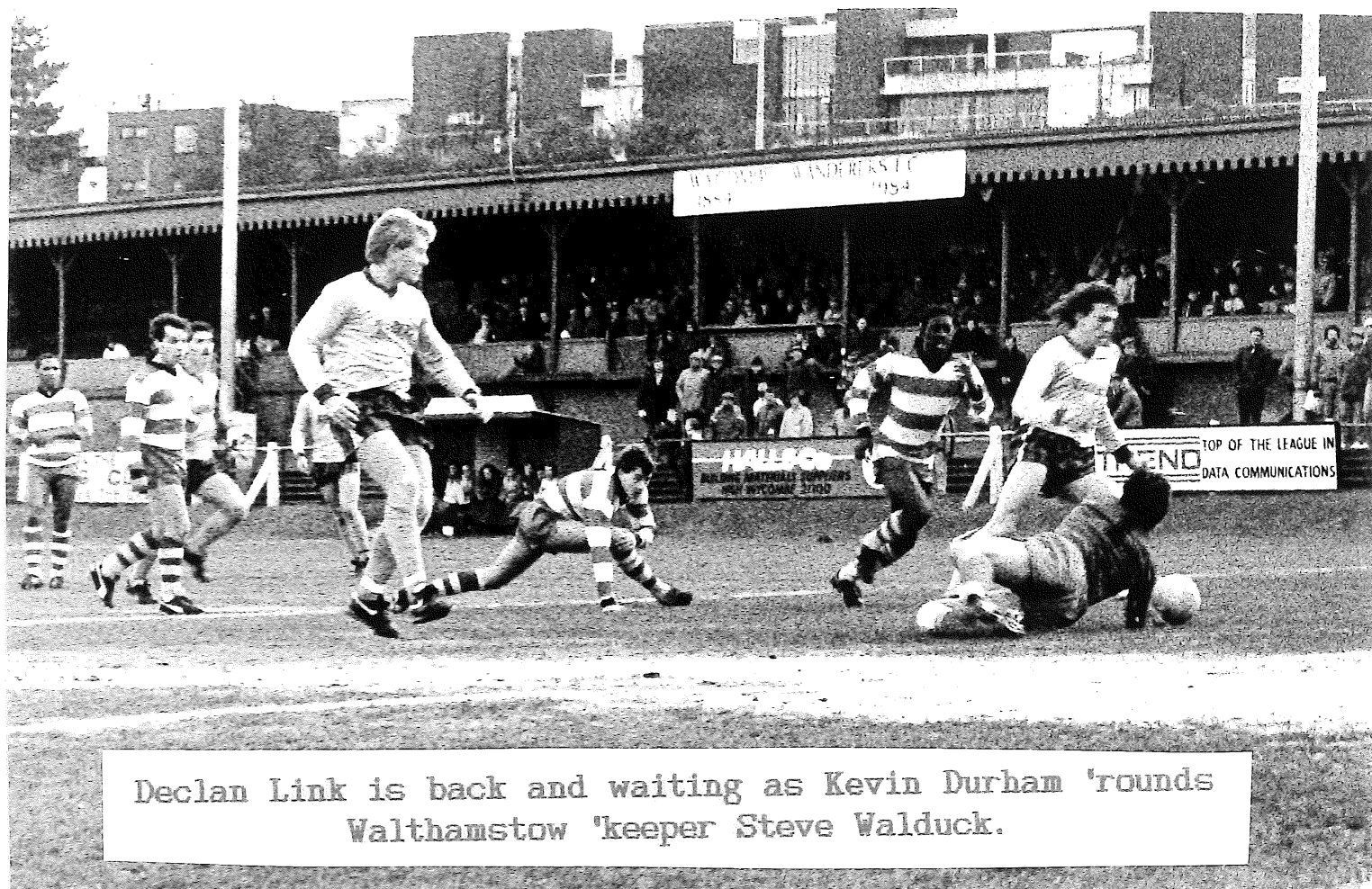


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EDITORIAL

I suppose I should really start of this column with a discussion on mid-season breaks to football or the ever controversial subject of artificial pitches but as I've never met anyone who can predict when it will snow or has seen a decent game on plastic, I don't think I'll bother.

We've suffered another two cup exits since the last issue yet in the League we are now a staggering eleven points clear of second placed Yeovil. It's all just too good to be true, someone please wake me up.

On the more 'serious' side the next few weeks are, 'on paper', a crucial time for 'The Blues'. Although the game with Yeovil will be postponed if they beat Runcorn in the Trophy, February has scheduled some potentially 'difficult' games. Away to Farnborough on Feb 7 should be an interesting encounter, remembering how impressive they looked when they beat us back in September at Loakes Park. Simon Read is still 'wide awake' for Town and has netted over 20 goals this season. We are not scheduled a game on Feb 21 but the following Tuesday we travel to Stag Meadow for a 'local derby' fixture with Windsor & Eton while on Saturday 28 February it's 'derby' time again when Slough visit Loakes Park.

A mention this month, as last month, of the state of play in Vauxhall/Opel Premier Division at this time last season. After 25 games on January 25 1986, Sutton were top with 52 points, Yeovil were second with 51 points and Farnborough were third with 45 points. In the Gola League we had just beaten Enfield (3-2) away from home - the rest is history.

Paul Lewis

Contributions and assistance for this issue from Phil Ball, Simon Burrage, Steve Maguire and Pete Oxbrow.

FROM THE TERRACES by Simon Burrage.

I ended last month's notes by commenting on our 5 point lead at the top of the league table at the halfway stage of the season; as I write the notes for this edition we now have an 11 point lead. Also last month I rambled on at some length about the importance of luring Declan Link back to Loakes Park; and Declan is now a Wycombe player once again. However, the last four weeks or so have not been without one or two blackspots, but the above two facts alone indicate that things are, on the whole, still going very well for Wycombe Wanderers.

Declan's return is of course a tremendous boost - obviously it will be some time before he is back to his sharpest, but if he can regain the kind of form we were accustomed to seeing from him before his departure, his presence may well turn out (hopefully) to be another nail in Yeovil's coffin, as far as the Championship race is concerned. One can only assume that the level of morale down in Somerset is now at an all-time low - it must have been bad enough for them being pipped by Sutton last season, having spent such large sums of money in an attempt to build a promotion winning side, but now they are 11 points adrift of a team they apparently regard as being inferior to Sutton (?) and have suddenly lost their (full-time) manager. They must be fearing a 3rd season (at least) in the VOL. Nevertheless, the discerning football public of Yeovil are still flocking to Huish, where their team seems to have most trouble with league results. Over 2,000 turned out for their 1-1 draw with St Albans recently - one can hardly imagine what kind of gates they would get if the Club actually achieved something.

As far as Wycombe are concerned, the League points have been piling up, and so have the exits from Cup competitions. Yeovil (who else?) dumped us out of the ACDC, but the Leatherhead debacle was much more of a shock. Inevitably with our league position looking increasingly promising it perhaps felt easier to accept the end of our Wembley dreams for the season, but I couldn't help thinking that, in previous seasons, losing in the First Round to a lower division VOL club would have been greeted with some outrage by Wycombe followers (after all, some Wycombe followers are very good at being 'outraged' - ask the referee at Croydon). The widely held theory seems to be that being out of the Cups could be a 'blessing in disguise' with regard to our league form, and this may well prove to be true, although when you are there at Leatherhead on a cold December night with the score at 0-1 and those final minutes are ticking away, it's rather difficult to be that philosophical. I wonder what Aylesbury thought of the result? (they probably had a bloody good laugh). Obviously they will fancy their chances of overcoming Leatherhead, but I'm sure the 'Quacks' would have liked the chance to visit their Wycombe friends (!) for a 'big' Trophy tie. (They would have been most welcome).

The Kingstonian match was one which no-one will need reminding of. As for the two dismissals - Richard Parkin of Kingstonian looked like he was hoping to be sent-off from the moment the game started - whereas Noel Ashford is one player I never thought I would see sent-off for an early bath, so often does he calmly turn and walk away from kicking, jostling defenders. The referee that afternoon came in for a lot of criticism, and I would have to say that it is difficult to sympathise with an official who watches the boots fly repeatedly, only to stop the action to award a free-kick when he hears a swear word. However, in years to come most of

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us who were present will only remember those incredible last few minutes when an apparently dismal defeat was miraculously turned into spectacular victory, earning another 3 points and a Club record for consecutive league wins. There were wonderful scenes of hysterical celebration at the Hospital End and better still when the 'Tannoy Man' announced Yeovil's home defeat by Croydon. Bliss!

A substantial number of Blues fans called in at Harrow on New Years Day to check on Yeovil's form (or lack of it) in the Championship race. Things just weren't going right for the Green & Whites; even the driver of their Supporters' coach felt it necessary to ram his vehicle into a wall at the entrance to the Harrow Borough car park, and I recall seeing Gerry Gow before the game looking very tense indeed - it was not until a few days later that he revealed the extent of his worries. As for the game, Yeovil appeared to be on their way to 3 points when they opened the scoring with about 20 minutes to go. Their fans sang abuse at the Wycombe contingent but were suddenly very quiet when their 'keeper Dave Walters let a soft shot from Lawrence Holmes through his legs for an equaliser, and another 2 points went down the drain for Yeovil.

48 hours later we suffered 90 minutes of frustration at the wonderful Croydon Sports Arena. Our 1-0 defeat represented the first League points we had dropped in nearly 3 months. One doesn't like to be disrespectful to clubs like Croydon, but quite honestly it's bad enough having to witness your team losing such a poor game in such pathetically inadequate surroundings, without finding on arrival that so few programmes have been printed that they are sold out 1 hour before kick-off. At least there was some good news via LBC on the car radio as we left Croydon - Yeovil had dropped yet another couple of points, this time at Hendon and what's more Gerry Gow had announced his resignation. We assumed, of course, that this was purely because he had given up hope of winning the title chase (!) National newspapers were soon reporting that Gow had apparently been the victim of a rather bizarre and sinister sounding smear-campaign, and had resigned more for his family's sake than his own. He implied that a malicious rumour was about to be spread around the Town about him - did his resignation prevent this? Was he being blackmailed? and who by?

Declan made a suitably dramatic return to action in the otherwise drab League match with Hitchin. We were struggling badly (not for the first time recently) against mediocre opposition until Jason Seacole won the penalty which ultimately secured the points. Declan's late, brief appearance as substitute sent a wave of excited optimism through the crowd; welcome back Declan! (and well done Alan Gane).

When Walthamstow lined up at Loakes Park the following Saturday we wondered whether or not they would be the pushover their results suggested. When Kevin Durham's corner kick drifted straight into their net after less than 60 seconds, and the score was 3-0 after 15 minutes, the answer was a resounding 'yes'. It was evident that if the number of goals had been of greater significance to us, we would have seen a dozen, or more. It was also evident that if the match had been closer or more competitive, the referee would have had to abandon the fixture - conditions became very slippery and quite dangerous as the game wore on. I don't know what the conditions were like down at Huish, but yet again Yeovil dropped 2 points, this time to lowly St Albans. 11 points is quite a gap, with just 15 League matches remaining. But this time last year did we think we would be relegated?!

DO THEY MEAN US? investigated by Steve Maguire

This month we hope to enlighten supporters on some profound statements, that they might otherwise have missed, from a number of people who have graced this column before, starting with Roy Merryweather, Wokingham Town's manager.

After his side had played both ourselves and Yeovil inside a week, Roy plumped for Yeovil for the League title, explaining that *"they are both very good sides but there is no doubt in my mind that Yeovil will head the table at the end of the season"*. Any Wycombe supporters' of a nervous disposition might take heart that in the same article Roy also hinted on an upset when his team travelled to Barnet in the Trophy. They lost 6-0!

More this month also from Hendon Chairman, Charles Geary, who rushed to the defence of Phil Gridlett, the player sent-off along with Graham Bressington in the match at Claremont Road. Mr Geary claims that Gridlett was *"trying to act as peacemaker"*, but bearing in mind the player's record this season, is that likely? Gridlett, you may recall, was playing his first game back after a previous sending-off ² he got his marching orders at Bromley just four minutes after coming on as substitute! Mr Geary was also rather critical about some of Byron Walton's challenges, but he made no comment on the challenge by Ian Dowie on Gary Lester that sparked off the free-for-all. Hendon have officially complained to the League about Mr Schneider's handling of the game, which was watched by England non-League boss, Kevin Verity.

The papers from Barking prove that some things in football never change - like George Borg getting into trouble with referees. In Barking's AC Delco Cup tie with Hemel Hempstead, George was booked for a late tackle, swore at the referee and was sent-off. The report of the game with Wycombe was described by one reporter as *"one of the most exciting second-halves I have ever seen"*. He also referred to a good save *"made right at the end by Gay Lester"*. I thought at first this must have been a mis-print, but after the evidence of the Christmas Fancy Dress Disco (when Gary came as a fairy!?) I'm not so sure. After all, how many other players use the Ladies?

After their win over us in the AC Delco Cup, Yeovil boss Gerry Gow, said *"It was a very pleasing victory, and one we certainly deserved"*. Gow also complained *"Our main problem is that teams look upon Wycombe as just another side, whereas they always look on Yeovil as a one-off match. We are convinced everyone raises their game a lot more against Yeovil than they do against Wycombe."* I'm sure that there is a lot of truth in this and long may it continue, although the recent chants of *"You'll be back again next year"* from the home crowd at the Hendon v Yeovil game were perhaps rather premature.

The Leatherhead press were suprisingly quiet about the victory over Wycombe in the Trophy. The report for the replay said *"It was a night of desperately exciting cup football with both sides cheered on by noisy supporters"* while the preview for the first game exclusively revealed that Noel Ashford *"was an integral part of the Wealdstone side which won the F A Trophy in 1985 and who scored in the Final"* (?)

Sadly we have been unable to obtain (so far) Chris Kelly's comments on the Kingstonian game, although the report in the Surrey comment did call referee, Mr Fish *"whistle-happy"* and added that he *"lost complete control in the second-half"*.



Top news story over the past few weeks has obviously been the managerial shake up at YEOVIL TOWN. Gerry Gow's resignation follows a 'hate' campaign against him and his family that led to hoax calls at his home and threats of rumour spreading.

Under Gow, Yeovil have enjoyed their best spell for many seasons with gates averaging over 2,000 in their bid to regain GMVC status. Before he left, Gow signed defender Curtis Warmington from Dulwich Hamlet to strengthen the Yeovil back four following an injury to the influential Tony Ricketts. Ricketts expects to return in February.

In to replace Gow comes Brian Hall who resigned from the manager's chair at GMVC strugglers Wealdstone, to take up the part time post at Huish. Hall is no stranger to Blues fans and was coach at Loakes Park for part of the 1977/78 season before moving on to Walton & Hersham. Hall moved to Wealdstone in 1980, working as assistant, before taking on the managers role in 1982. In season 1984/85 Wealdstone achieved the non-League 'double' - winning the Gola League and the F A Trophy - but have recently shown poor form in front of declining attendances.

More managerial changes in the Premier Division include the appointment of Harry Manoe as the new manager at HAYES. The former Harrow player returned to his old club recently to purchase Clevere Forde. George Borg has been appointed the new manager at BARKING following the departure of Bobby Arber to join the management team at Maidstone United. Due to financial difficulties at DULWICH HAMLET the club have been forced to dismiss Allen Batsford as general manager. Micky Leach will continue as First Team boss. Final movement for the month comes at BISHOP'S STORTFORD where former Arsenal and Stortford player, John Radford has returned to the club as their new manager.

Hot news from SLOUGH TOWN is that 'The Rebels' require an estimated £8,000 worth of work to bring their ground up to the standard required by the Vauxhall/Opel League. The bulk of the work means erecting a perimeter fence on two sides of the ground. Chairman Mervyn Jones told the Slough Observer "I think our ground is one of the best in our league. I have seen some grounds in the Vauxhall Conference and ours is better than some of them". Jones went on to say that receipts from league games have been "nothing worth talking about". Slough face relegation to Division 1 if the work is not carried out by April of this year.

On the playing side at Slough, recent player movement includes the departure of prolific scorer Rowan Dodds, to local rivals WINDSOR & ETON. Moving in the other direction comes Des MacMahon who was released by 'The Royalists' as it was claimed that he was too good for the present Windsor side. Jimmy Brown, top scorer at Slough, has been taken off the transfer list but manager Alan Davies has not given up hope of signing Jimmy Bolton, the top scorer at FARNBOROUGH TOWN. Farnborough have recently signed ex-Windsor, Slough and Maidenhead United striker, Gary Attrill.

Neal Stanley's loan period from Wycombe has been extended by another month at WOKINGHAM TOWN. Stanley has been hitting the target recently for his former club but another ex-Wycombe, Henry Pacquette has been released by manager, Roy Merryweather.

Finally this month we leave you with a quote from Chelsea Chairman, Ken Bates following his Club's controversial meeting with Luton Town at Kenilworth Road. Mr Bates said "Luton should join the Vauxhall/Opel League, that's where all the small clubs belong".



SCARBOROUGH strengthened their position at the top of the GMVC by continuing their good form into the New Year. An unbeaten run through November and December earned Boro' manager, Neil Warnock, successive awards in the Gola Manager of the Month competition. Warnock, best remembered by Blues' fans for his exploits as Burton Albion boss, left Eton Park during the summer to join up with Scarborough. With him came prolific scorer Stewart Mell and a host of other new talent including 'keeper Kevin Blackwell - a £2,500 signing from Barnet. Success has meant increased attendances at Seamer Road, the recent 1,931 crowd for the visit of Telford United on January 3 was their highest league attendance since the 1981/82 season.

Still on the subject of attendances, the Boxing Day clash between BARNET and ENFIELD drew an amazing 4,130 attendance to Underhill, easily beating Barnet's previous best ever in the League and standing as second largest in the history of the Alliance. (The highest stands at 4,872 for the Yeovil (who else?) v Weymouth 'derby' in season 1979/80.) Barnet won the match at Underhill 1-0 although the margin could have been greater if Nicky Evans had not missed two open-goals during the first-half. Barnet completed 'the double' over their North London rivals with a 3-0 victory on New Years Day before a 2,002 gate at Southbury Road - Enfield's biggest ever crowd since joining the Alliance in 1981 but the first 'double' against them since Wycombe completed the memorable feat a year ago.

Barnet, who were trailing Scarborough by two points but with two games in hand, before the 'big freeze', suffered two set-backs in their money spinning quest for a place in Division Four. Blow number one came when central defender, Glyn Creaser broke a bone in his leg against Northwich and will be out for at least six weeks. The second set-back came when Alan Sunderland's proposed move to Underhill fell through when the ex-Arsenal and Ipswich striker opted for a move to Derry City.

MAIDSTONE UNITED's Football League aspirations also took a serious dive over the Christmas break following defeat home and away to SUTTON UNITED. Micky Joyce re-joined Sutton for a four figure fee from Maidstone in time to play against his old club but was sent-off in the first game on Boxing Day. However, he did score twice during the return at Sutton. Sutton have also signed Edgar Awarifete, who joined from Tooting during December also for a four figure fee. Maidstone's recent signings include striker Terry Sullivan from Dagenham and utility player Jesse Roast from Barking.

A run of poor results has also dented CHELTENHAM TOWN's Championship hopes although they also had their best ever attendance in the League since promotion when 1,592 turned out to see the encounter with Kidderminster. Ex-Wanderer, Anton Vircavs, scored his first goal for Town when he equalised during the 1-1 draw with Runcorn at Whaddon Road.

The managerial casualty list in the GMVC continued when Stuart Pearson was dismissed from NORTHWICH VICTORIA. New manager at the Drill Field is Cliff Roberts, the South Liverpool boss, who becomes the 33rd post-war manager at Northwich. His assistant is the former Runcorn and England Semi-Pro International, Barry Whitebread.

The manager's spot at WEALDSTONE, left vacant by Brian Hall has aroused speculation of his replacement. Terry Dyson, the Kingsbury Town boss, is one name in the pipeline. Dyson, the former Spurs winger, played for 'The Stones' towards the end of his career. Alan Dafforn, another ex-Wealdstone player and present manager at Wembley, is also another likely contender.

SUMMARY by Steve Maguire.

The 1946/47 season will be remembered by many people for the very severe winter which caused chaos with football fixtures all over the country, and which caused the Isthmian League to extend the season for three weeks to help ease the back-log of matches.

The Wanderers' Reserve side were in fact hit much harder than the First Team. In their successful run-in to their first ever Isthmian League Reserve Section Championship they played 9 games in 16 days, and of these they won 8 (including 7 in a row) and scored 42 goals. During February and March they had gone 8 weeks without a match!

The Reserves' leading goalscorer was Peter Birdseye (Paul's dad) who got 41 goals (plus another 7 while on First Team duty), while another well known name in that team was Jock Sheppard. The Reserves also won the Wycombe Challenge Cup when they beat Seer Green 8-1 at Loakes Park on Good Friday before a crowd of 4,346.

The First Team finished half-way in the league and had some mixed results. Heavy defeats were suffered at Ilford and Clapton, but some fine wins were recorded over the top two sides. Champions, Leytonstone were unbeaten until they came to Loakes Park and the three points we took off runners-up, Dulwich Hamlet had some bearing on the outcome of the title.

A notable event took place before the game with Corinthian Casuals on 19th April when former Wanderers' player, Frank Adams, who had bought the freehold of the ground, handed over the deeds of Loakes Park to Mr C Vine, the Club President. To mark this historic event a special dinner was arranged and the Club issued a special souvenir programme. The normal Club programme in those days was a white four page issue which cost 2d (old money). Supporters were also able to hear messages at Loakes Park for the first time, as that season a public address system was installed on the ground.

Sadly that season, as this year, cup runs were short. In the F A Cup a last minute goal put us out and Hayes went on to reach the First Round Proper, which could have brought in an estimated £1,000 in gate receipts with admission at 1/6 (7½p) for adults and children half price. Hayes, incidently lost at Bristol City by the narrow margin of 9-3.

In the Amateur Cup another familiar name, Enfield, then of the Athenian League, put us out after a replay. The game here attracted some 7,000 spectators while "many hundreds from Wycombe" travelled to the replay. Sadly we went out, despite taking a 2-1 lead, on a pitch more suited to ice skating than football.

We had better luck in the County Cup, although it needed a penalty save to keep us in the game away to works side, Huntley & Palmers. After disposing of Aylesbury we faced Abingdon at Marlow where a first minute goal set-up an easy win and a final with old rivals Slough at Maidenhead. The railway embankments overlooking York Road were used by some people to see the game, others favoured the top of the stand and some nearby trees. The official attendance was given as 8,237 who saw Wycombe win thanks to two goals from Harold Hunt. The cup was presented to Wanderers' skipper, Ken Butler, who had travelled down, as he regularly did, from Birmingham University to play.

GAME	DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP.	V	RESULT	H-T	ATT	SCORERS
1	28/08/46	Dulwich Hamlet	IL	A	D	1-1		McCullum
2	07/09/46	Marlow	FAC EP	H	W	2-0	4000	Gearing, Butler
3	14/09/46	Kingstonian	IL	H	L	1-2		Hunt
4	21/09/46	Southall	FAC P	A	W	5-2		Dawkins 2, Hunt, McCullum, Andrews
5	28/09/46	Woking	IL	H	W	5-2		Gearing, McCullum, Dawkins, Hunt 2
6	05/10/46	Hayes	FAC 10	H	L	3-4	5300	Dawkins, McCullum, Gearing
7	12/10/46	Wimbledon	IL	A	D	2-2		Birdseye, Gearing
8	19/10/46	Ilford	IL	A	L	2-7		Dawkins, McCullum
9	26/10/46	Leytonstone	IL	H	W	5-1		Brewster 2, McCullum, Gearing, Dawkins
10	02/11/46	Romford	IL	A	D	2-2		McCullum 2
11	09/11/46	Ilford	IL	H	D	2-2		og, McCullum
12	16/11/46	Oxford City	IL	A	L	1-2		Hunt
13	23/11/46	Tufnell Park	IL	H	W	5-1		Gearing, McCullum, Hunt, Dean, Dawkins
14	30/11/46	Huntley & Palmers	B&B 2	A	D	2-2		Hunt, McCullum
15	07/12/46	Huntley & Palmers	B&B 2r	H	W	3-0		Hunt 2, McCullum
16	14/12/46	Saint Albans City	IL	A	W	4-2		McCullum 2, Hunt 2
17	21/12/46	Wimbledon	IL	H	W	4-3		Hunt 3, Dean
18	28/12/46	Kingstonian	IL	A	L	1-2		Andrews
19	04/01/47	Oxford City	IL	H	W	3-1		Hunt, Dawkins, McCullum
20	11/01/47	Romford	IL	H	D	3-3		Hunt 3
21	18/01/47	Enfield	FAAC1	H	D	3-3	6900	Hunt 2, Dean
22	25/01/47	Enfield	FAAC1r	A	L	2-5		Gearing, Dawkins
23	08/02/47	Woking	IL	A	W	2-1		Butler, McCullum
24	15/02/47	Aylesbury United	B&B 3	H	W	4-2	2000	Butler 2, Dean, Hunt
25	01/03/47	Clapton	IL	A	L	2-8		Andrews 2
26	22/03/47	Abingdon	B&B S/F	N	W	6-1		Birdseye 2, Dawkins, Dean, Bunce, og
27	29/03/47	Walthamstow Avenue	IL	A	D	2-2		McCullum 2
28	05/04/47	Tufnell Park	IL	A	L	3-4		Hunt, McCullum, Dean
29	07/04/47	Slough United	B&B F	N	W	2-1	8267	Hunt 2
30	12/04/47	Clapton	IL	h	L	1-2		Hunt
31	19/04/47	Corinthian Casuals	IL	h	D	1-1		Dean
32	26/04/47	Walthamstow Avenue	IL	H	W	2-1		Dean, Blanney
33	01/05/47	Dulwich Hamlet	IL	H	W	5-1	2000	Birdseye 2, Dean 2, Gearing
34	03/05/47	Corinthian Casuals	IL	A	L	2-3		Birdseye, Dean
35	07/05/47	Leytonstone	IL	A	L	0-4		
36	17/05/47	Saint Albans City	IL	H	D	2-2		McCullum, Dawkins
37	24/05/47	Metropolitan Police	WyHC	H	W	2-1		Birdseye, Dean

GOALSCORERS SUMMARY FOR SEASON 1946-1947

	IL	FAC	FAAC	B&B	WyHC	TOTAL		1946-47						
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Andrews	3	1	-	-	-	4	Leytonstone	26	19	2	5	92	36	40
Birdseye	4	-	-	2	1	7	Dulwich Hamlet	26	17	3	6	78	46	37
Blanney	1	-	-	-	-	1	Romford	26	13	8	5	76	52	34
Brewster	2	-	-	-	-	2	Walthamstow Avenue	26	13	4	9	64	37	30
Bunce	-	-	-	1	-	1	Oxford City	26	12	6	8	70	51	30
Butler	1	1	-	2	-	4	Kingstonian	26	12	4	10	52	57	28
Dawkins	6	3	1	1	-	11	Wycombe Wanderers	26	9	8	9	63	62	26
Dean	8	-	1	2	1	12	Wimbledon	26	10	5	11	68	64	25
Gearing	5	2	1	-	-	8	Ilford	26	7	7	12	66	78	21
Hunt	16	1	2	6	-	25	Tufnell Park	26	8	5	13	45	69	21
McCullum	16	2	-	2	-	20	Woking	26	7	7	12	34	62	21
Own Goals	1	-	-	1	-	2	Clapton	26	6	8	12	41	59	20
	--	--	--	--	--	---	St Albans City	26	7	5	14	47	79	19
Totals	63	10	5	17	2	97	Corinthian-Casuals	26	4	4	18	36	80	12

PREMIER DIVISION

		Home					Away					Totals					
	Pl	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Wycombe Wanderers	27	13	1	1	45	12	9	0	3	26	12	22	1	4	71	24	67
Yeovil Town	27	8	2	3	20	11	8	6	0	21	8	16	8	3	41	19	56
Slough Town	23	7	1	4	22	16	7	2	2	23	8	14	3	6	45	24	45
Farnborough Town	24	7	4	2	33	24	6	1	4	18	17	13	5	6	51	41	44
Bognor Regis Town	21	7	3	1	28	13	5	4	1	27	15	12	7	2	55	28	43
Hendon	23	4	3	3	14	16	8	2	3	27	18	12	5	6	41	34	41
Croydon	24	7	1	5	18	15	4	3	4	13	15	11	4	9	31	30	37
Carshalton Athletic	25	8	4	3	24	16	2	2	6	7	13	10	6	9	31	29	36
Bishop's Stortford	24	7	3	2	22	14	3	3	6	15	22	10	6	8	37	36	36
Kingstonian	26	5	0	6	16	17	6	3	6	19	17	11	3	12	35	34	36
Barking	25	6	6	2	27	11	3	2	6	16	21	9	8	8	43	32	35
Harrow Borough	23	6	2	4	20	15	3	3	5	13	16	9	5	9	33	31	32
Bromley	21	4	3	3	11	13	4	2	5	19	21	8	5	8	30	34	28
Tooting & Mitcham U.	24	7	1	4	17	9	1	3	8	5	15	8	4	12	22	24	28
Dulwich Hamlet	26	4	2	7	24	27	4	2	7	20	22	8	4	14	44	49	28
Wokingham Town	26	5	1	7	12	15	4	0	9	14	23	9	1	16	26	38	28
St. Albans City	24	3	2	6	14	17	5	1	7	23	24	8	3	13	37	41	27
Hitchin Town	25	6	1	6	25	20	2	1	9	10	19	8	2	15	35	39	26
Windsor & Eton	24	5	4	2	11	4	0	3	10	13	33	5	7	12	24	37	25
Hayes	26	4	3	5	15	24	3	4	7	12	22	7	7	12	27	46	25
Worthing	25	4	4	5	20	32	2	2	8	14	26	6	6	13	34	58	24
Walthamstow Avenue	21	0	0	8	2	22	0	2	11	8	53	0	2	19	10	75	2

VOL PREMIER DIVISION ATTENDANCE SURVEY

<u>Club</u>	<u>Aver</u>	<u>Best</u>	<u>Versus (Date)</u>
YEOVIL TOWN	2001	3169	Wycombe Wanderers (27/9/86)
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	946	1243	Tooting & Mitcham (18/10/86)
SLOUGH TOWN	612	1435	Wycombe Wanderers (11/10/86)
ST ALBANS CITY	507	757	Yeovil Town (23/8/86)
FARNBOROUGH TOWN	488	830	Yeovil Town (16/9/86)
BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	372	512	Worthing (25/8/86)
HAYES	371	633	Wycombe Wanderers (2/9/86)
BISHOPS STORTFORD	369	474	Barking (2/9/86)
WORTHING	332	1005	at Yeovil Town (4/10/86)
BROMLEY	330	418	Wycombe Wanderers (6/9/86)
WINDSOR & ETON	317	757	Slough Town (2/9/86)
HARROW BOROUGH	279	647	Wycombe Wanderers (7/10/86)
HENDON	279	489	Wycombe Wanderers (6/12/86)
DULWICH HAMLET	270	384	Bromley (8/9/86)
WOKINGHAM TOWN	263	614	Wycombe Wanderers (8/11/86)
HITCHIN TOWN	247	325	Slough Town (7/10/86)
TOOTING & MITCHAM	237	336	Carshalton Athletic (19/8/86)
WALTHAMSTOW AV	216	311	Wycombe Wanderers (23/8/86)
CROYDON	212	458	Wycombe Wanderers (3/1/87)
CARSHALTON ATH	192	301	Tooting & Mitcham (20/9/86)
BARKING	173	305	Wycombe Wanderers (29/11/86)
KINGSTONIAN	170	379	Wycombe Wanderers (19/8/86)

Up to and including Tuesday 20th January 1987



POS	TEAM	-----HOME-----						-----AWAY-----						-----TOTAL-----						PTS
		PL	W	D	L	F	A	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PL	W	D	L	F	A	
1	Scarborough	15	9	5	1	23	14	13	7	3	3	14	9	28	16	8	4	37	23	56
2	Barnet	13	9	3	1	36	13	13	7	3	3	26	14	26	16	6	4	62	27	54
3	Altrincham	14	8	5	1	25	11	13	6	3	4	21	23	27	14	8	5	46	34	50
4	Enfield	14	5	3	6	18	16	12	9	0	3	22	14	26	14	3	9	40	30	45
5	Telford United	13	7	5	1	25	13	11	5	3	3	20	17	24	12	8	4	45	30	44
6	Runcorn	12	9	1	2	32	16	14	4	3	7	18	27	26	13	4	9	50	43	43
7	Cheltenham Town	14	8	3	3	28	15	14	3	5	6	13	19	28	11	8	9	41	34	41
8	Boston United	14	8	3	3	30	18	13	4	2	7	22	32	27	12	5	10	52	50	41
9	Sutton United	15	8	3	4	40	20	12	3	4	5	16	18	27	11	7	9	56	38	40
10	Maidstone United	12	8	1	3	23	13	12	4	3	5	15	16	24	12	4	8	38	29	40
11	Kidderminster Harriers	14	8	1	5	36	27	12	5	0	7	20	27	26	13	1	12	56	54	40
12	Bath City	9	4	2	3	14	13	16	6	5	5	22	26	25	10	7	8	36	39	37
13	Weymouth	12	7	2	3	24	15	13	3	3	7	17	26	25	10	5	10	41	41	35
14	Dagenham	14	6	4	4	21	19	15	3	1	11	15	29	29	9	5	15	36	48	32
15	Stafford Rangers	13	6	2	5	22	16	11	3	2	6	15	18	24	9	4	11	37	34	31
16	Wealdstone	14	6	3	5	22	19	14	2	4	8	17	26	28	8	7	13	39	45	31
17	Kettering Town	12	5	2	5	22	15	13	2	4	7	13	27	25	7	6	12	35	42	27
18	Northwich Victoria	15	3	6	6	19	19	13	2	5	6	18	32	28	5	11	12	37	51	26
19	Nuneaton Borough	13	4	5	4	13	17	14	1	5	8	15	32	27	5	10	12	28	49	25
20	Frickley Athletic	14	3	6	5	19	23	14	2	3	9	13	27	28	5	9	14	32	50	24
21	Welling United	12	4	2	6	23	24	13	0	5	8	14	32	25	4	7	14	37	56	19
22	Gateshead	11	1	3	7	11	26	14	2	4	8	16	35	25	3	7	15	27	61	16

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE SURVEY (including 17 January 1987)

Club	Aver	Best	Versus (Date)	% change from 1985/86
BARNET	1678	4130	Enfield (26/12/86)	+ 120 %
ALTRINCHAM	1563	2453	Cheltenham (18/10/86)	+ 53 %
TELFORD UNITED	1544	2174	Stafford (2/9/86)	+ 39 %
BOSTON UNITED	1289	1524	Frickley (26/12/86)	- 1 %
MAIDSTONE UTD	1211	1915	Enfield (8/10/86)	+ 73 %
STAFFORD RANG	1115	1451	Kidderminster (9/9/86)	+ 2 %
CHELTENHAM TOWN	1111	1604	Enfield (1/11/86)	+ 9 %
KIDDERMINSTER	1098	1750	Cheltenham (1/1/87)	+ 44 %
SCARBOROUGH	1075	1931	Telford (3/1/87)	+ 61 %
ENFIELD	944	2002	Barnet (1/1/87)	+ 23 %
KETTERING TOWN	917	1120	Altrincham (23/8/86)	- 14 %
WEYMOUTH	914	1080	Barnet (8/10/86)	+ 11 %
NORTHWICH VIC	745	1328	Altrincham (1/10/86)	+ 9 %
NUNEATON BORO	732	1068	Telford (26/12/86)	- 1 %
WELLING UNITED	687	1040	Barnet (15/10/86)	+ 18 %
SUTTON UNITED	642	961	Maidstone (1/1/87)	+ 41 %
RUNCORN	619	964	Northwich (1/1/87)	+ 9 %
WEALDSTONE	595	712	Altrincham (13/9/86)	- 15 %
DAGENHAM	578	1013	Enfield (22/9/86)	+ 7 %
BATH CITY	569	707	Cheltenham (30/9/86)	+ 0 %
FRICKLEY ATH	440	498	Kettering (9/9/86)	- 13 %
GATESHEAD	370	500	Wealdstone (4/10/86)	+ 20 %



THE SOUTHERN
FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FISHER ATHLETIC are making a strong challenge for a place in the GMVC next season. Manager Dogan Aris has rebuilt the side this season following a third placing last term. Nine players were released while the new recruits include 'keeper David Fry, who has appeared in the Football League for Gillingham, and Andy Massey, a former England Youth International and professional with Millwall and Aldershot. Fisher hope to start work soon on upgrading their ground to GMVC standard.

At the other end of the table, SALISBURY have appointed Ian Thompson as their new manager. Thompson, now 28, originally moved from Salisbury to Bournemouth in a £18,000 deal and went on to make over 150 appearances and score 40 goals, including one of the goals that knocked Manchester United out of the F A Cup in 1984. A pelvic injury ended his career as a professional but he has been playing for Salisbury since November 1986 and was finally persuaded to take the manager's job in January.

Another club in a commanding position at the top of the table are BROMSGROVE ROVERS. Public interest reached a peak on New Years Day when the League meeting with fellow 'Midlanders', Alevchurch, attracted 1,350 spectators to Rovers Victoria Ground.

Over at AYLESBURY UNITED, 'The Ducks' gained a brilliant 2-0 victory at Enfield in the First Round of the Trophy but drainage problems with their new pitch and further postponements due to the freeze have left the club with serious fixture problems. They face at least another 28 competitive matches with interest still retained in the F A Trophy (away to Leatherhead), The GMAC Cup (home to Croydon), The Bill Dellow Cup (away to Gloucester) and The Berks & Bucks (away to Winslow on Saturday 31st January). The last of those ties was originally planned to played on a Sunday but although the Southern League and Benskins South Midlands League agreed the Berks & Bucks County F A demanded a Saturday date.

CRAWLEY TOWN, who recently lost the services of diminutive striker Terry Robins to Welling United for an £8,000 fee, suffered another set-back when Richard Tiltman was snapped up by Barry Lloyd - the new manager at Brighton following the dismissal of Alan Mullery. Tiltman originally played under Lloyd at Worthing in the Isthmian League before moving to Maidstone last season.

**PREMIER DIVISION
up to and including
Saturday 17th January 1987**

Season.	Home							Away							Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A				
Dartford	26	9	2	2	33	10	5	5	3	16	13	49			
Fisher Athletic	22	8	3	1	23	7	6	2	2	15	7	47			
Bromsgrove Rovers ...	20	5	4	0	21	7	7	2	2	23	12	42			
Alvechurch	24	9	2	0	25	9	3	2	8	14	20	40			
Chelmsford City	22	10	2	1	21	8	1	4	4	11	19	39			
Aylesbury United	18	9	1	0	25	9	1	5	2	10	10	36			
Cambridge City	19	6	4	2	24	17	2	4	1	10	7	32			
Shepshed Charterhouse	23	5	4	4	20	16	4	1	5	12	19	32			
Gosport Borough	23	5	3	4	14	9	3	3	5	10	18	30			
Worcester City	22	4	2	4	14	12	4	2	6	12	21	28			
Witney Town	22	6	1	4	10	11	2	3	6	5	18	28			
Redditch United	18	5	4	0	17	7	2	2	5	8	18	27			
Crawley Town	19	3	3	3	12	12	3	3	4	18	14	24			
Bedworth United	22	4	3	4	20	18	2	2	7	9	18	23			
Willenhall Town	22	5	2	4	22	15	1	3	7	7	21	23			
Folkestone	22	4	5	2	16	12	1	2	8	5	18	22			
Basingstoke Town	22	4	4	2	12	12	0	5	7	11	29	21			
Corby Town	21	4	4	2	14	9	0	4	7	13	24	20			
King's Lynn	20	4	2	1	10	4	0	6	7	13	27	20			
Dudley Town	22	3	3	4	11	11	2	2	8	11	27	20			
Fareham Town	16	4	4	0	24	7	0	3	5	6	15	19			
Salisbury	23	3	4	5	17	22	0	1	10	5	30	14			

THE MULTIPART LEAGUE

CAERNARFON TOWN achieved a satisfying draw in their Third Round F A Cup encounter with Second Division Barnsley before a 2,630 attendance at their Oval ground. Before the tie Barnsley's manager, Alan Clarke, had announced that non-League sides were "a nuisance" and added that "they should not be allowed to enter the competition". Caernarfon may well have the last laugh as even if they lose the replay their chances of a place in next season's European Cup Winners Cup are considerably greater than Barnsley's due to their involvement in the Welsh Cup.

On the League scene BURTON ALBION have made a dramatic rise in the table and are now in sight of current leaders Bangor City. On the brink of disaster midway through October with only three wins in fourteen games and lying third from bottom in the League, their next 20 games produced 16 wins and only 1 defeat. They were undefeated in December and progressed in four cup competitions with victories over Northwich Victoria in the F A Trophy, Bishop's Stortford in the GMAC Cup, V S Rugby in the Birmingham Senior Cup and Workington in the 'Presidents' Cup. Albion Manager, Brian Fidler, was awarded the Vladivar Manager of the Month Award for his team's exploits during December.

1987 has definitely come in with a bang for WORKINGTON TOWN who, after 21 League games without a win, recorded their first victory on New Years Day against local rivals, Barrow. The ex-Football League side followed this up two days later with a 1-0 success on Hyde United's artificial playing surface. Ironically their last two games of 1986 had seen them lose 5-2 at home to Hyde United and 1-0 away to Barrow.

The Cumbrian club are still having problems in completing safety work at their Borough Park Ground which has been closed by the local authority but they have been given an extension by the League to continue to use the adjacent Greyhound Stadium on a temporary basis, until the end of January.

LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, 10TH JANUARY 1987

POS.	CLUB.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1	Bangor City	26	18	5	3	52	21	59
2	Marine	27	15	6	6	56	29	51
3	Macclesfield Town	25	13	7	5	44	31	46
4	Morecambe	23	13	6	4	36	24	45
5	Caernarfon Town	23	12	7	4	39	20	43
6	Burton Albion	26	13	4	9	45	40	43
7	Buxton	27	11	8	8	52	38	42
8	Matlock Town	26	12	6	8	47	43	42
9	Southport	24	11	6	7	40	30	39
10	Witton Albion	31	10	7	14	48	57	37
11	South Liverpool	22	9	8	5	31	22	35
12	Chorley	23	9	6	8	28	30	33
13	Barrow	26	10	3	13	25	33	33
14	Rhyl	26	8	8	10	34	41	32
15	Oswestry Town	27	9	4	14	33	54	31
16	Goole Town	21	8	6	7	34	32	30
17	Hyde United	26	7	6	13	44	49	27
18	Worksop Town	25	7	6	12	33	43	27
19	Mossley	23	6	6	11	29	37	24
20	Gainsborough Trinity	26	5	5	16	33	55	20
21	Workington	24	3	7	14	19	39	15 *
22	Horwich	25	1	5	19	18	52	7 *

* Denotes one point deducted for breach of rule.

V O L QUIZcompiled by Pete Oxbrow

Below are 22 clues. Each clue relates to a current VOL Premier Division team. Answers are at the bottom of the page opposite.

1. Isthmian Champions 1979.
2. Isthmian Champions 1984.
3. We beat them to win the Amateur Cup.
4. They have won both the F A Trophy and Amateur Cup.
5. Gary Lester made his debut against them.
6. Members of the Southern League from 1896 to 1908.
7. 1984/85 Hitachi Cup Finalists
8. Lost to Orient in the F A Cup last season.
9. Beat us 7-6 in a Hitachi Cup semi-final in 1981/82.
10. We beat them 4-3 in the Hitachi Cup after trailing 0-3 a few years ago.
11. 1-2, 1-4, 1-2 (aet)!!
12. Favourite resort of George V.
13. Used to be called Golders Green.
14. Will it be Champions Hill in April?
15. Paul Bence came from here.
16. A side we actually beat in a Cup tie before Christmas.
17. Our visit there in the 50's gave them their record gate.
18. Were the visitors when Loakes Park had its biggest ever gate.
19. Did Prince Phillip have a wasted journey on January 1st.
20. Attracted our largest pre-Christmas League gate this season.
21. Their ground name mentions another Premier Division Club.
22. Destined to be 22nd in everything this year.

ENGLAND SEMI-PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

News just in is that the 44 man squad to represent England in this season's semi-professional matches has been selected. Of the 44 players, 36 are from the GMVC with only two from the Vauxhall/Opel League. The good news is that Noel Ashford is one of the two, the other being Alan Pardew of Yeovil. Suprisingly the squad includes 3 players from Newcastle Blue Star of the Northern League.

The first match of the season is an England v Wales encounter at Gloucester City F C on Tuesday March 17. Although the match is the day after our rescheduled trip to Bognor in the League, if Noel can keep up his present form there is no reason for him not to add to his previous 14 England Caps and so become the first Wycombe player to gain such an honour. He is already the first Wycombe player to be selected for the England squad, let's hope the trend continues.

More games for England team follow in Scotland between May 17 and May 23 when they play in the Four-Nations Tournament.



Premier Division Results

Saturday 20 December 1986

Bognor	2	Kingstonian	3
Hayes	0	Hendon	3
Slough	3	Carshalton	2

Saturday 27 December 1986

Barking	0	St Albans	1
Bognor	8	Walthamstow	1
Carshalton	1	Wokingham	0
Dulwich	2	B Stortford	4
Harrow	1	Hayes	2
Hitchin	3	Farnborough	1
Tooting	1	Worthing	0
Slough	1	Bromley	3
Wycombe	3	Kingstonian	2
Yeovil	0	Croydon	1

Tuesday 1 January 1987

B Stortford	0	Hitchin	4
Farnborough	3	Hayes	1
Harrow	1	Yeovil	1
St Albans	1	Hendon	3
Tooting	1	Kingstonian	0
Wokingham	1	Slough	3
Worthing	0	Bognor	5

Saturday 3 January 1987

B Stortford	2	Worthing	0
Bromley	1	Hitchin	0
Croydon	1	Wycombe	0
Hayes	1	Carshalton	1
Hendon	1	Yeovil	1
Kingstonian	1	Harrow	2
St Albans	2	Dulwich	2
Walthamstow	0	Slough	2

@ Slough Town F C

Windsor	0	Tooting	0
Wokingham	3	Barking	1

Tuesday 6 January 1987

Slough	1	Tooting	0
Walthamstow	0	St Albans	4
@ St Albans City F C			
Wycombe	1	Hitchin	0

Saturday 10 January 1987

Barking	0	Kingstonian	0
Carshalton	0	Hendon	1
Dulwich	0	Hayes	1
Farnborough	1	Croydon	1
Harrow	0	Bromley	3
Tooting	1	Wokingham	4
Worthing	2	Windsor	1
Wycombe	7	Walthamstow	1
Yeovil	1	St Albans	1

DIVISION ONE

	PL	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Leytonstone Ilford	24	15	4	5	37	17	49
Leyton Wingate	23	13	9	1	37	14	48
Bracknell Town	25	13	6	6	49	27	45
Grays Athletic	23	13	5	5	47	31	44
Southwick	22	13	4	5	48	32	43
Wembley	23	13	4	6	38	28	43
Basildon United	24	12	4	8	41	35	40
Leatherhead	21	11	6	4	30	17	39
Uxbridge	25	11	6	8	44	39	39
Kingsbury Town	23	11	4	8	39	34	37
Hampton	24	11	3	10	31	26	36
Boreham Wood	24	11	3	10	34	30	36
Billericay Town	25	9	6	10	38	32	33
Stevenage Borough	21	9	1	11	36	38	28
Tilbury	25	8	4	13	31	44	28
Staines Town	20	7	6	7	23	25	27
Lewes	25	8	3	14	32	43	27
Oxford City	25	7	5	13	32	40	26
Finchley	25	4	6	15	27	59	18
Walton & Mersham	26	4	5	17	34	58	17
Epsom & Ewell	27	4	5	18	21	51	17
Maidenhead United	22	3	3	16	20	49	12

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13 Hendon
14 Dulwich
15 Wokingham
16 Worthing
17 Hitchin
18 St Albans
19 Windsor
20 Tooting
21 Bromley
22 Walthamstow

Premier Division Fixtures

Saturday 24 January 1987

Barking	Hayes
Carshalton	Bognor
Farnborough	St Albans
Harrow	Dulwich
Kingstonian	Windsor
Slough	Croydon
Tooting	Hendon
Wycombe	Bromley

Tuesday 27 January 1987

Worthing	Walthamstow	*
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Saturday 31 January 1987

B Stortford	Farnborough
Bognor	Slough
Bromley	Dulwich
Croydon	Carshalton
Hayes	Hitchin
Hendon	Barking
St Albans	Wycombe
Walthamstow	Tooting
Windsor	Yeovil
Wokingham	Harrow

Saturday 7 February 1987

Bognor	Barking
Bromley	Worthing
Farnborough	Wycombe
Hayes	B Stortford
St Albans	Wokingham
Slough	Hendon
Walthamstow	Harrow
Windsor	Dulwich
Yeovil	Hitchin

Saturday 14 February 1987

Barking	Bromley	
B Stortford	Windsor	*
Carshalton	Slough	
Dulwich	Tooting	
Harrow	Farnborough	
Hendon	Walthamstow	
Hitchin	St Albans	*
Kingstonian	Bognor	
Wokingham	Hayes	
Worthing	Croydon	*
Wycombe	Yeovil	*

Saturday 21 February 1987

Bognor	Hendon
Bromley	Kingstonian
Croydon	Wokingham
Farnborough	Barking
St Albans	Hayes
Slough	Dulwich
Tooting	Harrow
Walthamstow	Hitchin
Windsor	Carshalton
Yeovil	Worthing

Tuesday 24 February 1987

Hendon	Harrow
Windsor	Wycombe

Saturday 28 February 1987

Barking	Croydon
Bognor	Yeovil
Carshalton	St Albans
Dulwich	Farnborough
Harrow	Worthing
Hayes	Bromley
Hendon	B Stortford
Hitchin	Tooting
Kingstonian	Windsor
Wokingham	Walthamstow
Wycombe	Slough

CUP FIXTURES

F A Trophy 2nd Round

Saturday 24 January 1987

Barnet	v	HITCHIN T
B STORTFORD	v	Cheltenham T
Blyth S	v	Bath City
Bromsgrove R	v	Fareham Town
Burton A	v	Weymouth
Cambridge C	v	Boston Utd
Corby Town	v	Welling Utd
Dagenham	v	Marine
Kidderm'ster	v	WORTHING
Leatherhead	v	Aylesbury U
Maidstone U	v	Altrincham
Newcastle BS	v	Dartford
Nuneaton B	v	Gateshead
Scarborough	v	Sutton Utd
Whitley Bay	v	Gainsboro T
YEOVIL TOWN	v	Runcorn

A C DELCO CUP Quarter Finals

w/c Monday 2 February 1987

Basildon Utd	v	Maidenhead Utd
Hendon	v	Chertsey Town
Hitchin Town	v	Bognor Regis T
Yeovil Town	v	Farnborough T

All fixtures correct at time of going to press

Fixtures marked * are provisional due to cup involvement