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BOREHAM WOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

A Brief History.

Boreham Wood Football Club as it is now known, came into being in 1948, and after the Officials of two local clubs met in a local Public House in order to discuss the possibility of an amalgamation.

The clubs in question were 'Boreham Wood Rovers, and Royal Retournez, by the end of the evening agreement was reached and a new Boreham-Wood team were entered in the 'Mid Herts' League.

In the comparatively short space of time that has followed, the club has enjoyed rapid progress in every sense of the word.

From Mid Herts football they went on to join the Parthenon League, and during their stay they were 'Runners Up' on three occasions, and League Champions once.

The next step was Spartan League football where they finished as 'Runners up' in the seasons 1963/64 and 1965/66, and from this they progressed to the 'Athenian League'.

The team went quickly through the three Divisions of this competition, and in the season 1973/74 carried off the Premier Division Championship by nine points.

This was to be the club's last season amongst the 'Athenians' for in the meantime they had made successful application to join the 'Rothmans' Isthmian League.

This is the club's fourth season in the Isthmian competition, and their first in it's Premier Division, and at the conclusion of last season they won the Championship by no fewer than sixteen points and in the process created a record that will surely stand for a long time to come.

The club have also made good headway off the field, and their facilities are the envy of many of their counterparts who have been engaged in top non league football for the past decade or so, and it's worth mentioning that apart from their floodlighting installation, all other work has been carried out by voluntary labour.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the club was their appearance at Roots Hall in the season 1973/74 when they visited Southen United in the First Round Proper of the F.A. Cup, but whichever way you look at it, the club have had great success in the past, and most of us here think that an even brighter future lies ahead.

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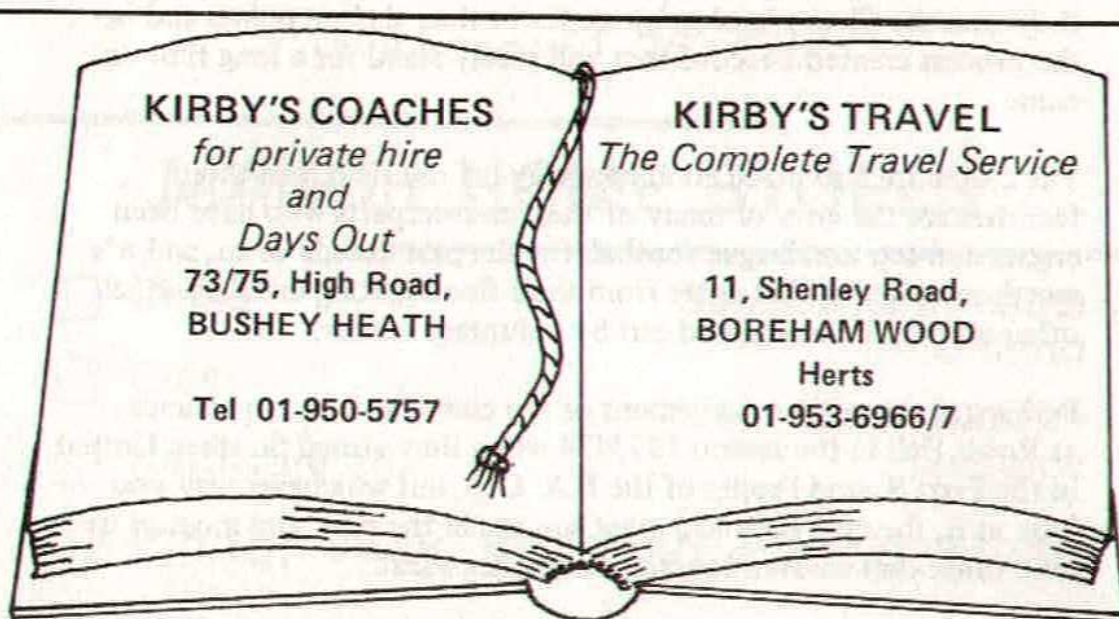
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TWO TO WATCH

says the Borehamwood Post's Stephen Brown

It could be a bit like David and Goliath
this afternoon. On one side we've got the
gallant part-timers from Boreham Wood. On
the other side we've got the might of the
Third Division club Swindon Town.

And our visitors from Swindon look like
giants in comparison. If he plays today,
Chris Guthrie will be one of the costliest
players ever to appear at Broughinge Road.

He once cost £100,000 before Swindon
snapped him up for a more modest fee of
£27,500. That makes him quite expensive
property! And the same can be said of
Trevor Anderson who cost £25,000 from Man-
chester United. As I said. They don't come
much bigger than that !

ONE MAN'S VIEW

by Stephen Brown of the Borehamwood Post

If you are cold this afternoon, then just spare a thought for the players. By now, they might not have any nerves left! This must rate as the biggest day in Boreham Wood's history. Who knows what might happen today.

I remember reporting an FA Cup tie at Scarborough not so long ago. They were at home to Preston North End and the non-league side won. It was an amazing experience. I'm not saying it will happen here, of course. What I will say is that Wood will do their best. Perhaps Swindon will need to show all their experience to get a result. But there's nothing quite like the Cup. Let's hope it's a good game as well!

PROGRAMME NOTES

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to Broughinge Road for this afternoons match in the First Round of the F.A. Challenge Cup, and let me also extend a special greeting to the Players, Officials, and Supporters of SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB who are paying us their first ever visit.

Only once have Boreham Wood reached this stage of the competition, and that was exactly four years ago, the date was 24th November 1973 when we visited Southend United at Roots Hall.

We lost out on that occasion by three goals to nil, but on the day we had our hosts very worried by more than holding our own for three quarters of the match.

In order to qualify for the Southend match we beat Addlestone away from home 3-1...Finchly away by 1-0...Bexley United at home by 1-0...and then faced Aveley in two nerve racking encounters.

At home we drew 2-2, and three days later we forced our way into the First Round Proper by beating them 2-1, armed with the knowledge that it meant a visit to Southend.

Last season our progress in this competition was short lived, for after beating Hertford Town 2-1 away, we crashed to Epsom & Ewell after two games, the second of which was played early on a Thursday afternoon.

We have just four survivors in the side to-day that were in the line up at Southend, namely, Micky Jackson, Jeff Batten, Steve Waller, and John Sneddon, I feel sure that they, and their colleagues will give a good account of themselves this afternoon.

Our Team Manager at the time was Vinny Cook, still with us as a member of the Management Committee, and Les Baker Team Coach now as he was then.

We would like to say 'THANKYOU' to those that turned up at the ground on the last two Sundays in order to give their voluntary services and to help complete a section of terracing, plus of course a host of other work that was an essential contribution

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A MESSAGE FROM MICKY LENNON.

The magic day is here, and everybody in the ground to-day is well aware that victory for Boreham Wood will mean a great deal.

Now is the time when the would be giant killers from the minor Leagues begin their joust in the F.A.Cup, with the League's medium sized clubs, all hoping to qualify for tests with the goliathsthat enter in the 3rd Round and earn the kind of fame that put Hereford and Peterboro on the map. Let us not minimise the calibre of to-day's opposition, for we are very definitely the underdogs in this tie with Swindon, a good club with great traditions in the F.A.Cup, so it will call for a big effort in both legs, and heart if we are to have any success to-day.

I know that there will be 3,000 of you here supporting BOREHAM WOOD to-day, and I hope that every one of you will make yourselves heard, for your vocal enthusiasm will make an enormous impact on my Team.

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that made it possible for us to stage this game, their hard work was very much appreciated.

The Players, and Management Committee would also like to take this opportunity of thanking 'Steve Brown' of the Boreham Wood Post Newspaper for his coverage of Team news since his arrival in the town, and indeed for his four pages of writing in this afternoons programme, which will bound to make interesting reading.

A lot of credit for to-day's appearance in this First Round Tie must of course go to Team Manager Micky Lennon, and his sentiments have been expressed in the centre pages of your programme.

Micky's devotion to his task has to be seen at close quarters in order to be believed, and in this level of football it gets harder and harder with every new season.

He operates without a Reserve Team, and has to get by on a squad of sixteen Players, and you can draw your own conclusions concerning the chaos that is caused when a few of them are on the injured list.

He is a local man of course, and his interest in the club has existed for something like fifteen years....firstly as a Player, then as Reserve Team Manager, and for the past two years as First Team Manager.

His first full season as Manager saw him lift the First Division Title by sixteen clear points, thus creating a record for the competition with a mammoth total of 103, and this first season in the Premier Division must also be pleasing him.

All of us I am sure, offer him, and his Team, congratulations, on their performance to date, content in the knowledge that many skillful and exciting matches will be seen, both at home and away.

LAST WORD FROM MICKY LENNON.

"Personally, I hope we see a game worthy of the competition, and WIN...DRAW...or LOSE, let's enjoy ourselves in the right spirit, and get the most out of the occasion."

A LOOK AT SWINDON

with Stephen Brown of the Borehamwood Post.

We've mentioned Chris Guthrie and Trevor Anderson elsewhere in the programme. Other stars in the Swindon outfit, however, still rate a mention. Stars like skipper Colin Prophett who played for Norwich City and Sheffield Wednesday in the First Division.

John Trollope has made over 700 appearances, while Andy Ford is the former South-end player. Jimmy Allan is now the first-choice goalkeeper and Steve Aizlewood came from Newport County.

Ray McHale and John McLaughlin should figure in midfield alongside Kenny Stroud.

David Moss, top scorer last season, is again leading the way with 10 goals so far. Chris Kamara was signed from Portsmouth and has grabbed four goals so far this season. Oddly enough, two of those were scored against his old club! Micky French is the former Q.P.R. player.

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PROGRAMME NOTES

THE BIG ONE :

by Stephen Brown of the Borehamwood Post

When Hoddesdon was the unlikely setting for the first match in Boreham Wood's FA Cup run, how many of us here at Broughinge Road really thought we would now be watching a Third Division side in action in the first round? Well, it just goes to show what the cup is all about.

Wood could easily have lost that one and dreams of a money-spinning cup run would have been as likely as Wood actually winning the cup.

But credit where it is due. They did win and Edgware, Finchley and Dartford failed to stop them as well. So Wood's cup run goes on. The question now is: What can Swindon do about it? We will soon know.



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20	Dagenham	H		19	Enfield Town	A	
23	Bishop Stortford	A		26	Hendon	A	
27	Carshalton	A		Dec			
30	Walthamstow Avenue	H		3	Hitchin Town	H	
Sep				10	Dagenham	A	
3	Woking	H		17	Carshalton	H	
5	Barking	A		24	NO GAME (XMAS EVE)		
10	Slough Town	A		31	Woking (NEW YEARS EVE)	A	
13	Tilbury	H		Jan			
17	Hayes	H		7	Slough Town	H	
20	Leytonstone	A		14	Hayes	A	
24	Wycombe Wanderers	A		21	Wycombe Wanderers	H	
27	Leytonstone	H		28	Southall & E.B.	A	
Oct				Feb			
1	Southall & E.B.	H		4	Staines Town	H	
4	Bishop Stortford	H		11	Kingstonian	A	
8	Staines Town	A		18	Croydon	H	
11	Walthamstow Avenue	A		25	Leatherhead	A	
15	Kingstonian	H		Mar			
18	Barking	H		4	Sutton United	H	
22	Croydon	A		11	Tooting & Mitcham	A	
25	Tilbury	A		18	Enfield Town	H	
29	Leatherhead	H		25	Hendon	H	
Nov				Apr			
5	Sutton United	A		1	Hitchin Town	A	
12	Tooting & Mitcham	H					

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