

Daggers know party pattern

By BARRY FLATMAN

DAGENHAM are in danger of becoming *blase* about F.A. Cup success.

Standing in the middle of the celebrations after their 2-1 first round victory over Fourth Division Cambridge United, you could sense it was not a surprise party.

The fact is that knocking out Fourth Division opposition is nothing new to Gola League Dagenham.

Last year they despatched Swindon and Peterborough from the competition and goalscorer Steve Scott admitted after this latest success: "We are getting a bit used to this sort of thing."

"Really we were the favourites for this match so we were under more pressure than Cambridge, even though they are a League side."

"And let's face it, Cambridge are not as good as Swindon or Peterborough."

In a week when the whole structure of domestic football has been brought into question, this was a perfect advert for amalgamation of the part-timers from the Gola League and the full-timers of the Third and Fourth divisions.

Desperate

Dagenham never once looked overawed by Cambridge, currently 91st in the League, and the second half produced some of the 'best rough and tumble action I have seen this season, with Terry Sullivan scoring the winner.

Cambridge, financially much worse off than Dagenham, were desperate for a run into the third round and the hope of a cash boost by drawing one of the First Division big boys.

And manager Ken Shellito looked a concerned man as he muttered: "Dagenham did not win the match. We gave it to them."

Dagenham manager Tony Jennings admitted: "They were worth a draw. In the end we were hanging on by the skin of our teeth."

But it is Dagenham who go into today's draw for the second round. And if a Fourth Division club is picked to go to Dagenham, their manager will certainly be more worried than Tony Jennings.

REPLAY DATES

(7.30 unless stated)

TONIGHT

Port Vale v Mansfield

TOMORROW

Aylesbury v Slough (at Tring)

Chesterfield v Tranmere

Dartford v Bournemouth

Halesowen v Frickley

Morecambe v York (at Man City)

Orient v Rugby

Torquay v Windsor

WEDNESDAY

Bristol C v Swindon

Goston v Runcorn

Peterborough v Bishops Cleeve



LOCAL HERO ... Dagenham scorer Terry Sullivan