***FIELDS DEFENCE CAN'T HOLD OUT.***

14th of September 1974 and our first game of the new season was against Freemans.F.C. At Chinbrook Meadows. The pitch was in good conditions and this helped Freemans to play the better football.

The Hilly Fields players seemed to be suffering from lack of match practice and fitness, however, Fields held on for a long period with some brilliant work by **Derrick Groom**.

When Freemans did eventually score Fields did not fall apart and **Jim Stamp** equalised before half time.

However in the second half with **Bob Whybrow** steady in goal and **Derrick Groom**, **Len** **Franklin** and **Larry Garnham** working hard at the back they were eventually overwhelmed

by the second half pressure and lost 4-1.

***TEAM:***

***B.Whybrow,T.Sanderson, D.Groom, L.Franklin, B.Irwin, C.Chandler, L.Garnham, R.Hudson, J.Stamp, A.Folkard, M.Hill, P.Giles, K.Foster. (M.o.M) D.Groom.***

***FIELDS COLLAPSE***

***AGAIN***

On the 21st of September 1974, Hilly Fields fielded a weakened side to play Studio Film Labs at Brockwell Park and they found themselves surprisingly one up with a mix up in front of SFL's goal, ending with an overhead kick by the SFL left back over his own keeper's head.

During the second half SFL did all the pressing and again with a swift counter attack, **Malcolm** **Hill** ran on to a long through ball to put Fields two up with ten minutes to go. **Roy Hudson** was working hard in Midfield to hold Fields together and **Bob** **Whybrow** made a string of good saves, but again Fields collapsed with SFL smashing in three quick goals. **Larry** **Garnham** also got booked for dissent to add to the injury of losing 3-2.

***TEAM:***

***B.Whybrow, T.Sanderson, D.Groom, M.Formosa, L.Garnham, J.Wise, A.Folkard, R.Hudson, P.Ead, M.Hill, L.Franklin, (M.o.M) B.Whynrow, Roy Hudson.***

*ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR HILLY FIELDS.*

On the 28th of September 1975 Fields met their worst opposition so far and a new home pitch at Marvels Lane failed to halt their misfortunes. Fields settled down slowly, and found themselves two down. At the start of the second half **Malcolm Hill** played a large part in hauling Fields back into the game, he dropped back adding more strength and purpose to the midfield thus enabling the defence to settle.

Fields got on top and were soon level with a goal from **Len Franklin** and an own goal. However, most of the Fields team were off form and Troutbeck came back with two late goals to win 4-2.

***TEAM:***

***B.Whybrow, T.Sanderson, D.Groom, M.Formosa, R.Hudson, M.Hill, P.Ead, J.Stamp, B.Irwin, A.Folkard, L.Franklin***

***C.Chandler (M.o.M) T.Sanderson, M.Formosa***

*HUDSON SHINES FOR HILLY FIELDS*

The return against Troutbeck took place on the 19th of October and Fields struggled to get a full side out as the substitutes failed to turn up. **Derrick Groom** played in goal and the whole team played well against the odds and Fields overwhelmed the opposition in every department.

The defence, with **Keith Foster** dominating were immaculate, **Roy Hudson** and **Alan Folkard** in midfield were brilliant.

The forward line got into the mood of things and **Malcolm Hill** opened the scoring with some smart work by **Alan** **Folkard**  and **Roy Hudson**. Troutbeck equalised against the run of play and the score was 1-1 at half time.

The second half was again one of all pressure by Fields with **Roy** **Hudson** spraying balls to **Len** **Franklin** and **Colin Chandler** and **Alan** dribbling time and again past three players and giving good service to **Malcolm Hill**.

**Colin** was doing a good job upfront hustling and bustling the opposing backs. **Len** scored a second for Fields from a long throw when he ran behind the defence to smash the ball into the net. **Larry Garnham** scored a third, again from a throw in which was partly cleared to **Larry** who hammered the ball into an open goal with the goalkeeper off his lane trying to charge the ball down. Again, after some good dribbling by **Alan**, **Malcolm** outran the right back to slot home a good goal making the final score 4-1.

***TEAM:***

***D.Groom, B.Irwin, K.Foster, L.Garnham, M.Formosa, J.Wise, R.Hudson, A.Folkard, L.Franklin, C.Chandler, M.Hill***

***(M.o.M) R.Hudson***