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Welcome,

Our Chairman, Mr. T.G. Clancy, and club officials would like to extend a warm welcome to the Mayor, Councillor George Essex, Mr. Kenneth Lewis M.P., members of the Football Association, led by Group Captain A. White (formerly of Cottesmore), members of the Lincolnshire Football Association and of the United Counties League.

#### A Message from the Manager:-

Good afternoon supporters old and new: welcome to Wothorpe Road for what may appear to be the most important match the Daniels have played for many a year. If we can manage to win by two clear goals the Daniels will appear in the Final of this Vase Competition at Wembley on April 19th. Although losing 2-1 at Epsom last Saturday, I thought that we put up a very good performance especially in the first half under shocking conditions, and we could easily have gone in at half time leading 3-0. I am not all that worried that we are one goal down because I am sure that with your vociferous help this afternoon we can pull that goal back - so come on you supporters, let us hear you get behind the team and help them to the final. I know that the players will be having a go so lets have you giving them all the help you can. I look forward to a very good game and I hope that you will enjoy yourselves - and don't forget that you are welcome at Wothorpe Road anytime.

Morman Rigby.

UP THE DANIELS.

#### TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

#### SATURDAY 29th MARCH 1975

#### F.A. CHALLENGE VASE (2nd LEG)

	K.O. 3pm.	
STAMFORD A.F.C.	V	EPSOM & EWELL F.C.
Kevin Johnson Dick Kwiatiowski Jeff Marchant Alan Webster Peter Down Malcolm Hurd Barry Barnes Ron Cooper Dick Smith	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Chris Page Willie Bennett Steve Jones Alan Webb Dave Worby Trevor Wales Pat O'Connell Tommy Tuite Phil Walker
Alan Russell Eddie Broadhurst Steve Ward	10 11 Sub	Dave Ritman Trevor Lee Ted Yorke

#### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr. A.J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)

Linesmen: Mr. J. Turner (Nottingham)

Mr. R.B. Vickers (Little Paxton)

Mr. Hamil is a Football League Referee. Although it is his first visit to Wothorpe Road, viewers of B.B.C. MATCH OF THE DAY, will recognise him as being in charge of last Saturdays televised match, BRIGHTON v BLACKBURN.

The Match Ball has been presented by Delaine Coaches and is the first prize in our raffle.

See back page for details of other prizes.

#### THE ROAD TO THE FINAL....

#### STAMFORD

1st Round 2nd Round	Holbeach United City of Norwich Old	Home	4 - 2
Zna Rouna	Boys Union		3 - 0
3rd Round	Anstey Nomads		6 - 1
4th Round	Malvern Town		2 <b>-</b> 2 6 <b>-</b> 1
Replay			
5th Round	Brockenhurst		4 - 1
6th Round	Wingate	Away	3 - 1

#### EPSOM AND EWELL

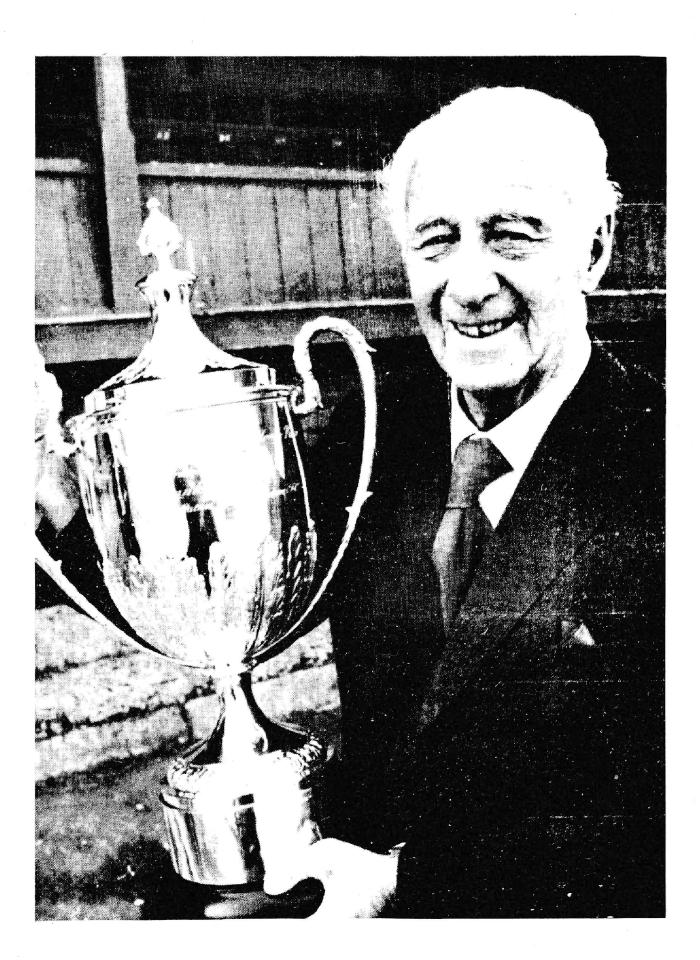
1st Round	Reigate Priory	Home	4 - 0
2nd Round	Horley Town		2 - 0
3rd Round	Worthing		4 - 1
4th Round	Eastbourne Town	•	2 - 0
5th Round	Hornchurch	Home	1 - 0
6th Round	Addlestone	Home	2 - 0

#### SEMI FINALS 1st LEG

Epsom and Ewell 2 (Lee, Walker) Stamford 1 (Russell)
Hoddesdon 2 (Schofield, Stevenson) Friar Lane Old Boys 0

#### THE FINAL

will be played at the Empire Stadium, Wembley on Saturday, April 19th.



#### CHALLENGE VASE - THE FIRST SEASON

In anticipation of the abolition of amateur status, the Amateur Challenge Cup was contested for the final time in Season 1973/74. To say it has been replaced by the Challenge Vase is true to a certain extent, but one important fact must be borne in mind. The Challenge Trophy and Vase Competitions now pay no attention to a player's status - whether he be paid or not. About a hundred of the leading clubs formerly entering the Amateur Cup have this season, for the first time, competed in the Trophy and, indeed, a few professional clubs have played in the Vase Competition. The only criteria to be considered when allocating a Club to either Trophy or Vase are a Club's playing record and general facilities, with those rated highest playing in the Trophy, while the remainder enter the Vase. It can be seen that most Vase Clubs have far more chance of success in this new Competition than ever they had in the Amateur Cup.

Naturally, the Football Association had to find a Vase and the Council was most grateful to MR. FRANK ADAMS, a Life Vice-President of the F.A., for his generous offer to donate a trophy. Mr. Adams seen opposite, holding the Vase, was elected to the Football Association in 1947 and has served on many Committees, including the International and Challenge Cup. In a distinguished playing career with Wycombe Wanderers, which was interrupted by the First World War, Mr. Adams won honours with Club - he was Captain for five years - and County, and also went on overseas tours with Middlesex Wanderers. 1944 saw him, as Secretary of the Combined Services Committee, promoting football all over Europe as a boost to the morale of the troops.

Mr. Adams has continued to give unsparingly of his time and energy as an administrator and Wycombe Wanderers made l'm Patron after his purchase of the freehold of Loakes Park.

Mr. Adams' generosity has ensured that whichever team is victorious on April 19th, their Captain will carry off a trophy they will be loathe to return without a fierce struggle.

#### LEAGUE TABLES

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We would like to welcome the players, supporters and officials of Epsom and Ewell Football Club on the occasion of this second leg of the F.A. Vase Semi-Final. Last Saturday in front of a crowd of 1700, Epsom's best for over 10 years, we produced some fine football and were very unlucky not to be more than one goal ahead at half time, Alan Russell being the Daniels scorer. However, it was a different story after the interval. A much improved performance by Epsom coupled with the terrible playing conditions enabled them to bring a first leg lead to Wothorpe Road today, with goals coming from Trevor Lee and Phil Walker. Well, that match is now history and all eyes are on todays encounter which will lead to a Wembley final appearance against Friar Lane Old Boys or Hoddesdon on April 19th.

Although Epsom have only the slenderest of first-leg leads it would be an injustice to them to take their challenge lightly. Their recent record of success is very impressive. Last season Epsom were winners of the Surrey Senior League Cup and runners up in the Senior League. This season they have lost only one match in a league programme which, like the Daniels, has been greatly affected by Cup matches. In total they have played 32 league and cup matches this season, registering only 4 defeats and one draw, and scoring 107 goals while conceding only 27. A formidable record.

Their team blends experience with youth. They are led by player-manager Pat O'Connell who on many occasions during his 16 years at Fulham played alongside former England Captain Johnny Haynes in the First Division. Centre-half Dave Worby was a member of Walton and Hersham's Amateur Cup Final squad of 1973 (the fore-runner of this competition). Twenty-year old Tommy Tuite is leading goalscorer with 39 goals, followed by John Eales (20 goals) and Trevor Lee with 15, including one against Stamford last week. All three have attracted league scouts as has Phil Walker who netted the winner for Epsom in the first leg.

In conclusion I would like to point out that the Daniels Social Club will open early today - at 5pm. Everybody is welcome - it is only a few minutes walk from the ground (17 All Saints Street) and well worth a visit. For those who may be making their first visit to Stamford, any Daniels supporter will only be too pleased to give you the necessary directions to the club.

SUPPORT THE DANIELS.

Todays match ball, donated by Delaine Coaches, is the first prize in a raffle to be held today. Second prize is a bottle of wine and third a basket of fruit and there will be three consolation prizes of copies of this programme, autographed by the Stamford Team. Dont forget also the regular Daniels Daily Dip Tickets. As you can see from the club house now being built on the ground, all money raised goes towards helping the club - SO BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW.

In the event of the teams being level on aggregate score at the end of normal time an extra 30 minutes will be played. If at the end of extra time there is still no final outcome a decider will be played at a neutral venue.

Stamford Football Club would like to thank all fans for their loyal support this season. Their vocal backing and the abundance of red and white Daniels rosettes etc. around the ground (for which we owe a special thanks to Mr. John Rollings of Hardingham Sports) has given a great boost to the players. Keep it up for todays match.

Forthcoming Fixtures arranged to date (subject to Cup replays and finals):-

April	3 5	Thurs. Sat.	Spalding Rushden	Away Away	(UCL	Cup S/F).
11	7	Mon.	BOURNE	HOME		
11	10	Thurs.	Spalding	Away		
11	12	Sat.	VAUXHALL	HOME		
11	14	Mon.	Desborough	Away		
11	19	Sat.	Vase Final	(or Ro	thwell	Home)
1.1	21	Mon.	ROTHWELL	Away		
11	23	Wed.	Biggleswade	Away		
11	26	Sat.	Lone Buckby	Away		
***	28	Mon.	BOURNE	Away		
May	5	Mon.	Wootton	Away		
11	7	Wed.	KEMPSTON	HOME		
* *	10	Sat.	WOLVERTON	HOME		

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