

Sillett wise to beware Woking

JOHN SILLETT knows better than most the perils of managing a club against non-League opposition and this afternoon he and three other managers will attempt to avoid becoming giant-killers' victims.

The Hereford manager has seen both sides of the FA Cup coin. In 1987 he led Coventry to victory over Tottenham at Wembley and two years later suffered as Sutton beat Coventry 2-1.

Kenny Dalglish, at Blackburn, Brighton's Barry Lloyd and Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager, all face the unknown and, as Mr Sillett recalls with little effort, defeat against part-timers can be humiliating.

He said: "They are the sort of results I prefer to forget. We know that we have got to work hard and not waste our chances, otherwise we will be punished."

"Woking are obviously a cut above the normal non-League team judging by their position in the Diadora League and the fact that they have reached the third round of the Cup."

"Anything can happen in the Cup but providing we maintain our discipline and adopt a professional attitude we will get the right result."

"We must point the gun straight, pull the trigger and hopefully the bullet will go straight into the net," he said.

Woking won an automatic place after their exploits last season, when they beat West Bromwich, then of the Second Division, in the third round before losing to Everton at Goodison Park.

A capacity crowd of 4,500 is expected at their Kingfield Stadium, which received around £90,000-worth of ground improvements in the summer as a result of their Cup success.

Woking have echoed that success by leading the Diadora Premier League by 14 points with a run of just one defeat in 28 games this season.

Tim Buzaglo, who scored a hat-trick at The Hawthorns, is still injured and former Reading striker George Friel, a free transfer in the summer who has scored 25 goals in 28 games, has taken his place.

The Beazer Homes Premier League is represented by Crawley, who will take 5,000 supporters to nearby Brighton for one of the most important games in Sussex history.

Crawley manager Brian Sparrow may include former boxer Mark Searle, a Southern ABA heavyweight finalist, who was signed from Worthing.

Searle has just returned from a 112-day ban after he struck a referee while playing for Worthing.

Crawley field three former Brighton players, including Tony Towner, who spent six years at the Goldstone Ground and who will retire once Crawley's best Cup run comes to an end.

Kettering, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, travel to Blackburn with manager Peter Morris in optimistic mood.

Mr Morris said: "Woking went to Everton last year and got beaten 1-0. We're a better side than Woking and Everton are a better side than Black-

burn, so who knows what's going to happen."

Kettering, 1,500-1 outsiders, are attempting to reach the fourth round for the second time in four seasons. They lost to Charlton at that stage in the 1988-89 season.

Kettering owe the Inland Revenue around £100,000 — and whatever else happens the £30,000 share of today's gate will help to pay that bill.

Farnborough, too, can expect a healthy cheque when they try to emulate Sutton's victory over Coventry.

The Conference club, who play West Ham away, aim to become only the seventh non-League team to beat a First Division club in the FA Cup since the Third Division was added to the League in 1920.

Farnborough, founded in 1968, played their first game a year later and have risen through the Leagues at dizzying speed.

Ted Pearce, 49, has led the club since 1970, when they played in the Surrey Senior League. Today he takes charge for the 1,164th time.

Farnborough, whose team cost £12,000, should collect around £50,000 from the match. This is a far cry from the early days under Mr Pearce, when the club's assets comprised of one set of kit and a match ball.

They did pick up the the occasional windfall: one afternoon they collected £17 in gate money at their roped-off recreation ground pitch.

TOP CUP GIANT-KILLINGS

Walsall 2 Arsenal 0 (Jan 14 1933)

Third Division North side Walsall's hero in their victory over Arsenal was Gilbert Alsop, who headed the first goal and was the victim of the foul which led to the penalty and the second goal. Of his goal he said: "The ball was just a great big plum pudding that day and I headed it off my forehead straight into the corner of the net." **Man of the Match:** Gilbert Alsop.

Yeovil 2 Sunderland 1 (Jan 29 1949)

Yeovil were struggling in the Southern League when they were pitched against First Division Sunderland in the fourth round. Sunderland's team had cost £60,000 to put together and included England players Len Shackleton, Willie Watson and Jackie Robinson, while Yeovil's side had cost £65. Alec Stock, who went on to manage QPR and Fulham, put them ahead but then a fumble by the Yeovil goalkeeper, solicitor's clerk and Sunday School teacher Dickie Dyke, who had been called into the side at the last minute for only his second first-team appearance, let the visitors back in the game. Extra time was played — the cost of travel meant that matches had to be settled on the day — and as the fog rolled over Yeovil's sloped ground, Eric Bryant scored the winner. **Man of the Match:** Alec Stock.

Colchester Utd 3 Leeds Utd 2 (Feb 13 1971)

Two goals from Ray Crawford helped give Fourth Division Colchester a three-goal lead in a fifth-round tie. Then Norman Hunter and Johnny Giles pulled back goals for Leeds... but it was not enough. Don Revie, the Leeds manager, said after the match: "There's no excuse.

Colchester played very well and that's the story of the match." **Man of the Match:** Ray Crawford.

Hereford Utd 2 Newcastle Utd 1 (Feb 5, 1972)

Newcastle took the lead in the last 10 minutes of this replay, thanks to Malcolm Macdonald. But Ron Radford scored from a powerful shot to take the match into extra time. Ricky George popped up to score the winner and Hereford, then in the Southern League, became the first non-League team to knock out a First Division club since Yeovil beat Sunderland in 1949. The match had been postponed five times before reaching its stunning conclusion. **Man of the Match:** Ron Radford.

Burnley 0 Wimbledon 1 (Jan 4 1975)

Another victory for a Southern League side over First Division opposition came when Mick Mahon rifled home the only goal of the match at Turf Moor just after half-time, but the hero of the day was goalkeeper Dickie Guy, who pulled off a string of magnificent saves. Wimbledon centre-forward Roger Connell found his bag containing clothes and £15 had been stolen after the match. "Nothing could upset me after a result like that," he said. **Man of the Match:** Dickie Guy.

Harlow 1 Leicester City 0 (Jan 7 1980)

Second Division Leicester were undone in the replay by accountant John Mackenzie, who scored close to half-time with a shot which found its way through a crowd of players. For Harlow, an Isthmian League side, Leicester were their second League scalp of the Cup run but they went out 4-3 in the next

game. "Once we'd scored I knew we were going to win," said Mackenzie. **Man of the Match:** John Mackenzie.

Bournemouth 2 Manchester Utd 0 (Jan 7 1984)

Cup holders Manchester United were run ragged by a Bournemouth side seizing the chance of a big match with both hands. Milton Graham hammered home a shot after an hour, then Bryan Robson got in a tangle and Ian Thompson capitalised to drive home the second goal. **Man of the Match:** Ian Thompson.

Birmingham City 1 Altrincham 2 (Jan 14 1986)

Gola League side Altrincham beat First Division Birmingham after falling behind to a 64th-minute goal from Robert Hopkins. Ronnie Ellis pulled a goal back and Hopkins handed the visitors victory with a bizarre own goal. **Man of the match:** Ronnie Ellis.

Sutton United 2 Coventry City 1 (Jan 7 1989)

Cup winners only two years earlier, Coventry were fourth in the First Division but went behind to a Tony Rains goal in the first half. Sluggish Coventry pulled a goal back through Dave Phillips but Matthew Hanlan headed the winner. **Man of the Match:** Matthew Hanlan.

West Bromwich Albion 2 Woking 4 (Jan 5 1991)

A goal down, Woking were inspired by Tim Buzaglo, who scored a hat-trick as the Vauxhall League team took a 4-1 lead for one of the most decisive victories by a non-League side. For West Bromwich Albion, the ignominy of this defeat was followed by relegation. **Man of the Match:** Tim Buzaglo.



Tim Buzaglo: Woking's hat-trick man



Matthew Hanlan: Winner for Sutton