to be:

- CHRIS WAY, Goalkeeper: Former youth and reserve team keeper whose form has prevented the experienced Gary Lester from regaining his place after he deputised during injury six weeks ago. Spent a period on loan to Carshalton last season.
- STEVE TOLL, Defender: Versatile defender in his second full season with Wycombe since joining from local Hellenic League side Flackwell Heath.
- JIM JACOBS, Defender/Midfield: Utility player who came up from the youth side and spent a short spell with Northampton Town.
- MARK HILL, Defender: Joined Wycombe last April after making 56 League appearances for Brentford.
- ANTON VIRCAVS, Defender: Highly-rated central defender who was much missed in first leg. Signed from Hellenic side Pressed Steel in 1981.
- **BOB DELL, Midfield:** Aggressive midfielder recruited from local football in 1980. Has also played Minor Counties cricket for Bucks.
- **PAUL WEST, Midfield:** Originally with Wycombe's youth team, he rejoined from Flackwell Heath three years ago.
- HOWARD KENNEDY, Midfield (Captain): Well-known and experienced player with a lethal shot, who is now in his ninth season at Loakes Park. Previously with Leeds & Carnegie Colleges and has also appeared for Leeds United reserves.
- **STEVE PERRIN, Forward:** Returned to Wycombe earlier this season (making his debut at Sutton) after a successful Football League interlude with Crystal Palace, Plymouth, Portsmouth and Northampton, totalling 129 League appearances.
- STEVE THORNE, Forward: Signed two seasons ago from Marlow and took his first team chance this February when Steve Long and Terry Glynn were injured.
- KEN WILSON, Forward: Speedy winger signed three years ago from Southern League Hounslow Town; has also played for Walton & Hersham.
- STEVE LONG, Forward: Previously with Loughborough Colleges and Burton Albion, moving South to join Wycombe five seasons ago.

WYCOMBE'S PATH TO THE FINAL:

HARROW BOROUGH (H)
CARSHALTON ATH (A)
MET POLICE (H)
KINGSTONIAN (A)
BROMLEY (A)

W 2-1 (Dell, Long)

- W 4-3 aet (Borg pen, Suddaby, Dell, Long)
- W 3-2 (Vircavs, Hill, Perrin)
- W 1-0 (West)
- W 2–0 (Perrin, Wilson)

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SUBURBAN SIDE REMAINING FIXTURES

TODAY'S Suburban League game at Bromley kicked off at midday and we shall announce the result at the start of this match.

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On Monday the reserves meet Chipstead at Croydon in the final of the Surrey Premier Cup, and please note this match kicks off at 11 am not 3 pm as indicated in the last programme. We hope as many supporters as possible will go along and cheer the lads to a unique County Cup 'double'.

Sutton's remaining Suburban League game at home to Leatherhead is now fixed for Wednesday evening, 4 May, k.o. 7.45 pm.

Should a replay of last Thursday's Suburban League Cup Final be needed, it will be on this ground next Saturday, k.o. 3 pm.

CASUALS CHAMPIONS

WALTON Casuals only managed a 3-3 draw at home to Dorking on Wednesday evening, but it was enough to give them their expected



first championship success. More interesting from Sutton's point of view was Epsom's 1-1 draw at Kingstonian, which aids our chances of finishing third. The updated leading positions (34 games played) are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Walton Cas	33	21	8	4	67	29	50	
Dulwich Ham	34	18	13	3	84	40	49	
Epsom & E	34	20	7	7	66	31	47	
Kingstonian	34	18	9	7	57	37	45	
Sutton Utd	32	19	6	7	82	36	44	
Croydon	31	18	6	7	65	25	42	

These are the only teams who can now occupy the top six places.

May we use this space to give special thanks to all sponsors involved in today's game:

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