



THE DIADORA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

THE LEAGUE CUP FINAL

ENFIELD

GRAYS ATHLETIC

AT DAGENHAM F.C.
VICTORIA ROAD,
DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
MONDAY 4th MAY 1992.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 80p



ENFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB 1991/92

Back Row: (Left to Right) Fred Donnelley (Asst. Manager), Mick Banks (Physiotherapist),
 Curtis Warmington, Dean Wells, Nick Francis, Carl Richards, Stuart Horne,
 Mark McCutcheon, Mark Quamina, Paul Turner, Paul Brush, Martin Robinson, Mark Keen,
 Dave Jones (Trainer), Eddie McCluskey (Manager)
 Front Row: Garry Britnell, Tony Vance, Marc Salmon, Graham Westley, Erskine Smart,
 Tommy Mason, Terry Harris, Dave Flemming, Alan Hull, Mark Kane,

Chairman's



Comments.....

Good afternoon,

It is my pleasure on behalf of all connected with The Diadora Football League to welcome you all to Dagenham Football Club for the Final of this seasons League Cup competition. It is very unfortunate that this years competition has not been sponsored, however, this is not due to any lack of effort, but to the very late withdrawal of a major company at short notice, and also of course, the economic climate that has prevailed. We are of course delighted that our major league competition is sponsored by Diadora.

The contesting teams this afternoon are Grays Athletic from Essex and Enfield from Middlesex. I have no doubt that we will witness a very keenly contested match.

I am also pleased to welcome our many guests here this afternoon including the representatives of our sponsors DIADORA, to whom I would extend grateful thanks for their support of our competition. I would also like to welcome the representatives of the various Leagues and County Football Associations who are also here with us this afternoon.

May I also express the League's gratitude to MITRE SPORTS for their sponsorship of the Match Balls for this afternoons game.

I am pleased to formally welcome the officials, players and supporters of both teams as well as those of the host club Dagenham and in particular would thank Norman Sparrow their Chairman and Eric Ryan their Secretary for making arrangements for the match.

I would also like to thank Len Llewellyn for his assistance in preparing today's Official Programme.

Thankyou all for your support - enjoy the game.

*Alan C. F. Turvey
Chairman and Managing Director*

Introducing

Founded in August 1893 as Enfield Spartans, after an initial season of playing friendlies, the club entered the Tottenham and District Junior Alliance. The Spartans' first home was Baileys Field but upon joining the North Middlesex League in 1896, the club moved to the larger Tuckers Field. Starting out in the B Division, the club fought its way up to the Premier Division in just four years.

The fledgling club changed its name in 1900, dropping Spartans and becoming Enfield F.C. It was also decided that a larger home enclosure was required and a ground was found at Cherry Orchard Lane.

These changes heralded immediate success when the North Middlesex League Premier Division Championship was won in 1901/2 and 1902/3 with the E's incurring just one league defeat during those two seasons.

The second title win prompted Enfield to convert to senior status and join the much stronger London League, in Division Two. Having been promoted to Division One, the E's made a quick impression, finishing as runners-up in 1905. However, Enfield had to wait until 1911 before the Division One title was annexed and promotion to the Premier Division gained.

In 1912 The E's were invited to become founder members of the Athenian League. Finishing in seventh place in their first season at the higher level, they also reached the second round of the F.A. Amateur Cup, going down to the powerful London Caledonians. In 1913/4 fifth place was attained and Enfield won the Middlesex Senior Cup, defeating Uxbridge Town 2-0 at Tufnell Park.

The E's suspended activities during the First World War and on resumption spent a season each in the Middlesex and London Leagues, returning to the Athenian fold in 1921.

With the exception of the War years Enfield remained in the Athenian League until 1963. The closest they came to winning the League before the War was in 1934/5 when they were runners-up, two points behind Barking. That season, the club also battled through to the semi-final of the F.A. Amateur Cup before losing by the single goal to Wimbledon at Champion Hill, and for the first time they won the London Senior Cup beating Met. Police 2-0 at Brisbane Road, then the home of Leyton. That season also marked the end of the Enfield career of goalscoring hero Walter Green who in eleven years at the club scored no less than 180 goals, a record only bettered by Tommy Lawrence with 191 almost thirty years later.

Enfield moved to their present home at Southbury Road in 1936, but only three years later War again interrupted affairs and for the duration the Athenian League was suspended and the club played games in the Herts. & Middlesex Combination. With the resumption of the Athenian League in 1945, Enfield's fortunes briefly rose. Rawlings and West both gained international 'caps', but success was short lived with only a Middlesex Senior Cup win in 1946 to show.

The E's had to wait until 1959 before success was again tasted. George Ludford built a magnificent side which was to go on to win almost every honour open to it.

In 1959/60 Enfield reached the F.A. Amateur Cup semi-final losing 0-2 to Hendon at Brentford in front of 15,756 spectators, with amateur international Tommy Lawrence netting the present club record of 49 goals in the season. The Athenian League championship was finally brought to Southbury Road in 1961/2 and in style too.. as every

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home league game was won. The championship was retained by a margin of seven points in 1962/3. Once again all home league games were won, a record 130 league goals were scored and just six points dropped.

It was then that the Isthmian League, generally regarded as the strongest amateur league in the south, increased its constitution and invited Enfield, along with Hendon, Hitchin and Sutton United to join.

Enfield's eighteen years in the Isthmian League, were particularly successful. Involved in the championship chase for sixteen of the eighteen campaigns, they finished as champions seven times, including two hat-tricks, and runners-up on a further four occasions. Enfield's best season in the Isthmian League was undoubtedly 1977/8. A 4-1 victory at Bishop's Stortford on the final Saturday of the season saw them break the previous points record. The Middlesex side finished some 31 points clear of their nearest challengers, amassing 110 points from their forty-two matches, having won thirty-five and only lost two. Twelve years on, this record remains intact. The club maintained their climb to the peak of non-league football when they joined the Alliance Premier League (now the GM Vauxhall Conference) for the 81/2 season along with Dagenham. Enfield again took a little time to adjust to their new surroundings. Having finished runners-up at the first attempt, they went one better in 1982/3, securing the championship on the last day of the season, at the home of the previous champions, Runcorn.

This championship was won for the second time in 1985/6, followed by an unsuccessful application to join the Football League. Continuing their earlier league consistency, the Southbury Road club had been championship challengers for five of the nine seasons before relegation

overtook them.

Their record in cup competitions is equally impressive. Enfield won the F.A. Trophy in 1982 and 1988 and claimed the F.A. Amateur Cup in 1967 and 1970, and appeared in the Finals of 1964 and 1972. The Middlesex club have now visited Wembley on six occasions. The club has also won the European Amateur Cup in 1970, the Hitachi Cup in 1979 and 1980, as well as the Middlesex and London Senior Cups on eighteen occasions.

They have reached the first round of the F.A. Cup on no fewer than twenty-five times; progressed to the second round, fourteen times, the third round three times and to the fourth round in 1980/1. When after taking Football League scalps of Hereford and Port Vale, they lost to Barnsley in a replay at White Hart Lane in front of 35,244 people. They have also beaten other Football League clubs in the F.A. Cup: Wimbledon (twice), Northampton Town, Leyton Orient, Exeter City and Aldershot.

The Southbury Road stadium has a present crowd limit of 6,750. A superbly equipped clubhouse, together with the lavish Starlight Room nightclub, with cabaret, dinner and dancing for over 400, ensures that Enfield are leaders off the field.

With the return of Eddie McCluskey to the Managers position all at the club hope it will not be too long before they are once again leaders on the field as well.

GARY BRITNELL (Midfield) Signed from Dartford in the summer of 1990. He is a hard working and forceful player who is often amongst the goals. 27 year old who previously played for both Canvey Island and Chelmsford City. Last season's Players Player of the Year.

PAUL BRUSH (Defender/Midfield) Signed in the close season of 1990 from Southend Utd. Now 33 years old, he is the Captain of the side. Paul made his name with West Ham (184 appearances and Crystal Palace (53). Polished professional player.

MARK QUAMINA (Defender) Signed from London Spartan League side, Elms in February 1992. He made his debut in the Middlesex Senior Cup Semi-Final against Yeading.

MARK KEEN (Utility) Another 1990 close season signing from Dartford. Strong in the air, Mark has attracted League scouts attention. Has also played up front and in midfield. Previously with Witham Town.

TOMMY MASON (Defender) Joined from Farnborough at the start of the 90/1 season. Born in London, but a New Zealand International with three full caps. Has played for both Brighton and Fulham in the Football League.

MARK McCUTCHEON (Goalkeeper) at 6'6" is the tallest man at the club. A former England Schoolboy International, Mark was at Spurs as a Youth. He went on to make over 350 appearances for Billericay Town and has also played for both Leyton-Wingate and Dartford. Aged 29.

MARC SALMON (Forward) 18 year old product of the Youth Section who, apart from a spell at Spurs has been with the club since an early age. Has now made almost 50 appearances.

ERSKINE SMART (Defender/Midfield) Joined the club from Hendon in 1989. He was at both Watford and Arsenal as a youngster before joining Kingsbury Town.

CURTIS WARMINGTON (Defender) Signed in March 1990 from Carshalton Athletic for a substantial fee. Big favourite at Southbury Road who started his career as a junior at West Ham. Has also played for both Dulwich and Yeovil Town. Now 27 years old.

PAUL TURNER (Midfield) Signed in March 1990 following a successful loan spell. Was originally an Arsenal Reserver before gaining experience with Cambridge United, where he made 41 appearances. He has also played for Farnborough Town.

TONY VANCE (Forward) Has been promoted to the first team following some impressive performances with the reserves. Born at Swanage in Dorset, he has also spent some time with Wycombe Wanderers.

GRAHAM WESTLEY (Forward) Signed in August 1991 from Harlow Town and has been scoring goals ever since. Started his career at Queens Park Rangers before moving to Gillingham where he played in the Football League. Moved into the semi-pro game with Barnet before playing for both Wycombe and Kingstonian. An England Youth International, he has also represented the Vauxhall League.

CARL RICHARDS (Forward) Signed from Blackpool in December for his second spell at the Club. Was a member of the E's side which won the Gola League in 1986. He then joined Bournemouth and his League career has also taken him to Birmingham, Peterborough and Maidstone with overall performances totalling over 150. An England semi-pro international.

MARK KANE (Midfield) Signed from Chelmsford in December 1990. His ball play has added greatly to the teams performances. Now 30, he has also played for Leyton Orient, Woodford Town, Walthamstow Avenue, Barking and Tampa Bay Rowdies.



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1977/78	Dagenham beat Leatherhead	1-0 at Dulwich Hamlet
1978/79	Enfield beat Hayes	2-1 at Slough Town
1979/80	Enfield beat Sutton United	2-1 at Harrow Borough
1980/81	Slough Town beat Walthamstow Avenue	4-2 at Hayes
1981/82	Leytonstone Ilford beat Kingstonian	2-0 at Boreham Wood
1982/83	Sutton United beat Wycombe Wanderers	2-1 over two matches
1983/84	Sutton United beat Wycombe Wanderers	3-1 over two matches
1984/85	Wycombe Wand. beat Farnborough Tn.	5-1 over two matches
1985/86	Sutton United beat Uxbridge	3-1 at Met. Police
1986/87	Bognor Regis Town beat Hendon	3-2 at Windsor & Eton
1987/88	Yeovil Town beat Hayes	3-1 at Basingstoke Town
1988/89	B. Stortford beat Farnborough Town	1-0 at Hayes
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91-2 RESULTS

ENFIELD LEAGUE RESULTS for 1991/92 Diadora League Premier Division

1991/92		Opponents	Score
Aug 17	A	Marlow	1-0
20	H	St. Albans City	3-1
24	H	Bishop's Stortford	1-0
27	A	Aylesbury United	1-1
31	A	Harrow Borough	2-1
Sept 7	H	Staines Town	0-0
21	H	Windsor & Eton	0-0
24	A	Sutton United	1-0
Oct 5	H	Bognor Regis Town	3-1
19	A	Basingstoke Town	2-1
Nov 2	A	Chesham United	2-0
9	H	Carshalton Ath.	2-1
23	H	Bromley	0-1
26	H	Wivenhoe Town	1-0
30	A	Woking	0-5
Dec 17	A	Wivenhoe Town	1-1
21	H	Chesham United	3-2
28	H	Grays Athletic	2-2
Jan 1	A	St. Albans City	2-1
4	A	Staines Town	1-0
7	A	Hayes	0-2
18	A	Bishop's Stortford	1-0
25	H	Aylesbury United	2-2
28	A	Windsor & Eton	3-2
Feb 8	H	Sutton United	3-1
15	A	Kingstonian	0-3
18	H	Harrow Borough	3-0
25	H	Dagenham	3-5
29	A	Bognor Regis Town	1-0
Mar 7	H	Hendon	1-0
14	A	Dagenham	1-2
17	A	Hendon	0-1
21	H	Basingstoke Town	0-2
28	A	Grays Athletic	4-0
31	H	Kingstonian	4-0
Apr 4	H	Wokingham Town	0-2
7	H	Marlow	0-2
11	A	Carshalton Ath.	1-1
18	H	Hayes	2-0
25	A	Bromley	1-0
28	A	Wokingham Town	0-2
May 2	H	Woking	1-0

GRAYS ATHLETIC LEAGUE RESULTS for 1991/92 Diadora League Premier Division:

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24	A	Hayes	0-4
27	H	Carshalton Ath.	2-1
31	H	Kingstonian	1-2
Sept 7	A	Bromley	3-2
24	A	Wokingham Town	1-3
Oct 5	A	Woking	0-1
15	A	Harrow Borough	2-0
19	H	Wivenhoe Town	4-1
Nov 2	H	Sutton United	0-2
9	A	Windsor & Eton	2-1
16	H	St. Albans City	2-0
19	H	Aylesbury United	3-3
23	A	Bishop's Stortford	0-3
30	H	Bognor Regis Town	1-2
Dec 7	A	Kingstonian	1-4
21	A	Sutton United	0-5
28	A	Enfield	2-2
Jan 1	H	Dagenham	2-1
4	H	Bromley	5-1
7	H	Basingstoke Town	1-0
14	A	Wivenhoe Town	1-1
18	H	Hayes	0-0
25	A	Carshalton Ath.	1-2
Feb 1	H	Wokingham Town	1-1
8	A	Chesham United	2-2
15	H	Harrow Borough	0-0
18	H	Staines Town	1-1
22	A	Aylesbury United	1-3
29	H	Woking	0-2
Mar 7	A	Basingstoke Town	2-1
14	H	Hendon	0-0
17	H	Marlow	1-2
21	A	St. Albans City	2-1
28	H	Enfield	0-4
30	A	Dagenham	0-2
Apr 4	A	Staines Town	1-0
7	A	Hendon	2-1
11	H	Windsor & Eton	0-0
18	A	Marlow	0-1
25	H	Bishop's Stortford	3-1
May 2	A	Bognor Regis Town	2-2

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5. IAN BROWN
6. JOHN DEADMAN
7. BARRY FOX
8. PHIL SAMMONS
9. JOHN CAMPBELL
10. WINSTON WHITTINGHAM
11. NICKY CROWN
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Referee: Mr. David Orr (Iver, Bucks.)
Linesmen:
Mr. M. Robinson (Yellow Flag)
Mr. B. Carter (Red Flag)
Reserve Official: Mr. G. Pearson

Introducing

Grays Athletic was founded in 1890 and moved to their present home at the Recreation Ground, Bridge Road in 1894. Their early seasons were spent in local competitions, notably the South Essex League, but in 1912 they were founder members of the Athenian League. They stayed but two years in this competition in their first spell of membership and for season 1914/5 they competed in the Amateur Division of the London League which they won and in the same season lifted the Essex Senior Cup for the first time.

The 1920's was a very successful decade for the club, and they achieved some sort of honours in each season, despite playing in the Kent League for two seasons between 1924 and 1926. They won the Essex Senior Cup in 1921 and 1923 and were runners-up on three other occasions. They also won the London League on three occasions in '22, '27 and '30. They were runners-up here on a further three occasions. Their best F.A. Amateur Cup performances during the decade were in 1923, 1928 and 1930 when they reached the 2nd. Round whilst four other times did they reach the First Round.

The thirties were a much quieter decade for the men from "The Rec" with the London League Challenge Cup victory in 1937 being their most notable achievement.

The period immediately after the war heralded an improvement in their fortunes and in 1945 they won the East Anglian Cup for the second year running and added the Essex Senior Cup as well. They became founder members of the Corinthian League in that year as well and a season later completed the League and Cup double. They retained the Memorial Shield in 1947 and won the Essex Thameside Trophy a year later. During this period Harry Brand was a prolific scorer for the club aggregating 269 goals between 1945 and 1952.

They could be classed as a nearly club during the 50's, being runners-up more often than winners. In the Corinthian League they were second in 1952, 1955 and 1957 during the decade, and in

1958 they switched to the Athenian League. They appeared in five Essex Senior Cup Finals during the 50's, but only once, in 1957 did they win the Cup. In 1953 they reached the FA Cup First Round for the first time in their history, losing 5-0 at home to Llanelli.

The 60's started with the club establishing it's all time record gate at "The Rec" when 9,000 attended an FA Cup tie against Chelmsford City. Six times the club reached the first round of the Amateur Cup, they went even further in 1967 when the second round was reached and in 1964 they reached the last sixteen (3rd. round). Several minor cups were won in the 60's and as the 70's came the fortunes of the club sunk to such an ebb that in 1972 they were relegated to Division One of the Athenian League.

They achieved little for five years but in 1977 a modest Essex Elizabethan Cup win signalled the start of another successful period. They won several league and minor competitions during that time and reached the fourth round of the FA Vase in '78, '80 and '82.

After many battles with the Trustees, who were the owners of the Ground, the Club Patron Mr. Ron Billings purchased the ground in 1981 to ensure its future. The club was re-formed as a Limited Company in 1982, and were runners-up in the Athenian League in season 82/3 gaining promotion to the Isthmian League. The old wooden stand at the Recreation Ground was destroyed by fire in April 1983, but from that the club has risen phoenix like with some excellent facilities being installed at the ground.

The facilities include a Ball Court with Dressing Rooms contained within. A Bar and Club Room. The 70' x 130' artificial playing area, overlooked from the viewing gallery in the Club Room has proved to be a great success. Even more importantly, the pitch at the 'Rec' was completely re-laid.

In 1984/5 the club won Division Two South of the Vauxhall-Opel League and three years later rose to the Premier Division as runners-up to Marlow. They

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with the combination of strikers Dwight Marshall and Richard Cherry producing 58 goals between them, pushing the club into a healthy sixth place. However, the ability of both these players attracted other clubs, and Dwight Marshall's eventual move to Plymouth Argyle attracted a record transfer fee received for a player, whilst Richard Cherry moved across the County to Redbridge Forest and then later on to Kingstonian with Tommy Williams making the journey from Redbridge to complete the deal and be a partner for Winston Whittingham.

The club are thankful for their loyal supporters - creating a warm and friendly atmosphere at the 'Rec'. They are quietly determined to progress, despite the ever increasing demands of ground requirements and they will attempt to meet the challenge which the Pyramid offers, not losing sight of the need to enjoy the journey.

A Centenary Book has been published that will have many well known contributors from the Football World. It will be a must for a Non-League follower.

also won the Essex Senior Cup that season as well as the Essex Thameside Trophy. As far as modern times are concerned that season was their best. Another popular prolific scorer at this time was Micky Welch who scored 149 goals for the club in 210 games.

Off the pitch more developments have been made to the ground and an "A" grading was awarded by the League inspectors. 88/9 saw the club become involved with the Harris Group of Companies as Club Sponsors and establishment in the Premier Division was achieved. They again reached the Final of the Essex Senior Cup and retained the Essex Thameside Trophy. In the 89/90 season the club finished fifth in the Premier Division after being eliminated from all the major cup competitions at an early stage. The season also marked the discovery of Tony Witter who was developed up into an excellent central defender, eventually being sold for an undisclosed fee to Crystal Palace.

In season 1990/91, the club's third in the Premier Division Grays again finished in the top third of the table

Path to the Final

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SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN (Home) (Turner, Westley)	2-0
CHERTSEY TOWN (Away) (Turner ² , Vance, Savil)	4-1
HAYES (Home) (Westley ² , Turner)	3-0
WOKING (Away) (Richards, Westley)	2-0
WARE (Away) (Britnell, Westley)	2-1
WARE (Home)	0-0

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First Round	BANSTEAD ATHLETIC (Away) (Whittingham, Cherry)	2-1
Second Round	HARLOW TOWN (Away) (Nelson ³ , Crumpton)	4-0
Third Round	DORKING (Away) (Williams ² , Crown, Nelson)	4-3
Fourth Round	EGHAM TOWN (Away) (Crown, Brown, Fox, Timson)	4-1
1st. Semi-Final	St. ALBANS CITY (Away) (Crown, Sammons)	2-2
2nd. Semi-Final	St. ALBANS CITY (Home) (Timson)	1-0

BARRIE DELF (Goalkeeper) Joined from Dartford in August 1987 and has missed only four matches, recently playing his 278th game. Was an apprentice at A. Villa, has also played for Southend Utd. Player of the Year 89/90.

BARRY FOX (Defender) Introduced to the club as a 16 year old from Dagenham in 1982 and progressed through the Reserves to become skipper this season. Has played and coached in the U.S. Has played nearly 300 games for the First Team. Player of the Year 1988/89.

STEVE WARD (Defender) Joined as a sixteen year old in 1986. He made his debut in the Essex Senior Cup semi-final replay in 1987/8. Now approaching 100 games for the club.

PHIL SAMMONS (Midfield/Defender) Has played a significant role in Grays' progress from the Athenian League. Joined in 1982 and has made a record number of appearances - now over 450 since joining from Hornchurch. Also the Hon. Secretary of Collier Row Football Club.

NICKY CROWN (Striker) Joined the club for the second time in August 1986 from Leytonstone Ilford. Has now made over 250 appearances. He has also played for Epping Town, Ilford, Barking and Dartford. His brother Dave has played in the full professional ranks for many years.

JOHN DEADMAN (Defender) Another young player who has come through the Reserves. Son of former England Amateur International Peter Deadman. Versatile player equally at home in midfield or defence. Has played for England Schools Under 19's.

DEAN CRUMPTON (Midfield/Defender) Left sided player who joined in the close season of 1988 from Basildon United. A former West Ham apprentice and Dagenham player. Previously an

under-15 England schoolboy international. The club's free-kick specialist.

IAN BROWN (Defender) Joined the club from Northern Irish Club, Ards in 1987 before moving to Dartford for the 89/90 season. Later rejoined Grays and has now made over 200 appearances for the club.

ANDREW ALEXANDER (Defender) Recommended by former prolific scorer, Micky Welch. Joined in February 1992 from Brimsdown Rovers, he has impressed with his calm and confident play.

IAN McINTYRE (Defender) Made an impressive debut as a sixteen year old in 1990. Represented England Under 18's this season. A very promising prospect.

MARTIN KING (Midfield) Progressed through the reserves, a very busy player indeed.

JOHN CAMPBELL (Midfield/Striker) Joined Grays in 1990/91 from Dagenham. Previously with Barking. Attacking midfielder.

KARL TOUHY (Striker) Joined the club this season from Conference side, Colchester United where he completed a Y.T. scheme

TOMMY WILLIAMS ((Striker) Transferred to Grays as part of the deal which took former top scorer Richard Cherry to Redbridge Forest. Had been the subject of a £7,000 transfer between Leyton-Wingat and Forest previously.

WINSTON WHITTINGHAM (Striker) Arrived at the Rec from Barkingside in August 1991. Has revived memories of the goal scoring legend, Micky Welch, scoring 35 goals in his first 55 games. Previously with West Ham and Redbridge Forest on trial.



THE DIADORA FOOTBALL LEAGUE



The Diadora Football League as we know it today was originally born over 80 years ago when three men of vision saw the need in the London area for a really strong amateur league. Those men, Tom Kirkup for many years Secretary of the London F.A., George Clarke, Hon. Treasurer of Ilford F.C. and Frank Evans, Hon. Secretary of Clapton F.C. met and sent out invitations to six clubs to attend a meeting at the Winchester Hotel in Old Broad Street to informally discuss the subject.

The meeting met with enthusiasm and soon the representatives had persuaded their committees of the value of such a competition. The late Harry Huband was approached to become Hon. Secretary and the Isthmian League was officially formed on March 8th. 1905 with Lord Kinnaird as President and Percy Timbs as chairman.

The six clubs that formed the League on that inaugural season were London Caledonians, Clapton, the Casuals, Civil Service, Ealing and Ilford. London Caledonians were the first winners and Clapton were runners-up and it wasn't long before the League started an expansion programme which in due course was to lead to the present set-up of 86 clubs this season in four separate divisions.

Personalities in those early days were all important, and no more so than Henry Huband who was Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for the first thirty years until 1935 and then President until his death in 1952. During those years, the Isthmian League as far as the South of England was concerned also had a vice-like grip on the Amateur Cup with too many to name winners and finalists drawn from its ranks.

The League can also boast two clubs who have gone on to become members of the Football League, although in both cases they had long since shed their Amateur mantle. Wimbledon joined the Isthmian ranks in 1921 and were members until 1964. Maidstone United one of the Football League's newest recruits had a much shorter stay. They joined the league in 1959 and stayed until 1971, but the knowledge they gained during those years would have stood them in good stead on their upward climb.

The Isthmian League under the Chairmanship of Barry East first embraced professionalism and sponsorship in the mid 70's when Rothmans, Berger, and Servowarm all took turn at being the league's main sponsor. It was during these years that the present management structure under the guiding hand of current Chairman and Managing Director Alan Turvey transformed the league from two to four divisions and the highly successful sponsorship of Vauxhall Motors was obtained. The league enjoyed two three year sponsorship agreements which were a most attractive and rewarding package for all parties concerned.

It is during the past decade that the league has also really emerged from the "amateur" tag that it once had, and now plays a full part each year in the pyramid of football where it provides clubs with both a platform to rise from and a in the case of clubs in lower leagues a target of membership to aim at.

In recent years, member clubs, Southall reached the Final of the F.A. Challenge Vase, whilst Yeading went one step better and won the competition in 1990.

This season the Diadora sponsorship has commenced with the Italian Sportswear company signing an initial two year agreement with the Isthmian Football League Limited.

THE LEAGUE CUP

PRELIMINARY ROUND:

Witham Town	v. Flackwell Heath	1-2*
Barton Rovers	v. Clapton	3-2
Rainham Town	v. Epsom & Ewell	4-2
Chertsey Town	v. Tring Town	1-0
Saffron Walden Tn.	v. Newbury Town	2-2*0-2
Hungerford Town	v. Berkhamsted Town	2-4
Edgware Town	v. Ware	0-1*
Horsham	v. Feltham & H/slow	4-1
Eastbourne Utd.	v. Southwick	2-2*6-0
Abingdon Town	v. Hemel Hempstead	2-0
Bracknell Town	v. Harefield United	0-1
Lewes	v. Hornchurch	0-0*3-2
Thame United	v. Camberley Town	1-2
Hertford Town	v. Purfleet	2-1
Stevenage Borough	v. Cove	3-0
Collier Row	v. Ruislip Manor	1-4
Southall	v. Met. Police	3-1
Tilbury	v. Hampton	1-0
Worthing	v. Egham Town	1-1* 2-4
Billericay Town	v. Petersfield Utd.	4-1
Malden Vale		w/o
Maidenhead Utd.	v. Kingsbury Town	2-3*
Leatherhead	v. Banstead Ath.	1-2

FIRST ROUND:

Staines Town	2
Flackwell Heath	0
Chesham United	2* 3
Tooting & Mitcham Utd.	2 2
Barton Rovers	1
Woking	3
Rainham Town	1
Bognor Regis Town	0
Chertsey Town	2
Aylesbury United	0
Saffron Walden Town	0
ENFIELD	2
Aveley	1
Hayes	3
Yeading	2*
Dulwich Hamlet	1
Harrow Borough	2
Walton & Hertham	1
Basingstoke Town	1
Dagenham	0
Royston Town	0
Berkhamsted Town	2
Carshalton Athletic	3
Croydon	2
Ware	2* 2
Horsham	2 1
Whyteleafe	2
Wivenhoe Town	1
Barking	4
Southwick	3
Heybridge Swifts	1
Kingstonian	0
Abington Town	2
Harefield United	0
Lewes	3
Camberley Town	0
Bishop's Stortford	1*
Hertford Town	2
Sutton United	2
Stevenage Borough	1
Ruislip Manor	0
St. Albans City	3
Leyton-Wingate	1
Bromley	2
Southall	1
Tilbury	3
Chalfont St. Peter	4*
Hendon	6
Marlow	2
Wokingham Town	1
Windsor & Eton	4
Wembley	1
Egham Town	2
Boreham Wood	0
Hitchin Town	1*
Billericay Town	2
Dorking	2
Malden Vale	1
Molesey	1
Kingsbury Town	0
Uxbridge	0
Harlow Town	3
Banstead Athletic	1
GRAYS ATHLETIC	2

<u>SECOND ROUND:</u>	<u>THIRD ROUND:</u>	<u>FOURTH ROUND:</u>	<u>SEMI-FINALS:</u>
Staines Town 0	Chesham Utd. 1	Woking 0	
Chesham Utd. 1			
Woking 4	Woking 2		
Rainham Town 1			ENFIELD 2 0
Chertsey Town 1	ENFIELD 3		
ENFIELD 4		ENFIELD 2	
Hayes 1	Hayes 0		
Yeading 0			
Harrow Boro' 3	Harrow Boro' 0		
Basingstoke Tn 1		Carshalton 2* 0	
Berkhamsted Tn 1	Carshalton A. 1		
Carshalton Ath 6			+Ware 1 0
Ware 2	Ware 2		
Whyteleafe 1		Ware 2 1	
Barking 2	Barking 0		
Heybridge Sw. 1			
Abingdon Tn 2	Abingdon Tn. 1		
Lewes 0		Sutton Utd. 2*	
Hertford Town 0	Sutton Utd. 2		
Sutton Utd. 5			+St. Albans C 2 0
St. Albans C. 4	St. Albans C. 5		
Bromley 1		St. Albans C. 3	
Tilbury 3	Tilbury 0		
Hendon 0			
Marlow 3*	Windsor 0* 0# 3		
Windsor & Eton 4		Egham Town 1	
Egham Town 0	Egham T. 0 0 1		
Billericay Tn 1x			GRAYS ATHLETIC 2 1
Dorking 3* 2	Dorking 3		
Molesey 3 0		GRAYS ATHLETIC 4	
Harlow Town 0	GRAYS ATHLETIC 4		
GRAYS ATHLETIC 4			

Abandoned at 90 mins + At home in first game * Extra time played
x Removed from competition for breach of rule.

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League Tables

PREMIER DIVISION

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
Woking	42	30	7	5	96	25	97
Enfield	42	12	4	5	59	45	79
Sutton United	42	19	13	10	88	51	70
Chesham United	42	20	10	12	67	48	70
Wokingham Town	42	19	10	13	73	58	67
Marlow	42	20	7	15	56	50	67
Aylesbury United	42	16	17	9	69	46	65
Carshalton Athletic	42	18	8	16	64	67	62
Dagenham	42	15	16	11	70	59	61
Kingstonian	42	17	8	17	71	65	59
Windsor & Eton	42	15	11	16	56	56	56
Bromley	42	14	12	16	51	57	54
St. Albans City	42	14	11	17	66	70	53
Basingstoke Town	42	14	11	17	56	65	53
Grays Athletic	42	14	11	17	53	68	53
Wivenhoe Town	42	16	4	22	56	81	52
Hendon	42	13	9	20	59	73	48
Harrow Borough	42	11	11	13	58	78	46
Hayes	42	10	14	18	52	63	44
Staines Town	42	11	10	21	43	73	43
Bognor Regis Town	42	9	11	22	51	89	38
Bishop's Stortford	42	7	12	23	41	68	33

DIVISION TWO:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Purfleet	42	27	8	7	97	48	89
Lewes	42	23	14	5	74	36	83
Billericay Town	42	24	8	10	75	44	80
Leatherhead	42	23	6	13	68	40	75
Ruislip Manor	42	20	9	13	74	51	69
Egham Town	42	19	12	11	81	62	69
Metropolitan Police	42	20	9	13	76	58	69
Saffron Walden Town	42	19	11	12	86	67	68
Hemel Hempstead	42	18	10	14	63	50	64
Hungerford Town	42	18	7	17	53	58	61
Barton Rovers	42	17	8	17	61	64	59
Worthing	42	17	8	17	67	72	59
Witham Town	42	16	11	15	56	61	59
Banstead Athletic	42	16	10	16	69	58	58
Malden Vale	42	15	12	15	63	48	57
Rainham Town	42	14	13	15	53	48	55
Ware	42	14	9	19	58	62	51
Berkhamsted Town	42	13	11	18	56	57	50
Harefield United	42	11	7	24	47	66	40
Southall	42	8	7	27	39	93	31
Southwick	42	6	2	34	29	115	20
Newbury Town	42	4	8	30	30	117	20

DIVISION ONE:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Stevenage Borough	40	30	6	4	95	37	96
Yeading	40	24	10	6	83	34	82
Dulwich Hamlet	40	22	9	9	71	40	75
Boreham Wood	40	22	7	11	65	40	73
Wembley	40	21	6	13	54	43	69
Abingdon Town	40	19	8	13	60	47	65
Tooting & Mitcham U.	40	16	13	11	57	45	61
Hitchin Town	40	17	10	13	55	45	61
Walton & Hersham	40	15	13	12	62	50	58
Molesey	40	16	9	15	55	61	57
Dorking	40	16	7	17	68	65	55
Barking	40	14	11	15	51	54	53
Chalfont St. Peter	40	15	6	19	62	70	51
Leyton-Wingate	40	13	11	16	53	56	50
Uxbridge	40	13	8	19	47	62	47
Maidenhead United	40	13	7	20	52	61	46
Harlow Town	40	11	9	20	50	70	42
Croydon	40	11	6	23	44	68	39
Heybridge Swifts	40	8	9	23	33	71	33
Whyteleafe	40	7	10	23	42	78	31
Aveley	40	8	3	29	33	95	27

DIVISION THREE:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Edgware Town	40	30	3	7	106	44	93
Chertsey Town	40	29	4	7	115	44	91
Tilbury	40	26	9	5	84	40	87
Hampton	40	26	5	9	93	35	83
Horsham	40	23	8	9	92	51	77
Cove	40	21	9	10	74	49	72
Flackwell Heath	40	19	12	9	78	50	69
Thame United	40	19	7	14	73	46	64
Epsom & Ewell	40	17	11	12	55	50	62
Collier Row	40	17	9	14	67	59	60
Royston Town	40	17	7	16	59	58	58
Kingsbury Town	40	12	10	18	54	61	46
Hertford Town	40	12	10	18	55	73	46
Petersfield United	40	12	9	19	45	67	45
Camberley Town	40	11	8	21	52	69	41
Feltham & Hounslow	40	11	7	22	53	78	40
Bracknell Town	40	10	7	23	48	90	37
Hornchurch	40	8	7	25	40	87	31
Tring Town	40	9	4	27	35	94	31
Clapton	40	9	3	28	47	93	30
Eastbourne United	40	5	5	30	34	121	20



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