

AVENUE'S LAST FA CUP RUN

Walthamstow Avenue had some remarkable matches in the FA Cup during its eighty-seven year history. There can be no doubt that the club's incredible, two match tussle with Manchester United during the 1952/3 season will forever rank as its greatest achievement.

These two pictures - taken almost simultaneously - capture Jim Lewis scoring the 'A's goal in the 1-1 draw at Old Trafford.





During the 1967/8 season, the club played a total of six FA Cup ties – four at home and two away. I was lucky enough to be at Green Pond Road to watch all four of the home games.

So, with the help of match programmes and Guardian/Gazette articles, here's the story of - what turned out to be – Avenue's last FA Cup run.

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WALTHAMSTOW Ave

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LEYTON

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

CLUB NOTES

Good afternoon everybody.

It is with very great pleasure that we welcome this afternoon our friends and close neighbours Leyton F.C., and wish their Officials, Players and Supporters an enjoyable and sporting match.

Once again the F.A. Cup starts on its very long road to Wembley, and we know that on the journey there are going to be many fine tales to tell of wonderful goals scored and tears because of some missed. Every Cup competition has its heartbreaks, being a one-chance only affair, but surely the F.A. Cup creates more interest annually than any other tournament, culminating in millions watching the final, either at Wembley or on their television screens, all over Europe. We, as an amateur club, have made a great mark in the history of this Cup. In modern years no amateur club has come so near to a Wembley final than the Avenue in 1953 — when we drew with mighty Manchester United in a fourth round proper match, therefore figuring in the fifth round draw. We, however, lost the replay at Highbury.

In this great competition we could ask for no better opponents than our old rivals Leyton F.C. Over the many years we spent in the Athenian League, we had

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some excellent games, but, as you will probably agree, none more intense or cliff-hanging than our F.A. Amateur Cup Final at Wembley in 1952. We eventually won 2-1 after extra time before a crowd of over 90,000. Our goals being scored by Jimmy Lewis and Dennis Hall.

Norman R. Moss

The line – ups

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Team changes: For Avenue, Johnny Bazin played at number six instead of the injured Len McKendry. There were other positional changes

but the personnel were, otherwise, the same as published in the programme.

The Leyton side also made positional changes but the only actual player swap saw Ilott on the bench instead of Cheesewright.

The Guardian and Gazette Reported:



Match report: Bill Johnstone Pictures: Archie McNeice

A better geared, harder hitting Avenue attack was the deciding factor in their FA Cup dismissal of neighbours Leyton at the Green Pond-road ground on Saturday, leading to another home chance in the 2nd qualifying round – against Isthmian rivals Ilford who beat Grays 1-0.

Delivering the knock-out blow at Leyton were former Lilywhites Brain Jackson and Peter Leakey. With two men of their calibre Leyton might have provided a different ending to a game, absorbing enough, but shorn of the traditional cup derby flavour.

Unchanged Leyton – stubborn in defence, with Mick Emmerson dominating the middle and a big obstacle to Peter Drabwell's successor, Brain Collett, one-time Leyton winger – plotted many attractive attacking moves, full of promise but too often disintegrating at the crucial stage.

With left-half John Bazin again deputising for the unfit Len McKendry, Walthamstow's tight covering, strong tackling rear men benefitted from faulty passing, lack of positioning and some fortunate rebounds, but the comparative idleness of keeper Vic Lindsay

reflected Leyton's finishing weakness. Main threats came from fleet-footed Danny Mulqueen with flashes by Chris Brooks and Ian Wilsonham.

Jackson volley

Prominent in Avenue's opening pressure, danger man Brian Jackson engineered a Collett shot which produced a corner and only a quick dash and kick-away clearance by keeper Brian Partridge stopped another Jackson burst. An Alan Quinnell free-kick saw Lindsay hold a rebound, then a header from Mulqueen.

Avenue drew first blood in the 12th minute – from a corner kick on the right by Peter Leakey. The ball sailed just over the mass of bobbing heads, and Brian Jackson, lurking on the left of the penalty spot, met it on the drop to volley hard under the bar.

Soon after, the lively Leakey drove against a post for a thankful partridge to clear. A roused Leyton team swung back into the game and there was little in it either way until the interval. A Mills free-kick flashed past the diving head of Stan Page. Lindsay dropped the ball after a Quinnell free-kick, but retrieved it in time as Mulqueen charged in; then, from a Mills corner, the keeper saved from Emmerson.

Partridge tipped over a Leakey flag-kick and later, Brooks, beating two men on the run, was tearing in for a likely score when Bazin got in a timely tackle.

A powerful 35-yard drive by Leakey, smartly pulled down by Partridge, marked a brisk Avenue start to the second half. Brooks changed the scene, was fouled by Terry, but the ready head of Jackson cleared Honeywell's free-kick.

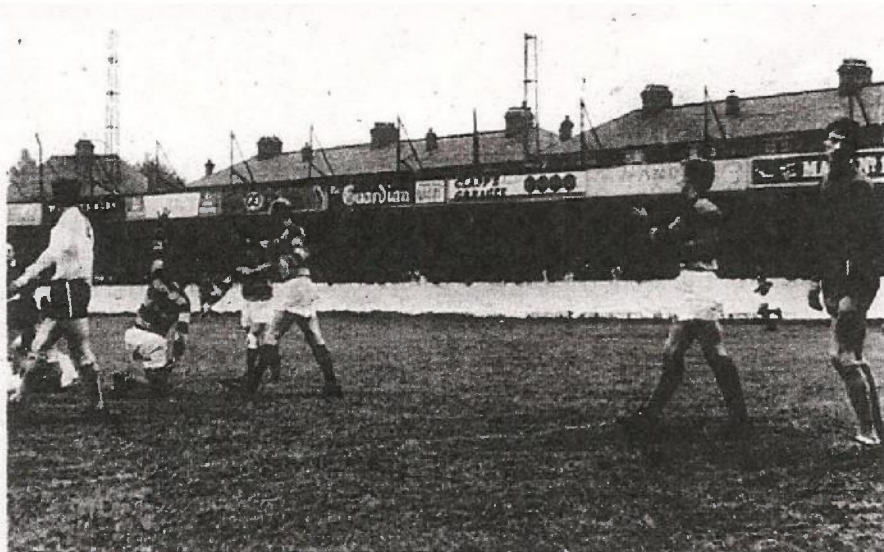
Leyton fought hopefully on, still without any real frontal fire, and the defence having the hardest job containing Avenue's aggressive

attack and surviving several goalmouth scrambles. The mobile Partridge threw himself at a low Aylett cross after a wing thrust by Murphy, then beat Collett to a ball from Ford. Brooks again broke away on the Leyton left, to be stopped by another Bazin tackle.

Midway Leyton half-back Geoff Bridle limped off and substitute Ray Ilott took over on the wing.

Shortly after – 21 minutes from the end – Avenue scored again. Near the corner flag on the left, long-throw specialist Tony King slung over a ball which brought a goalmouth flurry. Controlling the ball with his back to the goal, Leakey powered it inside the post with a deft overhead kick.





● Left hand raised in jubilation, scorer Peter Leakey, still on one knee, receives the congratulations of his colleagues, among them Avenue's other marksman, Brian Jackson (with arms outstretched), and Brian Collett, walking away from disconsolate keeper Brian Partridge. Seen running up the touch-line on the right is Tony King, whose long throw led to Leakey's goal. On the left is Leyton right-half Stan Page.
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Leyton never gave in. Dave Clarke robbed Mulqueen of a chance offered by Wilsonham, who next ballooned over a pass by Brooks and Lindsay saved from Mills after a Leakey counter-thrust and a Murphy blast just over the bar. Ray Ilott, striving to spark up the Leyton attacks, gave a great closing chance with a forceful run and goalmouth cross but no one was there to seize it.

Walthamstow Avenue: Lindsay, Terry, King, Ford, Clarke, Bazin, Murphy, Leakey, Collett, Jackson, Aylett.

Leyton: Partridge, Quinnell, Clifton, Page, Emmerson, Bridle, Mills, Wilsonham, Mulqueen, Honeywell, Brooks. Sub: Ilott



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Team changes: The Avenue played as per the above line-up. Ilford fielded a player named Edmonson who isn't shown in the match programme; so there was at least one change to their team.

The Guardian and Gazette Reported:

Close shave, Avenue !

WALTHAMSTOW AVENUE 1, ILFORD 0

By Nick Logan

WATCHING this drab, uninspiring display on Saturday it was hard to believe that here were two teams battling for a chance at FA Cup glory. Neither did justice to England's most coveted and fiercely-contested trophy.

On paper, Avenue should have walked all over their Isthmian League neighbours who, in nine outings this season, have won only one and lost the rest.

Until Brian Jackson played the role of saviour 15 minutes from the end it looked at best a draw for Avenue and it would not have been robbery if Ilford, who at least showed some sense of urgency, had snatched a shock win. Indeed, if they had taken their chances, they would have ended 2-1 winners.

For the first 20 minutes or so we were treated to some bright, promising football. First, Ilford keeper James stopped a point-blank shot from Micky Aylett and then Brian Collett, shaking off two Ilford defenders, hit the ball on the run, unluckily into the side netting. At the other end, Ilford winger Edmonson and right-back Cooper had shots punched away by Avenue keeper Vic Lindsay.

But then what happened ?

Avenue faded and, with the ball bouncing around aimlessly in the middle of the field in a succession of mistakes and miskicks, the half-time break came as a welcome relief.

The first of Ilford's two wasted chances came after a couple of minutes in the second half. Lively winger Edmonson jinxed his way into the Avenue box to start a goalmouth panic that ended with left-half Bazin desperately heading off the line.

A few minutes later Collett had a chance for Avenue but shot wide. Then it was back to the mistakes and the miskicks, the crowd getting desperate for a goal—from anybody.

But there were another 30 minutes of drab football before that goal came. Peter Leakey raced down the right wing, centred to Jackson and the tall inside-right made no mistake with his shot.

Walthamstow Avenue: Lindsay, Terry, King, Ford, Clarke, Bazin, Murphy, Leakey, Collett, Jackson, Aylett.



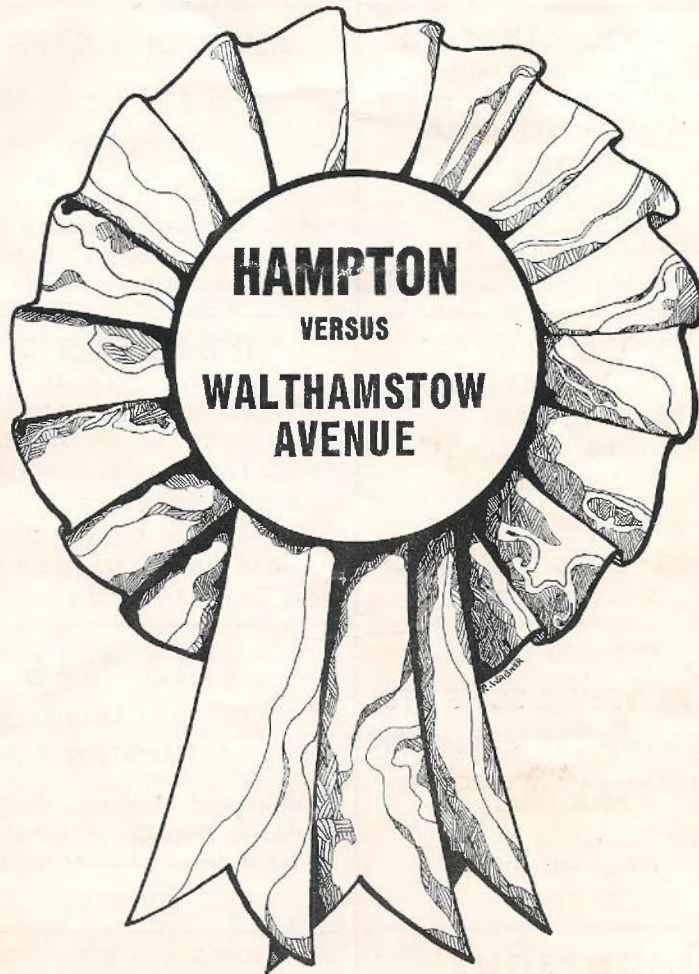
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Walthamstow play in the Isthmian League, the premier Amateur league of the south. They will therefore, be a very 'hard nut to crack', but we've beaten Isthmian League teams before, so we are, as usual, confident. Walthamstow are one of the oldest amateur clubs with a long and distinguished history.

They won the Amateur Cup in 1950/51—beating Leyton 2—1 after extra time; 1960/61 —beating West Auckland Town 2—1. Last season they reached the semi-final.

Included in their team are Vic Lindsey their 'keeper, who has assisted Leyton; Pat Terry, who gained a cap whilst serving with Enfield (his previous club); John Ford, who has gained several representative honours; centre-half Derek Clarke is the current first choice for the Isthmian League side; Len McKendry is a defensive wing half who joined the Club from Wealdstone. Peter Leakey is in his second spell with Club, joining them from Leyton; Centre-forward Brian Collett, is another ex-Leyton player and his brother Paul, also a centre-forward, has just joined the Club. Inside-left, Brian Jackson is considered to be one of their best forwards and has collected several representative honours, he has recently been selected to play for the Southern Counties v the North at Middlesborough next Saturday (the 21st).

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Walthamstow Avenue are managed by Tony Coleman, who at twenty-four must be one of the youngest managers in the game today.

In recent weeks they have lost two of their most experienced forwards, Peter Drabwell, centre-forward, to Hendon; and Paul Hapwood, inside-forward, to Grays Athletic. However, this does not appear to have seriously upset Walthamstow as they are unbeaten in their last six games.

We look forward to a good game and may the best team win.

The line – ups

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- 9 P ALLEN
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- 4 J FORD
- 5 D CLARKE
- 6 L McKENDRY
- 7 D MURPHY
- 8 P LEAKEY
- 9 B COLLETT
- 10 B JACKSON
- 11 M AYLETT

Linesmen R LETSOME & E WILKINS

Team changes: Bazin played at number eleven and Aylett began on the bench. Hampton played as per the programme.

The Guardian and Gazette Reported:

A's get through in goal spree

HAMPTON 4, WALTHAMSTOW AVENUE 5

By Nick Logan

IT was one of those days when goalkeepers wished they were forwards. Gale-force winds and a greasy pitch produced the expected crop of goals—but this wasn't the usual wind-inspired comedy of errors.

In these extremely trying conditions both teams deserve credit for maintaining a high level of fast, entertaining football. This was a real F.A. Cup thriller.

Starting without their newly-signed centre-forward, Paul Collett, ineligible for this tie, Avenue restored Brian Collett, to the striker spot and really looked in for a hard time against a Hampton team second in the Spartan League with a goal record of 34 for and seven Spartan League with a goal against.

Their fears were soon confirmed. In two minutes Ken Merry for Hampton let go from 25 yards out. The ball, powered by the wind, dipped deceptively under the bar.

But eight minutes later, Hampton full-back Pete Minor chipped back to his own goalie. The ball went high over Andrews' hands and a silent crowd watched it trickle over the line.

Five minutes later, Avenue winger Denis Murphy sent over a fine centre and Brian Collett was there to glance the ball home. In six more minutes Hampton were level again. Making amends for his earlier own goal, Pete Minor put a dangerous incurring ball to the Avenue far post for centre-forward Pete Allen to run in and score.

Soon afterwards Allen was tripped and limped throughout the rest of the half. From the resulting free-kick, winger Sid Carter gave Hampton a 3-2 interval lead, the ball passing the Avenue defensive wall and the groping Vic Lindsay, who had one of his unhappy days.

Morris replaced Allen in the second half. Moving well with the wind in their favour, Avenue equalised in five minutes, Brian Collett getting his second goal. In another 10 minutes Avenue went ahead when Hampton's Belcher handled in the box. John Ford made no mistake with the penalty.

But Avenue had a few more shocks and near misses in their own goalmouth before the issue was clinched by Brian Jackson. From the half-way line, Collett on the wing chipped across a magnificent through ball that gave the inside left a clear run. He left Hampton keeper Andrews sprawling and ran the ball home.

But battling Hampton netted again, John McClintock taking advantage of a defensive slip.

Avenue: Lindsay, Terry, King, Ford, Clarke, McKendry, Murphy, Leahey, Collett, Jackson, Bazin.
Sub: Aylett.

Hampton: Andrews, Earle, Minor, Aldridge, Belcher, Garman, Marchant, Merry, Allen, McClintock, Carter. Sub: Morris.



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We extend a warm welcome to the Officials, team and supporters from Walthamstow Avenue F.C. for today's game in the fourth and final qualifying round of the F.A. Cup competition. Walthamstow Avenue needs little or no introduction, they have been established many years and are among the top amateur clubs in the country. They compete in the Isthmian League and are unbeaten in their last ten games. In the previous qualifying rounds they have knocked out Leyton 2-0, Ilford 1-0 and Hampton 5-4. The result of today's game, is of course, most important to both clubs for the winners will achieve a place in the first round proper of this famous competition when the Football League clubs first enter the competition. Here are some details of the Avenue line up:-

- VIC LINDSAY Ex Leyton keeper. A shoulder injury kept him out earlier this season, but now back in top form
- PETER TERRY Former Enfield and Hendon full-back. Joined Avenue in 1965 and is their only Amateur International.
- TONY KING Former Spurs, Enfield and St. Albans full-back.
- JOHN FORD Had a spell with Barking before re-joining Avenue. A tireless midfielder.
- DENNIS CLARKE Dominant centre-half, signed from Leytonstone two years ago.
- LEN MCKENDRY Skipper and left-half, ex-Ilford, Tooting and Wealdstone star. A really experienced defender.
- JOHNNY BAZIN Signed from Leyton in September. A deep-lying forward who combines well with Ford.
- DENNIS 'Spud' MURPHY Ex-Hendon winger he has been exchanging the outside right berth with Peter Leakey.
- BRIAN 'Plonker' JACKSON Could be a dangerman. He's netted half a dozen goals this season.
- BRIAN COLLETT No relation to cup-tied Paul Collect, but he's also proficient in front of goal.
- MICKEY AYLETT Former Chelmsford City. He's been Avenue's regular substitute

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The Guardian and Gazette Reported:

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FA Cup shock for Brentwood



AVENUE'S DAY OF GLORY

BRENTWOOD 1, WALTHAMSTOW AVENUE 3
BY ALAN WILLIAMS

What a gem of a game. The little men of Walthamstow Avenue created havoc and brought about Southern League Brentwood's destruction with incredible grit and determination. The Hive on Saturday was waiting in readiness for the unknowns of Walthamstow. But, instead of the expected trouncing, the crowd saw an Avenue triumph executed with simple-enough tactics – tough-tackling, close understanding and efficient team-work.

Avenue, minus leader Paul Collett (ineligible) came out of the tunnel as under-dogs, to face the burly blues. But, in a tense atmosphere, Avenue relinquished the title with a goal after only 105 seconds. It shocked the entire stadium. Johnny Bazin, in a great solo thrust, laid on a deft pass for Brian Collett, who ran past centre-half Ling, beat 'keeper Dunbar and drove into the empty net.

This was the start of a series of early Avenue raids in which Brentwood were forced to back-heel. Slowly, however, with the crowd behind them, Brentwood hit back and the excitement grew.

Tony King stopped a fierce drive on the line before Cappi, Brentwood's inside-left, equalised with a scorching 25-yarder after 20 minutes.



● Avenue keeper Vic Lindsay dives full-length in a vain attempt to stop Brentwood's 20th-minute equaliser on Saturday—a scorching 25-yarder from Barry Cappi. (55)

Brentwood then opened the game with wide crossfield play and it seemed Avenue must crumble under such pressure. But Brian Jackson fell back to help out Len McKendry and Denis Clarke in midfield.

Vic Lindsay brought off three great saves and Brentwood seemed twice as fit, twice as fast and twice as powerful.

But, such are the fortunes of cup football, back came Walthamstow with one seething attack in the 35th minute. Peter Leakey centred and up soared tall Brian (“Plonker”) Jackson to head home.

Collet makes sure

After the break Brentwood’s left-winger Coates was replaced by Jackie Meagher – his first game for 10 months after a bad ankle injury.

Avenue sealed the game with a third goal by Brian Collett after 73 minutes. Collet collided with right-back Hopkins in midfield, received the return from Murphy and chipped home.

Brentwood folded in attack as Pete Terry and John Ford gained control. The victory was no injustice – and Avenue march on.

Manager Tommy Coleman said during a dressing room champagne celebration afterwards: “The wet weather obviously hindered Brentwood, especially on the wings. Our strength was in our pressure down the lines. I’m pleased with the lads as a team.”

Brentwood: Dunbar, Hopkins, Carey, Turner, Ling, Bumpstead, Maughan, Foster, Burns, Cappi, Coates. Substitute: Meagher.

Walthamstow Avenue: Lindsay, Terry, King, Ford, Clarke, McKendry, Murphy, Bazin, B. Collett, Jackson, Leakey.



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Good afternoon everybody.

It is with the greatest pleasure we welcome today, for the first time at Green Pond Road, the Officials, Players and Supporters of Kidderminster Harriers F.C. We will endeavour to make their stay enjoyable and trust they have a safe journey home.

Our opponents are one of the oldest clubs in the country, being originally formed in 1873, but started playing under Association rules in 1886. They have had many trials and tribulations over the years (haven't we all) and have been members of the Midland, Southern and Birmingham Leagues. Fortunes have now changed and they have been very happy since joining the West Midland Regional League. The Harriers have the distinction of being the FIRST club to play an F.A. Cup-tie under floodlights, when they met Brierley Hill on 14th September, 1955. Among the big names who have been transferred by them are Gerry Hitchens (now playing in Italy) and Keith Jones (Aston Villa). Last season the Harriers were runners-up in their league and won the League Cup together with the Worcestershire and Birmingham Senior Cups. This season, I understand, they have yet to lose an away match and the team shows many players with Football League experience. They are coached by former club player Stan Lloyd. The probable team, with previous club in brackets, are:- T. Wilcox, (Rotherham & Barnsley); F. Buxton, (Atherstone Town); M. Swinnerton, (W.B.A.); H. Duerden, (Barnsley); T. Eden, (Villa & Walsall) Capt.; S. Logan, Local Product; D. Gilbert, (Chesterfield); B. Wassall, (Sutton Town); P. Wassall (Wolves & Villa); R. Watson, (Wolves); R. Marchall, (Leicester & Southport). The last named was a member of the Southport side that gained promotion last year.

We both start equal today, as our centre-forward, Paul Collett is cup-tied

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and therefore not eligible, and their J. Henderson is under suspension. With both Clubs having such fine tradition behind them, backed up by experienced players, we should be in for a grand afternoon's entertainment.

Can the Avenue repeat today, what they have done so many times before—a win in the 1st Round. It is six years since we appeared in the Competition proper, an event that happened almost yearly, once upon a time. We of course, also have a distinction in the F.A. Cup, being the only amateur team ever to appear in the 5th Round draw, by virtue of our great draw at Old Trafford against mighty Manchester United.

Norman R. Moss

The line – ups

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Team changes: None.

The Guardian and Gazette Reported:

GUARDIAN AND GAZETTE, DECEMBER 15, 1967



Match report: ALAN WILLIAMS

A sudden snow storm threatened to rob underdogs Walthamstow Avenue of their day of glory on Saturday. But, in fact, it added lustre to what must rate as one of the more recent greatest days in Avenue's 67-year history.

The unexpected snow squall after 65 minutes forced referee Mr. R. C. Challis of Tonbridge, to stop the game with Avenue leading 2 – 1. Both teams left the field and the two skippers were consulted. Although the snow eased up, lines were still invisible.

OFF THE PITCH anxious fans were told to wait five minutes while ON THE PITCH supporters, armed with large brooms, raced to clear the snow. Managers and officials of both sides surrounded the referee as he inspected the conditions and play resumed after eight minutes.

Avenue, playing with pulse-raising determination, threw off constant Kidderminster raids to finish with their lead intact. It was the largely professional West Midlanders' first away defeat of the season.

Manager Tommy Coleman's confident prophecy, "The match will sway for us if we approach it in the right way," was fulfilled by new tactics of extensive training, an early arrival at the ground to warm up and ensure no repeats of earlier setbacks and the switching of John Ford and John Bazin.

Brian Jackson clinched the tie with a fierce header from Murphy's right wing cross two minutes before half-time after both sides has scored from penalties.

As expected, the favourites Kidderminster settled first, particularly in midfield, but Avenue took the lead with a 10th-minute penalty by John Ford when centre-half Eden handled. Kidderminster hit back aggressively and after 18 minutes McKendry pulled down Brendon Wassall in the penalty box. Peter Wassall equalised from the spot.

As the snow poured over the floodlit pitch Avenue sharpened in attack and Murphy lifted a 15-yarder over the bar after 52 minutes.

The 8-minute break didn't quell Avenue's spirit – they always believed they always believed they could pull it off. Skipper Len McKendry and keeper Vic Lindsay were adamant in defence and shielded 20 minutes of constant strikes. Kidderminster's attacks broke down when they reached Avenue's tough granite-like rear-guard.

Walthamstow Avenue: Lindsay, Terry, King, Ford, Clarke, McKendry, Nurphy, Bazin, B. Collett, Jackson, Leahey.

Kidderminster Harriers: Wilcox, Buxton, Swinnerton, Duerden, Eden, Logan, Gilbert, B. Wassall, P. Wassall, Watson, Marshall.

WHAT THEY SAID

THE jubilant Avenue dressing room was the scene of songs and champagne after Saturday's FA Cup-tie victory.

Said manager Tommy Coleman: "It was a just result on a day like this. We were under pressure a lot but we wanted it like this so we could break quickly."

Brian Jackson, on his 43rd-minute winner: "I called to Brian Collett to leave the cross and I caught it right in the middle. It couldn't have been better. They were very subdued and we were more determined."

John Ford, who netted Avenue's first goal—a penalty: "It was a hard game. Now, all we want is a good home draw and then it's the third round and one of the big teams. It was just our luck when the referee stopped play but we were well pleased when he decided to go on."

Coach Hugh Geddes: "Just fantastic! Never in my life have I been so excited over a match. It was just too much. I couldn't sit still."

Club football secretary Jack Davis: "Two weeks ago I dreamed that we would lose 2-1 and they always say your dreams are reversed!"

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ FA CUP SECOND ROUND

GUARDIAN AND GAZETTE, JANUARY, 5, 1968

♣ ♣ ♣ Good Chance says Avenue manager

UNDER-DOGS Walthamstow Avenue will be at full strength—except for cup-tied Paul Collett—when they face Bournemouth in the FA Cup second round at Green Pond-road tomorrow (Saturday).

Mini-flu victim Brian Collett and Peter Leakey, who had a minor illness at the weekend, are both expected to be back in action (writes Alan Williams).

Manager Tommy Coleman predicted: "Bournemouth must be the favourites but they are struggling and I think we're in with a good chance." But coach Hugh Geddes was sure to have brought back a tough report on Bournemouth's 2-0 win at Watford on Saturday—their first away victory of the season.

Inside-left John Hold, top scorer with 12 goals, and wing-half Ronnie Bolton, who returned to Bournemouth after a short spell with Ipswich are not included in the "Cherries" line-up. Bournemouth manager Freddie Cox was Avenue's coach when they won the Amateur Cup in 1952.

Avenue have met Bournemouth twice before. In 1936 Bournemouth hammered them 8-1 at home after As had held

them 1-1 at Green Pond-road in 1959. Bournemouth knocked them out again 2-3 with a goal 30 seconds from time.

Special traffic regulations will again be in operation with a coach park in Sutherland-road, Walthamstow. Gates open at 2 p.m. and stand tickets are said to be "going fast." Tickets were on sale around the ground at Saturday's league game with Clapton and a long queue lined up afterwards at the ticket office.

Bournemouth, who have attracted attendances of up to 7,000 at Dean Court this term, are expected to be backed by thousands of fans who will travel overnight and early morning.

Avenue Secretary Jack Davis is worried over local apathy—last month's clash with Kidderminster only attracted 1,764—and baffled by Bournemouth's request for only 125 stand tickets.

This is almost unbelievable from a Third Division side, for even non-leaguers Kidderminster ordered twice as many.

The teams will be chosen from:

Avenue: Lindsay, Terry, King, Bazin, Clarke, McKendry, Murphy, Ford, B. Collett, Leakey, Jackson, Turner, Aylett.

Bournemouth: Jones, Gulliver, Stocks, Gater, J. White, Naylor, K. White, Adams, East, Pound, Bumpstead. Sub: Rowles.

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F.A. CUP - 2nd ROUND

WALTHAMSTOW AVENUE

v

BOURNEMOUTH & BOSCOMBE ATH.

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

Good afternoon everyone.

It is a very great pleasure to welcome to Green Pond Road the officials, players and supporters of Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic F.C. for an F.A. Cup encounter. We trust they enjoy their stay with us, see a sporting match and have a safe journey home.

This is their third visit to our ground, and they won both previous matches which were also F.A. Cup-ties. The last visit in 1959 proved to be an exciting game, with today's visitors scoring the deciding goal in the last minute to win 3-2. During this game Jimmy Lewis sustained a leg injury, but completed the match although in considerable pain. On investigation afterwards, he was found to have a hair-line fracture. The previous visit, in 1936, provided a draw here but we lost the replay away. Today Bournemouth will be out to make it three in a row, and I can assure them that we also are out to make it third time lucky. With your support we can do it, so let yourselves go when the lads come out, with a big cheer that can be heard all over Walthamstow.

Our visitors, known as the "Cherries", play at Dean Court, and were founded in 1899 as "Boscombe St. John's". They were elected to the Football League, Division III (South) in 1923. They were also once known as Bournemouth United. In 1957 they reached the F.A. Cup Quarter Final by beating Wolverhampton Wanderers 1-0 away, Tottenham Hotspur 3-1 at home, before falling to Manchester United 2-1, also at home. It was this match which gave the Dean Court ground its record attendance of 28,799. Their manager, Freddie Cox, needs no introduction here, as you know he was coach to the very successful Avenue side

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in 1952 when we won the F.A. Amateur Cup for the first time. He started his professional career with Tottenham Hotspur pre-war, and during the post-war period was transferred to the Arsenal, where he was most successful. It was during his Arsenal playing days that he coached the Avenue. Apart from his present club, he has also managed Gillingham.

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Team Changes: Avenue made a key, positional switch involving Bazin and Ford. Bournemouth fielded Kim Book (not 'Brook' as the match programme and Guardian named him), in goal. Hold played at number eight instead of Adams.

The Guardian and Gazette Reported:



F. A. Cup fever hit Green Pond-road on Saturday when Walthamstow Avenue failed in a gallant bid to topple Third Division Bournemouth.

For half-an-hour Avenue's dogged do-or-die tactics stunned the seashiders and thrilled the 3,500 spectators.

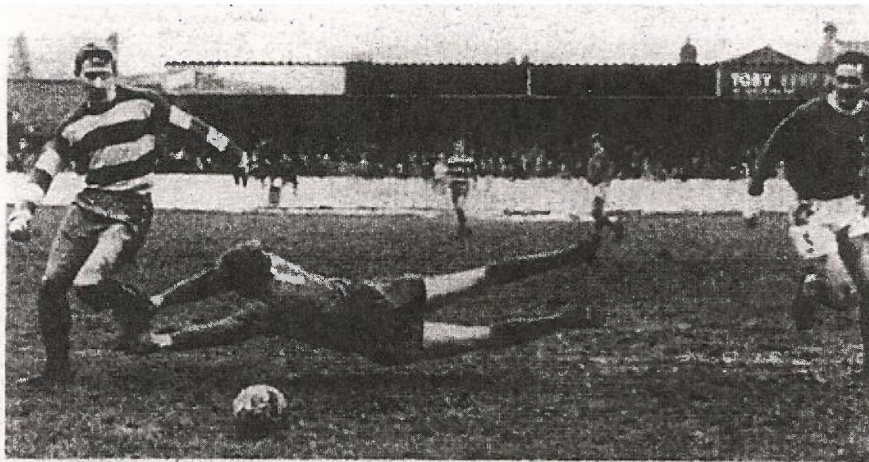
Brian Jackson and Dennis Murphy hit uprights and John Ford missed an 80th-minute penalty.

There was no doubt that Bournemouth were taken aback. But the outlook was amazingly changed in a six-minute spell when inside-left Ken Pound dealt two swift knock-out blows to Avenue.

Bournemouth soon settled early in this 2nd round tie and had the midfield sewn up but A's hard tackling created a constant problem. Right-back Terry Gulliver was booked in the 14th minute after body-checking Peter Leakey on the left.

Three minutes later winger Kevin White headed Bournemouth into the lead from Bumstead's cross, the ball going in off a post.

Bournemouth speeded up their play and stretched Avenue's defence but had a let-off. Brian Collett fluffed a great chance to equalise after 25 minutes when he beat keeper Brook but lifted his shot over the bar.



● Brian Collett (left) sidesteps keeper Brook but shoots wide during an Avenue raid in Saturday's FA Cup-tie. ★ (270)

Avenue were forced to defend for all they were worth as Bournemouth went in for the kill. Quick close passing and good use of the open space gave the "Cherries" ample scoring opportunities.

Jackson levels

Pound hit a post and then had a header saved by Lindsay before Avenue broke away to equalise after 32 minutes. John Ford bustled the ball through for Brian Jackson to run ahead and score low in the near corner.



● Walthamstow's Brian Jackson slides the ball goalwards for the equaliser during Saturday's 2nd round FA Cup-tie against Bournemouth. ★ (268)

Now Avenue were on top and Bournemouth began to wilt and panic under pressure. Avenue earned a series of corners but were too often caught in a deceiving offside trap.

John Ford was in a fighting mood in midfield but Bournemouth's big asset was sudden breaks by their two fiery inside-forwards, Hold and Pound.

Avenue's main source of danger, Brian Jackson, flashed a header against a post from Murphy's 85th-minute corner and shortly after shot straight at Brook in front of goal. Then Dennis Murphy, who was in dazzling form on the right, scorched a fierce drive against the post from Ford's cross after 70 minutes.

Bournemouth dominated in midfield and always looked threatening whenever they got within shooting range. Suddenly Pound left Clarke and Bazin stranded in the mud to sweep a rising 25-yarder into the net.

Six minutes later Clarke miskicked and Pound pounced to expertly lob over Lindsay from 20 yards.

Brian Jackson was pulled down by White as he sped goal-wards 10 minutes from time. Keeper Brook, playing his first senior game, brilliantly dived to save Ford's penalty. It was the first out of seven penalties this term that Ford had missed.

Walthamstow Avenue: Lindsay, Terry, King, Bazin, Clarke, McKendry, Murphy, Ford, B. Collett, Jackson, Leakey.

Bournemouth: Brook, Gulliver, Stocks, Gater, J. White, Naylor, K. White, Hold, East, Pound, Bumstead.

'WE WERE ROBBED'

WALTHAMSTOW AVENUE'S 24-year-old manager Tommy Coleman claimed his side were "robbed" when they fell 3-1 to Bournemouth in Saturday's FA Cup-tie.

Coleman is convinced that Bournemouth's goalkeeper Kim Brook moved before John Ford took—and missed—an 80th-minute penalty. He said: "We were right on top at that stage and Bournemouth were willing. I reckon we were robbed. If Avenue had scored they may well have forced a replay.

"They took their chances and we didn't. We can't expect to miss chances and win," said Coleman. "We contained them more, but they had the initiative in the middle—it was unfortunate we were playing against professionals."

Coleman also thought Bournemouth's first goal was offside—and that the linesman's flag was up.



The A's had lost but had not been disgraced. Once again they had shown that they could give any team a run for its money. The Avenue would be back. If not next season, then the one after that, for sure. At least, that's what we all believed. The club had a young manager and a good squad of players. There seemed no reason to doubt that the next FA Cup adventure would be long in coming. Nobody leaving the ground that cold, dark January evening would have entertained the thought that they'd just witnessed Avenue's last appearance in the FA Cup rounds. Yet, incredibly, we had.

The club itself would exist for twenty more years but never again would it advance into the 'proper' rounds. There would be no more cup-ties against the likes of Watford, QPR, Northampton Town, Exeter City, Southend United, Stockport County, Brighton, Oldham Athletic, Mansfield Town, Gillingham, Ipswich Town, Darlington, Crystal Palace, Coventry City, Peterborough United or Manchester United.

The high-water mark of 1952/3 would never be equalled. The heroics of Jim Lewis at Old Trafford against Manchester United would never be surpassed.



At 3:32 on the afternoon of January 6, 1968, Brian Jackson (left) scored Avenue's last FA Cup goal. He swooped at the Priory Court end to write the last word in the club's wonderful Cup history. The club, the ground and Brian are sadly gone but the sweet, Walthamstow memories endure.

Barry Ryder

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