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With such a long gap inbetween our home games at the moment it seems an eternity since we defeated Wycombe Wanderers in the last round of the competition we play in this evening. That was a result that gave many supporters a great deal of satisfaction. For years we have lived in the shadow of our near neighbours but over the last few seasons we have gradually been challenging for the tab of leading Non-League side in the Berks & Bucks area. Even though they are now in the General Motors Conference there must be some debate as to which team holds that top spot. We have now defeated them in two of our last three meetings and even the loss at Wolverton in last season's Berks & Bucks Final came less than 24 hours after our game at Crawley in the Southern League.

Another issue much talked about at Aylesbury is the 4th Qualifying Round exemption enjoyed by Wycombe for quite some time. Something which was indeed well earned back in the 70's but the feeling at Aylesbury was that it was time they started from the beginning again as results over the last few seasons did not merit the continued exclusion to the advanced stages of the Qualifying competition. It was just our luck that when the F.A. also decided that this was the case we should meet them in the first tie!.

Despite the extended coverage given to a few hooligans that decided to inflict themselves upon everybody attending the Wycombe game, it was the football match that caught the eye more. At this point we should stress that Aylesbury United Football Club does not wish to be associated in any way with those people who made a spectacle of themselves for the wrong reasons. They are not 'Supporters', as they would have people believe, but a menace to any Football Club and we at Aylesbury will refuse admission to any person who we believe is attending the match purely to cause trouble.

Back to the football though and what an excellent performance the lads gave with a reorganised side. Paul Hackett came into the berth vacated by Peter Robinson, who was acting as Best Man at a friends wedding. At half-time we also lost Peter Hutter through injury but the reshuffled team performed wonders with Gary Harthill doing a good job in midfield. Wycombe will feel that they should have been up at the interval but they squandered several good chances whilst having the advantage of the strong wind at their backs. As the game progressed a goalless draw looked to be the most favoured result but Derek Duggan had other ideas. David Botterill's 83rd minute corner fell to Gary Harthill who had two efforts blocked on the edge of the penalty area, the second rebounded to Derek on the opposite side of the area. With the ball sitting up nicely he unleashed a great shot across the face of the goal which Wycombe 'keeper Gary Lester did well to get a hand to but could not prevent entering the net. Scenes of great delight followed as Derek celebrated the score, which left Wycombe with it all to do. The expected onslaught in the final minutes did not materialise and it was left to Cliff Campbell to seal a memorable win, heading home Gary Harthill's 90th minute corner.

Let's ensure we do not throw away the spoils of the well earned win by slipping up this evening.