***FIELDS KNOCKED OUT OF THE CUP***

Hilly Fields were drawn against the strongest team in the league for this senior cup clash played on the 7th of December 1974.

Fields started strongly, and were unlucky not to score in the first five minutes, Cormont hadn't found their feet and were fortunate to go ahead after a disputed offside goal.

Fields came back strongly and **Colin** **Chandler** levelled the scores. Good work by the defence and a good display by **Bob** **Shaw** in goal kept the score at 1-1 at half time.

In the second half Cormont put on the pressure and **Len Franklin** worked industriously trying to get further attacks started. Cormont went ahead with a well flighted free kick as Fields forward line seemed to fizzle out with only **Colin** putting any pressure on the Cormont defence. **Derrick Groom** was replaced by **Alan Folkard** in the second half.

Cormont really turned on the football in the second half and eventually came out 4-1 winners despite good work by the Fields defence.

**TEAM:**

**B.Shaw, B.Irwin, M.Formosa, T.Sanderson, L.Garnham, R.Hudson, B.Whybrow, L.Franklin, M.Hill, C.Chandler, D.Groom, A.Folkard.**

**(M.o.M) M.Formosa, B.Shaw**

***VALIANT EFFORT BY BOB SHAW BUT HE CAN'T SEE FIELDS THROUGH***

The Tudor Trophy match against Dodo's was played on the 14th of December 1974 with Fields starting slowly and Dodo's were soon in command and scored early putting a lot of pressure on **Bob Shaw** in the Fields goal. **Bob**, however, was magnificent and pulled off a string of fine saves to keep Fields in the game. The acting referee, who was Dodo's secretary made strange and apalling biased decisions which upset the rhythm of the Fields players and some were losing their tempers and because of this the standard of football was poor.

However, Fields hit a scinilating fifteen minute period when they pounded Dodo's and scored three goals in quick succession, **Bob** **Whybrow** with two and **Colin Chandler** the other.

At half time the score was 3-1, and Dodo's came on strongly in the second half and with ridiculous refereeing decisions were soon level, although **Bob Shaw** was doing his best to keep them out. Tempers frayed and soon fighting broke out with and **Martin Formosa** was sent off.Dodo's players became niggly and Fields went to pieces with **Bob** **Shaw** being the only defender saving shot after shot.

Dodo's went ahead with a 'Monty Python' penalty decision but **Colin Chandler** levelled the scores. Fields defence then made another mistake and Dodo's cashed in to win the game 5-4.

**TEAM:**

.**B.Shaw, L.Garnham, L.Franklin, M.Formosa, B.Irwin, T.Sanderson, R.Hudson, B.Whybrow, M.Hill, A.Folkard, C.Chandler**

**(M.o.M) B.Shaw**

***AN EASY WIN FOR FIELDS***

Fields met Clapham Deaf in the league on December the 21st,1974 and found them to be very weak opposition and were soon two up with goals from **Bob Whybrow** and **Tony Byford**, however, Fields relaxed in this almost carnival atmosphere and almost allowed Clapham to get in the game!

In the second half **Bob Whybrow** got his second with a neat dribble through the Clapham defence. **Alan** **Folkard** then made it 4-0 with a few minutes left.

The defence had a very easy time with only **Paul Ead** doing any work. **Roy Hudson** in Midfield did a superb job of breaking down any attacks that Clapham set up and had a hand in all of Fields attacks.

**TEAM:**

**B.Shaw, L.Garnham, P.Ead, M.Formosa, B.Irwin, R.Hudson, B.Whybrow, M.Hill, A.Folkard, C.Chandler, T.Byford**

**(M.o.M) B.Shaw.**

***COMPLACENT FIELDS PUNISHED***

Dagmar turned up late for this league game on Jan the 4th 1975 and only had nine men.

Fields attacked from the start and were soon on top with a goal by **Alan** **Folkard**, but Fields became complacent and the midfield collapsed allowing Dagmar to come at them, and Dagmar scored two quick goals and led 2-1 at half time.

In the second half **Larry Garnham** went into midfield and it proved to be disastrous, Dagmar were allowed far too much room up front and their forwards went on a rampage and soon led 4-1. **Roy Hudson** pulled a goal back after a superb move with **Bob** **Whybrow** but Dagmar added another.**Larry** scored with a crafty chip and scored a again a few minutes later, this time putting the ball cleverly past **Bob Shaw**, his own goalkeeper who was playing his last game for Fields and was perhaps a little lethargic. Dagmar ran out 7-3 winners in what was undoubtedly Fields worst performance of the season.

A special note of thanks to **Len Franklin** who refereed the game very well and was the only bright spot of the game.

**TEAM:**

**B.Shaw, L.Garnham, D.Groom, P.Ead, M.Formosa, B.Irwin, R.Hudson, R.Whybrow, M.Hill, A.Folkard, C.Chandler**

***FIELDS FIND FORM***

On the 11th of Jan 1975, Hilly Fields met Clapham Deaf at their old home ground of Ladywell in front of a small crowd who had gathered to watch in good weather.

They needed this game to regain their composure from last weeks fiasco, and came out determined to score goals.

**Malcolm Hill** opened the scoring and this was followed up by **Alan Folkard**, **Roy Hudson** added a third just before half time with a thunderous shot into the roof of the net.

In the second half Fields again pressed and the hard working **Paul Ead** added a fourth, a fabulous run beating four players and hammering the ball past a stupefied goalkeeper! Other goals were added by **Len Franklin**, **Malcolm Hill** and **Alan Folkard** to make the final score a convincing 7-0

**THE TEAM:**

**D.Groom, L.Garnham, L.Franklin, B.Irwin, M.Formosa, T.Sanderson, R.Hudson, A.Folkard, C.Chandler, P.Ead, M.Hill**

**(M.o.M) P.Ead**

***SENIOR CUP EXIT***

The 8th of Feb 1975 and Fields played their first game for almost a month and saw them matched with premier division Sparks in the Senior cup. Fields did well in holding Sparks 0-0 at half time with a superb first half display by **Derrick Groom** in goal and **Tony Sanderson** in the back four

However, in the second half Sparks scored twice and were never really troubled by the Fields forward line which never really showed it's true form.

**TEAM:**

**D.Groom, M.Hill, L.Garnham, B.Irwin, T.sanderson, L.Franklin, R.Hudson, B.Whybrow, A.Folkard, C.Chandler, P.Ead,**

**(M.o.M) T.Sanderson**

***FOLKARD AND HILL ON TARGET***

On the 22nd of Feb 1975 Fields tried out a new formation against Calcutta Rangers with **Roy** **Hudson** and **Larry Garnham** at the back and **Paul Ead, Paul** **Cowdrey** and **Len** **Franklin** in midfield, they found themselves under a lot of pressure against an in form Calcutta and despite quite a bit of hard work Fields were caught out time after time and Calcutta took a deserved 2-0 half time lead.

In the second half **Len** dropped back to sweeper and **Roy**, **Bob Whybrow and Paul Ead** played in midfield with **Paul Cowdrey** pushing up on the right wing. The move worked a dream and Fields seemed to hit another gear and started to run the game.

**Alan Folkard** pulled one back and Fields kept pushing forward but just could not score.

Fields were the better side in the second half and at last got the deserved equaliser when **Colin Chandler** was floored and **Malcolm Hill** scored from the spot. Fields could not press home their advantage and had to settle for a 2-2 draw.

**TEAM: D.Groom, L.Garnham, L.Franklin, B.Irwin, M.Hill, R.Hudson, B.Whybrow, P.Ead, A.Folkard, P.Cowdrey, C.Chandler**

***HILLY FIELDS DOMINATE AGAINST SPA***

The 1st of March 1975 saw Fields take on Spa Utd who were undefeated for their last five games and were confident of defeating the Fields side who, on paper, looked inferior.

However, Fields were in dominant mood and during the first ten minutes could have scored four. **Alan Folkard** opened the scoring with a dribble past a couple of defenders and slotting home.

He followed this with an almost identical goal to make it 2-0 . Following a mix up in the Spa defence Fields went further ahead to make it 3-0 at half time.

In the second half the Fields midfield still kept a grip of the game and the new look defence were more than a match for the Spa forwards. **Colin Chandler** added a fourth and **Paul Cowdrey** got his first goal for the club to make it an impressive 5-0.

**TEAM:**

**D.Groom, B.Irwin, L.Garnham, L.Franklin, M.Hill, R.Hudson, P.Ead, B.Whybrow, A.Folkard, C.Chandler, P.Cowdrey.**

**(M.o.M) L.Franklin**

***FIELDS HANG ON FOR WIN***

Hilly Fields King Georges Houde in atrocious conditions on the 15th of March 1975 and kept up their march to join the leaders of the first division.

Four goals in the first half, two headed goals by **Larry** **Garnham** and a shot and superbly timed header by new signing **Les Bedden** clinched the game.

Fields were 4-0 up at half time and K.G.H. Could only pull three goals back, despite Fields playing with only nine men for the last ten minutes with **Larry** and **Alan Folkard** off injured.

**TEAM:**

**D.Groom, L.Garnham,L.Franklin,**

**M.Hill, B.Irwin, A.Folkard, R.Hudson, B.Whybrow, P,Ead, P.Cowdrey, L.Bedden**

**(M.o.M) M.Hill, P.Ead**

***SPARKS FLY***

An evening game on the 9th of April 1975 at Blackheath.

On a cold bleak evening Fields were soon under some heavy pressure from a super Sparks side.

Fields looked lethargic and even with some fine work by **Derrick Groom** in goal and **Les Bedden** running non stop they failed to hold a rampant Sparks side who were two up at the interval.

The second half was greeted by a blizzard and then thunderous rain but this did not throw Sparks out of their rhythm and they won easily 4-0, the first time that Fields had failed to score and in fact hardly had a shot.

**TEAM:**

**D.Groom, L.Garnham, L.Franklin, L.Bedden, M.Hill, M.Formosa, P.Ead, A.Folkard, B.Irwin, P.Cowdrey, C.Chandler**

**(M.o.M) D.Groom**

***ANOTHER LOSS FOR FIELDS***

On the 10th of April 1975 at Blackheath, conditions were as bad as the night before with a violent wind, snow, and it was very dark.Fields set about their uphill task with a strengthened team with **Roy Hudson** and **Bob Whybrow** back in midfield to help **Len Franklin**.

Within minutes Fields were one up and were holding on to their lead. However Sparks equalised when their centre forward hit a ferocious shot from thirty yards which **Derrick** **Groom** could only watch.

The second half started at 1-1 and Fields clung on to their point with some brilliant work at the back by **Martin Formosa** and then disaster struck with a sloppy back pass by **Roy Hudson** to mar an otherwise brilliant performance which gave Sparks their second goal and Sparks scored again late in the game to make the score 3-1.

**TEAM:**

**D.Groom, L.Franklin, L.Garnham**

**B.Whybrow, M.Formosa, R.Hudson, L.Bedden, M.Hill, C.Chandler, P.Ead, P.Cowdrey, A.Folkard.**

**(M.o.M) M.Formosa**