

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

CHALLENGE TROPHY FINAL

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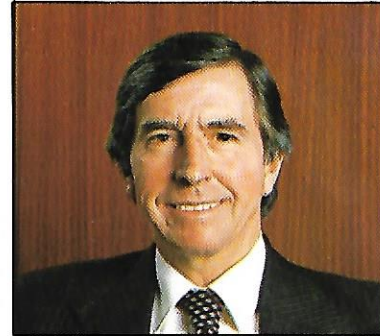
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CHALLENGE TROPHY FINAL

1.45 pm to 2.45 pm	BAND OF THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY (by permission of the Regimental Colonel, Colonel R. A. Burford TD, HAC) Conducted by Lt. Col. K. R. R. Boulding LRAM, ARCM, psm. Director of Music
2.50 pm	PRESENTATION OF THE TEAMS TO MR. JOE MERCER, O.B.E.
	THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
3.00 pm	KICK-OFF
3.45 pm	HALF-TIME MARCHING DISPLAY BY THE BAND
4.40 pm	END OF MATCH
	PRESENTATION OF THE CHALLENGE TROPHY AND MEDALS BY MR. JOE MERCER, O.B.E.

Note: If scores are level after 90 minutes, an extra half-hour will be played.

MR. JOE MERCER, O.B.E.

Joe Mercer an Honorary Member of The Football Association, was a hard-tackling wing-half who enjoyed a First Division career spread over 22 years with Everton and Arsenal and won six peace-time England caps.

He helped both his clubs to win the League Championships as well as collecting an F.A. Cup Winners' medal with Arsenal in 1950. Subsequently he managed Sheffield United, Aston Villa, Manchester City and Coventry City.



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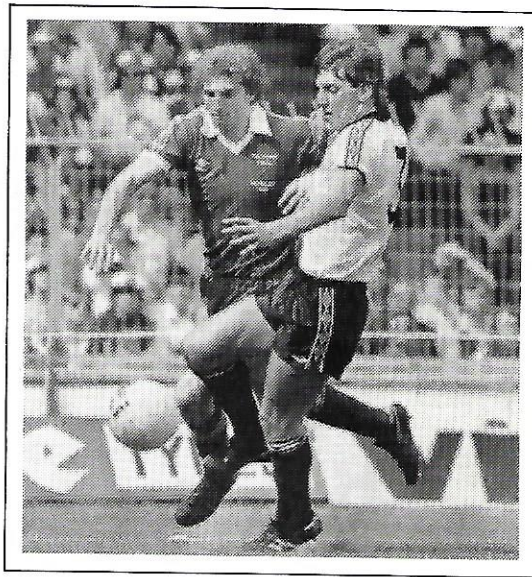
by ADRIAN TITCOMBE

The events at last season's Annual General Meeting of the Canon League raised hopes in non-League circles that there was a distinct possibility of the long awaited link-up with the Alliance Premier (now Gola) League finally coming into fruition. However, the proposals of the Associate Member Clubs (that is, those in the Third and Fourth Divisions) did not prove attractive to the Gola League.

The suggestions were that the bottom League club only should face re-election against the champion Gola outfit or, alternatively, that a club finishing bottom in consecutive seasons should automatically be relegated to the Gola League, providing the champion club met with all the practical requirements for League membership. The fact that only two clubs have finished bottom of the Fourth Division two years running during the last twenty-five, along with the nomination being restricted to the champions meant this fell some way short of the desired "automatic" promotion and relegation and the proposals were, therefore, reluctantly turned down.

Despite the natural disappointment that entry to the Canon League or its clubs is to be no easier in the foreseeable future, the Gola League can now look back on six successful seasons. It is now established firmly at the head of the non-league pyramid and the presence of seven Gola clubs in the Quarter-Finals of the Trophy, as well as all four Semi-Finalists is surely no fluke.

In the F.A. Cup their members achieved great things. Pride of place naturally goes to Telford United who have counted for Lincoln City (2-1), Preston North End (4-1), Bradford City (2-1) and Darlington (3-0 after a 1-1 draw) before finally succumbing to Cup holders, Everton, who needed an hour to break down the Shropshire side's defence. Dagenham also claimed two Canon scalps — Swindon Town and Peterborough United — only to be rewarded with the long trek to Carlisle and defeat by the only goal of the game.



Dagenham, regular F.A. Cup "giant-killers", became the first Southern team to break the Northern domination of the Trophy in 1980. Match-winner Chris Maycock is pictured left.

Three other clubs ousted their supposed betters — Altrincham at Blackpool, Northwich Victoria against Crewe Alexandra and Enfield in a replay versus Exeter City. None of the victims could be classed as "no hoppers" and Bradford have headed the Third Division for much of the season. Although, ten suffered defeat at League hands, three forced replays and three were but a single goal inferior. However, lest the Gola clubs become too complacent it should be recorded that eight of their number were eliminated by clubs of lower status with Gateshead and, ironically, Wealdstone going out to Vase clubs, Blue Star and Grays Athletic respectively. Such are the delights of The F.A. Cup!

It is heartening to see that despite unfavourable media publicity, about certain aspects of the full-time game, Semi-Professional football is attracting commercial interest. Following Gola's exciting sponsorship of the Alliance Premier League, with the emphasis on goalscoring, at least three other leagues have recently negotiated new deals.

The Isthmian, whose three year association with Servowarm is now ending, is from next season known as the "Vauxhall-Opel League" with the Cup being re-named being the "A.C. Delco Cup". The package is worth £250,000 over three years and the cash awards will average £50,000 each season, with considerable promotional support. As has been customary with Isthmian sponsorships there will be rewards for goalscoring, both in individual matches and over the season. The clubs progressing furthest in F.A. Competitions will also receive cash prizes while a certain amount will go towards league administration. Since General Motors are, of course, heavily involved with The Football Association in, amongst other things, The F.A./G.M. National School at Lilleshall and The



Telford United celebrate their 2-1 victory over Northwich Victoria in the 1983 Trophy Final.

F.A./G.M. Coaching Scheme, the Company's commitment to football at all levels in this country is a most positive and gratifying one.

The Northern League is to continue its link with Drybroughs who having sponsored the League since 1979 have now agreed to a deal lasting a further three seasons, valued at £150,000. The length of the relationship clearly indicates that both sides are benefiting and bodes well for the future.

Earlier in March the Hellenic League had concluded an agreement with Hall's Oxford and West Brewery for season 1985/86 in respect of both League and Cup which will bring in an invaluable £6,000 and is no less significant for the Member Clubs than some of the larger deals. Non-League fans must thank all the sponsors and congratulate the officials of the various leagues for their powers of persuasion.

PREVIOUS F.A. TROPHY FINALS



1970 —	Macclesfield Town	2	Telford United	0	(28,000)
1971 —	Telford United	3	Hillingdon Borough	2	(29,500)
1972 —	Stafford Rangers	3	Barnet	0	(24,000)
1973 —	Scarborough	2	Wigan Athletic	1	(23,000)
1974 —	Morecambe	2	Dartford	1	(19,000)
1975 —	Matlock Town	4	Scarborough	0	(21,000)
1976 —	*Scarborough	3	Stafford Rangers	2	(21,000)
1977 —	Scarborough	2	Dagenham	1	(20,000)
1978 —	Altrincham	3	Leatherhead	1	(19,000)
1979 —	Stafford Rangers	2	Kettering Town	0	(32,000)
1980 —	Dagenham	2	Mossley	1	(25,000)
1981 —	Bishop's Stortford	1	Sutton United	0	(22,000)
1982 —	*Enfield	1	Altrincham	0	(17,500)
1983 —	Telford United	2	Northwich Victoria	1	(22,071)
1984 —	Bangor City	1	Northwich Victoria	1	(14,200)
	*Northwich Victoria	2	Bangor City	1	(5,805)

*At Stoke City F.C.

*After extra time

PILGRIMS' PROGRESS TO WEMBLEY

Talking to Arthur Mann you could be forgiven for forgetting that he is 37 years of age and has just missed virtually the whole season with a broken leg. "I have never lost my appetite for the game and reckon I have another three years in me, and I will only pack it in when I feel it is too much for me". He played his first full match less than three weeks ago but he refuses to rule himself out of today's Final, aiming for a return to full fitness in case his experience can be utilised.

This can only serve to increase the already fierce competition for places at Wembley with no one able to be complacent. Mann joined Manchester City from Hearts in 1969 for £65,000 and after 3½ years moved to Notts County where he made over 240 appearances in seven seasons. Following a short spell at Shrewsbury and two years at Mansfield he came to Boston in 1982 and was immediately voted "player of the year". Last season he had an ill-fated three months with Don Masson at Kettering before returning to become player/manager.

Arthur admits to being surprised by the standard of the Gola League for although he was happy to play in midfield for Notts County with Ray O'Brien behind him and Don Masson alongside, he needed to revert to his favourite full-back position before he felt comfortable at Boston. "The Gola League is full of players who could play in the Fourth Division and it would not suit any ex-League player looking for a soft option". He is unstinting in his praise for O'Brien, his Number Two, and believes they complement each other well in carrying out their managerial duties with Ray being the more aggressive of the two.

Mann's team have tightened up at the back but he certainly does not feel that they are by any means a defensive side. He looks for players of character as well as skill and he is pleased with the blend of personalities in the dressing room.

Arthur Mann is the latest in a long line of renowned player/managers at Boston. Oxford



*Back row: Ray O'Brien, Gerard Creane, Richard Hearmon, Bob Lee, John McPherson, Kevin Blackwell, Mick Lyon, Ian Ladd, Mick Czuczman, Mick Laverick, Don Robinson (Trainer).
Front row: Arthur Mann (Player Manager), Chris Cook, Dominic Genovese, Paul Casey, Gary Simpson, Brian Thomson, David Gilbert, Gary Mallender.*

Photograph courtesy of Bob Whitaker (Boston)

United's Jim Smith held the post in the early '70's before moving to Colchester leaving Howard Wilkinson, now at Sheffield Wednesday, but then a Boston player to take charge with Keith Jobling. Next came Mick Walker who is currently coach at Notts County and he was succeeded by Albert Phelan and then John Frogatt.

The name of Malkinson is synonymous with Boston United and former Chairman, now President, Mr. Ernest Malkinson, who has been associated with the Club for half a century, must take enormous credit for the fund raising — and the Pilgrim Lottery in particular — which has seen the development of such a fine stadium at York Street. The improvement of the floodlighting system was followed by a £220,000 scheme which saw, among other things, the demolition of two sides of the ground and the erection of two cantilever stands to hold about 12,000 spectators.

The facilities are well up to Football League standard and the Club's full-time administration has recently moved into new office accommodation. Ernest's brother Sidney Malkinson has clocked up 40 years with the Pilgrims, while Treasurer Alf Bell has over 25 years service to his name. Pat Malkinson in his first season in the Chair knows the Wembley trip is a fitting reward for the dedication to the Club shown by them and others like them. Secretary John Blackwell was brought in to help with the Reserves in 1970 then became First Team trainer and helped in the office part-time before taking over full-time responsibility in 1977.

On their formation in 1934 Boston United joined the Midland League where their best performance was finishing runners-up in 1956. It was in this season that United travelled to Derby County in the F.A. Cup with the team containing eight former Derby players and came away with a 6-1 victory, a record score for a non-League club on a League ground.

In 1958 they moved to the Southern League finishing third at their first attempt, but after coming bottom the following season resigned to join the Central Alliance. After a difficult spell on and off the field they played in both the United Counties League and the West Midlands (Regional) League with great success before becoming in 1968 founder members of the Northern Premier League. Their record in their eleven seasons in this competition is second to none.

On only two occasions were they outside the top six and they took the league title four times, with two League Cup victories as well. In 1974 they were paired with Derby County, now a leading First Division side, in the Third Round Proper of the F.A. Cup and after a spirited draw at the Baseball Ground could not prevent the Rams gaining revenge by the same 6-1 score. Their best placing in the Alliance Premier League was fourth in 1980 when they also reached the Semi-Final of the Trophy, losing to Mossley.

Goalkeeper Kevin Blackwell may feel more at home than many others today for not only was he a member of Barton Rovers Vase Final team in 1978, but the Chief Guest that day was also one Mr. Joe Mercer.



Manager: ARTHUR MANN



BOSTON UNITED

KEVIN BLACKWELL. 26 year-old goalkeeper now in his fifth Season at Boston. He signed from Barnet, having previously played for Barton Rovers with whom he went to Wembley in the 1978 Vase Final. Has represented the F.A. and Middlesex Wanderers. A building contractor.

PAUL CASEY. Full back aged 23 who was last Season's "Player of the Year" and named in original forty for England Semi-Pro Squad. Currently unemployed, he signed for the Pilgrims in 1982, having made 25 first team appearances at Sheffield United.

RAY O'BRIEN. Defender and assistant-manager now 33 who came to Boston in July 1984, having appeared some 323 times in the League during ten years with Notts County whom he cost £45,000 from Manchester United. An Eire full international, he has the unique distinction of finishing leading goal scorer from fullback in 1979-80. An assistant paint manager.

IAN LADD. 26 years of age, a central defender who signed last June from Corby Town. Made one League appearance for Notts County and also had spells with Peterborough and Stamford with whom he earned a Vase-winners medal in 1980. Works as a stores manager.

GERARD CREANE. 23 years old, a defender who had a number of first team outings for Lincoln United. He joined the Pilgrims in October, 1983 on his return from a spell in Finland. A roofing contractor.

MICK CZUCZMAN. Highly experienced defender aged 31, with a career total of approaching 300 League games taking in Grimsby Town, Scunthorpe, Stockport and York City. He came to Boston last November from Skegness and is at present without a job.

DERRICK NUTTELL. Local product who progressed through the reserves to make ten A.P.L. appearances towards the end of last Season and is now established in the senior squad. Still only 21 he is a plumber by trade.

MICK LAVERICK. 31 year-old midfielder who signed for Boston towards the end of the 1982-83 Season from York City, after experience with Mansfield Town, Southend and Huddersfield Town. His job as a prison officer has affected his availability lately.

GARY SIMPSON. Midfield man aged 24 who came from Stoke City on a free transfer in 1980 having played over 100 Central League games. A regular since his arrival, he has also turned out at full-back and skippers the side. A paint surveyor.

DAVID GILBERT. He prefers to operate on the left side of midfield and came to York Street during the 1982/83 season. 21 years of age he played 15 times for Lincoln City's League side. A factory hand.

GARY MALLENDER. He is now the longest serving Pilgrim having joined them in 1979 from his only previous club Barnsley, for whom he was substitute twice in the League. 26 years old and jobless at the moment.

MICK LYON. Defender aged 21 who returned to Boston this Season after a spell at Stamford for whom he played in last year's Vase Final defeat by Stansted. A former England schoolboy international, he also represented The F.A. and works in a building society.

CHRIS COOK. Local lad who celebrates his 23rd birthday a week tomorrow. A striker who forced his way into the first team by virtue of his goalscoring exploits in the Lincolnshire League side. He finished last Season, his first as a regular, as top scorer on 18. A draughtsman.

BOB LEE. Powerful striker who came to Boston in October 1983 from Darlington after a Football League career which included stays with Leicester City, Doncaster, Sunderland, Bristol City and Carlisle and brought 67 goals from some 250 outings. Current top scorer, aged 32, he is a publican.

BRIAN THOMSON. 26 year-old forward with a fine turn of speed, he started his career at West Ham playing in the reserves before a £10,000 transfer to Mansfield where he made more than 60 appearances. Joined Kings Lynn in 1983 and then left to concentrate on his business. An insurance consultant.

DOMINIC GENEVESE. Striker who signed for United from Stamford in November. 24 years of age, he tasted the Wembley atmosphere in last year's Vase Final and has had trials with a number of League clubs. A mechanic, he has already netted some important goals.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES



There have been significant changes on the England Semi-Professional front. Keith Wright has relinquished the post of Manager having left The Football Association to join the English Golf Union and Kevin Verity, his assistant for the past four seasons, has now taken full control.

The second place gained in the Four Nation Tournament in Italy last year was a fine achievement but scant reward for the Squad's determination and application over the whole week of the Tournament when having drawn 3-3 with Holland and beaten Scotland 2-0, a draw was required against the host Nation. Despite dominating the latter stages of the match and having at least one strong penalty claim turned down, the single goal defeat meant the Italians took the title for the first time ever.

David Clarke (Blyth Spartans) and Brian Thompson (Maidstone United), two stalwarts of the side, announced their retirement from the International scene and a long term injury later ruled out Captain John Watson of Dagenham. Verity's planning was not aided by the bad weather which caused a fixture backlog and deprived him of a number of players originally selected for the International against Wales at Telford in March. Indeed, of the starting line-up only four players remained from the last match in Italy and the Team was skippered for the first time by Enfield's Noel Ashford. Once some measure of cohesion had been established England created a number of scoring chance but ultimately only 58th minute header by

Blyth's Peter Robinson separated the two sides.

For the coming Tournament in Holland Verity has, like his predecessor, placed his faith in experience; looking to players like John Davison of Altrincham who, with Watson, holds the record number of Semi-Pro Caps at 18.

A number of changes to the Wales Squad have been enforced, Peter Robinson has joined Rochdale and, although strictly Semi-Professional, he is omitted in accordance with the policy of selecting players from outside the Canon League. While one of the heroes of Burton's exciting Cup run, Stewart Mell has suffered a fractured jaw and will miss the rest of the season, Keith Barrett (Enfield) and Colin Williams (Telford United) both return having been injured in March. The 16 are — Kevin Charlton (Telford United), Andy Pape (Harrow Borough), Keith Barrett and David Howell (both Enfield), John Glover and Mark Newson (both Maidstone United), John Davison and Jeff Johnson (both Altrincham), Doug Newton (Burton Albion), Antone Joseph (Telford United), Tim Smithers, Trevor Morley and Paul Culpin (all Nuneaton Borough), Colin Williams (Telford United), Noel Ashford (Enfield), Alan Cordice (Wealdstone).

Having won in the first, third and fifth seasons of the Tournament the English Team will be anxious to maintain the sequence in this, the seventh. However, the standard of the opposition can be gauged by the fact that Maurice Johnston represented Scotland just twelve months before he appeared in last season's Cup Final for Watford.



The England Semi-Pro Squad for the International against Wales in March
 Back Row L to R: K. Verity (Manager), T. Smithers, A. Pape, N. Ashford, G. Hooley, K. Charlton, J. Glover, P. Robinson, D. Howell, P. Culpin.
 Front Row L to R: D. Newton, S. Mell, A. Joseph, T. Morley, T. Turner, M. Newson.

1. KEVIN BLACKWELL
2. PAUL CASEY
3. RAY O'BRIEN
4. GARY MALLENDER
5. IAN LADD
6. GERARD CREANE
7. BRIAN THOMSON
8. GARY SIMPSON (Capt)
9. BOB LEE
10. CHRIS COOK
11. DAVID GILBERT

Substitute: DOMINIC GENEVESE

Manager: ARTHUR MANN
Trainer: DON ROBINSON

REPLAY

If a replay is necessary, it will take place on the ground of Peterborough United F.C. on Tuesday 14th May, kick off 7.30 p.m.

REFEREE
J. E. BRAY
(Leicestershire & Rutland F.A.)

LINESMEN
J. M. Thompson
(Northumberland F.A.)
Red Flag
G. I. Grandidge
(East Riding F.A.)
Yellow Flag

RESERVE LINESMAN
M. Kennedy
(Amateur Football Alliance)

1. BOB ILES
2. STEVE PERKINS
3. ROY DAVIES
4. DENNIS BYATT
5. PAUL BOWGETT (Capt)
6. ROBIN WAINWRIGHT
7. BRIAN GREENAWAY
8. LEE HOLMES
9. ALAN CORDICE
10. ANDY GRAHAM
11. GARY DONNELLAN

Substitute: NEIL CORDICE

Manager: BRIAN HALL
Trainer: ARNIE REED

The Ball Boys for today's match are kindly provided by the Herefordshire F.A.

ROAD TO WEMBLEY

Opponents	Venue	Result	Scorers
Worcester City (Southern League)	Away	2-1	Lee, Genevese
Widnes (Northern First)	Home	5-4	Cook 2, Lee, Thomson, Genevese
Widnes (Western League)	Home	4-0	Lee 2, Thomson, Genevese (pen)
Widnes (Isthmian Prem.)	Home	1-0	Gilbert (pen)
Widnes (Gola)	Home	3-0	Cook, Gilbert (pen), Lee
Widnes (Gola)	Away	0-0	
Widnes	Home	3-2	Lee 2, Cook

Matches played: 7 Goals for: 18, against 7

ROAD TO WEMBLEY

Round	Opponents	Venue	Result	Scorers
First Proper	Harlow Town (Isthmian Prem.)	Away	0-0	
	Harlow Town	Home	5-0	Greenaway, Graves 3, Cordice A.
Second Proper	Wycombe Wanderers (Isthmian Prem.)	Home	2-1	Bowgett, Greenaway (pen.)
Third Proper	Welling United (Southern Prem.)	Home	3-1	Graham, Johnson, Cordice A.
Fourth Proper	Frickley Athletic (Gola)	Home	3-1	Cordice A. 2, Graham
Semi-Final	Enfield (Gola)	Away	2-0	Graham, Cordice N.
		Home	0-1	

Matches played: 7 Goals for: 15, against 4.



ROUND BY ROUND TO WEMBLEY

SECOND ROUND

*Boston United	4
Frome Town	0
*Dulwich Hamlet	0
Wokingham Town	1
*Runcorn	1
Scarborough	0
*Barnet	1
Gretna	0
*Stafford Rangers	1 2
Bangor City	1 0
*Bromsgrove Rovers	0 3+
Matlock Town	0 2
*Bishop Auckland	4
Dudley Town	0
*Burton Albion	1
Altrincham	2
Enfield	3
*Marine	0
*Harrow Borough	4
Staines Town	1
*Maidstone United	0 2
Worthing	0 0
*Bath City	2
Cheltenham Town	1
*Telford United	1
Fisher Athletic	2
*Frickley Athletic	4
Gateshead	1
*Welling United	0 2
Merthyr Tydfil	0 0
Wycombe Wanderers	1
*Wealdstone	2

THIRD ROUND

*Boston United	1
Wokingham Town	0
*Runcorn	0 1 0 4
2nd Replay at Barnet, 3rd at Runcorn	
Barnet	0 1 0 0
*Stafford Rangers	3
Bromsgrove Rovers	1
Bishop Auckland	1
*Altrincham	2
Enfield	6
*Harrow Borough	1
*Maidstone United	1 1
Bath City	1 0
*Fisher Athletic	0
Frickley Athletic	3
Welling United	1
*Wealdstone	3

FOURTH ROUND

*Boston United	3
Runcorn	0
Stafford Rangers	1
*Altrincham	4
Enfield	1
*Maidstone United	0
Frickley Athletic	1
*Wealdstone	3

SEMI-FINAL

Boston United	0 3
1st leg at Altrincham	
2nd leg at Boston	
Altrincham	0 2
Enfield	0 1
1st leg at Enfield	
2nd leg at Wealdstone	
Wealdstone	2 0

FINAL

BOSTON UNITED
WEALDSTONE

* Indicates club drawn at home. + After extra time.



(Photo Harrow Observer)

Back Row L to R: Les Reed (Coach), Brian Hall (Manager), Arnie Reed (Physio), Peter Braxton (Secretary).
Middle Row L to R: Robin Wainwright, Steve Perkins, Nigel Johnson, Bob Iles, Paul Cotter, Roy Davies, Steve McCargo, Andy Graham.
Front Row L to R: Brian Greenaway, Vince Jones, Neil Cordice, Dennis Byatt, Paul Bowgett, Alan Cordice, Mark Graves, Gary Donnellan.
 Inset: Lee Holmes

STONES ARE BUILDING FOR FURTHER SUCCESS

Founded in 1900, Wealdstone Football Club spent its early years in the Willesden & District League before moving to the Middlesex Senior, then in 1922 to the Spartan League. After a fair amount of success, they were elected to the Athenian League in 1928 where they remained until 1964 during which time they finished champions once (1952) and runners-up on three further occasions.

In 1947, the club had the distinction of being one of the teams in the first amateur game to be televised. The move to the Isthmian League brought them no titles but they increased their tally of Middlesex Senior Cup victories to ten in 1968. Two years previously, on April 16th, Wealdstone recorded the greatest triumph of their history defeating Hendon 3-1 in the Amateur Cup Final. Their team that day was, B. Goymer, M. Doyle, G. Sedgley, R. Townsend, J. Ashworth (Captain), E. Dillsworth, B. Allen, R. Childs, J. Cooley, H. Lindsay, and B. Bremer.

In difficult, heavy conditions, it was Hendon who took a 5th minute lead through Riddy but Wealdstone equalised through Childs just before the break when 'keeper Swannell made a rare slip. Wealdstone pressed for much of the second half and were finally rewarded by goals for Bremer and Childs in the last five minutes.

On their way to Wembley, they certainly had been blessed with the luck of the draw, their

furthest trip from their Lower Mead Stadium being to Barking in the third round. This season, it may be worth noting that their longest journey has taken them only as far as Harlow in the First Round Proper. In 1968, the 'Stones' almost made a swift return to the twin towers but suffered a surprising Semi-Final defeat at the hands of Chesham United.

In 1971, Wealdstone turned Semi-Professional and joined the Southern League, winning the Division One (South) title in 1974 and with it promotion to the Premier Division where they remained until becoming Founder Members of the Alliance Premier League in 1979. Two seasons later, a slump in their fortunes brought relegation into the Southern League although they immediately bounced back with a clean sweep of honours for season 1981/82.

The second time around saw a marked improvement with a third placing followed by fourth spot last year. Despite the lack of any consistent impact in the Challenge Trophy, the Third Round Proper appearance against South Shields in 1974 being the best to date, Wealdstone have turned in some fine performances in the F.A. Cup, the highlight being in 1977/78 when Hereford United and Reading were defeated to earn a third round local derby with Queens Park Rangers.

Manager Brian Hall played as a centre half for the Metropolitan Police and midfield for Dunstable, and had in his own words 'a big heart but no skill'. He gained his Preliminary Coaching Certificate in 1968 and went on to become a Full Badge Coach in 1973. He linked up with Allen Batsford as Coach at Walton & Hersham moving with him to Wimbledon in 1974, winning two Southern League championships and the League Cup as well as figuring in the famous Cup Tie with Leeds United. His next move took him to Slough and the Trophy Semi-Finals and after spells with Wycombe Wanderers and Met. Police, the Batsford-Hall partnership was renewed at Wealdstone until he took sole charge last season.

Hall places great store by being thorough and well prepared, covering many miles watching games. If he cannot go on spy missions himself, he will send either Coach Les Reed, another Full Badge Coach who joined him this season from Leyton Wingate or Tony Caruana, the club scout. He believes that organisation is an essential factor in coaching part-timers, developing a system to suit the players at his disposal.

With the current Wealdstone side the emphasis is on getting the ball forward early to the front men although when building a side, he looks first and foremost for a solid defence. Brian is as ambitious as any Manager but is limited by his job as a Police Physical Training Instructor. In addition, he feels that he and others like him are unfairly handicapped by having never played in the Football League. He admires Everton's Howard Kendall who has fashioned a side out of lesser known players and has great respect for Dave Bassett of Wimbledon who is always prepared to learn from other coaches at all levels of the game. Hall's open minded approach has clearly paid dividends as Wealdstone strive for the first ever Trophy — Gola (Alliance Premier League) double, closest to-date being Enfield in 1982 when they won the Trophy but finished second in the League.

That the upturn in the club's fortunes followed hard on David Morrirt taking over as Chairman in August 1981, cannot be a mere coincidence and Wealdstone owe much to the sponsorship of Morrirt Homes. Current Secretary, Peter Braxton is a virtual newcomer to the job after 18 months compared to Director Ken Wiltshire, whose association with the club stretches back to 1949 and includes 25 years as General Secretary. Wealdstone supporters will doubtless take heart from the fact that their Amateur Cup victory in 1966 was accompanied by an F.A. Cup Final win for Everton over Sheffield Wednesday, and will look for the first half of the double to be repeated this afternoon.



Manager: BRIAN HALL.



WEALDSTONE

BOB ILES. 29 year-old 'keeper who joined the Club during the 1983-84 season. Previously with Poole, AFC Bournemouth, Wolves and Weymouth he also made 14 First team appearances for Chelsea. Once a member of the England Youth squad, he is an insurance salesman.

STEVE PERKINS. A defender aged 30, he joined the 'Stones' in 1981. A restaurateur, his previous clubs include Chelsea, Wimbledon (for whom he played 52 Football League games) and Queens Park Rangers (2 matches).

STEVE McCARGO. Glasgow born defender, he lived and played in the United States but came to Wealdstone in 1983 out of local football. 25 years of age, he is currently a student.

ROY DAVIES. 31 years old, he can play in midfield or defence and rejoined this season after a season at Hayes. Made over 100 appearances for Reading, Torquay and Wimbledon, in addition to extensive experience in the Isthmian League. He hopes to make a career in the music business.

DENNIS BYATT. A powerful central defender who was signed in 1980. 26 years old, he appeared in Northampton's League side on 47 occasions and was also on Fulham and Peterborough's books. A glazier.

PAUL BOWGETT. Club captain, aged 29, who joined Wealdstone four seasons ago from Wimbledon for whom he had 41 outings. Also with Tottenham, he recently was forced to withdraw from England's Semi-Pro squad to assist in Wealdstone's quest for Gola League honours. A dominant defender, he works in the entertainment industry.

ROBIN WAINWRIGHT. 34 year-old midfielder who has now been with the Club for six seasons. He represented England Boys' Clubs, and made 32 Football League appearances for Northampton Town. He also turned out for Luton, Cambridge United and Millwall, as well as Dunstable and Hillingdon Borough. Assistant manager at a sports centre.

BRIAN GREENAWAY. Midfield man aged 27. He joined the 'Stones' in the close season

having made 85 appearances on the wing for Fulham. Won F.A. representative honours as a youth and has also played in Greece. Painter/decorator.

ALAN CORDICE. Striker with a devastating turn of speed who came to the Club in 1980 having previously been with Norwich City, Maidenhead, Marlow and Chesham. Current member of the England Semi-Pro squad with 6 caps to date. 29 years of age, a glazier.

NEIL CORDICE. 25 year old brother of Alan, he is also in his fifth year with Wealdstone. A striker who was formerly with Flackwell Heath, Wycombe Wanderers and Northampton where he played for the League side 8 times, he works as a fitter.

MARK GRAVES. Striker aged 24 who came to Lower Mead in 1982-83 and scored 61 Gola League goals in his first two Seasons. He previously played for Plymouth Argyle making 33 outings for the senior side. Now sales manager for an insurance company.

GARY DONNELLAN. 22 years of age he can play in midfield or up front and joined the Club in July, 1983. He has over 40 Football League appearances to his name, the majority with Reading, although he was also with Watford and Chelsea. A sales representative.

ANDY GRAHAM. 24 year-old striker who signed for Wealdstone in October of last year from Lancaster City for whom he scored 26 goals in 51 games. Previously with Hyde United, he is a member of the British Universities squad. A schoolteacher.

LEE HOLMES. Midfielder aged 29 who moved from Dartford in August, 1984. He played 28 times for Brentford's First Team and has also had spells with Haringey and Enfield. F.A. representative honours, a civil engineering technician.

NIGEL JOHNSON. Aged 25, he has been with the 'Stones' since 1978. Able to play in midfield or as a striker, his only previous club was Luton Town, although he spent last Summer in Finland. A student.

VINCE JONES. Signed by Wealdstone from local football in August, 1984, as a defender or midfielder. A labourer.

SEMI ~ FINAL ACTION



Vince Jones heads clear for Wealdstone in the second leg watched by team-mates Dennis Byatt (left) and Neil Cordice.



Neil Cordice threatens the Enfield goal in the first leg.

(pictures by Harrow Observer)



First Leg: ▶	
Altrincham	0
Boston United	0
Second Leg:	
Boston United	3
Altrincham	2
◀ First Leg:	
Enfield	0
Wealdstone	2
Second Leg	
Wealdstone	0
Enfield	1



Action from the first leg as United 'keeper Kevin Blackwell catches with confidence.



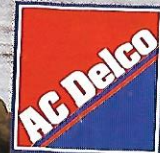
An anxious moment as Altrincham attack at York Street but the ball goes wide.

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