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**Saturday September 15 1984,
FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round:
Hounslow Town 2 Wealdstone 5**

THE CHESHAM experience was never going to happen when Brian Hall's Stones rolled into Denbigh Road for this tie against lowly Southern Leaguers Hounslow. We were all geared up to win the Conference and simply too strong for a Hounslow side of good, honest triers (who may have included a youngish Leo Morris). My memories of the

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game are a little sketchy. Only the previous year I had played on this ground in an absolute mudbath for SFC Wealdstone when we lost a Marathon League Cup Final 4-1, and the surface was a only little better – though much drier – as we racked up the goals with little resistance. Neil Cordice, Holmes, Bowgett,, Greenaway and Gary Donnellan put the tie out of Hounlow's reach early on, though our rookie keeper Wilf McGuinness (standing in for Ray Goddard) was beaten for a couple of consolations near the end. Looking at our side that day, and in the following weeks of that successful season, it's interesting to note that we had used just 14 players (including young McGuinness) by the middle of October, and only 20-odd all season. Were players less injury-prone in those days, better trained or just physically stronger?

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Wilf McGuinness, Roy Davies, Steve McCargo, Dennis Byatt, Paul Bowgett, Robin Wainwright, Brian Greenaway, Lee Holmes, Alan Cordice, Mark Graves, Gary Donnellan.
Sub: Neil Cordice.