



**THE DIADORA
FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**THE
DIADORA
LEAGUE
CUP
FINAL**



**AYLESBURY UNITED
v.
SLOUGH TOWN**

**at Marlow Football Club,
Oak Tree Road, Marlow
Monday 8th. May 1995
Kick-off 7.30p.m.
*Souvenir Programme £1***



Aylesbury United Football Club 1994/95



Back Row: (Left to Right) Mark Browne (physio), Paul Murray (no longer at club), Matt Hayward,

Lee Harvey, Mick Danzey, Ron Schmidt (Kit man)

Middle Row: Peter Wright (Development Officer), Bob Raynor (Youth Team Manager), Rob Wild, Cliff Hercules, Paul O'Reilly,
Ian Hazel, Bob Dowie (no longer at club), Michael Stevenason (Kit man) Alan Dawson (Asst. Manager)

Front Row: Naseem Bashir, Steve Heard, Steve Ketteridge (Manager), Alan Pluckrose, Paul Hobbs, Jon Blencowe

The Chairman's Message



Good Evening,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all here to the home of Marlow Football Club for this evening's **DIADORA LEAGUE CUP FINAL** between Aylesbury United and Slough Town Football Clubs, whom I am sure will give us a keenly contested match in the best spirit of the Diadora Football League.

The League is delighted that our Main Sponsors **DIADORA U.K.** will be represented here this evening by Sales and Marketing Director **Ron Wilson** and other members of the Diadora management team. We also extend a special welcome to the County Football Associations and Leagues who are also here with us this evening.

I am pleased to formally welcome the officials, players and supporters of both Clubs. **Aylesbury United** who are appearing in their first Diadora Cup Final have already proved themselves to be doughty cup fighters in the F.A. Challenge Cup progressing to the Third Round and a tie against Q.P.R., maybe we will again witness the "Duck-Walk" here this evening!

Slough Town winners of the 1975/6 and 1980/1 League Cup competitions have been contenders for the Championship all season, and although that is beyond them, they will at least know now if they have been successful in achieving runners-up position.

Our thanks are extended to **Marlow** Football Club, and in particular their Chairman Michael Eagleton and Secretary Terry Staines for their assistance in providing the facilities here at Oak Tree Road to stage this evening's final.

We would also like to thank our Sponsors Diadora U.K. for the provision of the match footballs in use here this evening.

It is unusual that we stage our League Cup Final in the evening, as we do tonight, However, it is a very special day, the 50th. Anniversary of V.E. Day and celebrations have been held up and down the Country all day, and Marlow has been no different. We hope that you have enjoyed the celebrations today, and will join with us in the National Two Minutes Remembrance silence for those who did not return from the conflict which will be observed here during the half time break.

Football has attracted much publicity again this season and our own League have indeed been innovative with the F.I.F.A. experiment regarding kick-in's and throw-in's. The League has decided not to take up the option to continue with it for a further season, but do believe it has been a worthwhile experiment in the overall interest of football. **Please enjoy the game**

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The League Cup comes of age

It seems strange now to consider that for the majority of its ninety year history the league has been conducted without a cup competition. In fact as the records shown elsewhere in tonight's programme, the League Cup in one form or another has only been a reality for the last twenty-one seasons. In fact for the same majority of its history, there were no awards at all presented in the Isthmian League. The league's motto was "Honor Sufficit", which although I am no Latin scholar, suggests that the honour of playing in the Isthmian League was just reward for the clubs and their players. However, as the league expanded it was considered appropriate and now forms an integral part of the season.

The league cup's origins lay in the formation of the Second Division of the then Rothmans Isthmian League when in the 1974/5 season there were just eighteen clubs, and therefore a little bit short on fixtures. It was first named "The Subsidiary Cup" and was played for just between the division two clubs and Tilbury beat Croydon on a two legged final. Strangely enough the two clubs were to battle out the championship of division two the following season with both achieving promotion - Tilbury as champions and Croydon without losing a match.

The competition was opened up the following season to division one clubs, but on the basis of entering if they wished to. By 1976/77 the entry had become compulsory and Hendon were the first winners on this basis, beating the Barking side that was beginning to blossom, and which would take the league championship two years later, with players like the legendary Noel Ashford, and current Boreham Wood team boss Bob Makin within their ranks.

For the 1977/78 season the competition was to first attract a sponsor, who in fact stayed for eight seasons. It was the time of the "Japanese Invasion" and electrical giants Hitachi, always keen to be seen to be supportive of our national game lent their name. Dagenham beat Leatherhead in the final at Dulwich 1-0, and the programme which is probably still obtainable shows a Leatherhead team line-up, but the other column is just rows of dots with the heading of Dagenham or Hertford Town - the two sides taking several matches to sort out their semi-final.

The magical Leytonstone Ilford side fashioned by John Still that swept all before them in 1981/2 made the Hitachi Cup one of their conquests with a 2-0 win over Kingstonian at Boreham Wood on their way to being named "Rothmans Non-League Team of the Year". They also won the Isthmian League championship and both Essex & London Senior Cups that year. In your humble scribes opinion they had the best centre-forward who was never capped by his country in the side - namely Micky Dingwall, but, I am biased !

It was very much the time of the "super teams" for in the next four years Sutton United won the competition three times and Wycombe Wanderers once. The first of Sutton's wins in 1983 heralded the move back to the "double header" final. By the end of the four year period, the sponsor had changed as well. the cup was now known as the AC Delco Cup and formed part of the Vauxhall Motors sponsorship.

Traditionally a Southern League club, Yeovil Town had opted to join the Isthmian ranks upon their demise from the Gola League (and there's a thought !) and for three seasons they were the club that everybody wanted to beat. Not that too many did in 1987/88 as the club did a league and cup "double", culminating in the defeat of Hayes at The Camrose Ground, home of Basingstoke Town. Proving that favourites can be beaten, Bishop's Stortford beat Farnborough Town the following season and then in 1989/90 Aveley, then in Division Two South defeated Premier Division St. Albans City 3-0 at Victoria Road Dagenham. Three seasons ago Grays Athletic were the supposed "underdogs", but against Enfield at Dagenham, but it was favourites who suffered defeat. One of the newest clubs in the League, Aldershot Town have already staged a final and almost a thousand people witnessed an excellent game between Marlow and Molesey with our hosts tonight and that season's FA Cup heroes Marlow winning 2-1.

Last season came probably the biggest upset in the history of the competition Final when newly promoted Division Two side Chertsey Town who looked like going up again when these notes were written, dismissed Premier Division Enfield 3-0 at Hayes - everybody was amazed except Chertsey fans - they willed their team on and there might have been thousands of them at Church Road, the amount of noise they generated. I won't tell you what I heard the Enfield Chairman say to his then manager Graham Roberts as I passed them outside the Clubhouse after the match !

Len L.

The 1994/95 Diadora League Cup

Preliminary Round:

Tilbury v. Flackwell Heath	1-1*	0-3
Cheshunt v. Ware	0-1	
Witham Town v. Thame United	5-4*	
Windsor & Eton v. Croydon	3-1	
Hampton v. Edgware Town	1-3	
Harefield United	1-2	
Northwood v. Bedford Town	0-1	
Barton Rovers v. Egham Town	2-4	
Clapton v. Hemel Hempstead	2-3*	
Chertsey Town v. Oxford City	2-3	
Lewes v. Aveley †	1-1*	1-1*
Tring Town v. Collier Row	1-3*	
Horsham v. Cove	2-0	
Leatherhead v. Canvey Island	1-2*	
Hertford Town v. Camberley Town	1-3	
Newbury Town v. Metropolitan Police	3-0	
East Thurrock Utd v. Banstead Athletic	2-0*	
Epsom & Ewell v. Hornchurch	0-0*	0-3
Aldershot Town v. Bracknell Town	3-1	
Feltham & Hounslow v. Leighton Town ‡	0-0*	1-1*
Malden Vale v. Harlow Town	2-4	
Chalfont St. Peter v. Kingsbury Town	4-1	
Southall v. Saffron Walden Town	2-6	

First Round:

Carshalton Athletic	6
Flackwell Heath	0
Dorking	1
Ware	0
Witham Town	3
Windsor & Eton	1
Edgware Town	3
Enfield	4
Wivenhoe Town	0
Hungerford Town	2
Bedford Town	2*
Dulwich Hamlet	3
Egham Town	1
Wembley	2
Bognor Regis Town	4
Hemel Hempstead	1
Bromley	0
Oxford City	1
Chesham United	2*
Aveley	1
Kingstonian	1
Abingdon Town	2
St. Albans City	2
Harrow Borough	1
Hayes	0
Slough Town	1
Collier Row	2
Yeading	0
Ruislip Manor	2*
Horsham	1
Sutton United	1* 4*
Canvey Island	1 2
Leyton	4
Camberley Town	0
Worthing	3* 2*
Hendon †	3 2
Bishop's Stortford	2
Marlow	6
Molesey	1
Newbury Town	2
Billericay Town	1
Purfleet	2
East Thurrock Utd	2
Uxbridge	0
Tooting & Mitcham	2
Hornchurch	0
Hitchin Town	3
Berkhamsted Town	1
Aldershot Town	4
Basingstoke Town	2
Maidenhead United	0
Walton & Hersham	2
Leighton Town	0
Staines Town	2
Barking	2
Wokingham Town	0
Heybridge Swifts	2
Boreham Wood	0
Aylesbury United	4
Whyteleafe	2
Grays Athletic	2
Harlow Town	1
Chalfont St. Peter	2
Saffron Walden Town	3

† Lewes won 5-4 on penalties, but were removed from the competition for playing an ineligible player

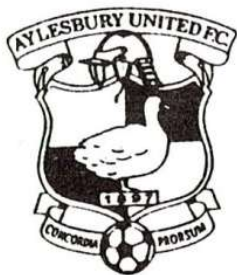
† Hendon won 3-1 on penalties

‡ Leighton Town won 3-2 on penalties

Round by Round Results to the Final

Second Round:		Third Round:		Fourth Round:		Semi-Finals:	
Carshalton Ath.	3	Carshalton Athletic	3				
Dorking	0			Carshalton Ath.	1*1		
Witham Town	0	Enfield	1			Dulwich Hamlet	1 1
Enfield	5						
Hungerford Town	0	Dulwich Hamlet	3				
Dulwich Hamlet	6			Dulwich Hamlet	1 5		
Wembley	2	Wembley	2				
Bognor Regis Tn	1						
Oxford City	2	Oxford City	1				
Chesham United	1			St. Albans City	3		
Abingdon Town	2	St. Albans City	2			# Slough Town	3 2
St. Albans City	3						
Slough Town	4	Slough Town	5				
Collier Row	0			Slough Town	4		
Ruislip Manor	1	Sutton United	1				
Sutton United	3						
Leyton	2*	Leyton	1				
Hendon	1			Marlow	2		
Marlow	2*	Marlow	2			Marlow	0 2
Newbury Town	1						
Purfleet	2	Purfleet	1*				
East Thurrock Utd.	0			Hitchin Town	0		
Tooting & Mitcham	1	Hitchin Town	2				
Hitchin Town	2						
Aldershot Town	2*	Aldershot Town	3				
Walton & Hersham	1			Aldershot Town	1		
Staines Town	4	Staines Town	2				
Barking	1					#Aylesbury United	4 2
Heybridge Swifts	1	Aylesbury United	2				
Aylesbury United	2			Aylesbury United	2		
Grays Athletic	5	Grays Athletic	0				
Saffron Walden Tn	1						

At Home in First semi-final



Today's Cup Finalists **AYLESBURY UNITED F.C.**

A merger of the town's Printing Works and Night School Football teams took place in 1897 and thus Aylesbury 'United' was formed. The Club, nicknamed 'The Ducks' - derived from the world renown Aylesbury Duck, joined the Spartan League for the 1908/09 season having earlier served in the Bucks Contiguous and South Eastern Leagues. In the first year they won the Western Division title and beat Luton Clarence to lift the Spartan Championship outright.

In 1913/14 they lifted the Berks. & Bucks. Senior Cup for the first time, and were League Runners-Up to Chesham Generals. After the First World War the Spartan league was extended, and in 1928/29 'Ducks' won the Division One West title, scoring 113 goals in 24 matches. Relegation followed in 1933 though they returned in 1935 by finishing Division One Runners-Up to Jurgens (Purfleet). In between, they won the Berks. & Bucks. Benevolent Cup two years running. Aylesbury dropped down again in 1938 but bounced back twelve months later as Division One Champions.

After the Second World War the Spartan League split into three sections and Aylesbury were West Division Runners-Up to Hounslow in 1945/46. They became founder members of the Delphian League in 1951/52 and earned national fame by reaching the FA Cup First Round proper after defeating Marlow, Banbury Spencer, Wycombe Wanderers and Hendon. A crowd of over 7,000 packed into their tree lined Turnfurlong Ground to see the minnows play Division Three South side, Watford, who won 5-0. Aylesbury United were the only Delphian League Club to reach the First Round Proper. In 1952/53 Aylesbury were runners-up and a year later they lifted the title by a single point.

The Delphian League merged in 1963 with the Corinthian and Athenian Leagues and Aylesbury remained for 13 years, during

which time they were Division Two runners-up in 1967/68. In 1976 they turned semi-professional and joined the Southern League Division One South. Runners-up in 1979/80, they reached the FA Trophy Quarter Finals a year later.

In 1983 Trevor Gould was appointed Manager, and in his second year the Club gained promotion to the Premier Division. However, their Turnfurlong ground was then sold for re-development and for a season "home" games were played at Tring and RAF Halton. A worthy eighth place was capped by winning the Berks. & Bucks. Senior Cup for only a second time.

Aylesbury gained promotion to the GM Vauxhall Conference by winning the Beazer Homes Premier Division title in 1987/88 on goal difference from Dartford. In June 1988 they entertained the full England team and this unique match was watched by their record crowd of 6,031.

Relegated from the Conference after one season, in 1989/90 they joined the Diadora League Premier Division where they gained their first Football League "scalp" in the FA Cup, defeating then Division Four leaders Southend United 1-0. A year later, again in the F.A. Cup they became the first Non-League side to feature in a live F.A. Cup when the match with Walsall was shown throughout Europe on BSkyB.

Trevor Gould moved on to a full time coaching position at Coventry City in 1992 and the following two seasons fell short of the success previously enjoyed. This season saw the appointment of Steve Ketteridge, a member of the Cup side that defeated Southend and optimism has once again returned. The Club reached the Competition proper of the F.A. Cup for the ninth time in ten years, going on to a 3rd. Round encounter at QPR. their League form has kept them in contention for much of the season and they compete today in their first Isthmian League Cup Final.



The Aylesbury United Players

ALLAN PLUCKROSE (Player/Coach)

Appointed in the summer of 1994. Defender or midfield player and Combined Services International. Made three appearances for Torquay United in the early 1980's and has also played in Germany. First joined Aylesbury in 1989 but has also played for Slough Town and St. Albans City. An R.A.F. Corporal.

PAUL O'REILLY (Goalkeeper) Signed in January 1993 from Hayes. Previously with St. Albans City, Dunstable and London Colney. A Freelance Broadcaster with Chiltern and Oasis Radio who also runs a Construction Firm.

JOHN FRANKLIN (Goalkeeper) Signed in the summer of 1994. He has played locally for Stocklake, Beaconsfield United, and Bucks. Fire Service. A High Wycombe Fireman.

LEE HARVEY (Defender) Signed in the summer of 1994. Spent last season with Hemel Hempstead and has also played for Berkhamsted Town and Edgware Town. A highly rated player who has attracted Football League scouts attention this year. A network technician.

MATT HAYWARD (Defender) Summer 1993 signing from Thame United having helped them gain promotion from Diadora League Division Three. A former Aylesbury junior who was voted Player of the Year last season. Won two successive South Midlands League titles with both Thame and Pitstone and Ivinghoe. A building surveyor

MICHAEL BARNES (defender) Signed in October 1994 from Chesham United where he was a member of their DFL Premier Division title winning side of 1992/93. After starting his career at Reading and Northampton (totalling over 50 FL appearances) he has since played for Barnet, Windsor & Eton, Maidenhead Utd. and Basingstoke Town. Works as a Warehouseman.

IAN HAZEL (Midfielder) Signed in August 1994 after two years in the Conference with opponents this evening, Slough Town. Began his career at Wimbledon where he played in the old Division One for the "Don's". After six years he continued his League career at Bristol Rovers and Maidstone United before linking up with Slough Town. He is a Courier Driver.

PAUL HOBBS (Midfielder) Signed last summer after spending half of last season with Stevenage Borough before returning to Berkhamsted Town for a second spell. Has also played for Hemel Hempstead. He is a Bricklayer.

STEVE HEARD (Midfielder) Signed in December

1993 having spent the previous three years with Rushden. Began as an apprentice with Cambridge United, he played in the Football League for Aldershot before a six month spell with Danish First Division club Silkeborg. Works in internal sales support.

NASEEM BASHIR (Utility) Signed in November 1993 from Chesham United where he won a DFL Premier Division Championship medal. Began at Reading as a professional the mid-80's and then spent a season at Slough Town. He has also played for Chalfont St. Peter. He is a self-employed window cleaner.

STEVE CONROY (Forward) Signed in December 1994 from Stevenage Borough. Previously with Hemel Hempstead, St. Albans City, Chesham United, Harrow Borough and Kingstonsian. Has also had two spells with Hitchin Town where he was the 93/4 Player of the Year and top scorer. Is employed as a B.T. engineer.

CLIFF HERCULES (Forward) Signed for his home town club from local side Oving and made his debut in September 1984. Holds Aylesbury's all time scoring and appearance records. Last year he passed 500 appearances and 250 goals. Has both F.A. and Diadora League representative honours. He is a production planner.

JON BLENCOWE (Forward) Signed in the summer of 1993 after nearly three years at Buckingham Town. Began as a Leicester City apprentice before joining Brackley Town. A qualified F.A. Coach and an insurance agent.

DEAN WILLIAMS (Forward) Signed in October 1994 after short periods at Doncaster and Stevenage. He made his senior debut for Cambridge United as a 16 year old before spells at St. Albans City, Hemel Hempstead, Chesham United and Wokingham Town. Returned to score 33 goals for St. Albans City in 1992/93 who promptly sold him to Brentford for £15,000 where injury restricted him to three games. He is open to employment offers.

STEVE KETTERIDGE (Manager) Appointed in the summer of 1994, Steve began a midfield career with Derby County and joined Wimbledon in 1978, making 238 league appearances. Later had spells with Crystal Palace, Leyton Orient, Cardiff City and Barnet before signing for Aylesbury in 1989. Linking with St. Albans in 1991, Steve had spells as Coach and Assistant Manager to John Mitchell before replacing him in 1993. He left Saints after a year and had a short spell at Chesham before joining Aylesbury as boss last summer. He runs a Courier Business.

AYLESBURY UNITED

(Green Shirts, Green Shorts, Green Socks)

1. PAUL O'REILLY
2. LEE HARVEY
3. NASEEM BASHIR
4. MATT HAYWARD
5. MICK BARNES
6. ALLAN PLUCKROSE (c)
7. PAUL HOBBS
8. STEVE HEARD
9. CLIFF HERCULES
10. IAN HAZEL
11. DEAN WILLIAMS
12. JON BLENCOWE
14. STEVE CONROY
- GK JON FRANKLIN

Manager: Steve Ketteridge

SLOUGH TOWN

(Amber Shirts, Navy Blue Shorts, Navy Blue Socks)

1. TREVOR BUNTING
2. ANDY CLEMENT
3. BRIAN LEE
4. STEVE BATEMAN
5. TREVOR BARON (c)
6. MATHEW WOJTOWICZ
7. NEIL CATLIN
8. ANDY SAYER
9. MARK WEST
10. MARTIN STONE
11. ANSIL BUSHAY
12. GARFIELD BLACKMAN
14. BRIAN CONNOR
- GK DELROY PREDDIE

Manager: David Russell

Linesmen: Mr. A. Day (Green Flag with Yellow Trim); Mr. I. Hubbard (Green Flag with Green Trim)

Fourth Official: Mr. G. Monk

Referee: Mr. M. Stobbart (Guildford, Surrey)

In the event of the match being drawn after 90 minutes, 30 minutes of extra time shall be played.
If no result is then obtained, penalties on a "World Cup" basis shall decide the result.



Today's Cup Finalists: SLOUGH TOWN F.C.

Football began as early as 1860 with the famous Swifts who lost in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup to the Royal Engineers in 1874. An amalgamation in 1889 with the Young Mens Friendly Society and Slough Albion saw the creation of Slough Football Club.

Progress to the Southern Alliance and the Great Western League was too slow and in 1921 Slough lost a narrow vote to Wycombe Wanderers in an application to join the Isthmian League and were instead accepted and remained in the Spartan League until 1940.

During the War years difficulties were experienced with home venues and in 1943 the Club amalgamated with Slough Centre F.C. playing on the ground provided by Slough Estates Ltd., under the name of Slough United F.C. Matches were played against clubs of a very much higher standard in the wartime Herts. & Middlesex League. At the end of hostilities the demand was rejection by Slough for the Spartan League standard, and the Club were active in the creation of the Corinthian Football League, which resulted in the new nickname of "The Rebels".

In 1946 the Club was able to return to its original ground at the "Dolphin", and a year later Slough Centre reformed and Slough Football Club changed its name to Slough Town Football Club. In 1950/51 the Diamond Jubilee season, Slough Town won the Corinthian League Championship, the first league title in some sixty years of football.

With no promotion in non-league football Slough Town was again not backward in seeking change and in 1963 the Corinthian League was absorbed into a three division Athenian League. In 1964/65 Slough were Champions and were promoted to the Premier Division and lifted the title in 1967/8, 1971/2 and 1972/3.

They became known as a cup-team, and reached the quarter-finals of the FA Amateur Cup in 1953, losing to the eventual winners Pegasus. They reached the same stage in 1967 beaten by finalists Skelmersdale United. They were semi-finalist in 1971 and in 1973 appeared in the Wembley Final against Walton & Hersham losing only by a last minute goal. In the F.A. Trophy their best achievement has been to reach the 1977 semi-finals, but they have established a record win of 10-1 in their away tie against Stroud in the 1988/89 competition.

In 1973 the Athenian League was partially absorbed into the Isthmian League, with Slough a founder member of Division Two, promotion to Division One (now the Premier Division) was achieved in the first season. The early years in the top flight were difficult, compounded in no small way by the Club having to vacate the Dolphin Stadium for development purposes. However, with the very positive attitude of the local authority Slough Town were re-located in 1974 at Wexham Park Stadium.

A regular place in the top third of the Isthmian League was established. They were Champions in 1980/81 but declined the offer of a place in the Alliance Premier League. However in their Centenary season 1989/90 they were again Champions and this time they took the Conference place. The Conference seasons were difficult and the club went into receivership in February 1992 and were purchased by a consortium that were previously involved with Millwall F.C. Their third season in the Conference was easily the best and after being second for much of the season, lack of form and loss of key players meant that the club had to finish being content with fifth place.

They lost their Conference place at the end of last season, but have challenged all season for a return to the Conference. They have missed out on the top spot however, this season, but nevertheless will continue to seek a higher grade next season.



The Slough Town Players

TREVOR BUNTING (Goalkeeper) Now the longest serving player with over 370 appearances since joining in 1986. Has played for Marlow, Wycombe Wanderers and Burnham. Has representative honours with the FA XI and Vauxhall Football League. Gained a Championship medal in season 1989/90. Debut 29/11/86.

DELROY PREDDIE (Goalkeeper) Joined the Rebels in the close season after being released from YTS at Northampton Town. Is an ever present in goal for the Reserves.

BRIAN LEE (Defender) Joined in February 1992 from Millwall with whom he won an FA Youth Cup winners medal. Has had over 70 appearances for the Club. Debut 23/2/93.

TREVOR BARON (Defender) Trevor is in his second spell with Slough. He joined from Marlow having played for Woking, Burnham and Windsor & Eton. Scored a hat-trick within 8 minutes against Yeading last September. Debut 13/8/94.

STEVE BATEMAN (Defender) The Club Captain who joined from Chesham United where he gained Diadora League Championship honours, plus representing the Isthmian Football League Representative side. Has also played for Harrow Borough. Debut 13/8/94

ANDY CLEMENT (Defender) Joined in August 1994 from Woking with whom he won an FA Trophy winners medal last season at Wembley. His previous clubs were Plymouth Argyle and Wimbledon. Debut 13/8/94.

NEIL CATLIN (Midfield) Ex-Marlow F.C. player who also joined in the close season, his previous clubs are Flackwell Heath and Thame United. Debut 13/8/94.

DAVID LAY (Midfield) Joined the Rebels on 30th. November for a fee on transfer from Marlow, where he had spent eight years. Another of Manager Dave Russell's old team. Scored on his debut against Molesey on 3/12/94.

ANDY SAYER (Forward) This is Andy's third season at Slough. In his first season he was amongst the leading scorers in the Conference, but last season was hampered by an injury from the opening game against Stalybridge Celtic. Good experienced player with Football League clubs Wimbledon, Cambridge United, Fulham, Leyton Orient and Sheffield United. Second longest serving player. Debut 22/8/92.

MARK WEST (Forward) Prolific goalscorer with Wycombe Wanderers, with whom he won many honours including Player of the Year in 1992. Was an apprentice at West Ham United. Debut 13/8/94.

GARFIELD BLACKMAN (Forward) Joined Slough from Marlow during the close season. Previously with Northwood. Debut on 13/8/94.

ANSIL BUSHAY (Forward) Was Manager Dave Russell's first signing after joining the Rebels, and was transferred for a fee from St. Albans City. Debut 13/8/94.

MARTIN STONE (Forward) Joined in the close season and scored in his first game for Slough against Yeading at Wexham Park. His previous clubs are Marlow and Chalfont St. Peter. Debut 3/9/94

MARK WATKINS (Forward) A transfer deadline signing from Thame United. An experienced and proven goalscorer. Mark has also played for Tring Town, Harrow Borough and Marlow.

DAVE RUSSELL (Manager) Dave rejoined the Rebels last summer, this time as Manager having spent ten years at Wexham Park between 1976 and 1985. when he had scored 86 goals in his 370 appearances. Was a member of the Isthmian League Championship side of 1981. He went on to spend seven years at Marlow - five of them as Manager. His playing experience included spells at Arsenal, Wycombe Wanderers and Chesham United. He is assisted by **LAURIE CRAKER**.

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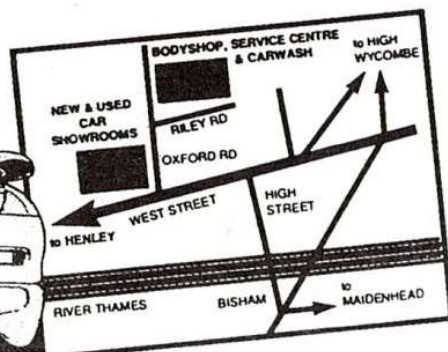
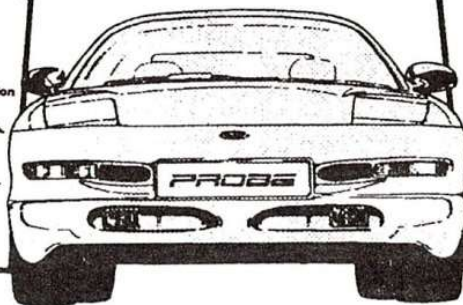
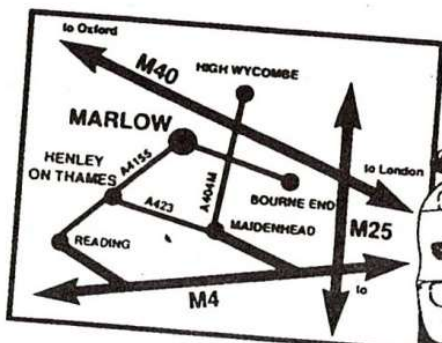
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Fourth Round:	Aldershot Town	2-1	(A)	Pluckrose (pen), Hercules
Semi-Final 1st. Leg:	Marlow	4-0	(H)	Williams (3), Conroy
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THE DIADORA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

This is the Ninetieth season of The Diadora Football League as we know it today and although it cannot claim to be the oldest competitive competition in the land it certainly can claim to be one of the most innovative. Originally formed for the 1905/6 season, 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 of the six clubs present - London Caledonians, Clapton, The Casuals, Civil Service, Ealing and Ilford 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.

Much had been made in those far off days of the re-birth of the modern Olympics in Athens in 1896 and as such Greek names were very much the "in thing", thus Isthmian with its Greek connotations became the name of what was to become the senior amateur league in the South of England. London Caledonians were the first winners and Clapton were runners-up. It wasn't long before the League started an expansion programme which in due course led to the 87 club set-up of the present season in four separate divisions. The latest clubs to be welcomed are Canvey Island already assured of promotion in their inaugural season along with Bedford Town who shortly after these notes were written may have accompanied them into Division Two for next season. Slough Town returned after several seasons in the GM Vauxhall Conference and have challenged strongly for the Championship. The League can boast of three clubs who have gone on to Football League membership. Wimbledon now in fact a Premiership club joined the Isthmian ranks in 1921 and stayed until 1964. The former Maidstone United were also members between 1959 and 1971 and of course Wycombe Wanderers are now in the Football League Division Two only seven years after leaving our ranks.

The Isthmian League under the Chairmanship of Barry East first embraced professionalism and sponsorship in the early 70's and was the first league to award three points for a win. During the 1980's the present management structure under the guiding hand of present 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 six years of that sponsorship agreements which at the time was the longest running sponsorship in football.

The league is now completing its term of a sponsorship agreement with Diadora UK which has seen the Italian Sportswear Company gain a share of the UK market and become a high profile advertiser on sports grounds around the country. It was noticeable in the last World Cup that several of the competing countries had chosen the Diadora strip for their players and Company have expressed much satisfaction in the way the Sponsorship has been conducted over the four year term.

During the past decade the league has emerged from the "amateur" tag that it previously 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 in the case of the clubs at a lower level, a target of membership to aim at. Stevenage at the start of the season were the eighth club to rise to the GM Vauxhall Conference through the Isthmian League as part of the F.A. pyramid system following in the footsteps of Sutton Utd, Wycombe Wanderers, Farnborough Tn, Yeovil Tn, Slough Tn, Redbridge Forest and Woking. They have had a most successful season in the Conference and a top five position looks a likely outcome of their first campaign. Other member clubs Dagenham and Enfield have also been members of that competition but not by way of promotion.

In recent years, member clubs Dagenham and Bishop's Cleeve won the F.A. Trophy whilst Sutton United were runners-up. Southall reached the Final of the F.A. Challenge Vase, and Yeading went one step better and won the competition in 1990. Next Saturday we hope to add to that tally with Oxford City becoming the third Club whilst in membership of the League to appear in a F.A. Challenge Vase Final with is now sponsored by Carlsberg.

Final Diadora League Placings 1994/95

Premier Division:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	GD	Pts
Enfield	42	28	9	5	106	43	63	93
Slough Town	42	22	13	7	82	56	26	79
Hayes	42	20	14	8	66	47	19	74
Aylesbury United	42	21	6	15	86	59	27	69
Hitchin Town	42	18	12	12	68	59	9	66
Bromley	42	18	11	13	76	67	9	65
St. Albans City	42	17	13	12	96	81	15	64
Molesey	42	18	8	16	65	61	4	62
Yeading	42	14	15	13	60	59	1	57
Harrow Borough	42	17	6	19	64	67	-3	57
Dulwich Hamlet	42	16	9	17	70	82	-12	57
Carshalton Athletic	42	16	9	17	69	84	-15	57
Kingstonian	42	16	8	18	62	57	5	56
Walton & Hersham	42	14	11	17	75	73	2	53
Sutton United	42	13	12	17	74	69	5	51
Purfleet	42	13	12	17	76	90	-14	51
Hendon	42	12	14	16	57	65	-8	50
Grays Athletic	42	11	16	15	57	61	-4	49
Bishop's Stortford	42	12	11	19	53	76	-23	47
Chesham United	42	12	9	21	60	87	-27	45
Marlow	42	10	9	23	52	84	-32	39
Wokingham Town	42	6	9	27	39	86	-47	27

Division One:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	GD	Pts
Boreham Wood	42	31	5	6	90	38	52	98
Worthing	42	21	13	8	93	49	44	76
Chertsey Town	42	21	11	10	109	57	52	74
Aldershot Town	42	23	5	14	80	53	27	74
Billerica Town	42	20	9	13	68	52	16	69
Staines Town	42	17	12	13	83	65	18	63
Basingstoke Town	42	17	10	15	81	71	10	61
Tooting & Mitcham U	42	15	14	13	58	48	10	59
Wembley	42	16	11	15	70	61	9	59
Abingdon Town	42	16	11	15	67	69	-2	59
Whyteleafe	42	17	7	18	70	78	-8	58
Maidenhead United	42	15	12	15	73	76	-3	57
Uxbridge	42	15	11	16	54	62	-8	56
Leyton	42	15	10	17	67	66	1	55
Barking	42	16	7	19	74	77	-3	55
Heybridge Swifts	42	16	6	20	73	78	-5	54
Ruislip Manor	42	14	11	17	70	75	-5	53
Bognor Regis Tn	42	13	14	15	57	63	-6	53
Berkhamsted Town	42	14	10	18	54	70	-16	52
Newbury Town	42	12	15	15	58	71	-13	51
Wivenhoe Town	42	8	7	27	47	94	-47	31
Dorking	42	3	3	36	40	163	-123	12

Division Two:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	GD	Pts
Thame United	42	30	3	9	97	49	48	93
Barton Rovers	42	25	7	10	93	51	42	82
Oxford City	42	24	8	10	86	47	39	80
Bracknell Town	42	23	9	10	86	47	39	78
Metropolitan Police	42	19	12	11	81	65	16	69
Hampton	42	20	9	13	79	74	5	69
Croydon	42	20	5	17	85	65	20	65
Banstead Athletic	42	18	10	14	73	59	14	64
Saffron Walden Tn	42	17	13	12	64	59	5	64
Chalfont St. Peter	42	17	12	13	67	54	13	63
Witham Town	42	18	9	15	75	64	11	63
Leatherhead	42	16	12	14	71	75	-4	60
Edgware Town	42	16	10	16	70	66	4	58
Tilbury	42	15	9	18	62	82	-20	54
Cheshunt	42	13	13	16	66	81	-15	52
Ware	42	14	7	21	61	81	-20	49
Egham Town	42	11	14	17	60	65	-5	47
Hemel Hempstead	42	10	11	21	45	76	-31	41
Hungerford Town	42	11	7	24	55	81	-26	40
Windsor & Eton	42	10	8	24	58	84	-26	38
Aveley	42	9	5	28	48	95	-47	32
Malden Vale	42	5	9	28	46	108	-62	24

Division Three:

	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	GD	Pts
Collier Row	40	30	5	5	86	23	63	95
Canvey Island	40	28	4	8	88	42	46	88
Bedford Town	40	22	11	7	90	50	40	77
Northwood	40	22	8	10	80	47	33	74
Horsham	40	22	6	12	84	61	23	72
Southall	40	21	8	11	87	59	28	71
Leighton Town	40	20	8	12	66	43	23	68
Camberley Town	40	19	8	13	59	39	20	65
Kingsbury Town	40	18	11	11	72	54	18	65
Hornchurch	40	17	8	15	64	63	1	59
Clapton	40	14	11	15	69	61	8	53
Tring Town	40	13	12	15	68	69	-1	51
East Thurrock Utd.	40	14	8	18	60	79	-19	50
Epsom & Ewell	40	13	10	17	58	62	-4	49
Harlow Town	40	13	8	19	53	83	-30	47
Harefield United	40	12	8	20	51	79	-28	44
Hertford Town	40	11	10	19	56	78	-22	43
Feltham & Hounslow	40	13	4	23	64	87	-23	43
Flackwell Heath	40	8	4	28	50	99	-49	28
Lewes	40	6	5	29	34	104	-70	23
Cove	40	3	5	32	37	94	-57	14

Previous Winners

Diadora League Cup

Previously known as the Subsidiary Cup (1974/77), the Hitachi Cup 1977/85,
the AC Delco Cup 1985/91

1974/75	Tilbury beat Croydon	3-1 *
1975/76	Slough Town beat Tilbury	4-0 at Hayes
1976/77	Hendon beat Barking	1-0 at Harrow
1977/78	Dagenham beat Leatherhead	1-0 at Dulwich
1978/79	Enfield beat Hayes	2-1 at Slough
1979/80	Enfield beat Sutton United	2-1 at Harrow
1980/81	Slough Town beat Walthamstow Avenue	4-2 at Hayes
1981/82	Leytonstone Ilford beat Kingstonian	2-0 at B'Wood
1982/83	Sutton United beat Wycombe Wanderers	2-1 *
1983/84	Sutton United beat Wycombe Wanderers	3-1 *
1984/85	Wycombe Wanderers beat Farnborough Town	5-1 *
1985/86	Sutton United beat Uxbridge	3-1 at Met. Police
1986/87	Bognor Regis Town beat Hendon	3-2 at Windsor
1987/88	Yeovil Town beat Hayes	3-1 at B'stoke
1988/89	Bishop's Stortford beat Farnborough Town	1-0 at Hayes
1989/90	Aveley beat St. Albans City	3-0 at Dagenham
1990/91	Woking beat Carshalton Athletic	2-1 at Kingstonian
1991/92	Grays Athletic beat Enfield	3-1 at Dagenham
1992/93	Marlow beat Molesey	2-1 at Aldershot Tn.
1993/94	Chertsey Town beat Enfield	3-0 at Hayes

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