

Stamford Bridge Grounds LONDON SW6

F.A. AMATEUR CUP - SEMI-FINAL SEASON 1965-66

Saturday, 19th March, 1966

ALVECHURCH V WEALDSTONE

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME — SIXPENCE



F.A. Amateur Cup

Will it, for the first time, go to one of today's Stamford Bridge Semifinalists when the Final is played at Wembley on April 16?

ALVECHURCH 1965-66



Standing (left to right): J. Hemus (Manager), J. Nicholson, J. Preece, J. Cocking, J. Smith, W. Francis, C. Fletcher, J. Mason, G. Ingram (Trainer).

Seated (left to right): T. Jones, C. Moore, M. Elder, A. Fay, M. Hayden, V. Pailing.

CHELSEA F.C. WELCOMES THE SEMI-FINALISTS

THIS is the fourth time since the war that Stamford Bridge has staged a Semi-final of the F.A. Amateur Cup — 1949, 1956 and 1964 were the other occasions — and we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Alvechurch and Wealdstone with the hope that the winners are well worthy of reaching the Final for the first time.

ALVECTURCH THE VILLAGE TEAM ON THE THRESHOLD OF WEMBLEY

A LVECHURCH, the Worcestershire Combination side, are breaking all records with this Semi-final appearance. It is the first time they have reached the last four of the Amateur Cup, and if they go through to the Final, they will be the first Worcestershire club to do so. One has to go back to 1926 to find the last instance of a Worcestershire club — Evesham — reaching the present stage of the competition.

To students of amateur form, Alvechurch's run is not surprising. Last year they reached the last eight of the competition, going out to Enfield 3-1. On the way they beat teams like Norton Woodseats, Walthamstow Avenue - and today's opponents, Wealdstone. They must fancy they start with a psychological advantage this afternoon because their 4-1 victory against Wealdstone was the biggest of their Cup run; the man who scored all four goals that day, centre-forward John Mason, is still with the club and playing better than ever. He scored twice in his club's 3-2 "revenge" defeat of Enfield in the third round this year.

The "Church" have been drawn to play all four ties away, travelling all over the country to meet and beat their opponents. Skelmersdale, in Lancashire, went down 2-0; Stowmarket, in Suffolk, were beaten 3-2 after a 2-2 draw; Enfield, in Middlesex, lost 3-2 and, in County Durham, Crook Town — four times winners of the Cup in the past 12 years — were disposed of 2-0.

So today's trip down the M.1 to Stamford Bridge will be no bother at all. One who has expressed reservations, however, about having to play at the Bridge is the Alvechurch coach Rhys Davies, a former marathon runner and the man behind the team's incredible fitness. He is worried that the atmosphere generated by his club's enthusiastic supporters may not get through with the same effect in these expansive acres. But if he is concerned about that, he is certainly NOT worried about the team's stamina.

Mr. Davies makes himself personally responsible for the fitness of each player. An example of his dedication came from the recent trip to Crook. The players, staying overnight at Darlington, found themselves on a training run around the town at nine o'clock at night, under illumination provided by streetlights and shop windows! Explained their coach: "They had to loosen up after a long trip."

The secret of this team from tiny Alvechurch (pop. 4,000) is its wonderful spirit. The headquarters is the village pub, "The Crown" where players, officials and supporters intermingle, and organise "offbeat" social occasions. Last year they held a televised cake-eating competition.

Basically they are a team without stars, although many of their fans rate Mason the best centre-forward in the country. Manager John Hemus says "They are just a great bunch of lads. They deserve to go to Wembley."

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*Gosport Boro' 1 Eastbourne 2	*Eastbourne 0)		Alvechurch
*Enfield 5 W'ton & H'sh'm I	Enfield 5	;∫ *Enfield 2	Alvechurch 2	
*Stowmarket 3 Woking 2	*Stowmarket 2.2	Alvechurch 3		
*Skelmersdale 0° Alvechurch 2	Alvechurch 2 3			(Stamford Bridge)
*Maidstone 15 Barking 2	*Barking I	}		
*Ferryhill Town 45 Evenwood 2	Ferryhill 0	*Barking []	****	
*Wealdstone 4	*Wealdstone 2	Wealdstone 3	*Wealdstone 2	
*Willington 15 Tow Law Town 3	Tow Law Town		ļ	Wealdstone
*Maidenhead 3 \\ Windsor & Eton 0 \)	*Maidenhead U. 0	*1		
*Oxford City 2)	Leatherhead 2	Leadiernead 2 1	Leatherhead I	
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Aveley [] *Stanley 0	Penrith 0	*W'combe W.I 3]		
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Hounslow { *Fareham {	St. Albans 2.4	St. Albans 10)		
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*Yorkshire Am. 1 Whitley Bay 2	Whitley Bay 3	Whitley Bay 5	*Whitley Bay 2	
*Lancing 0 Kingstonian 3	Kingstonian 0	, , ,		Whitley Bay
*Sutton Utd. 7	*Sutton Utd. 5			
*Dagenham Harlow Town 0	Dagenham 0	*Sutton Utd. 2	Sutton Utd. 0	
*Finchley 2) Dulwich H. 0	*Finchley 1	B. Auckland I	*	
*B. Auckland 3 \\ Whitby T. I	B. Auckland 3 J			

*Club drawn at home.

ALVECHURCH -

Colours:-Shirts: Amber, with Black Edging. Shorts: Black. Stockings: Amber.

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(Outside-left)	(Inside-left)	(Centre-forward)	(Inside-right)	(Outside-right)		
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E. Dillsworth		J. Ashworth (Centre-half) (Captain)	C. Townsend (Right-half)			
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G. Sedgley		M. Doyle				
(Lefi-back)			(Right-back)			
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		(Goal)				
	WE	ALDST	ONE			

Colours:-Shirts: Blue and White. Shorts: White. Stockings: Blue and White.

(If the teams are level after 90 minutes, the replay will be on the Birmingham City Ground next Saturday, kick-off 3 p.m.)

WEALDSTONE 1965-66



Standing (left to right): B. Goymer, G. Sedgley, B. Bremer, E. Dillsworth, M. Doyle, C. Townsend. Seated (left to right): B. Allen, J. Cooley, J. Ashworth, H. Lindsay, R. Childs.

WEALDSTONE THE CUP TRAIL HAS KEPT THEM IN LONDON

WEALDSTONE win the Amateur Cup at Wembley on April 16, they will have done so without once having to play outside London (assuming that no replay is needed after today's tie). They beat Hitchin Town 4-1 in Round One, Tow Law 2-1 in Round Two and Leatherhead 2-1 in Round Four, all in home ties, and in Round Three were faced with a short trip across the capital to Barking, where they won 3-1.

Wealdstone, whose best previous Amateur Cup performance was when they won a quarter-final place in 1951, consider it a good omen and are confident they will

carry off the trophy.

But they do not underestimate Alvechurch, the team who tipped them out of last year's Cup. Says Press secretary John Ryan, a Wealdstone official for 14 years: "They are a first-rate footballing side and we know we have a big job on, but we have five players who didn't play last year and that should make a difference."

The five include two former Enfield players, goalkeeper Brian Goymer, 25, an England reserve, and left-back Gordon Sedgley, 24, winner of London and county F.A. honours and an ever-present.

The others are 19-year-old left-half Eddie Dillsworth, from Sierra Leone — he joined the club from Fulham and has played in every position except goal—22-year-old telephone engineer Brian Allen on the right wing, and inside-right Jim Cooley, 23, another London and Middlesex F.A. player.

Another who did not play against Alvechurch last year, owing to injury, is 26-year-old schoolteacher Hughie Lindsay at inside-left. Lindsay, capped 20 times by England, is one of amateur soccer's most decorated players, having won almost every honour except a Cup winners' medal. He left Wealdstone for a spell with Kingstonian, but returned two years ago. The side is skippered by six foot, Ex-Royal Navy centre-half John Ashworth, who was in the Kingstonian side beaten 2-1 by Hendon in the 1960 Wembley final, played League soccer for Portsmouth and has been capped for England.

Ashworth, Lindsay and right-half Charlie Townsend, once on Spurs books as a centre-forward and winner of 28 England caps, all represented Great Britain in the

Tokyo Olympics.

Right-back is former Fulham player Mick Doyle, aged 21. Bobby Childs, formerly with Wembley and Enfield, leads the attack, and Gallup poll clerk Bernie Bremer is on the left wing.

Nineteen-year-old Bremer, watched by Spurs, Millwall, Watford and Luton, was spotted by his partner, Lindsay, when he was a pupil of his at school, and has won London, Middlesex and F.A. Amateur

honours

Wealdstone were the first Athenian League club to install floodlighting. They joined the Isthmian League two years ago and play on one of the finest grounds in the amateur soccer world with a 15,000 capacity.

ROUND BY ROUND TO TODAY'S SEMI-FINAL **ALVECHURCH** WEALDSTONE

1st Round: Beat Skelmersdale (away) 2-0, scorer Mason 2.

2nd Round: Drew with Stowmarket (away) 2-2, scorer Elder 2; beat Stowmarket (home) 3-2, scorers Mason, Cocking, Elder,

3rd Round: Beat Enfield (away) 3-2, scorers Mason 2, Jones.

4th Round: Beat Crook Town (away) 2-0, scorers Elder, Pailing.

1st Round: Beat Hitchin Town

(home) 4-1, scorers Lindsay 2, Bremer, Cooley.

2nd Round: Beat Tow Law Town (home) 2-1, scorers Lindsay, Wortley.

3rd Round: Beat Barking (away) 3-1, scorers Childs, Townsend, Charles.

4th Round: Beat Leatherhead (home) 2-1, scorers Townsend, Cooley.

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Leytonstone		26	20	3	3	66	23	43
Enfield	2015	29	19	5	5	73	36	43
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		31	11	9	11	54	65	31
Sutton United	• • • •	28	13	4	11	63	50	30
Tooting & Mitch	31	12	6	13	53	50	30	
Corinthian Casua	ıls	27	13	3	11	53	53	29
WEALDSTONE		25	12	3	10	53	43	27
Oxford City		30	9	9	12	44	50	27
Walthamstow Av	e.	28	8	7	13	52	54	23
Barking	•••	31	8	6	17	40	59	22
Hitchin Town		29	6	6	17	49	77	18
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Bromley	•••	30	5 5 5	4				17
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Moor Green		22	14	4	4	54	23	32
ALVECHURCH		17	13	3	1	67	8	29
Castle Rovers		22	11	7	4.	40	29	29
Sutton Town		27	10	5	12	51	70	25
Bromsgrove Rove	ers	25	8	7	10	49	44	23
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Brierley Hill All	-	24	8	37	11		69	4.1
Allens Cross		25	9	2	14	44		4
Halesowen Town		26	8	3	15	40	74	-0
Malvern Town	***	23	7	4			65	19
Highgate United		23	6		12	48	70	18
Jack Mould Ath.	•••	18	7	4	13	34	42	16
Walsall Wood	• • • •	21		2	9	30	41	16
Wolves	•••		3	9	9	36	52	15
WOIVES	• • • •	24	3	5	16	27	62	11

Notice to Spectators:

Please keep off the pitch and the surrounding track.

Next Matches at this Ground

Saturday, 26th March (3 p.m.)

CHELSEA v. HULL GITY

F.A. Cup-Sixth Round

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Tuesday, 29th March (8 p.m.)

CHELSEA v. TSV MUNCHEN 1860

Inter-Cities Fairs Cup-4th Round, 2nd Leg

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Schuday, 2nd Apri. (3 p.m.)

CHELSEA v. CARDIFF CITY

Football Combination

TODAY'S HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

AMATEUR CUP SEMI-FINAL
A Whitley Bay v. Hendon

FIRST DIVISION

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