



METROPOLITAN POLICE FOOTBALL CLUB

AC DELCO LEAGUE CUP FINAL

SUTTON UNITED F.C. v UXBRIDGE F.C.

MAY DAY

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Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

VAUXHALL-OPEL



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League

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Metropolitan League Challenge Cup Winners: 1969

London Senior Cup Runners-up: 1935, 1941

Isthmian League Division Two Runners-up: 1978

AC Delco Cup Final

FORWARD

It is my pleasure this afternoon to welcome everyone to the first Final of the AC Delco Cup, which is our new League Cup Competition thanks to the generosity of our sponsors after whom the Competition has been named.

For the last three years of our previous League Cup Competition the Final was held over two legs, but now we have reverted to one match on a neutral ground. This year I must express the most sincere and grateful thanks of the League to Assistant Commissioner G. D. Maclean, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Police FC, for permitting us to use the magnificent Imber Court ground for this match; to Derek Alldridge the host Club Hon. Secretary for his invaluable help in the staging of the match and to Cyril Davis for his assistance in producing this programme.

Today a warm welcome is not only extended to the players, officials and supporters of both competing teams but also to our guests. In particular I welcome our chief guest today Mr. Eric Fountain, the Director of Public Affairs of Vauxhall Motors Limited, together with Mrs. Fountain. The League is greatly indebted to Mr. Fountain for his support and commitment to his company's sponsorship of the League which has now, indeed, extended to our Charity Shield. Mr. Fountain has kindly agreed to be presented to the teams before the match and to make the presentation of the trophy and medals after the match.

We also welcome from our sponsors Mr. Peter Blinkall, the Sales Manager of AC Delco, together with his lady. We hope that Mr. Blinkall will be able to take back to his company the very best of news concerning his company's sponsorship of this Competition, which we hope will continue for many years to come.

Amongst our other guests today are representatives from the Counties represented today; from Middlesex I welcome Mr. D. W. Jenkins the Chairman and Mr. Stuart Bowen the Hon. General Secretary, and from Surrey I welcome their Chairman, Mr. J. W. Hewlett and the County Vice-Chairman Mr. A. P. Adams. May I say in particular to these gentlemen how much we value their support and assistance. It seems that as each season passes by the co-operation, friendship and mutual assistance between this League and the Counties increases and I hope that that will continue so that football benefits.

I am delighted to welcome one of our Life Members, Frank Wilson, who was one of my predecessors as Hon. Secretary of this competition, and finally I am pleased to say that there are a number of my Officer colleagues here including the Chairman, Mr. Alan Turvey, the Vice-Chairman Mr. Ingram Whittingham, the Hon. Treasurer Mr. Brian Robinson, the Hon. Fixture Secretary Mr. Barry Simmons and Mr. Ray Parker who is at present the Hon. Assistant Referees' Secretary but who will be the Management Committee nomination for the position of Hon. Referees' Secretary for next season when Mr. John Williams has decided not to offer himself for re-election.

I wish both teams the best of luck and I hope that the match will be enjoyable for players, officials and spectators alike.

Nicholas Robinson,

*Hon. Secretary
Vauxhall-Opel League.*

Met Chat

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

This May Day afternoon the Metropolitan Police Football Club take great pleasure in welcoming you all to Imber Court, and in being honoured to be asked to be your hosts, for this afternoons AC DELCO LEAGUE CUP FINAL, and we take special delight in extending the warmest of welcomes to Mr. Eric FOUNTAIN, Director of Public Affairs of Vauxhall-Opel and his wife, the Management Committee of our League and we also take a special delight in welcoming the Committee's, Players and Supporters of Sutton United and Uxbridge Football Clubs. The MPFC sincerely hope that you will enjoy your visit and the game, which without doubt will be keenly contested, and will add to your enjoyment. We also trust you all have a safe journey home.

The Metropolitan Police Football Club and without doubt Sutton United and Uxbridge and all the other clubs in our league, are pleased to acknowledge the generosity of AC DELCO, distributors of motor parts and accessories, some of which are illustrated on the inside rear cover of this programme, and are a Division of Vauxhall-Opel, for sponsoring the competition under the title The AC DELCO CUP. Obviously the richest awards will go to the winners, with the beaten finalists and the losing semi-finalists next in line. Even the clubs eliminated in the earlier stages each receive some reward, and again if one progressed in the competition then the rewards are greater. So the incentive to do well is there. It may not be generally realised that in the AC DELCO CUP, all members of our league whether they be in the Premier, Division One, or the North and South Sections of Division Two, all 'go into the hat' from the First Round, so that the 'little uns' can have a go at the 'big uns', as happens in the later stages of the FA Cup and the FA Trophy, and so makes for an exciting competition. A bonus of course is that one meets and hopefully makes friends, with clubs that one does not normally meet. A chart as to how Sutton United and Uxbridge reached the Final is featured elsewhere in your programme.

Without wishing to show favour to either side any unbiased observer must conclude that Sutton United will start todays game as favourites as they are the Vauxhall-Opel League Champions from season 1984/85 and unless something goes drastically wrong should enter todays game having clinched the Championship this 1985/86 season. In addition, a few weeks ago they won the Surrey Senior Cup for the fourth year in succession on appearing in their fifth consecutive final. Also, Sutton's Reserve side looks as if it will capture the Suburban League (South) title for the third consecutive season and the fourth time in five seasons. As is apparent Sutton United have an enviable record of League and Cup success at the highest level. In contrast, their opponents Uxbridge F.C. although one of the oldest clubs in the South of England have never achieved major senior honours. They are currently in Division One, and have had a very successful first season in that Division and until very recently were in the running to progress straight through to the Premier after winning promotion from Division Two (North) last season (1984/85).

Again in contrast to Sutton United who have won the League Cup twice and have been beaten finalists once, Uxbridge, since joining the League in 1982 have never previously progressed beyond the First Round. However, to reach todays final they disposed of Woking, Hendon, Oxford City, Epsom & Ewell, and in the Semi-Final defeated Farnborough Town by an aggregate score of 6-3 over two legs. So here we have the makings of a classic 'David v. Goliath' final, and we all know what happened in that confrontation, but whatever happens, we hope that it will be a day to remember for everyone connected with both clubs. The Metropolitan Police Football Club extend their best wishes to all the Players and hope they thoroughly enjoy the game and may the best side win. Sutton United and Uxbridge have played each other before, but not in this modern era. It was way back between 1921 and 1937 when both competed in the Athenian League, in the days of the baggy shorts down to the knees and when the players wore leather boots with a big rounded reinforced toe cap and one played with a leather ball that became like a lump of lead when it rained as it absorbed water like a sponge. I am informed there are a number of Committee Members with both clubs who can remember that equipment, if not those early matches. The only other meeting between Sutton and Uxbridge was on 9th October 1981, in an FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round match at Uxbridge. Sutton United won 3-1 with goals from Colin Woffinden and Chris Kelly (2) who later moved over to become the 'Leatherhead Lip' and is now Team Manager at Kingstonian.

Supporters might like to note that in the event of the game finishing all square after 90 minutes, then EXTRA TIME WILL BE PLAYED, then, if still all square there will be a penalty 'shoot out'.

Did you know, that the Isthmian, now Vauxhall-Opel League, were the first to introduce three points for a win and the first to introduce 'goal difference' instead of goal average. The League were also the first to have sponsorship and now we are fortunate to have as our sponsors the world renowned Vauxhall-Opel car manufacturing company, with AC DELCO their parts division, sponsoring the League Cup. Naturally it is hoped you will support our sponsors by buying their products. You may have noticed that the Metropolitan Police are one of the largest users of Vauxhall Cavaliers and other Vauxhall vehicles in their fleet, so our 'buyers' must have a high regard for the quality.

It is hoped that you will find this programme of interest whether you read it before, during or after the game, and worthy of your patronage. Being Programme Editor for the Metropolitan Police Football Club, I would like to here offer my thanks to Simon Clennell of Sutton United and Gary Trimby of Uxbridge for the material they provided for this special occasion. You may be interested to learn that the results of the Wirral Non-League Programme Survey for 1985/86 have been announced. From a national entry of 657, the top thirty included:— Banstead Athletic (10th), Farnborough (11th), Yeovil (15th), Oxford City (23rd), Sutton (28th), Kingstonian (29th) and Hampton and St. Albans (joint 30th). The Metropolitan Police effort sneaked in at 34th. It would appear the Vauxhall-Opel League efforts are of a high standard. In the Vauxhall-Opel League the results were judged as follows:— Premier: 1st Farnborough; 2nd Yeovil; 3rd Sutton United/Kingstonian. Division One: 1st Oxford City; 2nd Hampton; 3rd St. Albans City. Division Two (North): 1st Clapton; 2nd Chalfont St. Peter; 3rd Berkhamstead Town. Division Two (South): 1st Banstead Athletic; 2nd Metropolitan Police; 3rd Southall. It might be of interest that Banstead's programme is compiled and edited by Malcolm Baker, Vice-Chairman of the Club, and also a Metropolitan Policeman. We are trying to arrange a transfer.

The Metropolitan Police Football Club and, without doubt, everyone connected with the Vauxhall-Opel League, were saddened to read of the death of Southall Player—David Gething on the eve of his club's appearance at Wembley Stadium in the FA Vase Final. David was Captain of Southall's Suburban League side and had been with the club for some five years. Apparently David was driving back from Southall's match at Hendon when he stopped outside St. Bernard's Hospital, Ealing. Team mates coming behind thought he had broken down, but found their colleague unconscious. Another player, vainly tried to give him the kiss of life and doctors from the nearby hospital rushed to the scene but were unable to revive him. David was engaged to the daughter of Mr. Reg Short Southall's Assistant Reserve Team Manager. The deepest sympathy of all those connected with member clubs of the Vauxhall-Opel League and the Suburban League, is extended to his parents and to Miss Short in particular.

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ROUTE TO THE FINAL — SUTTON UNITED F.C.

1st Round	H v.	Bognor Regis Town	D	3-3	McKinnon (3) (1 pen)
Replay	A v.	Bognor Regis Town	W	3-1	McKinnon (2), Dennis
2nd Round	A v.	Maidenhead United	W	5-3	McKinnon (3), N. Golley (2)
3rd Round	A v.	Carshalton Athletic	W	2-0	M. Golley, Thornton
4th Round	A v.	Harrow Borough	W	5-3	McKinnon (2), Dennis, Stephens, Golley
S/Final 1	A v.	Hampton	L	0-1	
S/Final 2	H v.	Hampton	W	2-1	Thornton, McKinnon (pen)
Replay	H v.	Hampton	W	3-1	M. Golley + 2 own goals

ROUTE TO THE FINAL — UXBRIDGE F.C.

1st Round	H v.	Woking	W	2-1	Dixon, Vincent
2nd Round	H v.	Hendon	W	1-0	Marshall
3rd Round	A v.	Oxford City	W	3-1	Dixon (2), Vincent
4th Round	A v.	Epsom & Ewell	D	1-1	Dixon
Replay	H v.	Epsom & Ewell	W	4-2	Vincent (2), Roper (2)
S/Final 1	H v.	Farnborough Town	W	4-2	Church (3), Williamson
S/Final 2	A v.	Farnborough Town	W	2-1	Marshall (2)

THE MATCH OFFICIALS

The Referee:—Mr. Roger M. Wiseman lives in Boreham Wood, Hertfordshire, and is an Executive Clerical Officer with London Transport, by occupation. He is married, but only since June 1985, so he and his wife will be celebrating their first anniversary next month. He took up refereeing in 1972 in Bromley, Kent and progressed through the Bromley & District League, the Kent Amateur League, the Athenian League until being appointed to the Isthmian, now Vauxhall-Opel, League in 1977. In 1981 he graduated further on being appointed to the Gola League and this has been followed by appointment to the Canon Football League. Mr. Wiseman was honoured by being selected as one of the Match Officials for a Cup Final in Malta in 1985 and a few weeks ago, was a Linesman at the Everton v. Sheffield Wednesday F.A. Cup Semi-Final.

Linesman:—Mr. Brian T. Jefferies lives at Maulden, Bedfordshire, with his wife and three children and is employed as a Finance Manager by Merchantile Credit at Bedford. He became a Referee/Linesman in 1980 and started off in the Bedford & District League and progressed to the South Midlands League until being appointed to the Isthmian, now Vauxhall-Opel League two seasons ago. He was honoured by being selected to be one of the Match Officials at the South Midlands League Cup Final last season.

Linesman:—Mr. Douglas Windle lives at Hendon, London N.W.9 with his wife and two children and is a Sergeant serving in the Royal Air Force, currently at the Ministry of Defence. He is a native of Rotherham, Yorkshire, and took up refereeing in 1976 in the R.A.F. and has officiated in service matches in Germany, Belgium, Holland as well as in Great Britain. He was also appointed to the Spartan League and subsequently graduated to the Vauxhall-Opel League.

Reserve Official:—Mr. Michael H. Brown, lives with his wife and two daughters at Steple Claydon, Nr. Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, and he is a Technician in the Royal Air Force. He commenced refereeing in 1966 in the R.A.F. and has officiated at matches in Germany, Gibraltar, Singapore and RAF Gan (off Sri Lanka) as well as in Great Britain. He was also appointed to the Midland Counties League and graduated to the Central League and after returning from an overseas posting and going to R.A.F. Hendon he was appointed to the Vauxhall-Opel League. He has now graduated to being a Linesman with the Canon Football League.

SUTTON UNITED F.C.

A Brief history

Sutton United were one of four clubs elected to the Isthmian (now Vauxhall-Opel) League in 1963 and they have subsequently established themselves as one of the competition's most successful and go-ahead sides.

The last six seasons, under the guidance of club manager Barrie Williams and first team manager Larry Pritchard, have proved especially fruitful with a stream of honours coming to Gander Green Lane. Before lifting the Premier Division title last season, Sutton were runners-up in 1981/2 and, indeed, they have not finished out of the top five since 1979. In 1981 they went to Wembley as FA Trophy finalists; in 1982/3 they

achieved a remarkable cup 'treble' of the London Senior Cup, Surrey Senior Cup and Hitachi (League) Cup; and in 1983/4 only a semi-final defeat in the London competition denied them from repeating that treble.

This season Sutton have once again reached the League (AC Delco) Cup final; they recently won the Surrey Senior Cup for the fourth time in a row (a county record); and, of course, they are going full out to retain the most important prize of all, the League championship.

Thus Sutton's success in the 1980's has bettered even that of their previous 'golden decade' of the '60s and early '70s, when under manager Sid Cann United made two earlier Wembley appearances in the Amateur Cup (in 1963 and 1969), were League champions in 1966/67 and runners-up in 1967/8 and 1970/1, and sported up to six amateur internationals in their side.

They also earned national acclaim in 1970 by reaching the 4th Round Proper of the FA Cup, going down convincingly but valiantly at home to Leeds United, at that time probably the most star-studded team in Europe.

Nevertheless the club's following has not always matched their success for being situated on the edge of Greater London, they have to compete for support with London's 12 Football League clubs.

Sutton United came into being in 1898 with the merger of two local clubs—Sutton Association and Sutton Guild Rovers. Senior status was achieved in 1910 and soon after the First World War Sutton moved into their present ground, the Borough Sports Ground in Gander Green Lane. They began a 42-year membership of the Athenian League in 1921 and although they had to apply for re-election in 1926, bounced back to become champions for the first time two seasons later. In 1928/29 they reached the Amateur Cup semi-finals for the first time.

In the periods either side of the last war, Sutton were one of the strongest teams in amateur football. Several players won amateur international honours—including present Club secretary, Ralph Carr—and others of the side were later to make their names as professionals, among them Charlie Vaughan, Phil Woosnam, Terry Dyson and Tony Barton.

Sutton United can also count among their 'hall of fame' Jimmy Hill and Malcolm Allison, both of whom spent brief periods coaching at Gander Green Lane in the 1950s on their way to success in higher spheres.

Interestingly enough, the trend has continued in the last decade with three managers moving on through their ability, rather than any lack of it. Ted Powell became national coach to Malawi; Dario Gradi later managed Wimbledon, Crystal Palace and now Crewe; and Keith Blunt went as coach to top Swedish side Malmo (he is now youth coach at Tottenham).

A strong accent has always been placed on player development by Sutton, whose reserve and youth sides have also been consistent winners of silverware. As well as current manager Barrie Williams, no less than seven of the team management and players hold full or preliminary coaching badges.

Off the field, considerable building for the future has taken place over the last few years under the guidance of Chairman Peter Molloy—also a former player—and a committee who all have long-standing Sutton connections. A well-appointed new clubhouse was completed in 1976 and a further extension opened in 1981 by local MP Neil Macfarlane, then Minister for Sport.

UXBRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded on 3rd February 1871, Uxbridge are one of the oldest clubs in the South of England, having played in every FA Cup Competition from 1873-74 to date. The club colours were white until 1880 when the red shirts which are still worn today were adopted.

The first ten years were successful, with the brothers Heron gaining caps for England. The club did not embrace professionalism, becoming founder members of the Southern League in 1894 and losing to Middlesbrough in the Amateur Cup Final of 1897-98, played at Crystal Palace. But even at the turn of the century, expenses proved prohibitive and the club virtually collapsed at the end of season 1898-99 with a deficit of £130.

Only friendlies were played until 1906-07 when the club joined the Great Western Suburban League and a period of moderate success followed until disbandment for the 1914-18 war. In 1919-20 Uxbridge entered the Athenian League, but finished bottom and were not re-elected. In 1923 the club moved to the RAF Stadium, to be their home for the next 23 years and were re-elected to the Athenian League in 1924-25 where they remained until failing re-election in 1936-37. One season was spent in the Spartan League before joining the Great Western Combination in 1939.

The club continued to function during the 1939-45 war and joined the London League in 1945-46, transferring to the Corinthian League the following season. In 1948

a ground called Honeycroft in Cleveland Road was purchased for the club and the following season Uxbridge were league runners-up. In 1951 the Middlesex Senior Cup and the Corinthian Memorial Shield were won and the latter was again lifted in 1953. In 1959-60, with Alan Odell as Secretary, the club were Corinthian League Champions. In 1963 a reorganisation saw the disappearance of the Corinthian League and Uxbridge were placed in the Athenian League Division One, but were relegated at the end of 1966-67 to Division Two. The Club had not prospered and by the mid 1960's was in debt with the ground mortgaged and no resources to take advantage of the emergence of the Isthmian League as the major force in non-league football.

Gradually the club revived through a judicious youth policy and won the Athenian League Division Two Cup in 1971. In 1976 Uxbridge gained national prominence through playing a full scale game against England as part of their World Cup preparations. The score: England 8 Uxbridge 0.

In 1978 another milestone was reached with the purchase of the present ground in West Drayton which was also given the name 'Honeycroft'. The club own the freehold of this eight acre site and £80,000 has been spent on improvements since 1978. Floodlights were switched on with a 1-1 draw against Arsenal in 1981 and £30,000 was spent in 1985 on a new covered stand, enclosing the ground and a new front to the clubhouse.

Season 1981-82 saw the club runners-up in the Athenian League Cup. They also finished third in the League and achieved election into Division Two of the Isthmian League, an ambition that had been impossible over many years through uncertainty over the future of the ground. To cap the season Uxbridge won the Middlesex Charity Cup, beating Hendon in the final.

Their first season in the Isthmian League saw them finish 6th and runners-up in the Middlesex Charity Cup.

In 1983-84, finishing 7th in the League, the club had its most successful cup runs for some time, reaching the fourth round of the FA Vase and the semi-finals of the Middlesex Senior Cup.

1984-85 saw the club finish second in Division Two (South) of the Isthmian League (now the Vauxhall-Opel League) after heading the table for most of the season and gain promotion to Division One.

The present committee, including Joe Baron with over 50 years' service, Alan Odell, Tom Barnard, who was appointed Chairman in 1964 and David Tucker, Secretary since 1969, are determined to make the club the envy of non-league football—without going bankrupt in the process—to consolidate a tradition lasting 115 years.

SUTTON UNITED F.C.

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Barrie Williams, Club Manager: An experienced FA full badge coach who came to Sutton in 1978 as assistant manager, taking over the reins the following season when Keith Blunt was appointed coach to top Swedish club Malmo. His playing career was with Dartford, Corinthian Casuals and Cirencester, following which he coached at Bexley United and Barking, and for a short while managed Ilford. Also current manager of the Vauxhall-Opel League side.

Larry Pritchard, First Team Manager: One of the best-known personalities of the non-league game, Larry hung up his boots in late 1983 after a 22-year playing career studded with such honours as 48 England amateur caps, 4 Wembley appearances and 4 Isthmian championship medals. Began his career with Epsom & Ewell in 1961 and also played for Walton & Hersham and Leatherhead before first joining Sutton in 1965, subsequently making over 750 appearances for the club, either side of a very successful spell with Wycombe Wanderers.

Ken Ireland, Assistant Manager: Responsible principally for the reserve side whom he has guided to regular Suburban League and cup honours since joining Sutton early in 1977. Played locally for Epsom, Leatherhead and Corinthian Casuals, and later managed Banstead Athletic. Holds an FA full coaching badge.

Ron Fearon, Goalkeeper: Played at youth and reserve level for QPR before joining Reading, where he made 86 Football League appearances. Joined Sutton in the summer after a season playing in the USA with San Diego Sockers, during which time he also turned down an offer to join American Football side Los Angeles Rams as a field goalkicker. Represented the VOL against the Multipart League recently and was a reserve for the England non-league side's recent game against Wales.

Rick Collier, Goalkeeper: Returned to Sutton for a third spell late last season when Sutton's championship hopes were threatened by a goalkeeping injury crisis, and played an important part in securing the title. First came to the club from Crawley Town in 1974 and has also played for Redhill, Horsham, Staines Town, Carshalton Athletic and Three Bridges. A popular club man.

Roger Mackay, Defender: Full back who joined Sutton in November 1983 having previously captained Hendon. Has also played for Hayes and Slough Town. An ever-present last season.

Steve Bangs, Defender: Made some 130 appearances for Sutton between 1973 and 1977 and is now nearing 300 in total, having rejoined the club at the start of 1983/84 season after six years with near-neighbours Carshalton Athletic. Another ever-present last season, when he was voted Player of the Year.

John Rains, Defender (Captain): A former Fulham junior, he came to Sutton from Bromley in 1974 and is now the club's longest continuously serving player. Normally plays in central defence, alongside his brother Tony, but is also a useful goalgetter—he has scored some 120 times in his 650-plus appearances, including 25 in one season as an emergency forward.

Tony Rains, Defender: First played for Sutton reserves as a 15-year-old before signing apprentice forms for Fulham—but was gratefully snapped up again by U's 18 months later and made his first-team debut in 1979 whilst still captaining the youth side. Has since made nearly 450 appearances, mostly as a central defender, and was Club Player of the Year in 1981/82 and 1983/84 (joint).

Mark Golley, Defender/Midfield: A battling player who can acquit himself well in most roles. A former Crystal Palace apprentice, he joined Sutton in 1980 and made his senior debut that year whilst still in the youth team; he has now passed 300 senior appearances. Supporters Club Player of the Year for both the previous two seasons. Has scored over 20 goals already this season from midfield, including the VOL's recent winner against the Multipart League.

Micky Stephens, Midfield: Another product of the youth side, and a regular in Sutton's first team for the last six seasons, he has now made over 400 senior appearances. On their day, his skills have few equals at this level. Capped by England in the Four Nations Semi-Pro Tournament in 1982 and against Wales in March of this year—on both occasions being the only VOL player so honoured.

Phil Dawson, Midfield: A former Sutton youth team captain and 'Youth Player of the Year', he puts in some mature performances for his age and has held a regular first-team place since September.

Paul Rogers, Forward: Strongly-built player who came to Sutton as a youth player some five years ago from local intermediate side Chipstead. Has now played more than 50 senior games since making his debut in November 1983.

Lenny Dennis, Forward: 6' 2" stricker who was signed in October, from Dulwich Hamlet and has quickly made his mark with nearly 30 goals. Joined Dulwich in December 1984 from Bromley, his only previous senior club.

Paul McKinnon, Forward: Prolific striker whose 52 goals last season was the highest tally in non-league football and equalled Sutton's modern-day record, playing an important part in the club's championship success. A former Chelsea schoolboy and Surrey youth cap, he came to Sutton from Woking in 1977 and in the eight years and 300 appearances since has also had three spells abroad as a professional—with Ryoden of Hong Kong and Swedish club Malmo (for whom he made UEFA and Cup Winners' Cup appearances) and Trelleborg. Already scored nearly 50 goals this term, despite a month's absence through injury.

Mike Cornwell, Forward: A former Sutton favourite who was recently re-signed from Worthing after three successful seasons with the Sussex club. Came originally to Sutton from Horsham in 1979 and played in United's 1981 FA Trophy final side, but was later released following a serious operation which forced him to quit the game for over a year.

Nigel Golley, Midfield: 6ft. 3ins older brother of Mark Golley, although a later recruit to the senior side. Joined Sutton in 1982 from Athenian League Whyteleafe and came into the first team at the start of the following season.

Steve Tutt, Midfield: Promising, competitive 22-year-old who had trials with several League clubs as a schoolboy but was 'rediscovered' by Sutton in intermediate football two seasons ago.

Neil Robson, Midfield: Yet another product of Sutton's youth team, he joined the club three seasons ago at age 16 and has taken his occasional chances at first team level with great confidence.

Paul Thornton, Forward: Diminutive but tireless front runner who has come up through the youth ranks. Scored over 40 goals for Sutton reserves last season and has proved a reliable deputy in the senior side this season, with seven goals in 13 appearances.

UXBRIDGE F.C.

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Ron Clack (Manager) is probably the longest serving manager in football, having been appointed in 1969 after a season as reserve team manager. Ron has also had managerial experience at Hayes and Harrow Borough. A great believer in a club having a youth policy, Ron initiated such a policy at Uxbridge on taking over and has seen this policy produce many first team players over the years, including a number of the present squad.

Peter Marshall (Coach) was appointed in 1983 and is considered by Ron Clack as one of his best signings. Previously Peter was reserve and youth manager at Hillingdon. Peter is another great believer in youth and is manager of a local minor side, Glebe Athletic, which has produced a number of players that have gone on to sign for Football League clubs. Five current Uxbridge players have played under Peter at Glebe.

Ernie Kempster (Physiotherapist) was also appointed in 1983. Has previously been with Hillingdon, Fulham and Brentford. Since arriving at Honeycroft Ernie has transformed the treatment room into the first-class facilities that exist today.

Roger Nicholls (Goalkeeper). Aged 33, he made his first team debut at the age of 17 and has made over 800 appearances for the club, by far a club record. Recognised as one of the finest goalkeepers outside the football league, his honours include a Middlesex County Cap and appearances for the FA Representative team and the famous Middlesex Wanderers F.C.

Graham Moody (Goalkeeper). Aged 24, Graham signed from Maidenhead United in December. Was third choice keeper until injuries gave him his chance. Made his debut against Staines Town a fortnight ago. Tall keeper with safe hands.

Bobby Roper (Fullback). Aged 25, Bobby signed from Harefield United during the close season. Bobby likes to go forward and help out the attack but is quick to recover back.

Clifford Williamson (Fullback). Aged 27, Clifford likes to go forward and get his quota of goals. A sound, hard tackling player with over 500 matches under his belt, Clifford always gives 100%.

Fred Cummings (Central Defender). Aged 24, Fred joined the club in 1983 from Egham Town having had experience at Hillingdon, Hounslow and Maidenhead United. His power in the air makes him a commanding central defender. Fred has made over 100 appearances for the club and is the team captain.

Andy Everley (Central Defender). Aged 23, he has overcome many injury problems in recent seasons to secure his first team place and prove himself one of the best central defenders in the league. Andy has made over 300 appearances for the club.

Jon Flanagan (Midfield). Aged 23, Jon is a fiery and competitive player. His non-stop approach to the midfield role makes him an important member of the team. Jon previously played at Hillingdon.

Roy Marshall (Midfield). Aged 22, Roy gained Southern League experience with Hillingdon before joining Uxbridge in 1982. This most talented player is at home in any position. Strong and elegant with honours for Middlesex Youth he has made over 100 appearances.

Nigel McLaren (Midfield). Aged 22, Nigel joined the club this season from Ruislip Manor after being a professional at Chelsea. Tremendous passer of the ball he reads the game well too.

Terry Weaver (Midfield/Forward). Aged 23, Terry re-signed for the club at the beginning of the season after a years' absence due to work commitments. Previously with Hillingdon, Terry only played a handful of games for Uxbridge during the 83-84 but is this season proving to be a fine player in midfield or up front.

Tim Vincent (Forward). Aged 25, Tim signed for the club in September from Harrow Borough and has also played for Southall, Maidenhead United and Ruislip Manor where he was top goal-scorer last season. Tim has continued to be amongst the goals since arriving at Honeycroft.

Stephen Church (Forward). Aged 26, Stephen has the pace and skill to win games providing chances for his fellow strikers as well as scoring himself. Has played over 500 games for the club—the third highest in the clubs history. Stephen also has FA representative honours.

Chris Dixon (Forward). Aged 21, Chris joined in 1984 and was the club's leading goalscorer last season. A strong player with fine close skills and powerful in the air. Chris suffered a knee injury at the end of last season but he overcame this to become leading goalscorer again this season, until a similar injury in December sidelined him once more. Now fully recovered, Chris is again causing opposing defences problems.

Steve Pope (Forward/Midfield). Aged 19, a fine all-round player and an outstanding prospect. Steve has proved his ability in midfield and upfront in the first team since coming through from the youth side, where last season he was leading goalscorer in the club's Servowarm Youth Cup run.

League Tables

Up to and including Saturday 26th April, 1986

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutton United	38	26	8	4	103	38	86
Yeovil Town	40	26	7	7	84	46	85
Farnborough Town	41	22	8	11	88	49	74
Harrow Borough	41	21	8	12	74	63	71
Croydon	39	20	7	12	63	49	67
Slough Town	39	18	7	14	62	60	61
Dulwich Hamlet	40	16	9	15	59	75	57
Kingstonian	39	14	14	11	53	51	56
Wokingham Town	41	15	10	16	63	62	55
Windsor & Eton	40	16	7	17	57	72	55
Bishop's Stortford	39	15	9	15	49	60	54
Tooting & Mitcham	39	14	10	15	64	70	52
Worthing	40	13	10	17	72	76	49
Hayes	40	10	16	14	36	40	46
Barking	42	11	13	18	45	55	46
Bognor Regis Town	38	14	6	18	58	57	45
Hitchin Town	40	11	12	17	52	68	45
Walthamstow Ave.	39	10	14	15	61	65	44
Hendon	41	9	13	19	55	76	40
Billericay Town	40	9	11	20	58	76	38
Carshalton Athletic	40	8	14	18	53	76	38
Epsom & Ewell	40	8	11	21	61	86	35

*3 points deducted by league

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Albans City	40	22	11	7	85	59	77
Wembley	41	21	12	8	56	28	75
Oxford City	40	21	10	9	73	50	73
Hampton	40	20	11	9	59	42	71
Bromley	38	20	8	10	61	39	68
Leyton Wingate	39	19	10	10	72	54	67
Uxbridge	39	20	7	12	61	43	67
Staines Town	41	18	10	13	69	64	64
Boreham Wood	42	15	16	11	62	54	61
Lewes	40	16	8	16	60	66	56
Walton & Hersham	40	15	9	16	64	70	54
Finchley	40	12	17	11	61	55	53
Leytonstone Ilford	41	13	14	14	56	66	53
Leatherhead	41	14	7	20	61	67	49
Tilbury	39	13	9	17	59	64	48
Grays Athletic	39	12	10	17	66	72	46
Basildon United	41	12	9	20	52	69	45
Hornchurch	41	11	11	19	43	56	44
Maidenhead Utd.	38	11	6	21	56	64	39
Chesham United	40	11	6	23	46	83	39
Harlow Town	40	7	13	20	49	67	34
Aveley	42	8	6	28	59	98	30

DIVISION TWO NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stevenage Borough	37	25	6	6	69	24	81
Kingsbury Town	36	23	8	5	81	34	77
Heybridge Swifts	36	18	8	10	60	44	62
Cheshunt	35	16	10	9	54	38	58
Hertford Town	38	17	7	14	60	50	58
Tring Town	37	14	13	10	57	44	55
Berkhamsted Town	37	15	8	14	45	47	53
Royston Town	38	13	13	12	59	57	52
Chalfont St. Peter	35	13	11	11	49	49	50
Saffron Walden T.	38	12	12	14	59	65	48
Haringey Borough	36	13	7	16	47	49	46
Rainham Town	38	14	4	20	54	91	46
Vauxhall Motors	35	11	10	14	55	55	43
Letchworth Gar. C.	35	12	7	16	42	45	43
Ware	36	11	10	15	54	58	43
Barton Rovers	35	12	7	16	49	53	43
Hemel Hempstead	36	11	8	17	48	65	41
Harefield United	38	9	12	17	56	72	39
Clapton	35	9	6	20	48	85	33
Wolverton Town	37	7	11	19	37	58	32

DIVISION TWO SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southwick	36	23	8	5	79	34	77
Bracknell Town	36	22	9	5	73	23	75
Woking	37	22	9	6	91	43	75
Molesey	37	21	8	8	59	36	71
Newbury Town	36	20	7	9	80	50	67
Whyteleafe	34	18	10	6	53	37	64
Southall	35	19	6	10	74	50	63
Metropolitan Police	36	19	6	11	67	44	63
Dorking	36	18	8	10	68	55	62
Banstead Athletic	37	14	8	15	56	66	50
Feltham	36	14	7	15	56	56	49
Petersfield Utd.	36	11	9	16	55	66	42
Flackwell Heath	35	11	6	18	44	58	39
Hungerford Town	36	10	6	20	55	77	36
Eastbourne United	37	9	8	20	51	77	35
Camberley Town	35	9	6	20	50	58	33
Egham Town	37	7	7	23	40	82	28
Ruislip Manor	36	5	12	19	43	82	27
Horsham	37	6	9	22	32	73	27
Marlow	37	6	5	26	46	105	23

A.C. DELCO CUP

(1977-1985 called the Hitachi Cup)

(1974-1977 called League Cup)

(1974-75 open to Division 2 Clubs only)

Season	Winners	Runners-up	Venue	Score
1974-75	Tilbury	Croydon	(Two-legged)	3-1
1975-76	Slough Town	Tilbury	Hayes	4-1
1976-77	Hendon	Barking	Harrow B.	1-0
1977-78	Dagenham	Leatherhead	Dulwich H.	1-0
1978-79	Enfield	Hayes	Slough T.	2-1
1979-80	Enfield	Sutton United	Harrow B.	3-2
1980-81	Slough Town	Walthamstow Avenue	Hayes	4-2
1981-82	Leytonstone-Ilford	Kingstonian	Boreham Wood	2-0
1982-83	Sutton United	Wycombe Wanderers	(Two-legged)	2-1
1983-84	Sutton United	Wycombe Wanderers	(Two-legged)	3-1
1984-85	Wycombe Wanderers	Farnborough Town	(Two-legged)	5-1

YOUR HOSTS

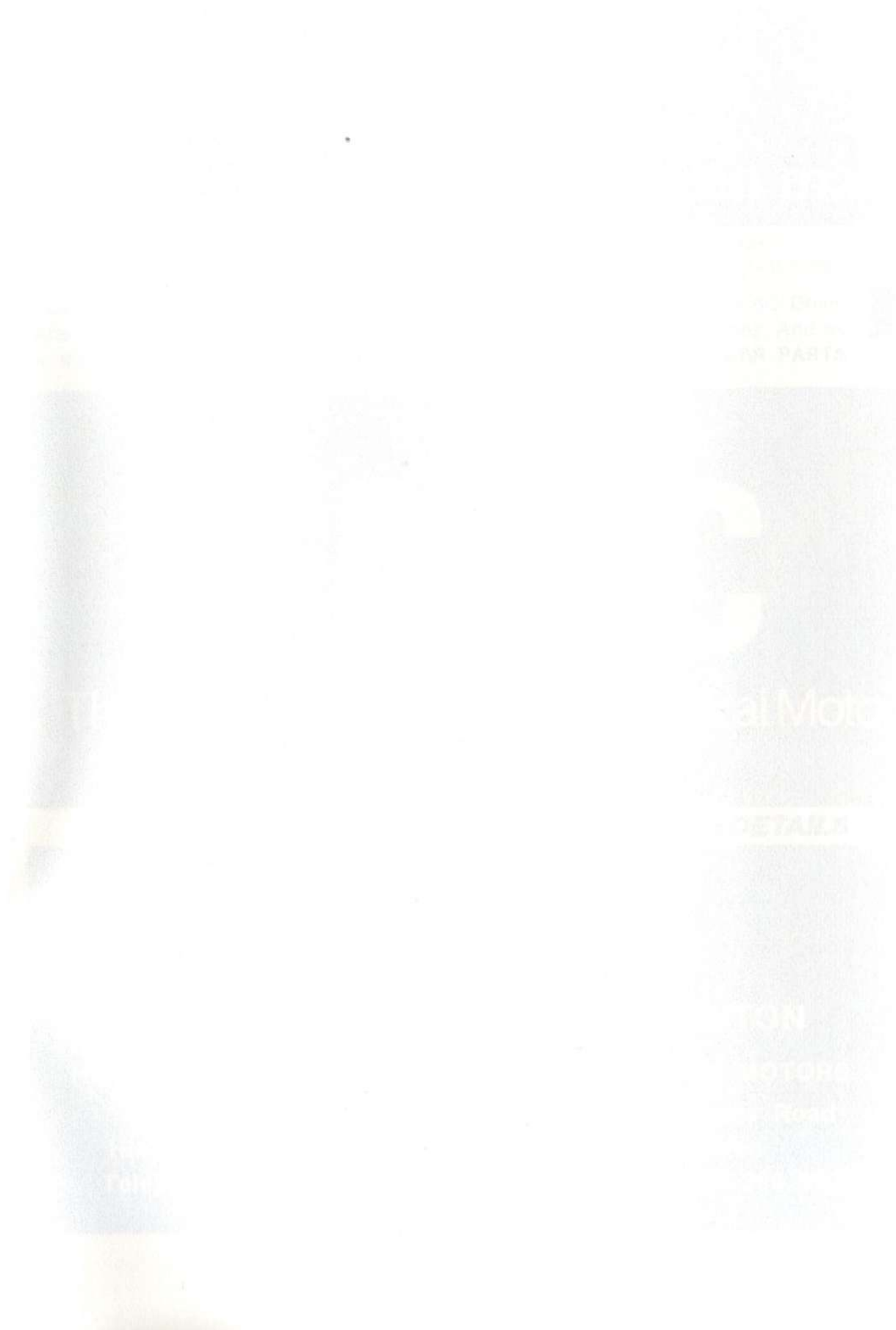
THE METROPOLITAN POLICE FOOTBALL CLUB

On 6th July 1829, Sir Robert Peel formed the Metropolitan Police, the first organised Police Force in the world, with an office overlooking the Thames at Whitehall known as Scotland Yard, a name that became famous throughout the world, and also became synonymous with the Metropolitan Police. Ninety years later, in 1919, the Metropolitan Police Football Club was formed and played friendly matches until joining the Spartan League in 1928 and, apart from the war years (1939-1945), remained in that competition until 1960. During that time the Mets were League Champions eight times, runners-up once and League Cup Winners once. In 1960 the Mets, seeking to enhance their status, joined the semi-professional Metropolitan League, winning the League Cup in 1969. In 1971 the Club made a major step forward when the Mets were accepted into the expanded Southern League and played in Division South until 1977, without winning any honours, but making many friends. In 1977 the Mets withdrew from the Southern League to become one of the founder members of Division 2 of the Isthmian League. This decision proved to be a wise one as the Mets were runners-up in the first season (1977-78) and were promoted to Division 1, where they remained, finishing 15th, 18th, 9th, 3rd, 7th and 8th, in a very competitive division, until 1984-85, when as a result of finishing 3rd from bottom were relegated to Division 2 South.

The Met's home ground at Imber Court, East Molesey, Surrey, is about a mile from Hampton Court Palace, three miles from Walton-on-Thames and also Kingston-upon-Thames. It is believed the estate under the Norman name of 'Limerude' is recorded in the Domesday Book. The grounds were acquired in 1919 but did not become a sports ground until 1929 when a clubhouse was built, the finance being acquired from a charitable trust set up in 1926. The building today is the same but with many extensions added to it. The football facilities have been developed over the years in an attempt to ensure that players and spectators enjoy the game in the best possible environment. The finances for the continual improvement of facilities are mainly derived from a lottery run within the Force.

To answer a question often asked: the MPFC players and committee members are all serving Police Officers. The players being younger in years are nearly all Police Constables, but there are some Sergeants and even an Inspector or two. All are engaged on a variety of duties, as Beat Officers, Dog Handlers, CID, Crime Car Crews and Drivers, whilst the Committee are usually of higher ranks and most are former players.

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Mark Golley	6
Paul Rogers	7
Phil Dawson	8
Lenny Dennis	9
Paul McKinnon	10
Mike Cornwell	11
Micky Stevens	12
Nigel Golley	
Steve Tutt	
Neil Robson	

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