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LEAGUE CUP  
WINNERS 1964-65

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**Stamford  
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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**

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*Will it, for the first time, go  
to one of today's  
Stamford Bridge Semi-  
finalists 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.

## ALVECHURCH || THE VILLAGE TEAM ON THE THRESHOLD OF WEMBLEY

ALVECHURCH, 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 "off-beat" 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."



## 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

**I**F 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

- 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.

#### WEALDSTONE

- 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.

**HOW THEY STAND**

**ISTHMIAN LEAGUE**

|                     | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Kingstonian ...     | 30 | 20 | 5 | 5  | 70 | 42 | 45  |
| Hendon ...          | 28 | 21 | 2 | 5  | 89 | 45 | 44  |
| Leytonstone ...     | 26 | 20 | 3 | 3  | 66 | 23 | 43  |
| Enfield ...         | 29 | 19 | 5 | 5  | 73 | 36 | 43  |
| Wycombe Wand's.     | 28 | 19 | 4 | 5  | 77 | 50 | 42  |
| Maidstone Utd. ...  | 29 | 16 | 4 | 9  | 57 | 34 | 36  |
| St. Albans City ... | 27 | 16 | 1 | 10 | 45 | 40 | 33  |
| Woking ...          | 31 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 54 | 65 | 31  |
| Sutton United ...   | 28 | 13 | 4 | 11 | 63 | 50 | 30  |
| Tooting & Mitcham   | 31 | 12 | 6 | 13 | 53 | 50 | 30  |
| Corinthian Casuals  | 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 Ave.    | 28 | 8  | 7 | 13 | 52 | 54 | 23  |
| Barking ...         | 31 | 8  | 6 | 17 | 40 | 59 | 22  |
| Hitchin Town ...    | 29 | 6  | 6 | 17 | 49 | 77 | 18  |
| Ilford ...          | 31 | 5  | 7 | 19 | 36 | 70 | 17  |
| Bromley ...         | 30 | 5  | 4 | 21 | 47 | 88 | 14  |
| Dulwich Hamlet ...  | 29 | 5  | 3 | 21 | 28 | 70 | 13  |
| Clapton ...         | 31 | 3  | 5 | 23 | 36 | 86 | 11  |

**WORCESTERSHIRE COMBINATION**

**Division I**

|                     | P  | W  | D | L  | F   | A  | Pts |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|----|-----|
| Evesham Utd. ...    | 25 | 20 | 3 | 2  | 113 | 36 | 43  |
| Blakenhall ...      | 27 | 13 | 8 | 6  | 71  | 43 | 34  |
| 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 Rovers   | 25 | 8  | 7 | 10 | 49  | 44 | 23  |
| Paget Rangers ...   | 22 | 8  | 7 | 7  | 32  | 33 | 25  |
| Boldmere St. M. ... | 25 | 9  | 5 | 11 | 53  | 57 | 23  |
| Smethwick Highfield | 22 | 8  | 5 | 9  | 39  | 45 | 21  |
| Brierley Hill A.F.  | 24 | 8  | 5 | 11 | 55  | 59 | 21  |
| Allens Cross ...    | 25 | 9  | 2 | 14 | 44  | 74 | 20  |
| Halesowen Town ...  | 26 | 8  | 3 | 15 | 40  | 65 | 19  |
| Malvern Town ...    | 23 | 7  | 4 | 12 | 48  | 70 | 18  |
| Highgate United ... | 23 | 6  | 4 | 13 | 34  | 42 | 16  |
| Jack Mould Ath. ... | 18 | 7  | 2 | 9  | 30  | 41 | 16  |
| Walsall Wood ...    | 21 | 3  | 9 | 9  | 36  | 52 | 15  |
| Wolves ...          | 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 CITY**

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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Saturday, 2nd April (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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| <b>B</b> Newcastle v. Chelsea .....   | <b>G</b> Leicester v. Sheff. Utd. ....  |
| <b>C</b> Blackburn v. Leeds Utd. .... | <b>H</b> Man. Utd. v. Arsenal .....     |
| <b>D</b> Blackpool v. West Ham .....  | <b>J</b> Nott'm. F. v. Stoke City ..... |
| <b>E</b> Everton v. Liverpool .....   | <b>K</b> Sheff. W. v. Northamp'n .....  |
| <b>F</b> Fulham v. Sunderland .....   | <b>L</b> Tottenham v. Aston Vil. ....   |

**M West Brom. v. Burnley** .....

**SECOND DIVISION**

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| <b>N</b> Bury v. Wolves .....        | <b>R</b> Hudd'field v. Charlton ..... |
| <b>O</b> Crystal P. v. Preston ..... | <b>S</b> Leyton O. v. Portsm'th ..... |
| <b>P</b> Derby C. v. Man. City ..... | <b>T</b> South'pt'n v. Roth'ham ..... |

**THIRD DIVISION**

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| <b>U</b> Brentford v. Walsall ..... | <b>V</b> Millwall v. Brighton ..... |
| <b>W</b> Peterboro' v. Q.P.R. ....  |                                     |