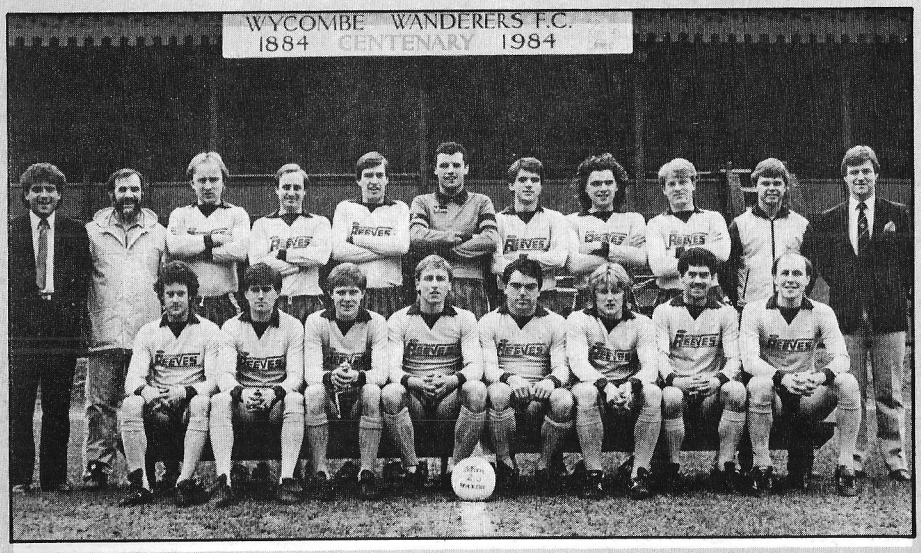
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INTRODUCTION BY THE TWO ED'S (Which are better than one)

Welcome to the Centenary Season Review, or, if you prefer, the 1985/86 Season Handbook. This is the first time that the present editorial partnership have undertaken such a task, and we hope that you enjoy reading it.

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to this review, and to all those who have taken an advert, without whom we would not have been able to produce it at all. Please support these businesses, as they have supported us. We would also like to thank Jeff Holmes of the Bucks Free Press, who has kindly provided all the photos included, which we're sure you will agree are excellent, and provide a permanent record of some of the seasons high spots.

As well as the photos, we hope that the whole review provides you with a momento of what was one of the most intriguing and exciting season of our history, and to coincide with our Centenary added even more to the excitment. We hope that your own personal highlights are recorded somewhere within the review.

As supporters of the club, please do your part to help Wycombe Wanderers this season, by encouraging your family and friends to come along to Loakes Park, where we are sure to see a higher standard of football entertainment..... the highest standard outside the Football League. Perhaps you could provide them with copies of this handbook, which may entice them to come along to see some games.

Lets look forward to the season ahead, and hope that a year from now we will be reading a handbook telling the story of our first successful season in the Gola League, and who knows what else?

We are sure you would like to join us in wishing Paul Bence and the lads, especially the new faces, every success for the season ahead and together we can put the name of Wycombe Wanderers back at the top of Non-League Football, and perhaps even further.

THE NEW CHALLENGE

Milestones are often reached after great effort and enthusiasm over a long period of time. Last year, the Club passed its Centenary with honour both on and off the field and now we set off after the next milestone.

Memories were evoked last year of the "good days" with the Centenary match against Leicester City, two successful celebration dinners, a recorded Centenary Publication and, above all, our promotion into the Gola League. The Manager and players are to be warmly congratulated on their achievements both in the League and winning the Isthmian League Cup at the third attempt.

We must, however, build on the past, learn from our experience, plan for the future and look forward to a "new" football world in the Gola challenge. Sadly, since the Bradford disaster and the Brussels disgrace, our national game has finally fallen from grace and deserves little sympathy for its future. Those of us who care, however, must combine together for the interest of the game, to improve standards and remove the tarnished image it is now suffering.

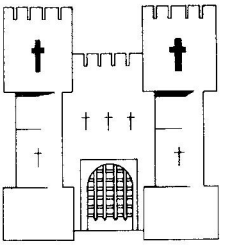
Bridges have now to be rebuilt between nations over football. This Club have toured annually for the past seventeen years, enjoyed good matches, excellent hospitality and above all developed international friendships. As a caring, loving student of this wonderful game I have been priviledged to belong to such a good Club as Wycombe Wanderers and I hope all of us at Loakes Park from the President to the most junior supporter will do their utmost to promote the game in a healthy, enjoyable and attractive way.

Our next milestone is to restore the game to what we know it can be, and what we think it should be, as soon as possible.

The Gola League, now next to The Football League, offers the Club a new challenge, we are looking for the same things that we receive from our trips abroad and we want your help.

We need your support at Loakes Park and look forward to seeing you at one of our Gola League games - may we all enjoy a successful season. I hope this publication wets your appetite to feel part of Wycombe Wanderers.

Brian Lee - Chairman



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MANAGER'S COMMENTS BY PAUL BENCE

1985 marks the start of a new era in the history of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club. Our Centenary season was celebrated by winning the Hitachi Cup but more importantly by gaining promotion to the Gola league. The Club now takes it's rightful place amongst the elite of non-league football. Our second century opens the door to a new and exciting future.

I have for the first time since becoming the Manager invested some of the Club's money to strengthen the squad ready for the Gola League. Sean Price (24) a defender, Neal Stanley (24) a forward and Des McMahon (29) an Isthmian league representative mid-field player, have all joined us from my ex-club, Wokingham Town F.C. Trevor How, Ken Wilson and Kevin Tilley have all departed for pastures new and we wish them well with their new clubs. The rest of last seasons successful squad have re-signed and are looking forward to the challenge of the Gola League.

Our success in gaining promotion has meant certain changes in the way we equip ourselves for the future. The old reserves set-up which competed in the Suburban League has been replaced by a new and more competitive competition known as the Capital League. This new league will consist of Football League Clubs and Gola League Clubs in and around the London area and will offer a much better standard of football, for my squad players and youngsters. I would like to place on record my appreciation to Alan Ackrell, the reserves team coach for his assistance and hard work last season and we wish him every success in his new position with Chesham Utd. F.C.

Having spent the last few years in the Isthmian League, the Gola League offers a new and exciting challenge. Our first season will be a new adventure and a time for learning for everyone connected with the Club. Lets all go forward together and take the name of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club to the top of the Non-League tree.

A VIEW OF THE SEASON - FROM THE TERRACES

"A game of two halves" is one of football's favourite cliches - 1984-85 will surely be remembered by Wycombe Wanderer's supporters as a season of two halves. Another old adage says that you have to experience the bad times to appreciate the good times; few of the Loakes Park fans would disagree with that, having seen what was, up until Christmas, a bitterly disappointing Centenary Season turn into one of the most dramatic and (ultimately) satisfying campaigns in the Clubs 100 year history. It climaxed with an exciting win in the very last league match to earn promotion to the Gola League, followed a few days later by a wonderful afternoon in the May sunshine when the Hitachi Cup was captured for the first (and last?) time. Yet after losing at Windsor on New Years Day, we had stood at 15th place in the Premier Division table, having taken just 24 points from 19 league games. We had won four times, at home, but lost three times; away from home, seven matches had been won but nine lost. We were already out of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup and the F.A. Cup. League Championship hopes had been abandoned long ago and a Wembley appearance in the F.A. Trophy seemed just as unlikely. What made things feel worse was the realisation that the standard of football in the Isthmian League appeared to have dropped significantly and many of us found ourselves regretting the Clubs decision at the end of the 1982-83 season not to accept a place in the Alliance Premier League, as it was then called. At that particular time the vast majority of Blues fans supported the decision to remain in the Isthmian League, as there was then little hard evidence that the quality of football in the Alliance was any better than in the Isthmian. But this seemed to have changed. Wycombe's followers found early season defeats by Burnham, Billericay and Windsor particularly distressing as it was felt that "smaller" clubs like these who would have been out of their depth playing Wycombe Wanderers five or ten years earlier, were progressing while we were standing still - or even going backwards. There seemed little prospect of any Isthmian Club reaching the F.A. Trophy final, let alone Wycombe, and by the time the quarter-final stage of the Trophy arrived there was not a single club from the Isthmian League remaining, seven of the eight places being taken by clubs from the Gola League. The recognition of the Gola League by the national media and pools companies as the major competition outside the Canon League was now, apparently, justified. In December, officials of Wycombe Wanderers held a special meeting to discuss the issue and it was decided there and then that entry to the Gola League should become the Clubs long-term objective forthwith. At the time, of course, this decision must have seemed purely academic as far as the current season was concerned, with it being necessary to finish in the top three (at least) to stand a chance of promotion, and Wycombe then languishing in the lower half of the league table. No public announcement was made about the

decision and it wasn't until late March that supporters began to hear rumours of the Gola application as their team fought their way relentlessly towards the top three.

The season had begun, back in August, with four pre-season friendlies and a lot of new faces for us to get to know, two being a new Manager and Assistant Manager, Messrs. Bence and Gane. The first of these warm-up games was at Farnborough. The faithful few that saw Wycombe win 2-0 that Saturday afternoon - sorry evening (if I remember rightly the game kicked off at 6.00 p.m.) - could hardly have anticipated a return to the same ground 10 months later, for a Cup Final. Those first few performances of the "new" Wycombe team gave rise to a considerable amount of optimism; that 5-0 thrashing of a Crystal Palace X1 looked a superb display, even though the opposition was little more than a youth team.

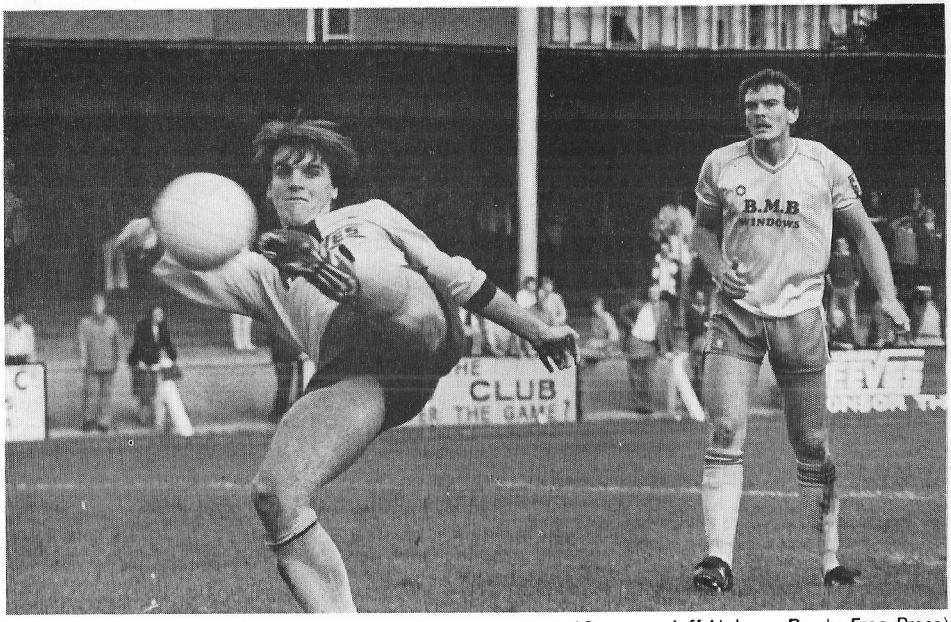


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Declan Link cracks his second, and Wycombe's fourth in the 5-0 thrashing of Crystal Palace (18/08/84)

But 10 days later, our optimism was dented by a comprehensive 2-0 defeat at Wokingham in the first league match, and then a disappointing 0-0 draw at home to newly promoted Epsom. This was followed by defeats at home to Billericay and at Hayes which kept us at the very bottom of the Premier Division Table. Then came a trip to Bognor Regis. The team arrived late, due to traffic problems and the kick-off was delayed as a result, but a Declan Link penalty gave us a 2-1 lead at half-time and with the home side reduced to 10 men by a sending off we looked set for our first league win

of the season. But a second half slump left us with a 3-2 defeat, 1 point from 5 league games and 22nd place in the table. Our pre-season optimism had gone, replaced by realisation that a lot more time would be needed before success could be expected from a new Manager and Team. Things did improve, however, with comfortable home wins over Barking (3-0) and Bishops Stortford (5-0, including a hat-trick by Simon Read) lifting



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Simon Read gives a lesson to a Bishops Stortford defender as he blasts the first of his three (29/09/84)

morale considerably. In between these two results was a narrow 1-0 win at Harlow, thanks to a late Simon Read goal, in a horribly dull game. Some Blues away followers will remember this game fondly, however, for the hilarious antics of one irate Wycombe supporter trying to provoke an equally irate Harlow goalkeeper into leaving the pitch for an exchange of views on said 'keepers performance.

The first Wednesday night in October was an enjoyable and historic occasion when Leicester City fielded their entire 1st team at Loakes Park in a special friendly match to commemorate the Centenary of both clubs. Over 1,000 fans saw Wycombe earn a well deserved 0-0 draw, but our enjoyment of the match was somewhat subdued by the horrible injury to our John Richardson, which was later confirmed as a broken leg. He was sorely missed during the rest of the season as no proper replacement was found, and eventually strikers West and Wilson had to do their best to cover his position on the left side of midfield. Mr. Richardson could regularly be seen, however, in the bar, during the after-match drinking session with

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the other players! I'm sure all Wanderers fans would join me in wishing him, in particular, the best of luck for next season.

The Centenary Friendly was followed by a 2-0 league win at Dulwich - not a ground we have won at very often in recent seasons. A ferocious strike by Declan Link, from a free kick, gave Wycombe the lead, and this was a particularly memorable goal for one Wycombe Supporter because Declan timed his effort well enough to earn the writer of these notes a £10 prize on Dulwich Hamlets Golden Goals tickets (thanks Declan). This result was our 4th consecutive league win and it boosted our position in the table to 9th, but inconsistency, which was evident throughout the first half of the season, was to strike again.

A 1st Round Hitachi Cup tie at home to Bracknell was welcomed by Supporters as an opportunity to take revenge for the humiliating defeats suffered at the Bracknell Town ground in the previous two seasons Berks & Bucks Cup Competitions. Bracknell, newly elected to the Isthmian League Division Two, took the lead early in the second half but Colin Tate equalised to take the game into extra time. Another embarrassment looked on the cards as Bracknell led 3-2 with just four minutes to go, then up popped Trevor How to knock in a rebound off the keeper, to force a replay.

This was followed by our first ever Isthmian League fixture with Windsor, who had won promotion to the top flight the previous season. The sizeable contingent of Windsor fans were delighted (and probably a little surprised) to see their team take a 4-0 win and another 3 points away from Loakes Park. Three days later a fair number of Wycombe fans made the short trip to Burnham of the London Spartan League, for a 1st Round Berks and Bucks Senior Cup tie under their newly erected floodlights. Though we realised that the days were long gone when a Wycombe team could expect little more than shooting practice against a club of Burnham's stature, the 5-3 defeat we received (after extra time) was difficult to swallow. It had been a marvellous performance by Burnham and their supporters and officials were, understandably jubilant at the final whistle. I remember watching Mr. Bence walk disconsolately towards the dressing rooms at the end of the game - he looked like someone with a lot of problems to solve, and it was a sad sight. Some felt sympathy for him - others were simply becoming impatient.

Supporters morale was pretty low when we visited Bracknell a week later for the Hitachi Cup replay. Whereas the previous defeats at this ground had been complete shocks, another "giant-killing" act was an ominous possibility. This time, however, we saw a very determined and authorative performance by the Blues which earned a 4-0 win and a place in the second round.

We had stiff opposition in the 4th Qualifying Round of the F.A. Cup, in the form of Burton Albion of the Northern Premier League. They certainly gave us an eventful cup tie at Wycombe - their centre half was

sent off in the first half, their Manager was twice told by the referee to leave the touchline (and was later charged and fined by the Football Association for "bringing the game into disrepute") but they still managed to take a 1-0 lead during the second half. A late equaliser by Anton Vircavs earned a replay. Few Blues fans could make it to Burton-on-Trent the following Wednesday night but those that did had their hopes raised by a goal from Declan Link after just five minutes, only to see Burton equalise before half-time and earn a place in the



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Anton Vircavs beats the whole Burton defence to snatch a late equaliser, despite their attempts to undress him (27/10/84)

1st Round Proper when a defensive mix-up in the closing minutes gave them a second goal. The replay took place in front of a crowd of over 3,500 - a remarkable figure for any game between two non-league sides these days - and it marked the end of our run of 10 consecutive seasons of reaching the 1st Round Proper.

Back to league action, and November began with an away match at Leytonstone. The East Londoners looked a poor side (they were eventually relegated) and a 2-0 home win provoked some of the Wycombe faithful (?!) to call for Bence's head. But there are few things a Wycombe supporter likes more than to see the old enemy, Slough, beaten and this was achieved by 3-1. Then came a Tuesday night trip to Billericay in the 2nd



(Courtesy Jeff Holmes, Bucks Free Press)

Burton defenders stand and admire, as Declan Link outwits them after only four minutes in the replay (31/10/84)



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Ex-Wycombe favourite Steve Long seals a 3-1 victory against Slough with a superbly struck effort (06/11/84)

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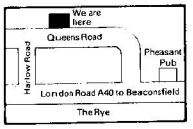
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Round of the Hitachi Cup. For a time this was one of those nights that makes you wonder why on earth you have just spent two hours battling throught the rush-hour traffic, having come straight from work and had nothing to eat since lunchtime, only to stand in the p...p... pouring rain in the middle of a field in Essex watching your team losing 2-1 and probably going out of another cup. Then, of course, your team just happens to snatch an equaliser and you begin to think it might all be worthwhile after all. And when a scramble in the Billericay goalmouth ends with the ball ricocheting off Simon Pentland's posterior and rolling into the net to give Wycombe a 3-2 win, you're just bound to jump about like a two year old and think that the whole world is perfect again, aren't you .....?!

Sutton United were well on their way towards the League Championship when we visited Gander Green Lane at the end of November. Losing at Sutton had become a regular feature of recent seasons, but on this occasion our 1-0 defeat was disappointing for two reasons. One was that we were a little unfortunate to go away empty handed at all, and the other was that many of us had hoped that their comfortable position at the top of the table meant that there was at least one classy side left in the Isthmian League, but Sutton's team appeared to be no better than the ones they had been fielding over the previous three or four years. Another indication, it seemed, of the Isthmian decline.

December started well for the Blues and their fans, with Declan Link contributing a hat-trick to a 5-1 home win over Harlow. Then came a very satisfying 3-2 win at Harrow, inspired by Steve Long who was to join our Middlesex rivals later in the season, having given countless skilful and intelligent performances in Wycombe colours over the last five or six years. This particular league match had some Blues supporters incensed by tannoy announcements of the scoreline whenever Harrow scored, but not when Wycombe did. Little things like this, it seems, mean a lot to supporters! The following Tuesday will be remembered for the bizarre postponement of the 3rd Round Hitachi Cup tie with Bishops Stortford. The teams, officials and supporters of both clubs arrived only to find Loakes Park shrouded in fog - a surprise in itself because many other areas of High Wycombe had been completely clear - and the referee immediately called the game off. The Stortford coach turned around and drove back to Hertfordshire, but within half an hour the fog had almost completely cleared from the pitch. Due to the snow which fell in January, and other fixture re-arrangements, the tie was actually postponed another EIGHT times before it was eventually played three months later. Bognor Regis completed a league double over us with a 2-0 win at Loakes Park and and Christmas was celebrated(?) with a 1-1 home draw with Wokingham on Boxing Day, a last minute header by Dave Burgess (his first goal for the club) preventing another double against us this time. We then had the frustration of a wasted trip to Walthamstow, leaving Wycombe in the



(Courtesy Jeff Holmes, Bucks Free Press)

Two minutes from time, up pops Dave Burgess to earn a well deserved 1-1 draw with Wokingham Town (26/12/84)

knowledge that a local referee had passed the pitch as fit for play only to arrive and find that the appointed match official disagreed.

1985 opened with a dismal 1-0 defeat at a very cold and windy Windsor, whose local newspaper proceeded to declare Windsor as now being the premier non-league side in Berks & Bucks, in view of their successes over ourselves, Slough and Wokingham. (At the time, we couldn't really argue with that, but we certainly can now!). This was followed by that extraordinary home "match" with Sutton, which was abandoned (as many other matches were that afternoon) after just 15 minutes, leading to all sorts of hassles with some fans trying to claim their money back, and a barrage of criticism for the referee who, some felt, should not have started the game at all. In any case, the club's decision to allow free admission to a subsequent league game was appreciated. The weather was, of course, to play a significant role in the proceedings for the next few weeks. Who will forget that remarkable 1st Round F.A. Trophy tie at home to Darford? With most of the South-East of England blanketed by inches of snow, virtually the entire football programme was wiped out, and most of us were resigned to spending a Saturday afternoon at home. It almost seemed a waste of time to phone Loakes Park to check, but a voice on the

other end of the line assured callers that the game was actually on. So we duly arrived to find a snow-covered pitch marked with blue lines, but soon the orange match ball was in the Wycombe net for a goal to the Gola League visitors. But to our delight and sheer amazement, Wycombe equalised and then scored again, and again, and again, and again, and again, to finish 6-1 winners. It was so easy, even Graham Pearce scored! (sorry Graham). The only minor disappointment was the non-appearance of Dartford's ex Wycombe favourites Terry Glynn (dropped) and George Borg (Suspended, would you believe). When the following Saturday's league match



(Courtesy Jeff Holmes, Bucks Free Press)
Simon Read cooly slots home the first, in the 6-1 rout of Dartford (12/01/85)

with Walthamstow was won in similar snowy conditions, fans were wondering if it was possible for the snow to continue till May. But the snow cleared and a week later we were unfortunate to lose 2-1 at Worthing.

It was to be our last league defeat for nearly three months.

Our reward for the Dartford victory was an away match at Wealdstone - probably the most difficult draw we could have had, as they were then top of the Gola League (and eventually won both the Gola League Championship and F.A. Trophy). We were a little unfortunate not to at least force a home replay, again going down 2-1. With the Wembley dream gone for another season, all we were left to play for was our league position (then 13th) and another tilt at the Hitachi Cup (then through to Round 3).

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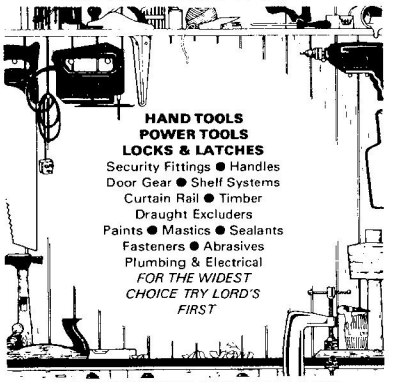
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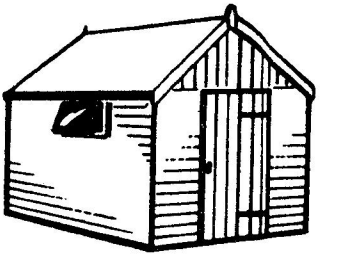
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Penalty !! No, the screams were in vain, as Declan comes crashing down at Wealdstone (02/02/85)

It was from this point onwards that our team struck a vein of pure confidence and almost incredible consistency. Vircavs and Burgess now looked a formidable barrier at the back, Dell and Collins were battling tirelessly in midfield, and Read and Link were still scoring with monotonous regularity League wins over Hayes (who faded in the second half of the season almost as dramatically as we improved) and Bishops Stortford were followed by a hiccup at Carshalton where a 3-1 lead with 10 minutes left was turned into a 3-3 draw as a result of some uncharacteristically slack defending. Into March, and after a draw at Slough and a win at Epsom (featuring a superb header by Declan Link for the winning goal) came the re-arranged league match at home to Sutton, the championship favourities. Still having lost only two league games to date. We were bitterly disappointed to see a hard-earned 2-0 lead cancelled out by 2 late Sutton goals, but another Link header with only a minute left gave us a thrilling victory and three more points. The much - delayed Hitachi Cup tie with Bishops Stortford was won by a comprehensive 4-0 scoreline, and a fortnight later we progressed into the Semi-Finals with a 2-0 home victory over Harrow. In the Blues Club after that Quarter Final win we were delighted to hear of a shock 3-0 home



(Courtesy Jeff Holmes, Bucks Free Press)

Surely the fastest shot of the season, Declan Link whips the ball past the Slough 'keeper before he can move (05/03/85)



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Simon Read slides the ball under the Slough 'keeper to put us ahead (05/03/85)

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Declan Link's there again, exactly when we need him, this time to snatch victory from Sutton in the dying minutes (12/03/85)



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Mark West loops his header over the unfortunate Stortford 'keeper, in our 4-0 Hitachi Cup Victory (14/03/85)

defeat for Sutton by Farnborough, of the 1st Division, in their Semi-Final match. Having endured Hitachi Cup Final defeats at Sutton in the two previous season it was a relief to know that, should we reach the final, we would at least be facing "new" opposition.



(Courtesy Jeff Holmes, Bucks Free Press)
Mark West again, this time cooly slotting home in our 1-1 draw against Worthing (16/03/85)

By the end of March, the season had been transformed from one of disappointed mediocrity to one of POTENTIAL excitement. From now until the end of the season we faced the daunting prospect of playing three matches a week (a consequence of the severe winter) but the now-rumoured Gola League application was adding extra interest, though the possibility of promotion was still a very distant dream. We already had a run of 10 league games without defeat behind us, and stood at 7th place in the league table. With a Hitachi Cup Semi-Final at Staines to look forward to, and possibly a Final over two legs with Farnborough, an end of season flourish was not yet out of the question. But we dared not imagine how dramatic those last few games may be.

The Semi-Final at Staines was won 2-0, with goals, appropriately enough, from Declan Link who (along with Simon Read and Kevin Collins) was playing against his old Club. (Declan missed the following league match with a stomach upset, and when it was revealed that his former Staines

team-mates had bought him a meal after the Semi-Final there was some speculation among Wycombe fans as to whether this was just a coincidence!). We now had the Hitachi Cup Final to look forward to (this time, with the 2nd leg at home) but it was the league form that kept everyone talking. The wins just kept on coming. Winning 4-1 at Hitchin, after an astonishing first half performance gave us a 4-0 half-time lead, lifted us to 3rd place for the first time. Gola League football was now becoming a distinct possibility - if the good form could be maintained, and 3rd place held. Sutton (the likely champions) had apparently NOT applied by the March 31st deadline for admission to the Gola, and though Worthing (likely Runners-up) had applied, it was felt that their ground would not meet the Gola standards. The excitement was building up!

An away match at Barking was next, a fixture which looked to be one of the more difficult of the remaining programme in view of the Londoner's spectacular recovery from what had looked like certain relegation for much of the season. This was an afternoon which will be remembered by Blues away fans for its atrocious weather conditions and a dramatic winning goal. A gale force wind, blowing down the length of the pitch made constructive football virtually impossible. Wycombe played with the wind in their favour in the first half and at half-time had a 1-0 advantage - another well-placed header by Dave Burgess. When an equaliser was conceded halfway through the second half many of us would have settled gratefully for a draw. But, with just 5 minutes remaining, Simon Read beat the Barking goalkeeper to a long pass and slipped the ball across the goalmouth and into the path of Roy Fairchild, who gleefully smashed it into the roof of the net to earn us yet another three points. The following Tuesday a 2-0 win at Hendon became our 10th consecutive competitive win, and took our points total to 39 from the previous 15 league games. An official announcement was then made confirming the Gola League application. Six league matches remained - five at home, one away - and it was becoming apparent that Wokingham, six points behind us with two games in hand, were the main threat to our chances of taking the all important 3rd place.

Confidence was sky-high when Tooting, who we had beaten on their own ground less than three weeks earlier, were the visitors to Loakes Park. Simon Read opened the scoring in the first five minutes but it soon became evident that Tooting were to prove much more difficult opposition this time. They hit back to lead 2-1, stunning the Wycombe fans who had almost forgotten how it felt to see their team losing. Trevor How equalised for Wycombe before half-time but a superb goal by Tooting in the second half gave the London side a well deserved 3-2 win, so ending the long unbeaten run. The Wanderers then returned to their winning ways at Walthamstow while Wokingham were also winning at Hendon. Wokingham's results were now as important to us as our own, and our league games were being followed by anxious moments in the Clubhouses awaiting other results. League tables

were hastily updated, and all sorts of calculations made regarding the likely number of points we required from the remaining matches.

Four league matches were left now, all at home. Hendon came first (now into the last week of April) and to our horror inflicted a disastrous 3-1 defeat on us. Fans and players alike were stunned as a sloppy goal was conceded just before the interval, to be followed by an unfortunate error by Gary Lester for 0-2 and then a wickedly deflected shot for 0-3. Wokingham had won again, and now looked very capable of pipping us for that 3rd position. A 2-1 win over Dulwich the following Saturday made little difference to our position in relation to Wokingham as they also



(Courtesy Jeff Holmes, Bucks Free Press)

It's Declan again, but this stylish looking effort didn't go in, during our 2-1 victory over Dulwich (27/04/85)

won. We were beginning to fear the worst, but then came that Tuesday evening when the whole situation turned again in our favour. The excitement of another win over Harrow was multiplied 100 times by the news that Wokingham had lost to struggling Bishops Stortford, meaning that a win in our final league match, at home to Croydon two days later, would give us 3rd place for sure.

Wycombe fans who saw that last match against Croydon will not forget the evening in a hurry. To a neutral, it would have probably appeared a scrappy affair, but its crucial importance filled every minute with

tension for Wycombe Wanderers. After a nervous start by the home players, Croydon scored with the game just 10 minutes old. Fans froze, as their worst fears had just taken a giant step towards coming true. Surely it couldn't all go wrong now? Why were Croydon battling so hard to beat us anyway? They had nothing (much) to play for! Couldn't they just let us win? Please? But they wouldn't. They were still a goal up at half-time, and looking good value for their lead, too. The half-time score from Wokingham was announced. (Anything less than a win for Wokingham would leave us safe, regardless of our own result). "Wokingham 1 Epsom 1" - we dared not anticipate that Epsom would hold them for another 45 minutes, but it looked as though that was our only hope as Croydon were still holding their 1-0 lead halfway through the second half. Then, all at once, things started happening. Everything went right! Declan Link equalised, then scored again - how he got that second goal over the line I'll never know, but we were all too busy jumping around the terraces to worry about that. Then, as the last few minutes ticked away, the rumours started circulating that Wokingham had lost (4-1!) Not daring to believe them, the last few minutes of our own match seemed to last for ages, but soon it was all over, and promotion was in the bag.

Less than 48 hours later was the first leg of the Hitachi Cup final at Farnborough. The Hampshire side were not to be underestimated - they had achieved promotion to the Premier Division as Champions (and didn't their supporters let us know about that) and had achieved some fine results against other Premier Division opponents on their way to the Final, notably against Hayes, Wokingham, Hendon and Sutton, all without conceeding a goal. As a Wycombe Supporter, it is difficult to think of enough superlatives to describe our teams performance that afternoon. To take a 3-0 advantage from the away leg of a difficult Cup Final was nothing short of amazing in itself, but to have achieved such a result with the open, attractive attacking football Paul Bences' team played that day was almost too good to be true.

Another two days later it was a wonderful feeling to be at Loakes Park on a sunny Bank Holiday afternoon for such a prestigious occasion knowing that, barring a complete disaster, the Cup was virtually already ours, having also completed a major achievement in winning a Gola League place. For many of us, it must have been one of the most enjoyable days ever spent supporting Wycombe Wanderers. Again, the team hardly put a foot wrong, in a supremely professional, if less spectacular, performance. Farnborough were never allowed to threaten the three goal lead, and two goals from Simon Read in the last quarter of an hour, with a consolation goal for Farnborough in between, sealed victory by a 5-1 margin on aggregate. Anton Vircavs collected the Cup from Sir Stanley Rous in front of a jubilant crowd gathered around the main stand. The Centenary Season had ended perfectly. Someone had had the foresight to arrange for the Blues Club to stay open till 11.00 p.m. - there was a lot of celebrating to be done!

by Simon Burrage



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The Farnborough 'keeper makes a spectacular effort, but Simon Read's injury time winner had clinched the second-leg (06/05/85)

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GAME	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	V	RESULT	H-T	ATT	SCORERS
1	11 Aug 84	Farnborough Town	Fr	A	W 2-0	(1-0)	210	Link, Tate
2	13 Aug 84	Dagenham	Fr	A	D 1-1	(1-1)	330	og
3	18 Aug 84	Crystal Palace	Fr	H	W 5-0	(4-0)	411	Link 2, Broome, Tate 2
4	21 Aug 84	Metropolitan Police	Fr	A	D 3-3	(1-2)	90	Tate 2, og
5	25 Aug 84	Wokingham Town	SIL	A	L 0-2	(0-1)	550	
6	28 Aug 84	Epsom & Ewell	SIL	H	D 0-0	(0-0)	461	
7	1 Sep 84	Billericay Town	SIL	H	L 1-2	(1-1)	464	Read
8	4 Sep 84	Hayes	SIL	A	L 0-1	(0-0)	370	
9	8 Sep 84	Bognor Regis Town	SIL	A	L 2-3	(2-1)	350	Read, Link
10	15 Sep 84	Barking	SIL	H	W 3-0	(1-0)	459	Richardson, Read 2
11	22 Sep 84	Harlow Town	SIL	A	W 1-0	(0-0)	138	Read
12	29 Sep 84	Bishops Stortford	SIL	H	W 5-0	(1-0)	520	Jacobs, Read 3, Richardson
13	3 Oct 84	Leicester City	Fr	H	D 0-0	(0-0)	1270	
14	6 Oct 84	Dulwich Hamlet	SIL	A	W 2-0	(1-0)	370	Link 2
15	9 Oct 84	Bracknell Town	HLC1	H	D 3-3	(0-0)	355	Tate 2, How
16	11 Oct 84	Canadian World Cup X1	Fr	H	L 2-3	(0-1)	220	Tate, Moore
17	13 Oct 84	Windsor & Eton	SIL	H	L 0-4	(0-2)	703	
18	16 Oct 84	Burnham	B&B1	A	L 3-5	(2-2)	550	Long, Link, og
19	20 Oct 84	Croydon	SIL	A	D 1-1	(1-1)	120	Long
20	23 Oct 84	Bracknell Town	HLC1	A	W 4-0	(2-0)	265	Read 2, Link 2
21	27 Oct 84	Burton Albion	FAC4q	H	D 1-1	(0-0)	978	Vircavs
22	31 Oct 84	Burton Albion	FAC4qr	A	L 1-2	(1-1)	3342	Link
23	3 Nov 84	Leytonstone/Ilford	SIL	A	L 0-2	(0-1)	130	
24	6 Nov 84	Slough Town	SIL	H	W 3-1	(1-1)	766	Long 2, Fairchild
25	13 Nov 84	Billericay Town	HLC2	A	W 3-2	(1-1)	387	Long, Pentland 2
26	24 Nov 84	Sutton United	SIL	A	L 0-1	(0-0)		
27	27 Nov 84	Beaconsfield United	Fr	H	W 3-0	(3-0)		Long, Link 2
28	1 Dec 84	Harlow Town	SIL	H	W 5-1	(1-0)	496	Link 3, Read, Long
29	8 Dec 84	Harrow Borough	SIL	A	W 3-2	(0-0)	400	Read 2, Link
30	15 Dec 84	Bognor Regis Town	SIL	H	L 0-2	(0-1)	491	
31	18 Dec 84	Walton & Hersham	Fr	A	W 2-0	(1-0)	50	West, Link
32	26 Dec 84	Wokingham Town	SIL	H	D 1-1	(0-1)	533	Burgess
33	1 Jan 85	Windsor & Eton	SIL	A	L 0-1	(0-1)		
34	12 Jan 85	Dartford	FAT1	H	W 6-1	(1-1)	646	Read 2, Vircavs, Russell, Pearce og
35	19 Jan 85	Walthamstow Avenue	SIL	H	W 1-0	(0-0)	599	Read
36	26 Jan 85	Worthing	SIL	A	L 1-2	(1-0)	472	Russell
37	2 Feb 85	Wealdstone	FAT2	A	L 1-2	(0-1)	875	Read
38	5 Feb 85	Hayes	SIL	H	W 1-1	(0-0)	463	Link
39	23 Feb 85	Bishops Stortford	SIL	A	W 1-1	(0-0)		Link
40	26 Feb 85	Carshalton Athletic	SIL	A	D 3-3	(2-1)	250	Read, og 2
41	2 Mar 85	Uxbridge	Fr	H	L 0-1	(0-0)	191	
42	5 Mar 85	Slough Town	SIL	A	D 2-2	(2-2)	725	Link, Read
43	9 Mar 85	Epsom & Ewell	SIL	A	W 2-1	(1-0)		Wilson, Link
44	12 Mar 85	Sutton United	SIL	H	W 3-2	(1-0)	454	West, Read, Link
45	14 Mar 85	Bishops Stortford	HLC3	H	W 4-0	(1-0)	302	Burgess, West, Link, Fairchild
46	16 Mar 85	Worthing	SIL	H	D 1-1	(1-1)	473	West
47	19 Mar 85	Hitchin Town	SIL	H	W 2-0	(1-0)	323	Read 2
48	23 Mar 85	Billericay Town	SIL	A	W 1-0	(1-0)		Link
49	26 Mar 85	Iddretslaget Vidar (Norway)	Fr	H	D 0-0	(0-0)		
50	28 Mar 85	Harrow Borough	HLC4	H	W 2-0	(1-0)	426	Read 2
51	30 Mar 85	Tooting & Mitcham United	SIL	A	W 2-1	(1-0)		Link 2
52	2 Apr 85	Carshalton Athletic	SIL	H	W 1-0	(1-0)	456	Read
53	4 Apr 85	Staines Town	HLCSF	A	W 2-0	(1-0)		Link 2
54	6 Apr 85	Leytonstone/Ilford	SIL	H	W 1-0	(0-0)	520	Read
55	9 Apr 85	Hitchin Town	SIL	A	W 4-1	(4-0)	268	Burgess, Wilson, Read, Link
56	13 Apr 85	Barking	SIL	A	W 2-1	(1-0)		Burgess, Fairchild
57	16 Apr 85	Hendon	SIL	A	W 2-0	(1-0)		Link, Read
58	18 Apr 85	Tooting & Mitcham United	SIL	H	L 2-3	(2-2)	637	Read, How
59	23 Apr 85	Walthamstow Avenue	SIL	A	W 2-0	(0-0)		Link 2
60	25 Apr 85	Hendon	SIL	H	L 1-3	(0-1)	474	Read
61	27 Apr 85	Dulwich Hamlet	SIL	H	W 2-1	(2-0)	567	Burgess, Pearce
62	30 Apr 85	Harrow Borough	SIL	H	W 2-0	(0-0)	580	Wilson, Link
63	2 May 85	Croydon	SIL	H	W 2-1	(0-1)	554	Link 2
64	4 May 85	Farnborough Town	HLCFin	A	W 3-0	(2-0)	824	Read, West, Link
65	6 May 85	Farnborough Town	HLCFin	H	W 2-1	(0-0)	1028	Read 2
66	28 May 85	Quarteira (Portugal)	Tour	A	W 3-0	(2-0)		West, How, Collins
67	30 May 85	Alvor (Portugal)	Tour	A	D 0-0	(0-0)		


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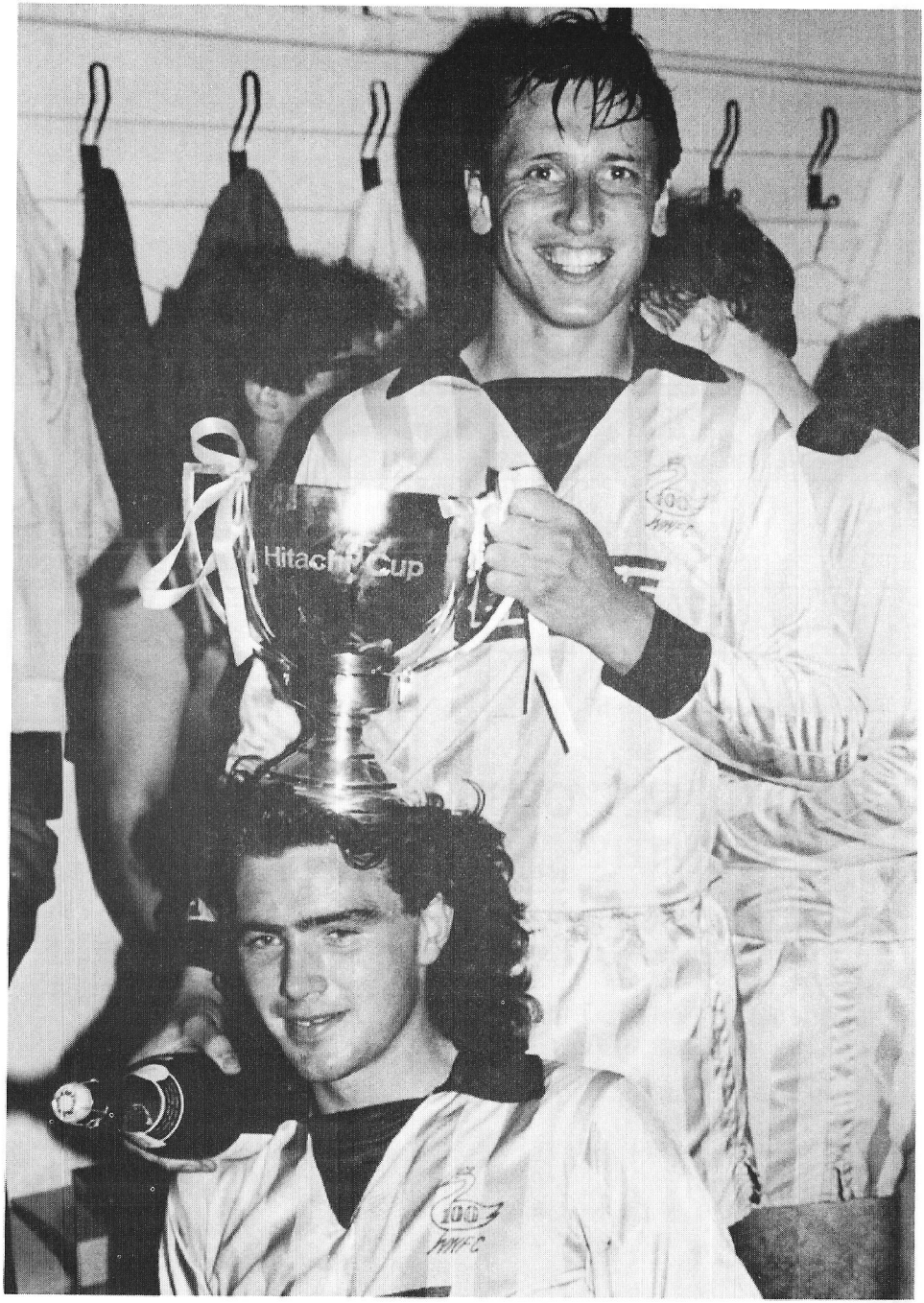

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	DIVISION I	John Mitchell	St Albans City F.C.
	DIVISION II NORTH	Frank Cornwell & Paul Peterson	Stevenage Borough F.C.
	DIVISION II SOUTH	Fred Saxton	Grays Athletic F.C.
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	DIVISION I	Alan Dafforn	Wembley F.C.
	DIVISION II NORTH	Nick Beach	Chalfont St Peter F.C.
	DIVISION II SOUTH	Ron Clack	Uxbridge F.C.
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	DIVISION I	Billy Miller	Kingstonian F.C.
	DIVISION II NORTH	John Ryan	Saffron Walden Town F.C.
	DIVISION II SOUTH	Jack Davies	Southall F.C.
January	No awards were made due to inclement weather.		
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	DIVISION II SOUTH	Fred Saxton	Grays Athletic F.C.
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DAVE BURGESS



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Dave Burgess receives his "Player of the Season" award from Tom Pink of Norman Reeves (Slough), as Brian Lee the Chairman and Deputy Dick Hutton look on

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OCTOBER	DAVE BURGESS
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Sutton United	42	23	15	4	115	55	84	
Worthing	42	24	8	10	89	59	80	
Wycombe Wanderers	42	24	6	12	68	46	78	
Wokingham Town	42	20	13	9	74	52	73	
Windsor & Eton	42	19	10	13	67	55	67	
Bognor Regis Town	42	20	6	16	67	58	66	
Dulwich Hamlet	42	16	17	9	82	57	65	
Harrow Borough	42	18	8	16	70	56	62	
Hayes	42	17	8	17	60	58	59	
Tooting & Mitcham	42	16	11	15	64	66	59	
Walthamstow Avenue	42	15	11	16	64	65	56	
Croydon	42	15	12	15	62	63	54	**
Epsom & Ewell	42	13	14	15	63	62	53	
Slough Town	42	13	12	17	69	74	51	
Carshalton Athletic	42	14	8	20	55	68	50	
Bishop's Stortford	42	12	12	18	48	67	48	
Hendon	42	9	19	14	62	65	46	
Billericay Town	42	11	14	17	53	74	46	*
Barking	42	13	7	22	43	75	46	
Hitchin Town	42	10	15	17	55	70	45	
Leytonstone/Ilford	42	11	10	21	37	72	43	
Harlow Town	42	5	12	25	45	95	27	

* One Point Deducted
** Three Points Deducted

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
FINAL TABLES
DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Farnborough Town	42	26	8	8	101	45	86	
Kingstonian	42	23	10	9	67	39	79	
Leatherhead	42	23	10	9	109	61	76	**
Chesham United	42	22	8	12	78	46	74	
Wembley	42	20	10	12	59	40	70	
St. Albans City	42	19	10	13	79	59	67	
Tilbury	42	18	13	11	86	68	67	
Bromley	42	18	9	15	71	65	63	
Hampton	42	17	11	14	75	62	62	
Staines Town	42	16	11	15	59	53	59	
Maidenhead United	42	17	8	17	65	64	59	
Walton & Hersham	42	16	8	18	60	69	55	*
Aveley	42	16	7	19	62	78	55	
Oxford City	42	14	12	16	62	53	54	
Lewes	42	15	9	18	70	72	54	
Basildon United	42	15	8	19	55	61	53	
Boreham Wood	42	15	7	20	72	83	52	
Hornchurch	42	15	6	21	55	74	51	
Woking	42	15	6	21	60	91	51	
Metropolitan Police	42	10	12	20	65	92	42	
Clapton	42	5	11	26	50	124	26	
Hertford Town	42	5	10	27	36	97	25	

* One Point Deducted
** Three Points Deducted

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
FINAL TABLES
DIVISION TWO NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Leyton-Wingate	38	24	9	5	98	49	81	
Finchley	38	24	8	6	66	31	79	*
Heybridge Swifts	38	22	9	7	71	33	75	
Stevenage Borough	38	23	6	9	79	49	75	
Saffron Walden Town	38	22	8	8	73	31	74	
Tring Town	38	19	11	8	76	41	68	
Chalfont St. Peter	38	17	10	11	72	41	61	
Flackwell Heath	38	16	11	11	53	40	59	
Berkhamsted Town	38	15	12	11	50	42	57	
Letchworth Garden City	38	17	6	15	66	69	57	
Royston Town	38	13	9	16	47	77	48	
Cheshunt	38	14	5	19	52	57	47	
Marlow	38	13	6	19	64	81	45	
Hemel Hempstead	38	11	7	20	49	64	40	
Barton Rovers	38	9	8	21	40	62	35	
Wolverton Town	38	9	8	21	38	77	35	
Kingsbury Town	38	9	7	22	53	72	34	
Harefield United	38	7	9	22	51	81	30	
Haringey Borough	38	6	12	20	38	79	30	
Ware	38	7	5	26	40	100	26	

*One Point Deducted

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
FINAL TABLES
DIVISION TWO SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Grays Athletic	36	24	9	3	84	25	81	
Uxbridge	36	22	10	4	81	20	76	
Molesey	36	20	5	11	62	42	65	
Hungerford Town	36	18	9	9	71	49	63	
Whyteleafe	36	17	10	9	66	34	61	
Egham Town	36	17	7	12	54	42	58	
Southall	36	18	3	15	54	57	57	
Bracknell Town	36	15	7	14	54	48	52	
Banstead Athletic	36	14	8	14	63	70	50	
Horsham	36	13	10	13	44	39	49	
Ruislip Manor	36	13	10	13	48	49	49	
Dorking	36	12	11	13	45	50	47	
Rainham Town	36	12	8	16	58	61	44	
Feltham	36	10	13	13	44	58	43	
Camberley Town	36	10	12	14	44	54	42	
Eastbourne United	36	10	9	17	66	72	39	
Petersfield United	36	9	5	22	41	80	32	
Newbury Town	36	8	7	21	35	69	16	**
Chertsey Town	36	2	3	31	23	118	6	*

* Three Points Deducted
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TOUR REPORT BY TEAM CAPTAIN - ANTON VIRCAVS

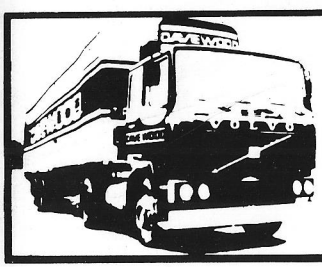
I'm happy to report that this years tour in Quarteira on Portugals Algarve was once again a highly successful event.

On the football side, the lads put up a marvellous performance on treacherous shale pitches, winning the first game versus Quarteira 3-0. Scorers Mark West, Trevor How and Kevin Collins. In the second game we were held to a goalless draw against Alvor. The good results were due to the amount of first squad players present, ten in all. Much praise must go to reserve players Tony Anglin, Peter Augustine and Trevor Bunting who all had fine games.

First team players who unfortunately couldn't make it were Simon Read who couldn't bear to leave his girlfriend. Roy Fairchild who mysteriously dropped out the week before (rumours suggested Interpol were involved) and Declan Link who wouldn't go without Simon.

On the entertainment side we were never short of things to do. The most favoured nightspots were the Crazy Bull and Zebras in nearby Alburfura. During the day Brian Lee, once again became Champion on the golf course taking the title off the players favourite 'Slapper' Lester. Young Trevor Bunting (who only came at the last minute when his boss found a stand in for his paper round) won the ten pin bowling tournament.

There were only a few casualties on the tour, one involved John Richarson who, on an afternoon lost almost complete control of himself, medical treatment later proved it may have been due to a drug in a cactus plant he had eaten the night before. The other casualties were Mark West, Graham Pearce, Trevor Bunting and Paul Birdseye who all suffered severe hangovers after the one Tequila too many, and last but not least Bob Hart who had sunstroke after being told the sun would make his hair grow.



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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1984-85

	APPEARANCES				GOALS			
PLAYERS	LGE	CUP	OTH	TOT	LGE	CUP	OTH	TOT
Tony Anglin	-	-	2(1)	2(1)	-	-	-	-
Peter Augustine	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Paul Birdseye	-	-	-(1)	-(1)	-	-	-	-
Brian Broome	3	-	4	7	-	-	1	1
Trevor Bunting	-	-	2(3)	2(3)	-	-	-	-
Dave Burgess	42	13	9(2)	64(2)	4	1	-	5
Geoff Charles	-	-	-(1)	-(1)	-	-	-	-
Kevin Collins	28	7	6	41	-	-	1	1
Bob Dell	37	13	11(1)	61(1)	-	-	-	-
Mick Doherty	6(3)	3	5	14(3)	-	-	-	-
Roy Fairchild	17(1)	3(2)	3(1)	23(4)	2	1	-	3
Bob Foster	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Jackie Graham	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Andy Harman	7	3(2)	3(1)	13(3)	-	-	-	-
Trevor How	27(1)	6	11(1)	44(2)	1	1	1	3
Jimmy Jacobs	2(1)	1	1(1)	4(2)	1	-	-	1
Gary Lester	42	13	10	65	-	-	-	-
Declan Link	38(1)	12	7(2)	57(3)	22	8	6	36
Steve Long	10	4	3(1)	17(1)	4	2	1	7
Richard Mikurenda	7	3	1	11	-	-	-	-
Roger Moore	-	-	-(1)	-(1)	-	-	1	1
Graham Pearce	37	12	9(2)	58(2)	1	1	-	2
Simon Pentland	6(2)	5(1)	-(3)	11(6)	-	2	-	2
Simon Read	38(1)	12	2(1)	52(2)	23	10	-	33
John Richardson	8	-	5(1)	13(1)	2	-	-	2
Anthony Riley	-(2)	-	-(1)	-(3)	-	-	-	-
Dave Russell	11	2	2(1)	15(1)	1	1	-	2
Andy Styles	-	-	-(1)	-(1)	-	-	-	-
Colin Tate	6(2)	-(2)	5(1)	11(5)	-	2	6	8
Kevin Tilley	39	11	11	61	-	-	-	-
Anton Vircavs	20(1)	10	6(1)	36(2)	-	2	-	2
Wayne Wanklyn	1	-	3(1)	4(1)	-	-	-	-
Mark West	9(8)	4	4	17(8)	2	2	2	6
Ken Wilson	21	6	3	30	3	-	-	3
Own Goals	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	6
MAXIMUM / TOTAL	42	13	12	67	68	35	21	124

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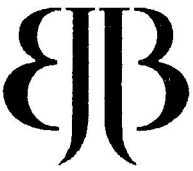
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A LOOK FORWARD TO 1985/86
by Club Captain, Dave Burgess

The forthcoming season sees Wycombe Wanderers enter their second one hundred years in a new league, which gives the players at the Club the opportunity to play at the highest standard of non-league football. The Gola League contains clubs with the best facilities outside the Football League and the players are looking forward to playing at better grounds and in front of larger crowds.

The National Press coverage of the Gola League is quite extensive and the opportunity presented to the players to be in the non-league spotlight may well help those with ambitions to play at even higher standard. Whilst the Gola League will probably be the highlight of most non-league players' careers, it may well prove to be only the stepping stone to some players who have ambitions on a Football League career.

The geographical layout of the clubs within the Gola League brings a fresh meaning to the term "away game". Gone is what the players considered to be a long trip to Worthing or Bognor, these are replaced by major excursions to such places as Barrow and Scarborough which warrants larger commitments of time and energy from the players and more detailed organisation of travel arrangements by the committee, but players hope that they can meet these extra commitments, most of us are uncertain just what to expect as none of us have any Gola League experience. Many of us will also be relying on an understanding and sympathetic approach from our employers with regard to the amount of time we need to take off from work to meet the mid-week games.

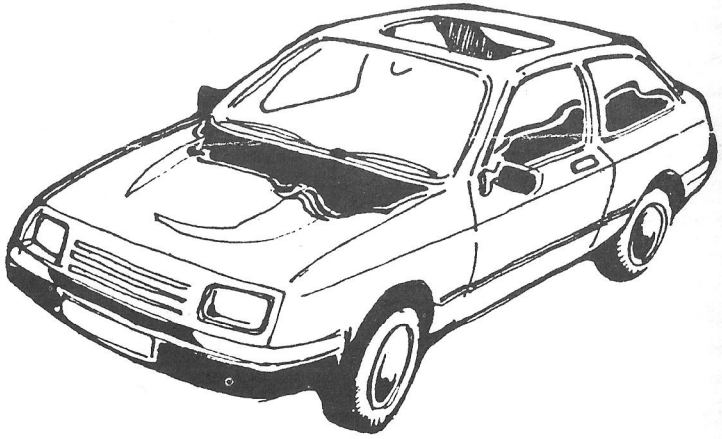
The players feel that they are extending the achievements of previous Wycombe players and it is somewhat ironic that promotion to the Gola League was achieved by finishing third in the Isthmian League and not on many of the occasions when Wycombe have finished as champions, however, there can be no argument against Wycombe Wanderers playing in the top flight non-league football, considering their facilities and past achievements. There is a feeling amongst the players that by playing against Gola League opposition week in and week out, that our own standards may be improved and our participation in the F.A. Cup and F.A. Trophy may last longer than last season. In fact having watched the final of the F.A. Trophy between Wealdstone and Boston, at the end of last season, many of us feel that there is no reason why Wycombe Wanderers cannot be at Wembley in 1986.

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Reserves Report

Season 1984-85 proved to be another successful campaign for the Reserves, with an unbeaten run of 15 games from December to the end of the season ensuring that third place was claimed in the final Suburban League (North) table. With just five defeats throughout the season the final points total was just four short of Champions Wokingham Town who deservedly won the title having beaten Hendon, away from home, in their final game of the season.

It has been the policy of the Reserves to give young players a chance to show their potential and for first teamers to regain match fitness. A glance at the appearances and goalscorers chart shows that 45 players turned out for the Reserves in competitive matches. The list shows players old and new, with goalkeeper Trevor Bunting heading the list with just one game missed all season and that was because he was on Berks & Bucks duty. On the goalscoring side their were 25 different scorers with Bob Foster netting 17 times to come out on top.

The Reserves have been fortunate over the past few seasons to have had some very experienced personnel and last season was no exception with Reserve Team coach Alan Ackrell and his assistant Colin Cooper providing the knowledge. Also to be congratulated is Reserve Team Secretary, Paul Lambourne for his excellent efforts throughout the season.

It was back in 1980-81 that the Reserves were reintroduced to Loakes Park. In the seasons following they have completed nearly 200 competitive games winning 127 times and scoring over 500 goals. Their pinnacle of achievement in the 1983-84 season when the Suburban League Championship was won and this together with a possible disbandment looming over their shoulder. Now with the Club entering a new era in the Gola League the practicality outweighs the necessity although one day perhaps that statement will be reversed.

RESERVES PLAYING RECORD 1980-81 TO 1984-85

COMPETITION	P	W	D	L	F	A	BEST PERFORMANCE
SUBURBAN LEAGUE	166	108	25	33	425	200	1st 1983-84
LEAGUE CUP	14	7	2	5	35	30	S-F 1982-83
B&B INTERMEDIATE	17	12	2	3	42	17	FINALISTS 1981-82
TOTAL	197	127	29	41	502	247	

RESERVES RESULTS AND GOALSCORERS 1984-85

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	V	RESULTS	SCORERS
Sat 11 Aug	MARLOW	Fr	H*	W 2-0	Stone 2
Tue 14 Aug	BURNHAM	FR	H*	D 0-0	
Sat 18 Aug	Maidenhead Utd	Fr	A	W 2-1	Foster, Mikurenda
Mon 20 Aug	SLOUGH TOWN	Fr	H*	W 3-1	Kotvics 2, Jacobs
Sat 25 Aug	FARNBOROUGH T	SL	H	W 4-1	Jacobs 2, Hall, Stone
Sat 1 Sep	Wokingham T	SL	A	L 0-2	
Wed 5 Sep	UXBRIDGE	SL	H	L 1-3	Harman (pen)
Sat 8 Sep	MOLESEY	SL	H	D 2-2	Kotvics, Stone
Sat 15 Sep	Staines T	SL	A	D 0-0	
Wed 19 Sep	HILLINGDON B	SL	H	W 2-1	Swannack, Moore
Sat 22 Sep	CHERTSEY T	SL	H	W 4-1	Stone, Hubbick, Moore, og
Tue 25 Sep	Harrow B	SL	A	D 1-1	Moore
Sat 29 Sep	WOKING	SL	H*	D 2-2	Long, Hubbick
Sat 6 Oct	FELTHAM	SL	H	W 6-0	Long 2, Fairchild 2, og 2
Sat 13 Oct	Chertsey T	SL	A	W 3-0	Hubbick, Foster 2
Wed 17 Oct	HENDON	SL	H	L 1-3	Tate
Sat 20 Oct	WEMBLEY	SL	H	D 1-1	Foster
Sat 27 Oct	Uxbridge	SL	A	W 4-0	Russell, Glennerster Styles, og
Thu 1 Nov	OXFORD UNIV	Fr	H	W 6-4	og, Russell 2, Fairchild Riley (pen), Charles
Sat 3 Nov	WOKINGHAM T	SL	H	W 2-1	Foster, Fairchild
Wed 7 Nov	Southall	SLC2	A	L 1-3	Fairchild
Sat 10 Nov	Egham T	SL	A	D 1-1	Riley (pen)
Sat 17 Nov	WOKING	SL	H	D 3-3	Foster, Glennerster, Russell
Sat 24 Nov	SLOUGH T	SL	H	W 5-1	Foster 2, Wanklyn Charles, Riley
Sat 1 Dec	Feltham	SL	A	L 0-2	
Sat 8 Dec	Woking	SL	A	L 0-2	
Sat 15 Dec	Farnborough T	SL	A	W 3-1	Kipling, Anglin, Wilson
Sat 22 Dec	Hillingdon B	SL	A	W 3-1	Foster, Anglin (pen) Styles
Sat 29 Dec	EGHAM T	SL	H	W 5-0	West 2, Foster, Fairchild, og
Sat 5 Jan	Wembley	SL	A	W 3-1	West 3
Sat 26 Jan	SOUTHALL	SL	H	D 2-2	Anglin (pen), Styles
Sat 2 Feb	HARROW B	SL	H	D 3-3	Foster, Anglin, Fairchild
Sat 23 Feb	CAMBERLEY T	SL	H	W 4-1	Russell, Foster Riley, Anglin

RESERVES RESULTS AND GOALSCORERS (Continued)

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	V	RESULT	SCORERS
Sat 2 Mar	Camberley T	SL	A	W 4-1	Hubbick, Redguard Riley, Mikurenda
Sat 9 Mar	HOUNSLOW	SL	H	W 3-0	Redguard, Foster Styles
Sat 16 Mar	Slough T	SL	A	W 3-1	Hubbick, Anglin (pen) Foster
Sat 23 Mar	Molesey	SL	A	W 3-2	Hubbick, Riley, How
Sat 30 Mar	STAINES T	SL	H	W 2-1	Charles, Foster
Mon 15 Apr	Hounslow	SL	A	W 2-1	Riley, Mikurenda
Sat 20 Apr	HAREFIELD	Fr	H*	W 6-0	Styles 6
Wed 24 Apr	Southall	SL	A	D 3-3	Foster 2, Riley
Sat 27 Apr	Hendon	SL	A	D 2-2	Foster, Styles

Key:- SL = Suburban League
SLC = Suburban League Cup
Fr = Friendly
* = Played at Bisham Abbey

SUBURBAN LEAGUE (NORTH)

FINAL TABLE 1984-85

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Wokingham Town	34	23	6	5	68	19	52
2 Hendon	34	22	6	6	79	37	50
3 Wycombe Wanderers	34	19	10	5	85	45	48
4 Wembley	34	20	7	7	88	38	47
5 Slough Town	34	18	9	7	75	55	45
6 Woking	34	19	7	8	61	44	45
7 Harrow Borough	34	18	7	9	74	54	43
8 Uxbridge	34	15	9	10	43	36	39
9 Farnborough Town	34	15	6	13	50	42	36
10 Staines Town	34	13	9	12	54	32	35
11 Southall	34	10	9	15	44	56	29
12 Egham Town	34	10	8	16	40	61	28
13 Hounslow	34	10	6	18	44	69	26
14 Camberley Town	34	8	6	20	30	68	22
15 Feltham	34	9	3	22	37	74	21
16 Molesey	34	7	5	22	38	69	19
17 Hillingdon Borough	34	6	3	25	37	84	15
18 Chertsey Town	34	5	2	26	30	91	12

RESERVES SUBURBAN LEAGUE APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1984-85

PLAYER	APPS	GOALS
Trevor Bunting	33 *	
Andy Styles	30 *	5
Billy Hubbick	26	5
Bob Foster	24(2)*	17
Geoff Charles	18(5)*	2
Addy Kipling	16(1)	1
Tony Anglin	16	6
Neil Wiles	16	
Antony Riley	17	7
Richard Mikurenda	15(1)	2
Andy Harman	14	1
Roy Fairchild	13(1)*	5
Peter Augustine	10(3)	
Richard Hall	10(2)*	1
Wayne Wanklyn	10	1
Ken Wilson	9	1
Rennie Glennerster	8 *	2
Alan Figg	8 *	
Roger Moore	8	3
Chris Holdcroft	7(4)	
Mark West	7	5
Graeme Dell	6(3)	
Mick Doherty	6	
Kevin Stone	5(1)	3
Keith Redguard	5	2
Trevor How	5	1
Graham Pearce	5	
Jim Jacobs	4	2
Joe Kotvics	4	1
Anton Vircavs	4	
Simon Pentland	3 *	
Dave Russell	3	3
Steve Long	3	2
Paul Swannack	1(6)	1
Gary Kingston	1(1)	
Colin Tate	1	1
Kevin Collins	1	
Bob Dell	1	
Brian Vasey	1	
Alistair Herbert	0(2)	
Scott Dover	0(1)	
Rooney Finlay	0(1)	
Dean Fortnam	0(1)	
Nicholas Campbell	0 *	
Charles Smith	0 *	
Own Goals		5
MAXIMUM / TOTAL	34	85

* Indicates plus one appearance in league cup

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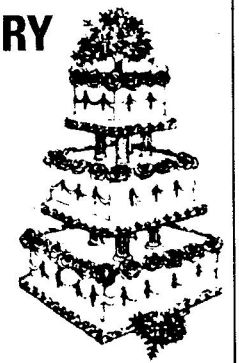
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PRELIMINARY ROUND		FIRST ROUND		SECOND ROUND		THIRD ROUND		FOURTH ROUND		SEMI-FINALS		FINAL	
Dorking v Wolverton Town	1-0	Dorking	0	Epsom & Ewell	2	Epsom & Ewell	3						
		Epsom & Ewell	4					Epsom & Ewell	0				
		Windsor & Eton	5	Windsor & Eton	1								
Hungerford Town v Tring Town	2-2 3-0	Hungerford Town	0			Heybridge Swifts	2						
		Wembley	2	Wembley	0			Staines Town	2				
Harefield U v Camberley T	1-1 0-0 1-2	Camberley Town	0			Staines Town	0			Staines Town	0		
Eastbourne United v Heybridge Swifts	1-2	Heybridge Swifts	1.2	Heybridge Swifts	1								
		Hitchin Town	1.1										
		Slough Town	0	Staines Town	1								
		Staines Town	4			Staines Town	2						
		Croydon	3	Croydon	0			Staines Town	1				
		Bromley											
Letchworth G.C. v Rainham Town	1-0	Letchworth G.C.	4	Letchworth G.C.	1								
Horsham v Kingsbury Town	2-1	Horsham	4			Letchworth G.C.	3						
		Leatherhead	4	Leatherhead	1								
		Harlow Town	1										
Southall v St. Albans City	2-3	St. Albans City	2	Billericay Town	4								
		Billericay Town	4			Wycombe Wanderers	3						
		Wycombe Wanderers	3.4	Wycombe Wanderers	3.0			Wycombe Wanderers	4				
Bracknell Town v Saffron Walden Town	2-0	Bracknell Town	4										
		Maidenhead United	4	Maidenhead United	0								
		Leytonstone/Ilford	0			Bishops Stortford	0						
		Bishops Stortford	1	Bishops Stortford	1								
		Barking	0										
Hemel Hempstead Town v Egham Town	3-4	Egham Town	1	Leyton Wingate	4								
Leyton Wingate v Newbury Town	3-0	Leyton Wingate	4			Leyton Wingate	1						
		Walthamstow Avenue	3	Walthamstow Avenue	1								
		Dulwich Hamlet	1					Harrow Borough	1.0				
		Harrow Borough	1	Harrow Borough	0								
		Basildon United	0			Harrow Borough	2						
Haringey Borough v Ruislip Manor	3-1	Haringey Borough	0	Finchley	2								
Feltham v Finchley	0-1	Finchley	1			Harrow Borough	1.2						
Flackwell Heath v Chalfont St. Peter	1-2	Chalfont St. Peter	0	Aveley	1								
		Aveley	2			Aveley	2						
		Metropolitan Police	3	Metropolitan Police	1								
		Chesham United	1					Lewes	0				
		Hertford Town	2	Lewes	3								
		Lewes	4			Lewes	1						
	Bye	Whyteleafe	5	Whyteleafe	1								
		Woking								Sutton United	0		
		Sutton United	2.2	Sutton United	2.1								
		Worthing	2.1			Sutton United	5						
		Tilbury	1	Tilbury	0								
		Carshalton Athletic	0					Sutton United	4				
Ware v Berkhampsted Town	1-2	Berkhamsted Town	2	Stevenage Borough	3								
Stevenage Borough v Molesey	6-1	Stevenage Borough	3			Stevenage Borough	4						
		Tooting & Mitcham	0	Boreham Wood	1								
		Boreham Wood	1										
Uxbridge v Barton Rovers	2-3	Barton Rovers	2	Barton Rovers	1								
		Oxford City	1			Barton Rovers	2						
Epping Town v Banstead Athletic	4-2	Epping Town	4	Epping Town	0								
Royston Town v Grays Athletic	1-0	Royston Town	0					Hendon	1				
		Hendon	0.2	Hendon	0.1								
		Hornchurch	0.1			Hendon	3						
		Walton & Hersham	4	Walton & Hersham	1								
Chertsey Town v Marlow	2-0	Chertsey Town	2										
		Clapton	3	Farnborough Town	5								
		Farnborough Town				Farnborough Town	2						
		Bognor Regis Town	1	Hayes	2								
		Hayes	2										
Cheshunt v Petersfield United	3-0	Cheshunt	1	Wokingham Town	3								
		Wokingham Town				Wokingham Town	1.1						
		Hampton	1	Kingstonian	2								
		Kingstonian	2			Kingstonian	1.0	Farnborough Town	2				
										Farnborough Town	0		
												Wycombe Wanderers	5
												Farnborough Town	1

NEW FACES AT LOAKES PARK THIS SEASON

At the time of going to press, the only three new signings made were Sean Price, Des McMahon and Neal Stanley, who all came from Wokingham Town in the close season.

Sean Price - Aged 24 - Central Defender

Served, an apprenticeship with Reading, before a brief spell at Wycombe at the beginning of the 1979/80 season, before moving on to Newbury. He has spent four seasons at Wokingham, helping them to the Isthmian League Division One title and winning two Berks and Bucks Cup Winners Medals. He spent four months out of the team last season with a bad knee injury. He lives in Reading and works for the Thames Water Authority.

Neal Stanley - Aged 24 - Forward/Midfield

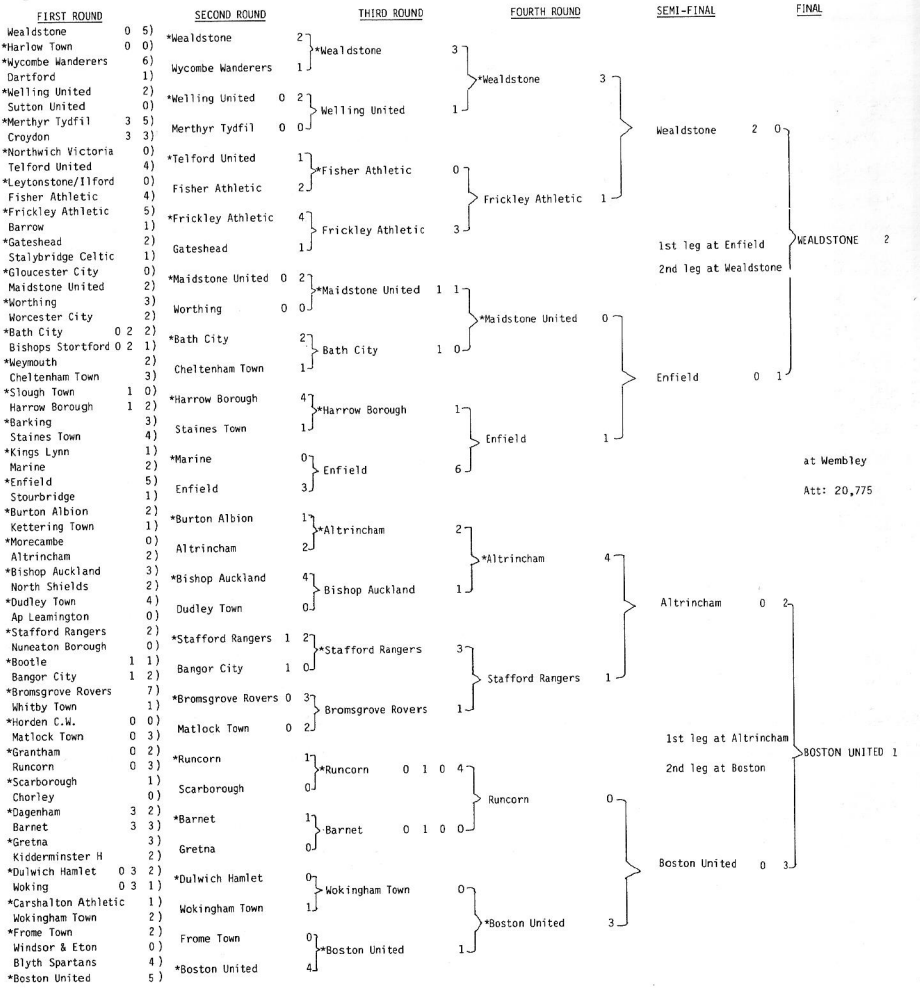
He has also won two Berks and Bucks Cup Winners Medals with Wokingham, and the Division One Championship. He has spent seven seasons at Wokingham, having spent a short while at Reading. He played up front last season, scoring 24 goals in over 50 games. He is a ceiling engineer and lives in Reading.

Des McMahon - Aged 29 - Midfield

Wycombe fans should certainly remember Des, who has been a thorn in our side for many seasons. An outstanding midfielder who is recognised as one of the best outside the Football League. One of only a few Isthmian League players selected for the England Non-League Squad. He has also represented the F.A. and the Isthmian League. He scored a brilliant goal against Wycombe in March 1984, in a 2-2 draw, and dominated the first league game of last season at Wokingham. He also played some first team football at Reading, and played for Hungerford for a while. He also lives in Reading, and is a Sales Representative with Ford.

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FINAL TABLES SEASON 1984/85

		HOME						AWAY					
POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Wealdstone	42	8	8	5	31	26	12	2	7	33	28	62
2	Nuneaton Boro	42	13	8	0	55	23	6	6	9	30	30	58
3	Dartford	42	7	7	7	28	25	10	6	5	29	23	57
4	Bath City	42	15	1	5	30	22	6	8	7	22	27	57
5	Altrincham	42	13	2	6	39	21	8	4	9	24	26	56
6	Scarborough	42	10	7	4	35	20	7	6	8	34	42	54
7	Enfield	42	11	7	3	48	27	6	6	9	36	34	53
8	Kidderminster H	42	8	4	9	40	38	9	4	8	39	39	51
9	Northwich Vic.	42	9	4	8	22	19	7	7	7	28	27	50
10	Telford Utd	42	10	7	4	36	24	5	7	9	23	30	49
11	Frickley Ath.	42	12	3	6	38	25	6	4	11	27	46	49
12	Kettering T.	42	9	6	6	37	22	6	6	9	31	37	48
13	Maidstone Utd	42	10	7	4	38	24	5	6	10	20	27	48
14	Runcorn	42	6	9	6	27	21	7	6	8	21	26	48
15	Barnet	42	9	7	5	36	20	6	4	11	23	32	47
16	Weymouth	42	13	1	7	41	32	2	12	7	29	34	45
17	Boston Utd	42	10	5	6	43	32	5	5	11	26	37	45
18	Barrow	42	6	9	6	25	22	5	7	9	22	35	43
19	Dagenham	42	8	6	7	28	27	5	4	12	19	40	41
20	Worcester C.	42	7	4	10	29	36	5	5	11	26	48	38
21	Gateshead	42	5	6	10	27	42	4	6	11	24	40	33*
22	Yeovil Town	42	4	7	10	26	36	2	4	15	18	51	25

* One point deducted

Points scoring: Home Win = 2 points, Away Win = 3 points, Draw = 1 point

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