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GOOD AFTERNOON, everyone, and may we welcome you all to Gander Green Lane this Bank Holiday afternoon for this second leg decider of the Hitachi Cup final. It is always a pleasure to welcome Wycombe to this ground as our meetings rarely fail to produce plenty of good football and excitement; however, today's meeting not only has the added spice of a Cup competition but the distinction of being the second consecutive year that our two sides have met in the final.

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Last season Sutton won the Hitachi Cup for the first time by registering a very good 1-0 win on Wycombe's Loakes Park slope, then drawing 1-1 here to go through 2-1 on aggregate – although Wycombe put tremendous pressure on us in the closing stages as they fought for an equaliser, and it was a very tense finish.

This year only 48 hours have separated the two legs of the final, the first leg having taken place at Wycombe on Saturday — so I cannot tell you how the teams stand after the opening game as this programme had to go to press before the weekend. I would be surprised, though, if the result in any way made today's finale a foregone conclusion.

Here we must also make another apology because it will not be possible to present the Hitachi Cup to the eventual winners after today's game. It was stolen from our Board Room during a break-in on Tuesday night, along with the Surrey Senior Cup — which is some 140 years old and even more valuable — and a number of smaller trophies. We offer our sincere regret to the League that this should have happened while the Cup was in our care; naturally we are making every effort, in co-operation with the Police, to recover them intact.

Besides the players, officials and supporters of Wycombe we should like to welcome and thank today representatives of the competition's sponsors, Hitachi (Sales) UK, namely Leslie Burrage, their Marketing Director; Dave Ellins, Finance Manager; and Ian Grant. David and Ian are also closely associated with our Isthmian neighbours Epsom & Ewell FC, and we offer them our congratulations on achieving promotion to the Premier Division following last Tuesday's win at Farnborough. It is the reward for many years' hard work and should ensure a couple of exciting 'local derbies' next season.

This year Hitachi have increased their sponsorship of the League Cup to a magnificent £8,000, of which £4,525 is in cash awards with £1,000 going to today's winners and £675 to the runnersup. Full details of the round-by-round awards are given on page 19. There are also prizes of Hitachi electrical goods to the value of £3,475; I understand the winning club today will be entitled to a prize of their choice worth £713 and the runners-up to one of £430, while the players of both sides will get a £55 voucher each.

We should also like to welcome representatives from our local department store Allders of Sutton, who have kindly provided sponsorship for this particular match; from Sutton United's club sponsors, Business Press International; from Surrey County FA and from the Servowarm Isthmian League.

Incidentally, to mark this game the Supporters Club are holding a special raffle this afternoon with the star prize of a Hitachi stereo radio cassette player, and other prizes of whisky and wine. Tickets are on sale, price 5 for £1, at various points around the ground and the winners will be drawn at half time.

One further notable feature about today's match is that it will mark Wycombe manager Mike Keen's last game in charge of the club, following the recent announcement of his resignation. Like Keith Burkinshaw at Tottenham, no doubt everyone at Wycombe is willing him to leave on a cup winning note. By their own high standards Wycombe have not had a particularly successful season in other competitions, although a run of good League results recently has enabled them to finish in a fairly respectable 7th place, following their 3-0 midweek win over Dulwich.

While this marks the end of Sutton's first team programme for another season, the youth team still have a couple of Southern Youth League matches to squeeze in, so keep an eye on the press and posters for dates. Unfortunately, their interest in the Servowarm Isthmian Youth Cup ended on Tuesday night when they lost 2-4 in extra time in a very entertaining semi-final tie at Chesham. This, however, is my final chance to speak so on behalf of the management and players of Sutton United may I thank all supporters for their continuing loyalty over the season – see you all again in August!

Simon Clennell





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20 Aug

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2nd Round:	HAYES	(A)	W	1-0	Thorne
3rd Round:	<b>GRAYS ATHLETIC</b>	(A)	W	1-0	(a.e.t.) Perrin
4th Round:	WOKINGHAM TOWN	(H)	W	1-0	Kotvics
Semi-Final:	OXFORD CITY	(H)	W	1-0	Glynn

### **Man in the Middle**

In charge this afternoon, as he was at Loakes Park on Saturday, is Mr. ALF ROGERS – no stranger to either club and making his third appearance on this ground this season, having already refereed our home games against Harrow and Harlow. He has served on the Isthmian League list for 11 seasons, the last nine as a referee, and is now also on the Football League line. Originally from Plymouth, Mr Rogers refereed in the Western League before moving to this area; he now lives in Stokenchurch, not far from High Wycombe. He is married with four children and works as an account-ant, and during the coming summer will be pursuing his other sporting love, cricket. On the line today are Mr. R. G. Southwell from Knaphill, near Woking, and Mr. T. G. McPherson from Reading; a reserve official has also been appointed who will likewise be well known to most fans, Mr. David Keen from Earley, near Reading.

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### **Club Honours**

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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.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN SEMI-PRO TOURNAMENT: First British winners 1979; Runners-up 1980, 1982.

LONDON SENIOR CUP Winners 1957/8, 1982/3.

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### From the Archives...

#### FIVE YEARS AGO

By an interesting coincidence, the final game of the season five years ago, on Saturday 5 May 1979, saw Sutton playing Wycombe Wanderers. On this occasion, however, it was in a League game at Loakes Park and the result was significant because it was our first victory on Wycombe's ground for no less than ten years! Paul McKinnon was the hero with two well-taken second half goals, even though Wycombe managed to pull one back. However, it had otherwise been a disappointing season for U's, who finished only 11th in the table with Barking running out title winners. The Sutton line up was Dave Collyer, Martin Clark, Dave Dyer, John Rains, Tony Rains, Paul Jablonski, Bobby Southam, Larry Pritchard, Keith Waldon, Paul McKinnon and Micky Joyce. Sub (n/u): Micky Stephens.



- 1 Which Sutton player scored in both our home and away League games with Wycombe this season?
- 2 If Sutton win today, they will be the third team to have won the Hitachi Cup twice. Who are the other two?

ANSWERS: 1 Nigel Golley 2 Slough Town and Enfield.



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WYCOMBE Wanderers Football Club was founded in 1884. Ten years later the Club took senior status, and in 1895 moved to its present home, Loakes Park. The notorious sloping pitch was cut from the hillside by hand — a mammoth task which took over two years to complete. In 1896 the Club joined the Southern League, but met with little success and withdrew in 1907 to play in the Great Western Suburban League.

Following the end of the First War the club was re-formed and joined the Spartan League, winning the championship in both 1919-20 and 1920-21. The captain of this side was Frank Adams who in 1947 presented Loakes Park to Wycombe as a gift, remaining patron of the club until his death in 1981, aged 90.

In 1921 the club received an invitation to play in the Isthmian League and has remained in membership ever since. The FA Amateur Cup was won for the only time in 1931 when Hayes were beaten 1-0 at Highbury; Wycombe were also beaten finalists in 1957, losing to Bishop Auckland at Wembley. The Isthmian League championship eluded the club for many years until 1955-56 and was won again in 1956-57. Further success came in the 1970s with four further championship wins in the space of five years under the guidance of Brian Lee, now chairman.

Wanderers have also made a name for themselves as cup fighters, notably with the memorable tie with Middlesbrough when the Ayresome Park side required a replay, and then a last-minute goal, to go through. In 1981-82 they reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy before going out to Altrincham, and then last season lifted the Isthmian title again, their seventh success, performing the double over us in the process.

- MIKE KEEN, Manager: Well-known figure who enjoyed a long and distinguished playing career with QPR and Luton. Played 393 games at Loftus Road and was captain in 1967 when the side lifted the League Cup and won the Third Division. Managed Watford, Northampton and QPR youth and reserve sides before joining his home town club in January, 1980.
- GARY LESTER, Goalkeeper: Age 27. Joined Wycombe in 1979 from Chalfont St. Peter, for whom he played against us in the FA Cup a year earlier. Has been regular first team 'keeper ever since. At 6'2" is the tallest member of the squad.
- JIM JACOBS, Defender/Midfield: Age 22. A product of the youth team who is in his second spell at the club, having spent a short time at Northampton Town. Utility player at home in defence or midfield.
- GRAHAM PEARCE, Defender: In his second spell at the club, having first been at Loakes Park in the mid-70s. Has been playing as a striker in the reserves, but is now deputising in defence for the injured Mark Hill.
- **TREVOR HOW, Defender:** Age 26. Was with Mike Keen at Watford, and renewed his association when he moved from Aylesbury last summer.
- ANTON VIRCAVS, Defender: Age 22. Commanding central defender signed in January 1981 from Hellenic Leaguers Pressed Steel.
- **BOB DELL, Midfield:** Aggressive player recruited from local football in 1980. Has played Minor Counties cricket for Bucks.
- **RICHARD MIKURENDA**, Midfield: A strong young player who recently graduated from the reserves. Currently at college in London.
- STEVE PERRIN, Forward: Age 31. Returned to Loakes Park in 1982, eight years after leaving the club to join Crystal Palace, for whom he played 48 games. Has also made Football League appearances for Plymouth, Portsmouth and Northampton.
- TERRY GLYNN, Forward: Age 24. Top scorer in 1980-81 and 1981-82, having signed from Enfield, but missed most of last season through injury. Previous clubs include Orient and Brentford.
- KEVIN EDWARDS, Midfield: Another recent product of the reserve side who previously played for QPR reserves.
- ANDY HARMAN, Utility: Age 20. Rejoined last season after a spell out of the game while a student. Originally plucked from local football in 1981.
- **ROGER MOORE, Forward:** Exciting winger who made his debut last month against Worthing after some eye-catching reserve performances.



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### **Personalities of the Year**



ABOVE: Pictured with Chairman Peter Molloy (right) after their presentations at the Club Dinner & Dance in May are Dave Monnery, Youth Team Player of the Year; Andy Sunnucks, Suburban Team Player of the Year; and Mrs Ellen Banks and her daughter Sheila Draper, who were voted joint Clubmen of the Year in recognition of their many years' hard-work in fund raising through the 200 Club. RIGHT: Micky Joyce, whose incredible 52 goals in 1982/3 season earned him both the Club and Supporters' Player of the Year awards; he was unable to collect them at the Dinner for the best possible reason that he was training with the England semi-pro squad. The Suburban and Clubman awards are given by the Patrons, the Youth by the Vice-Presidents.





#### **Tuesday 1 May inclusive**

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#### SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE - Premier Division

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		Pts	Diff	
1	Harrow Boro	41	13	6	1	37	18	 12	6	3	34	22	1	87	+31	
2	Worthing	41	12	6	2	45	24	8	4	9	43	47		70	+17	
3	Slough Town	42	12	4	5	39	24	8	5	8	34	32		69	+17	
4	Sutton Utd	42	12	3	6	44	25	6	9	6	23	20		66	+22	
5	Hayes	42	10	6	5	31	19	7	7	7	25	22		64	+15	
6	Hitchin Town	42	11	8	2	31	23	5	7	9	27	34		63	+ 1	
7	Wycombe Wds	42	9	6	6	36	25	7	8	6	27	27		62	+11	
8	Wokingham T	42	10	6	5	44	27	8	4	9	34	28		61*	+23	
9	Hendon	42	8	7	6	40	23	9	3	9	22	28		61	+11	
10	Dulwich Ham	42	8	6	7	33	29	8	5	8	28	35		59	- 3	
11	B. Stortford	42	11	3	7	32	29	4	10	7	24	28		58	- 1	
12	Harlow Town	42	9	5	7	34	29	6	6	9	30	41		56	- 6	
13	Bognor Regis	41	9	6	6	31	26	5	6	9	29	41		54	- 7	
14	Staines Town	42	8	4	9	35	38	7	5	9	28	34		54	- 9	
15	Billericay T	42	9	5	7	32	28	6	3	12	21	45		53	-20	
16	Barking	42	8	5	8	26	25	5	8	8	34	39		52	- 4	
17	Croydon	42	8	5	8	36	33	6	5	10	16	25		52	- 6	
18	Walthamstow A	42	7	8	6	29	26	6	2	13	24	41		49	-14	
19	Leyt'stone/IIf	42	5	5	11	29	36	8	4	9	25	31		48	-13	
20	Carshalton A	42	6	4	11	28	34	5	6	10	31	38		43	-13	
21	Tooting & M	41	5	7	9	26	30	5	5	10	23	32		42	-13	
22	Bromley	42	4	7	10	14	30	3	4	14	19	42		32	-39	

\* Three points deducted

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#### Div. 1 top and bottom:

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Windsor & E*	42	26	7	9	89	44	85
Epsom & E*	40	22	9	9	69	48	75
Wembley	42	21	11	10	65	32	74
Maidenhead U	42	22	8	12	67	42	74
Clapton	42	12	11	19	49	67	47
Hornchurch	41	12	10	19	42	63	46
Cheshunt	40	12	8	20	44	58	44
Feltham*	40	6	4	30	28	103	22
Div. 2 top and	d bo	tton	n:				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Basildon U*	41	29	7	5	85	25	94
St Albans C*	41	28	9	4	97	46	93
1 101	11	20	1	9	OF	11	88
Leyton Wgt	41	28	4	9	95	41	00
Finchley	41	28	9	28	28	78	
Finchley Eastbourne U	42	5	9	28	28	78	24 24
Finchley	42 41	5 7	9 3	28 31	28 35	78 94 114	24 24

All divisions play 42.

+ Two points deducted.

#### LEADING APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

Figures

	SE/	ASON	TO	DTAL				
	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps				
Bangs		49 (5s)	3	185				
Batt	2	25	6	75				
Collyer	-	57 (1s)		425				
Flemington	2	11 (6s)	2	11				
Galloway	17	44 (14s)	17	44				
Golley M	13	54 (2s)	26	192				
Golley N	8	33	16	76				
Joyce	25	52 (7s)	170	324				
Kidd	9	54 (3s)	169	404				
Mackay	1	32	1	32				
McKinnon	6	27 (6s)	76	226				
Rains J	14	35 (2s)	107	542				
Rains T	4	48	27	326				
Rogers	6	28 (7s)	6	28				
Roles	-	34 (2s)		34				
Stephens	1	56 (3s)	20	298				
Sunnucks R	1	36 (5s)	16	178				
Tutt	3	31 (2s)	3	31				

Max. apps. 64; total goals 116 (incl. 4 o.g.)

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### Supporters Club NEWS & EVENTS

#### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mark Golley who came out top of a very close poll to become your choice as Player of the Year 1983/4. He was presented with his award at last weekend's buffet and dance by former United player and manager Ted Powell. Our thanks to all supporters who voted and who came along to the event.

#### **CLUB SHOP**

A few spare copies of the programmes from recent away games at Hitchin, Hayes, Bishops Stortford and Worthing are available at the Club Shop, along with a supply from the Surrey Senior Cup Final at Imber Court and Tuesday's youth semi-final at Chesham. We also have the usual full range of programmes from other non-League clubs, Football League and international matches, as well as Sutton United scarves, pennants, keyrings and other souvenirs.

#### TOUCHLINER

The season's final edition of the Supporters Club magazine 'Touchliner' is now on sale at the Club Shop, price 25p, and includes all your favourite regular features.

#### INDIVIDUAL SPORTS QUIZ

Can you be Sutton United's 'Brain of Sport' this year? Supporters, players and officials are all welcome to enter this annual event which will be held in the next couple of weeks. This is your last chance to give your name to Dave Farebrother if interested.

#### FAREWELL... AND THANKS

Our thanks to all supporters for coming along to cheer Sutton on week by week during the season, in particular for maintaining United's place as the best supported away team in the League. See you all again in August!



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.

Mon 28 May: Extra FAMILY NIGHT with disco to celebrate the Bank Holiday.

The main hall is available for private hire for dinner-dances, business luncheons or meetings, and small conference and meeting rooms are also available. A full catering service can be laid on if required. For full details please ring Doug or Mildred Fry on 01-644 3866.

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#### NON-LEAGUE ROUND-UP from JOHN BOWLES

CORINTHIAN Casuals are likely to be playing on their own ground in the Servowarm Isthmian League next season, but under a new management team. The nomads of non-League football, in their centenary season, are within a hairsbreadth of clinching a move to a ground of their own in the Wimbledon Park area — but they will be without manager Billy Smith, his assistant Ron King and coach Carlo Nastri who are to take over from Laurie Churchill at Carshalton Athletic.

Corinthian Casuals will need an initial investment of about £30,000 when they move. They expect to collect a substantial amount from a Strawberry Ball being held at Grosvenor House on 18 July.

Several other managerial changes are expected shortly. Eastbourne United's John Sandys will be leaving the club, making way for Brian Donnelly, the man behind the success of Sussex County League side Whitehawk. Tommy Barnett, the former Crystal Palace winger, is to end an eight year spell as honorary manager of Hertford and Joe Chynoweth, his assistant, will go with him. At least two Premier Division clubs also look set to make changes.

Middlesex Wanderers are to make their third visit to Indonesia. They will compete in the Medan Tournament for the Marah Halim Cup between 4–11 May. They fly out on 30 April and return on 13 May. They are taking FIFA referee Neil Midgley with them at the request of their hosts.

The 17 strong playing party is: Kevin Charlton (Telford), Andy Taylor (Alvechurch), Bobby Green (Corinthian Casuals), Dave Howell (Harrow Borough), Paul Taylor (Enfield), Tony Lynch (South Bank), Phil Hopkins (Bishop's Stortford), Dave Flint (Enfield), Bob Scaife (Blyth Spartans), Steve King (Enfield), Mario Russo (Met Police), Kevin Blackpool (Boston United), Mick Tuohy (Kidderminster Harriers), Simon Read (Staines), Martin McCayna (Leytonstone/Ilford), Ron Sills (Whitby) and Bill Harrigan (Walthamstow Avenue), Laurie Wilkinson of Walthamstow Avenue will, as usual act as team manager.

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Because of the large number of match reports to squeeze into this last round-up of the season, details have had to be kept briefer than normal.

#### SUBURBAN SIDE Saturday 14 April

WALTON CASUALS 2 SUTTON RES. 2 Although Casuals could no longer catch Sutton in the Suburban League title chase, they played a hard, physical game which was eventually marred by the sending-off of United's Eric Hollingsworth and a home defender for fighting midway through the second half. Hollingsworth had earlier scored with a fine glancing header to put U's 2-1 ahead on the stroke of half-time; Casuals had taken the lead after just nine minutes but Paul Thornton had neutralised this with a 20th-minute penalty for a handball. In the second half Melham hit the bar before Casuals stole a share of the points from a penalty awarded against Barker in the 74th minute. Hollingsworth, who had already been booked in the match, has now been dismissed by the Club.

**Team:** Offer, Barker, Estall, Ruddock, Kinnard, Williams, Robson, Bangs (Mair), Thornton, Hollingsworth, Melham.

#### Saturday 21 April

#### EPSOM RES. 1

#### SUTTON RES. 1

Playing down the slope in the first half of this Suburban League game, Epsom always looked dangerous on long balls played forward and went ahead with one such move finished off by Andy Stewart in the 40th minute. In the second half, however, Sutton piled on the pressure for an equaliser. Several chances were frustrated by the difficult pitch but patience was rewarded in the 72nd minute when Melham put **Paul Thornton** through to tuck a left-foot shot beneath the 'keeper.

**Team:** Offer, A Sunnucks, Estall, Barker, Ruddock, Williams, N Golley, Robson (Melham), Rogers, Thornton. Other sub (n/u): Kinnard.

#### Saturday 28 April

#### WHYTELEAFE RES. 0 SUTTON RES. 2

U's dominated their final Suburban League game almost throughout despite the bouncy, windy and dusty conditions and went ahead in the 42nd minute with a fine individual goal from Paul Thornton – his 21st of the season. Paul Estall sealed success by scoring direct from a corner 11 minutes into the second half, while Sean Judson, deputising for Offer in the Sutton goal, had only one serious save to make.

Team: Judson, A Sunnucks, Estall, Kinnard, J Rains, Dawson, Barker, Robson, Thornton, Ruddock, Burkett.

#### **YOUTH SIDE**

#### Thursday 12 April

STAINES YOUTH 0 SUTTON YOUTH 3 After surviving heavy early pressure in this Isthmian Youth Cup quarter-final, U's scored



three times in the second half to notch up their best win of the season. Dave Melham opened the account with a 52nd-minute header, then Hilton Goring made it 2-0 in the 60th minute after another Melham effort had only been parried. Substitute Trevor Harrington sealed it by heading home a corner 14 minutes from time.

**Team:** Bentley, Burgess, Lloyd, Kinnard, Young, Dawson (Harrington), Goring, Robson, Burkett, Melham, Mair.

#### Thursday 19 April

SUTTON YOUTH 0 WOKING YOUTH 2 Perhaps a little over-confident after the previous week's result, Sutton gifted Woking two early goals in this delayed Southern Youth League Cup, 1st Round tie and were unable to pull them back, despite an improved second half display. To add to their misfortunes, 'keeper Dave Bentley had to go off with a nasty back injury, Hilton Goring taking over the jersey.

**Team:** As v. Staines but subs Harrington and Vezzu for Burkett and Bentley.

#### Thursday 26 April

SUTTON YOUTH 1 CARSHALTON YTH 1 Deputy 'keeper Dave Kirby started off nervously and Southern Youth League leaders Carshalton twice let Sutton off the hook before going ahead on the half-hour. U's equalised in the 65th minute, however, through Phil Dawson who met Mair's corner with a superb flying header. Kirby then became Sutton's hero when he made two superb saves in succession to foil a last-ditch Carshalton attack, Burgess eventually clearing the ball off the line.

Team: Kirby, Burgess, Lloyd, Kinnard, Young, Dawson, Goring (Burkett), Robson, Harrington (Hennessy), Hanlan, Mair.

#### Tuesday 1 May

**CHESHAM YTH 4** SUTTON YTH 2 (a.e.t.) Sutton twice came from behind, giving a spirited performance against a strong Chesham side in this entertaining Isthmian Youth Cup semi-final, but were eventually well beaten in extra time. After Chesham had gone ahead against the run of play, Lee Burkett headed a 41st-minute equaliser from Goring's teasing cross. Six minutes after the break Chesham scored again and looked like holding on to their lead until Goring got another good cross over and substitute Matthew Hanlan headed home. However, U's could find no further reply as Chesham sealed a place in the final with a goal in each half of extra time.

Team: Bentley, Burgess, Lloyd, Kinnard, Young, Dawson, Robson, Goring, Melham, Harrington (Hanlan), Burkett.



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