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CLUB COMMENT

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

This afternoon we are pleased to extend a very cordial welcome to the Directors, Officials, Players and Supporters of the Poole Town Football Club for an F.A. Challenge Trophy 1st Round Tie.

Last season, Boro defeated Cheltenham Town at Brooklands by three goals to nil in the 1st Round, then defeated Gravesend and Northfleet by three goals to two. In the third round, Boro were held to a 1—1 draw at Brooklands by Telford United, but lost the replay by two goals to one after extra time. Telford United of course went on to beat Chelmsford City in the semi-finals, only to lose to Macclesfield in the final at Wembley Stadium.

Boro have already met Poole Town once this season, when they drew 2—2 at Poole in a Southern League game.

Last Saturday, Boro secured a fine one goal to nil victory against the City at Worcester, while Poole Town were busy defeating Bedford Town by three goals to nil at Poole.

We hope for a good attractive game of football this afternoon, and ask all supporters to give every support to the lads. In the event of today's game ending in a draw, No extra time will be played, the replay will take place at Poole on Tuesday 19th January 1971, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Boro's Essex Professional Cup Semi-Final tie with CHELMSFORD CITY will now be played at Brooklands, on Wednesday, 17th March 1971, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Next Wednesday, 20th January, 1971, Boro are again at Brooklands when they meet CAMBRIDGE CITY in a Southern League fixture, kick-off 7.30 p.m. Boro will be hoping to avenge their Boxing Day 0—1 defeat at Cambridge. (This match incidently will be postponed in the event of a replay in the F.A. Challenge Trophy with Poole Town).

Next Saturday 19th January 1971, Boro are at home once again to POOLE TOWN, in a Southern League fixture, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

With Boro still at present in the F.A. Trophy, Southern League Cup and Essex Professional Cup, supporters are requested to watch carefully the fixture lists printed in the match programmes, as fixtures are being continually altered due to Cup Ties. Latest information will be included in our local papers as it becomes available.

"25 YEARS AGO"

On Saturday, 22nd December, 1945, Boro returned to Brooklands after two successive Isthmian League defeats at Leytonstone 0—5 and Oxford City 0—6. The visitors were Wycombe Wonderers, and the match resulted in a 3—3 draw, Boro goals being scored by Clay (2) and Brooks. The attendance for this match was around 1,000.

The Boro team included three newcomers and was as follows:- J. Letham; P. Wallace, W. Dennis; F. Fryatt, J. Paviour, J. Ellis; H. Brooks, W. Mackenzie, H. Clay, J. Oakes, J. Turner.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

FIXTURES 1970-71

1970	Opponents	Goals Grad For Aget	1970	Opponents	Grnd	Goals For Agst
Aug. 1 3 11 15	Gillingham (F) Orient (F) King's Lynn	Home 2 — 0 Home 2 — 1 Home 1 — 2 Home 1 — 1	Dec. 2 5 12 16	Nuneaton B Margate Bath C	Home Away Home	$ \begin{array}{r} 1 - 0 \\ 1 - 0 \\ 0 - 3 \\ 3 - 1 \end{array} $
18 22 24	Chelmsford C Bexley (S.L.C.)	Away 1 — 2 Away 0 — 4 Away 1 — 2	19 26 1971			$\begin{array}{c} 2 - 2 \\ 0 - 1 \end{array}$
29 Sept. 2 5	Bexley (S.L.C.)	Home 3 — 1 Home 3 — 1 Away 3 — 2	Jan. 9 16 20	Poole (FA Trophy)	Home	1-0
9 12 19	Hereford U	Home 1 — 0 Home 1 — 1 Home 11 — 0	23 30	Poole T Worcester C	Home	4-3
26 30 Oct. 3	Margate Dover Bath C	Home 2 - 3 Away 4 - 0 Away 2 - 1	Feb. 6 10 13 17	Weymouth (SLC) Bedford T	Home Home	0-0
10 13 17	Erith (F.A.C.) Erith (F.A. Replay)	Home 0 - 0	20 27 Mar. 6	Yeovil T Telford U Kettering T	Away Home	0-7
19 21	Erith F.A.C.Replay West Ham U (H. Obeney Testime	Home 1 — 2	13 17 20	Chelmsford (E.P.C)	Home	1-0
24 27 31	Walton (F.A.C) Walton (FA Rply) Nuneaton B		27 Apr. 3	Dover	Home Away	
Nov. 2 7 14	Walton (Rply) Hill Telford U	lingdon 2 — 3 Home 2 — 1 Away 1 — 0	10 12	Ashford T Barnet	Home Home	
21 25 28	Gloucester C Dartford	Home 4 — 1 Home 0 — 1 Away 0 — 1	17 21 24	Yeovil T Chelmsford C	Away	
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MANAGER'S NOTES

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen.

Today we welcome Poole Town F.C. to Brooklands for this afternoon's F.A. Trophy game. They have hit a bit of form recently and although their league position is still none too healthy they have reached the quarter-finals of the Southern League Cup.

The Boro put on a good performance at Worcester and fully deserved their 1-0 win, although I must admit there was some nail biting in the last ten minutes.

The fixture list is getting very congested and it is two games a week plus right through to the end of the season.

Next Wednesday we entertain Cambridge City in a Southern League fixture, kick-off 7.30 p.m., and on Saturday it is Poole Town again in the Southern League.

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"25 Years Ago"-continued from page 3

A crowd of about 2,000 attended Brooklands on Christmas morning, and saw Boro strike top form in defeating local rivals Ilford by six goals to one. The Romford team was J. Letham; P. Wallace, W. Dennis; W. Mackenzie, J. Paviour, F. Fryatt; H. Brooks, L. Rowntree, J. Holt, J. Oakes, J. Turner, and the goals came from Rowntree (2), Brooks, Turner (2) and Holt.

Boro made two changes for the return game the following day, J. Denham for W. Dennis and Chris Adams for J. Oakes. Brooks scored for Romford in a 1-1 draw

On Saturday 29th December 1945, Romford travelled to St. Albans City for an Isthmian League match, and found themselves losing by three goals to

nil at half-time; City's goals coming from Forsyth and Dowden (2).

Boro had most of the play in the second half, but were rewarded with only one goal scored by Harold Brooks. Romford's team was J. Letham: P. Wallace, J. Donham; W. Mackenzie, J. Pavior, F. Fryatt; H. Brooks, T. Rateira (a newcomer from Barking), J. Holt, C. Adams and J. Turner.

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1970	Opponents	Grad For Agst
Sept. 21	Stevenage A.	Away 5 - 0
Oct. 7	King's Lynn	Away 0 - 5
Nov. 11	Stevenage A.	Home 4 - 2
Dec. 9	Southend U.	Home 2 - 3
1971 Jan. 26	Cambridge C.	Away
Feb. 1 24	Cambridge U. Bedford T.	Away
Mar. 3 10 24 31	Boston U. Boston U. Cambridge U. Chelmsford C.	Home
May 3		Home
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(up to and including 11th January, 1971) PWDL F A Pts Hereford U. 22 15 3 4 47 Wimbledon 22 14 2 6 40 Romford 23 12 4 7 35 28 28 Yeovil T. 20 12 3 5 26 13 27 Worcester C. 24 11 5 8 35 23 27 34 32 26 30 31 25 Bedford T. 24 11 4 9 Bath C. Cambridge C. 21 9 7 5 21 9 6 6 22 11 2 9 19 9 5 5 22 37 30 Dover. 38 Chelmsford C. 25 Weymouth 22 7 8 36 Barnet 20 7 7 6 26 27 Nuneaton B. 22 6 9 7 23 29 22 7 6 9 26 25 20 22 8 4 10 34 36 20 Dartford Hillingdon B. 35 38 Margate 20 8 3 9 24 7 4 13 35 41 18 Telford U. Poole T. Ashford T. 20 7 4 9 32 43 18 3 7 10 27 42 3 7 14 27 51 20 13 Kettering T. 13 24 51 37 5 2 14 20 King's Lynn 21 12 ... Away Gloucester C. 19 2 7 10 16 23 11

ROMFORD F.C. SUPPORTERS and SOCIAL CLUB NOTES

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Well, this afternoon sees the 'Boro on the start of the road to Wembley once again. We came quite close last year, and this time we hope to do a lot better. This afternoon we welcome the Officials, Players and Supporters of Poole Town F.C., along with our own followers, for the first round of the F.A. Challenge Trophy — the famous non-League Cup. Actually this draw comes as quite a coincidence as we are scheduled to meet Poole here again next Saturday in the Southern League. Now, it's not polite to be greedy but these are both games that we shall need to win, today's for the prestige that a possible Wembley final could bring, and next week's for the valuable two points that could be all important at the end of the season, with another possible Southern League championship.

Our first full Disco-Night last Friday was very well supported and I think that everyone enjoyed themselves! These Discos are going to be a regular feature now, so why not come and have a "rave up" at 8 p.m. in the Social Club next Friday evening? Admission only 5/-! Our January dance takes place on the 30th of this month, again in the Social Club, admission 7/6 (members only 5/-). Fesivities commence at 8 p.m. and the Marriners will be in attendance for those with twinkling toes (all of you I hope).

Now for those of you who bought a programme for the game against Chelmsford a fortnight ago, and were interested in the little quiz — here are the answers (it's a good job I've got the book in front of me — I've got a shocking memory). Well, in season 1965-66 only three of our players appeared in every one of our Southern League games, Tom Barnett, Roy Sanders (I'll bet you all got those two) and Alan Reed, Terry Tapping and John Read only missed one game and Bill White only missed two. The season that we finished runners-up in Division I, Clacton Town were champions of that division. Brian Kelly is now player-manager with Bexley and Colin Flatt came to us from Wisbech, and who was it that secured a regular game here as long ago as 1960-61. Roy Sanders of course! Now here's one to set you thinking — which team was on the receiving end of Bill White's first goal for Romford?

ROMFORD PEN PICTURES - BERT HOWE

Born at Charlton in November 1938, Bert was apprenticed to the building trade on leaving school and played as an amateur with West Ham. Bert signed professional forms with Crystal Palace, who he served for 9 years before moving on to Orient for 3 years and Colchester for 1 year, then last close season he joined us here at Brooklands. Bert and his wife Anne have two children, Allison who is 6 years, and Emma, nearly 2, and they live at Bexley, Kent. Apart from soccer Bert also plays squash and is a hi-fi enthusiast. At present he works for a paper manufacturer, as a salesman. He hopes to play as long as possible and then help youngsters to progress in the game, and would probably coach a youth team.

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