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## An Historic Occasion

by Colin Pope

Tonight, Saturday, 4th May, 1974 is a very moving occasion, as well as an historic one. In all the long and honourable history of Wealdstone Football Club, this is our first taste of the heady delights of promotion, for in amateur days we were in various leagues for which there was no similar prize for a successful season.

And so now, having lost only six of our 37 league games so far played, we stand on the threshold of a rich and exciting experience, bringing Southern League Premier Division football to the Borough of Harrow for the very first time. This has been achieved after just three seasons have elapsed since the Committee of the time made the fateful decision to forsake the amateur game and go professional. In hindsight it would appear to have been a decision born in wisdom, for the Football Association have now decreed the end of the 'sham-amateur' era, and will call everyone a 'player'.

As secretary Ken Wiltshire writes on another page, we gave ourselves three seasons to attain Premier Division status. But without doubt there were more than a few members of the Committee that felt three years was too optimistic a target. But, thanks to the magnificent efforts of our team who, soon after Christmas, began to play the attractive football usually reserved for Football League sides, we play our last game in Div 1 (South) tonight as worthy champions. We all salute the players who made it possible and who took the change of managership at a most crucial time in the season, just as we were preparing for the run-in to the title, in their immaculate stride and turned on a brand of football perhaps never before seen at Lower Mead Stadium.

In our hour of glory tonight, we do not forget the tremendous part played in our success by former manager Sid Prosser. Sid spent almost two complete seasons with us, and in that time moulded together a team far out of its class in Div 1. It was sad when the time came for him to leave at the end of March, and we are delighted to welcome him here tonight to share in our happiness.

When the Executive Committee went about the task of appointing his successor, many outside applications were received, but the choice went unanimously to that gentleman of the Club, Eddie Presland. Moulded in the pure soccer tradition of West Ham, Eddie had been enjoying his best-ever season with us in the left-back position, and had become a firm favourite with his immaculate conduct both on and off the field. Make no mistake about it, Eddie Presland is an example both as a player, and a manager, and we were delighted to give him his first opportunity in the 'hot seat'.

Eddie was really thrown into the deep end, for within a week of his appointment he faced the task of who to retain, or not to retain, for next season. He has such tremendous faith in the present squad that he quickly came to us and told us that he would not release one of them—except for Alick Brown, who is getting married next month and moving out of the immediate area—and the Committee quickly agreed. Wherever we now play, we are constantly told that the Wealdstone side of tonight will more than hold their own in the higher grade. And recalling recent superlative performances, when sheer character and courage has been allied to skill, who can demur?

With the Mid-Surrey Professional Floodlight League being resumed again next season, naturally our meagre squad will have to be reinforced with another two or three players, and Mr. Presland may well be in a position to announce new signings very shortly.

One of the most encouraging things at the moment is the fact that, although we started our professional career with a fairly old team, the average age has been reduced dramatically, and these young players can only even improve. I don't think it will be out of place here to single out for special mention the 'baby' of the team, Chris Kinnear. 19-years-old Chris

has one special claim to fame in this wonderful season, for he is the only player to have appeared in every single match. Chris shares a trait common with every other single member of our squad—tremendous loyalty and sportsmanship which has made our dressing room surely one of the happiest places in all soccer. Congratulations to Chris, on quite a unique achievement.

### **A Message from the Mayor**

It was a great pleasure to me when Colin Pope invited me to write a foreword for your Commemoration Programme for the last home fixture on 4 May 1974. I readily accepted as, in addition to expressing my personal delight and congratulations to the Wealdstone Football Club, it afforded me the opportunity as Mayor of the Borough, to put into words what I am sure the whole of Harrow feels about the wonderful and well deserved success that Wealdstone F.C. has achieved in winning the League, and consequent promotion to the Premier Division.

In paying tribute to Wealdstone F.C. on this really great occasion it would be invidious even to attempt to single out anyone in particular and this I would not do. I hope, however, I may be allowed just one exception with which I am sure you will agree, and that is to congratulate and thank all the players who have taken part throughout the season and their excellent Managers and Training and Coaching Staff who individually and jointly have actually brought this success to fruition—a first class or 'Premier' achievement.

To all the many others from the Chairman to the indispensable tea ladies and ball boys, to the wonderful Supporters Club, with their invaluable and varied assistance, and finally to the backbone of the whole thing—you, the equally wonderful supporters on the terraces and in the stands, I offer most cordial congratulations and thanks to all concerned in any way whatsoever, however large or small it may have been, for their part in the Club's well-merited success. Long may it continue, and good wishes for the future.

G. COLBORNE HILL, Mayor

### **From the Chairman**

I was appointed Chairman of the Club on the 21st January, 1974 and since that date up to the time of writing, I have only seen the 'Stones' lose twice, once against Ramsgate by the odd goal and once against Bath when the team put up a magnificent display on a very hot day a few days after an extremely physical game against Basingstoke.

Unfortunately, due to a strike at London Airport, my wife and I were unable to catch a plane to see the other game the team have lost since the beginning of the year, that in the F.A. Trophy to South Shields, but I understand we were most unlucky to lose in extra time.

I stress that since my appointment only three games have been lost to indicate what a wonderful team effort has been achieved over this period culminating in the league Championship. I could not have asked for more from the team and the Manager and his helpers in my first year as Chairman. I feel sure that Eddie Presland and the Players are going to give us a great season next year in the Premier Division.

The Committee have many plans to make Wealdstone Football Club an even more successful Club and I must say that I am proud to be associated with it and pledge myself to help ensure that success comes to Wealdstone F.C.

DAVID MARTLE

## Editors Note

Mr. Martle was born in Harrow and went to school in the Borough and then to Hendon and Kilburn Polytechnics.

He played for the 'Stones third eleven at 15 years old under the management of the late Jim Pyers.

Upon leaving school and being articled to a Chartered Accountant he found the studying for exams and training for higher football too much and left Wealdstone to join the Polytechnic C.C. where he was in the first eleven for 10 years.

Upon qualifying as a Chartered Accountant aged 22, he set up his own Accountancy Practice while at the same time diversifying into other businesses. He has had a chain of seven Wimpy Bars, two of which were local (Wealdstone and Edgware) and he in fact still owns one in Folkestone. (If they stay up in the Premier Division maybe we can persuade him to provide free Wimpy's down there for the players and supporters).

After Wimpy Bars Mr. Martle moved into Hi-Fi and Record Shops and only recently sold out his interest in a chain of five of them in the West London area.

More recently he has moved nearer home and is at present Managing Director and major shareholder in a group of companies, the main business of which is a large Warehousing and Distribution Company (Pactbourne Limited) at the Neptune Road Estate off Pinner Road in Harrow.

Married with a wife Marilyn and two children, Susan (six) and Simon (three), Mr. Martle lives at Georgian Way, Harrow-on-the-Hill, and says that his one aim as Chairman is to see Wealdstone F.C. achieve Football League status.

COLIN POPE

## Our Achievements and Ambitions

by Ken Wiltshire Hon. Secretary

The Championship is ours, and we have taken exactly three years to achieve it, the exact time we said it would take when we first moved over to Professional Football into the Southern League in 1971.

In that year of the change-over we had only an Amateur side with few big names to carry us to the top in our first year. Thus, we decided that it would take us three years to build a team strong enough to win promotion into the Premier Division. Thanks to the very hard work of the Committee at the planning stage, and the very hard work of our Team Managers, Sid Prosser and Eddie Presland, together with the magnificent team work of the Squad we were able to achieve our aims.

In order however, to stay there we must be able to afford a side worthy of Premier Division football. Our Team Manager, Eddie Presland has confidence in his present side and the Executive Committee has given him their backing. We must however work, with a bigger squad and to that aim we must be prepared to spend more cash in order to build a team to take us to the very top of the Premier Division.

What then are we doing for the future? Firstly, we must build this bigger squad for the coming season to cover any loss through injuries etc. Secondly, during the closed season we must get down to the business of making the ground more comfortable for the spectators and to provide better refreshment amenities for our own supporters and that of our visitors.

We are floating a Limited Company to run the affairs of the Club and in order to raise the much needed capital for a second Championship bid, that of the Premier Division for Season 1974-75.

In order to secure the future for the Club, negotiations have nearly been completed for a Super-Stadium complex at Lower Mead, that will carry us on into the 1980's, and into a situation where we shall be in a favourable position to apply for Football League status.

Thanks to the "Boys in Blue" for helping us to achieve the first stage of our ambitions . . .

## The Executive Eight

It has been put to me that you, our wonderful Supporters who keep the club going, would like to know a little bit about the members of the Executive Committee who administer the Club. I can't think why, but I've got plenty of space for once, so here goes!

Our chairman, David Martle has been variously described, but I'll settle for 'whizz-kid tycoon' who believes in, to paraphrase rather an important person, 'action this day'. David can see us all off in years and could be taken for a player rather than the chairman! His dynamic approach since taking the chair three months ago has been revolutionary. Given to speaking his mind, he brought the business approach to Lower Mead Stadium and we shall be the better for it. I have persuaded him to write elsewhere in this programme, and in a footnote have made some personal comments about him. I'll give you one instance of his enthusiasm, though. Last Saturday, before the Trowbridge game, he drove to Swansea and back specially to get an urgent club document signed!

General Secretary Ken Wiltshire needs no introduction, for his other name is 'Mr. Wealdstone'. Sufficient to say that being secretary of a club like ours is a full-time job. Ken, being a bachelor gay, devotes every evening, and most of his week-ends to the Club. His type are the backbone of soccer clubs at our level all over the world and in his office he must ammass more paper than Harrow Council's refuse department! By profession he is an officer with the Customs and Excise.

Ken's assistant is Bill Emerson, also known to most of you as the backbone behind the bingo sessions every Wednesday night. Bill also is minute secretary and I often tell him that his vocation should have been journalism, so gifted is he with the written word. Professionally, Bill is a cost accountant.

John Ward, Fixture Secretary is the man responsible for arranging all the matches, the match officials, and supplying all the clubs we play with the various passes, etc. John's Sundays are invariably taken up entirely by football and this season, with the chaos caused by the recent floodlight ban, his task has been a nightmare. John is a Chief Cashier.

Harry Benjamin was for a long time treasurer, and is now Financial Secretary, responsible for having all the gates manned, balancing the money and paying the bills. By virtue of this, Harry rarely sees any match until well into the second half and then dashes home to count the loot. A great character is Harry and ideally suited for his job as Sports Tour Organiser with Travelux Ltd of Kenton.

As for me, Colin Pope, the Public Relations Officer, it was Harry who introduced me to the Club four years ago. Hearing that I was a Wealdstone supporter, and newly-left my job as a sports reporter in Fleet Street to open an Employment Agency in Kenton, persuasive Harry quickly convinced me I should start publicising the activities of Wealdstone F.C! So I'm the guy who bangs the drum, and hopes you are all listening!

Bill Harding, from Hillingdon, joined the Club during the chairmanship of Don Brown, and is a chartered accountant, and therefore invaluable to make sure the petty cash is in order! Naturally Bill does all the books and we all know how vital accountants are these days . . .

Leslie Taylor joined the Executive Committee only a few weeks ago, but is a real 'Stones stalwart, being club treasurer when we won the F.A. Amateur Cup in 1966. Has a sand and gravel business, and we are delighted to have him back in the fold.

These eight, ladies and gentlemen, are the people you throw the bricks at!

Backing them up is the General Purposes Committee headed by that Grand Old Man (if he will pardon the phrase) Frank Harbud, 50 years a Wealdstone player or official and one who occupies a special place in our hearts. A 'Stones club without dear old Frank seems unthinkable . . .

Chiefs of the Lower Mead Social Club are of course the indefatigable Jack Howland, as secretary, and Frank Ryder, the treasurer. Both put in an enormous amount of time and are indispensable.

## My Pessimism was Unfounded!

by John Ward, Fixture Secretary

Having convinced myself that this wonderful climax to the season is a reality and not a dream. I am able to collect my thought of the 1973/74 season in retrospect.

Who amongst us on that scorching August day at Salisbury where we started the campaign with a quite ordinary performance, would have in their wildest moment of optimism imagined that we would be outright champions, with five games remaining to play. When a certain consistency of performance developed towards Christmas which enabled the team to make progress in the League Cup and F.A. Trophy, and as the points slowly mounted, the possibility of promotion was first discussed.

At the turn of the year, with the advent of the energy crisis, and the consequent ban on the use of floodlights, I personally, a self-confessed pessimist, began to worry about the magnitude of the task ahead. The progress in the Trophy, and the number of league games that had to be postponed and re-arranged, I could only visualise a fixture list, so crowded, and with so many matches away from home, that it would be totally beyond the capabilities of 15 players to achieve the results necessary, even to clinch promotion.

The way those players responded to the task so magnificently is now a period of history for the club, which will be talked over, by all who have been fortunate to have been a part of it, especially our wonderful band of supporters, who have contributed so much to the success of the team.

To me there were many tremendous performances, possibly the turning point which revealed the true character of the side, was at Bognor Regis, when after trailing by one goal for an hour with sheer persistence and grit, allied to immense ability, the scales were turned by two magnificent goals.

Everyone of course will have their own ideas of the finest game and will spend many happy hours reminiscing.

To Eddie Presland our manager, the players, training staff, and everyone who has played a part, congratulations on a wonderful team effort, and may it be the forerunner of even more successes in the future.

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## A Decade of Memories

It is common knowledge that I will shortly be moving to Basingstoke and will, therefore very reluctantly have to resign as Chairman of the Supporters Club. During my ten years as Chairman Wealdstone have won the Amateur Cup, turned professional and become champions of Division 1 South of the Southern League.

I take away with me happy memories of my travels around the country with Wealdstone supporters. Remember Bishop Auckland, the snow and that wonderful northern hospitality, Tor Point in Devon, the coach that broke down and all that rain! Nottingham to Brook Sports and the tour of Sherwood Forest before we found the ground, Skelmersdale, the game we should have won but didn't, Alvechurch and that penalty nobody wanted to take, Stamford Bridge for the Semi-final and on to Wembley for that wonderful Amateur Cup Final and my dream comes true! Who could ask for more in a decade?

All honour and praise to the lads who have entertained me and you during this time. If I may be allowed to mention just a few—Charlie Townsend, immaculate Chas the best amateur I have seen, Hughie Lindsay and those devastating free kicks, Viv Evans, what more can I say about Viv? Eddie Dilsworth, twinkletoes Eddie, Jim Cooley, miss six and score two beauties! John Barr, a great goalie, George Duck the scoring machine and Terry Dyson with his precise passes. I could go on if only space would permit.

Great players, nevertheless I am convinced that it is you the supporters who have brought out the best in these lads and made our triumphs possible. I can say, without fear of contradiction, that Wealdstone have during my term of office the finest set of supporters any club could wish to have. How clubs in the Premier Division must be rubbing their hands at the thought of the Wealdstone supporters who will be flocking through the turnstiles next season. Wherever my travels have taken me and the 'Stones have been playing, I have never been alone. As I have wandered around the terraces, there you were to greet me with a cheerful word and always optimistic.

May I take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers on the Supporters Club Committee and the officers of the Football Club, for their help and kindness over the years and wish them good luck in the future. To the Wealdstone Choir, the supporters on the terrace and in the Stand thank you, keep up the good work cheering the lads in blue.

This is not good-bye, just Au Revoir. It has been a great pleasure and indeed a privilege to have been your Chairman and I take away with me many, many happy memories of you all. I shall whenever possible, join you in the cry of—COME ON THE 'STONES.

JIM BRIGDEN



## **Jim and Fred—The Physios with the Magic Touch**

A lot of credit for our wonderful season must go to our two wonderful physiotherapists, Jim Spark, and Fred King, two of the finest men in the business. Although we have been fortunate in avoiding serious injuries, Jim and Fred have on very many occasions been flat out tending minor knocks (and some not so minor) and getting the boys fit for action without delay, and they have done a magnificent job.

Jim Spark qualified at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary in 1949, and is now a physiotherapist on the staff of Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow. He joined Wealdstone in the 1966/67 season, and previously was six years with Harrow Borough.

Fred King came to Wealdstone with Sid Prosser in July 1972, and has been trainer for more than 50 representatives games, including the London F.A., Middlesex F.A., Athenian League and the famous Middlesex Wanderers. In his younger days he played for Hendon and Clacton Town.

While talking about the back-room boys, it would be inexcusable not to mention the part played John ("Pat") Murray, the dressing room attendant and kit man but who, because of his loyalty and devotion, acts more like a valet to our team! John occupied the same seat in the stand for years and years before he finally joined the staff, and from that very first moment, the dressing room took on a touch of 'home'. Nothing is too much trouble for John Murray; the players think the world of him, and his soft Irish brogue does a lot to calm the pre-match atmosphere!

The ground is tended by another Supporter of many years standing, Bert Farmer who did a lot of work on the ground voluntarily before joining us officially, and the Club is fortunate in having such stalwarts as these four.

## **Tribute to Don Brown**

It would be grossly unfair not to make special mention of our former chairman Don Brown, who had to resign earlier this year. When Don took office the club was administered by a General Committee of some 20 members, considered to be far too unwieldy. His first action was to prune it to eight, renaming it the Executive Committee, who now form the policy of the club, not forgetting of course, that the actual Club Members have an integral say.

Although Don lacked the time to continue in office he and his wife Eileen rarely miss a match, either home or away, and we value their continued support, and thank him for the sterling work he did while in office.

## **A Broken Nose is Nothing!**

Guess what? Skipper John McCormick said on Tuesday he can't bear to watch and not play, and spent the evening pressurising Eddie Presland in to playing him against Trowbridge tonight! "A broken nose is nothing to worry about and I must get out there with the lads" said John. So do not be too surprised if the 'Stones are back to their normal line-up tonight. We do not expect any other changes except, presumably, McCormick for John Baker, with Paul Fairclough on the sub's bench.

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## Welcome to Trowbridge

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They have been our guests here for most of the day, watching the Cup Final on television in the Social Club, and we wish them the best of luck for next season.

A delightful little presentation will be made by John McCormick tonight to that wonderful supporter 78-years-young George Keep, of Harrow Weald, who has NEVER missed a match, home or away, for many years!! Some of our younger Supporters from the Elmslie 'Kop' have clubbed together to present George with an inscribed tankard—a wonderful gesture to a wonderful fan.

We salute you, Mr. Keep . . .

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## Take a bow, Dick Kelly

A souvenir programme would be incomplete without special reference to Dick Kelly, our Stadium Manager. Within a few days of you all going home tonight, Dick will have his sleeves rolled up and be hard at work preparing the pitch for re-seeding and renovating. We all know how well our pitch has worn this season, and obviously the lack of midweek games, and the weather have been important factors. But it still has to be maintained, and Dick's is the one job in the Club which demands sheer physical hard labour, and is the one least envied. Dick loves this Club and ground, and we love Dick! Almost every dinner hour he spends on the ground, to say nothing of Sundays and evenings.

## George Duck's All-Time Record

The 'Super-Stones' are rapidly gaining an aura of invincibility as they trounced the strong Bexley United side 3-0 on Tuesday, the incredible George Duck scoring all three. Congratulations to 17-years-old John Baker, of Hounslow, on a really fine debut, and as the game progressed, so his confidence increased and his potential was only too evident. To be thrust into such a fine team was a nerve-wracking ordeal and the rest of the boys were delighted with him.

Hero of the terraces George defies description as his three goals took him to the incredible total of 61 for the season to eclipse by three the all-time record set by Charlie Bunce 35 years ago. Almost certainly he will win the award for the highest scorer in any of the three divisions of the Southern League.

As Bexley's manager kindly said afterwards: "Wealdstone are playing out of their class; you going up will give us others a chance next season'.

Discerning fans will have noticed in this match the brilliant way our defence contained Bexley's attack. Although good in the build-up, they lost all penetration once the 18 yards box was reached, and we were rarely seriously threatened.

## This Surpasses All

by Tom Verral, President Supporters Club

Today ends one of the best seasons for Wealdstone F.C. for many a long year. I think it even surpasses the Amateur Cup year, because winning a league championship demands more consistency, and this has certainly been the case this year.

I am sure that all you Supporters will want to show your appreciation to the team and this you will be able to do tonight. The Officers and Committee of the Supporters Club have decided that each player, and the physio and trainer should be presented with an inscribed tankard. Making the presentation will be the person responsible for getting all our Supporters to away matches (where the vital points have been won)—namely, that wonderful worker hon. secretary Barbara Robson. We are all very proud of you, Barbara . . .

What a grand job you, our Supporters have done and your enthusiasm has been a constant source of inspiration, and the envy of other clubs. I am proud of being your President.

Now to next season, and I look forward to you all retaining your membership. It will be a hard task, and we might well have set-backs, which is when your support is most needed.

I wish you all a good rest, happy holidays and look forward to meeting you all again in August.

## Supporters Club Notes

Good evening everyone and welcome to Lower Mead for this last game of the 1973-74 season and to the supporters of our visitors Trowbridge Town.

On Tuesday evening we beat Bexley United by 3-0 with a hat-trick by George Duck. In doing so George beat the all-time record set up by Charlie Bunce of 58 in 1939-40. George has now scored 61 goals a great achievement. Congratulations George.

What can one say about this historic season that has not already been said, I can only again reiterate what I already said many times, that YOU the Supporters have played your share in helping the team with your vocal support, where at home your efforts particularly from the Elmslie 'Kop' have often been worth a goal a game. It is also a fact that many clubs in Division One (South) are going to miss the 'Stones on their grounds as we can proudly claim to have been the best supported team away from home outside the Premier Division and the vast majority of the clubs we have visited have had their biggest gates of the season. To those people who travelled over 4000 miles this season let me say thank you for your loyalty and help.

This seems to me to be an appropriate time to also mention the many back room people who work very hard behind the scenes and especially to our Secretary Barbara Robson who organises all the coaches, Jim Brigden the Chairman and his good lady, who with Mrs. Verrall, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Smith and Jack Palmer provide the catering at all the home matches. To Kevin and Carl for doing the raffles and Derek who sells all the old programmes in the club office. Of course a Supporters Club needs a good man to look after the money and in Bert Wakefield we are fortunate in having a very astute Treasurer. To these and the other members of the Supporters club Committee we owe a vote of thanks in all that they do for the club.

This evening the Supporters Club Committee are proud to make a number of awards. Firstly the Jack Law Trophy to the Player of the Year. Who is he? I'm afraid I cannot give you that information as it has been a well-kept secret. Secondly will be the presentation to George Duck of a cup, kindly donated by Tom Verrall the Supporters Club President, to mark George's 100 goals for the club and on Tuesday night setting up a new all-time record of 61. Finally there will be the presentation of inscribed Tankards to every member of the Promotion squad.

Remember that on Friday 10th May there will be a 'Meet the Players Dance' in the Social Club at 7.30 p.m. and also that on Friday 17th May the Supporters Club are holding a 'Championship Disco' at the Belmont Hotel also at 7.30 p.m. Tickets and details are available at the club office, or by contacting the Supporters Club Entertainments Officer, Ray Kemp.

Tonight there will be a number of distinguished guests with us and on behalf of the Supporters Club I say welcome to Lower Mead. We hope you enjoy your visit, see a good game of football and have a safe journey home.

Finally let me wish everyone a good Summer and I will see you at the beginning of next season. The club will be then in the Premier Division, your loyal support will be again needed as Eddie Presland and his team endeavour to take the 'Stones ever upwards.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT SEASON, AND DON'T FORGET,

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Phillip J. Tricker (Publicity Officer)

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### Wealdstone in Far-away Places

by Phil Sugden, Sports Editor Harrow Observer

Those faithful Wealdstone supporters who occupy stand seats adjacent to the Press box, or congregate in the enclosure, inform me often, and loudly, that I am never happy.

They could be right. It could be my nature or may be an occupational hazard, but there could also be reasons.

Unknown, I am sure, to the majority of Wealdstone's wonderful followers, I do not just spend the afternoons taking notes and dreamily thinking up what I am going to write for the next edition of the Harrow Observer.

Most Saturdays I also cover the game for the Exchange Telegraph Company (an agency which services every newspaper in the country), the Sunday Telegraph, Sunday Express, evening papers connected with the visiting teams, local papers who cover the visitors and, in the case of teams coming up from the South Coast and the West Country, the B.B.C.

Most of these people want the result, scorers and anything from 50 to 500 words within a few minutes of the end of the game. This often entails ten or a dozen telephone calls which have to be obtained on reverse charges, which takes time.

Sometimes B.B.C. Bristol, Southampton or Radio Solent, or some other broadcasting body will ask for three minutes directly recorded on to tape for transmission over the air, at least my West Country accent goes down well in that quarter.

It is perhaps, unfortunate that Wealdstone followers never see these reports in their Sunday papers as they are ordered for the various early country editions.

It is, to my mind, a great pity, that the Sundays do not give fair coverage to the Southern League, but that is their policy.

The point I am making is that the name of Wealdstone is read, and heard, far away from Lower Mead.

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So, if you see me on the telephone at the end of today's game with Trowbridge, I shall not be ringing my wife to ask "what's for supper?" I shall be sending the name of Wealdstone to the West Country, where they, at least, will read all about it on Sunday morning.

Chatting about 'Stones' the other day with friends, I was asked to estimate how many words I have written about them this season. Thinking of match reports, Saturday line-ups, special stories and various articles in "Phil Sugden talking sport", it must run into many thousands.

Most of it has been very happily written because this has been one of the most enjoyable seasons I have experienced in many years of writing soccer.

When I wrote an article for Supporter's Club handbook before the start of the season, I said: "I am already confident that next season will be a very good one and I, for one, am very much looking forward to writing 'Stones promoted long before the last league match of 1973-74'".

Arguably, I was a true prophet. Happily the team, a great team, did the job for me. I offer every member of the squad, the management, the training staff and the committee the grateful thanks of the football lovers of Harrow.

One last word, to you, the supporters. I have watched and listened as you have cheered this side on in their finest moments and wondered at your endurance as they have, on the odd occasions, dropped into the depths of despair.

No team can go wrong with such support—Bless you all.

### **Council Honours Us**

The London Borough of Harrow have very kindly recognised the Club's achievement this season, and will be giving a Civic Reception to the team and officials at the Civic Centre on Monday May 13th. The Mayor of Harrow, Alderman G. Colborne-Hill will present an inscribed plaque on behalf of the Council.

The Mayor and Mayoress, together with the Council as a whole, have always shown keen interest in Wealdstone F.C. and we are extremely grateful to them for honouring us on Monday week.

### **Globe-trotting Again . . .**

Club PRO Colin Pope and Financial Secretary Harry Benjamin say the tensions of this promotion-winning season has so exhausted them that they feel obliged to seek the solace of the Orient! Accordingly, they jet off from Gatwick at midnight on Tuesday bound for Singapore and Hong Kong, with stop-overs at Bahrain, in the Persian Gulf and New Delhi, India. In Singapore they will be met by the President of the Singapore Football Association to discuss future tours by various English clubs. No doubt the emblem of the 'Stones' will shortly be hanging in the Singapore F.A. Offices!

Forbidden portals always seem to open for Harry, knowing the type he is, and it would be no surprise if the 'Super Stones' banner much favoured by our Supporters is not hanging in the flight deck of the VC 10 jet soon after take-off, for travel agent Harry invariably gets to chat up the captain . . . And as for the charming British Caledonian hostesses!!



**Sid Prosser**  
Ex-Manager, April  
1972-March 1974.



**Eddie Presland**  
team manager. Age  
31. Teacher. Hobby:  
cricket.



**John McCormick**  
defender. Age 31.  
Self-employed Joiner.  
Hobby: golf.



**Roy Mackenzie**  
goal-keeper. Age 23.  
Sales rep. Hobby:  
Golf, records.



**Chris Kinnear**  
defender. An ama-  
teur. Age 19. Civil  
Servant. Hobbies:  
golf, table tennis.



**Eric Burgess**  
defender. Age 29. A  
fashion executive.  
Hobbies: cricket &  
golf.



**John Watson**  
defender. Age 20.  
Sales rep. Hobby:  
Driving.



**Paul Fairclough**  
midfield. Age 24.  
Teacher. Hobbies:  
all sports.



**Terry Dyson**  
midfield. Age 38.  
Teacher. Hobbies:  
golf, racing, tennis.

As well as being senior professional Terry Dyson is also senior father! Terry has three children, Neil aged 6 (and a natural left footer like Dad), Barry, 4 and Mark, only six months. John Henderson has two children, Vivienne and Liam Kirsten.

Eddie Presland has a son, Neil, also 6, while John McCormick has a daughter, Ann, aged 13. The other two married members of the team Eric Burgess and George Duck have yet to start a family. The remainder are all courting but are playing hard to get!





**Jim Godfrey**  
midfield. Age 22.  
Trainee Manager.  
Hobby: cycling.



**Ray Fulton**  
midfield. Age 20.  
Stonemason. Hobbies:  
swimming, golf.



**George Duck**  
striker. Age 22.  
Teacher. Hobby:  
golf.



**Bill Byrne**  
an amateur. Age 22.  
Finance Co. rep.  
Hobbies: tennis,  
golf.



**John Henderson**  
striker. Age 26.  
Insurance Broker.  
Hobbies: tennis,  
golf.



**Alick Brown**  
Former member of  
squad.



Standing L to R : JIM SPARK (Physio), BILL BYRNE, KEITH BRISTOW, ALICK BROWN, PAUL FAIRCLOUGH, ROY MACKENZIE, JIM GODFREY, ERIC BURGESS, JOHN HENDERSON, GEORGE DUCK, EDDIE PRESLAND (Manager), FRED KING (Physio/Trainer).  
Front Sitting : RAY FULTON, JOHN WATSON, JOHN McCORMICK (capt), CHRIS KINNEAR, TERRY DYSON.

First Division North 1971/72

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kettering Town	34	23	6	5	70	27	52
Burton Albion	34	18	13	3	58	27	49
Cheltenham Town	34	20	4	10	72	51	44
Rugby Town	34	18	7	9	52	36	43
Wellingborough Town	34	15	10	9	73	44	40
Stourbridge	34	13	14	7	59	42	40
King's Lynn	34	14	11	9	62	45	39
Corby Town	34	15	9	10	47	35	39
Ilkeston Town	34	14	11	9	44	38	39
Banbury United	34	14	5	15	54	46	33
Bury Town	34	14	5	15	47	44	33
Wealdstone	34	14	5	15	51	58	33
Lockheed Leamington	34	15	3	16	41	52	33
Gloucester City	34	8	8	18	46	61	24
Stevenage Athletic	34	8	8	18	41	69	24
Bletchley	34	7	7	20	36	70	21
Dunstable Town	34	5	7	22	29	75	17
Barry Town	34	1	7	26	22	84	9



First Division South 1972/73

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maidstone United	42	25	12	5	90	38	62
Tonbridge	42	26	7	9	70	44	59
Ashford Town	42	24	7	11	90	40	55
Bideford	42	19	14	9	70	43	52
Minehead	42	20	12	10	65	47	52
Gravesend & Nthfleet	42	22	7	13	81	55	51
Bath City	42	18	11	13	56	54	47
Wealdstone	42	16	12	14	81	61	44
Bletchley Town	42	14	13	15	54	41	41
Hastings United	42	14	13	15	53	53	41
Andover	42	15	11	16	52	70	41
Canterbury City	42	14	12	16	51	59	40
Basingstoke Town	42	14	12	16	48	57	40
Crawley Town	42	14	11	17	59	76	39
Metropolitan Police	42	15	8	19	82	75	38
Trowbridge Town	42	15	8	19	65	77	38
Bexley United	42	12	14	16	54	64	38
Salisbury	42	14	10	18	49	60	38
Bognor Regis Town	42	12	9	21	41	66	33
Dorchester Town	42	10	12	20	47	73	32
Winchester City	42	7	11	24	41	79	25
Dunstable Town	42	4	10	28	38	105	18



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	Home						Away						Pts	Wealdstone Results	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Home		Away	
WEALDSTONE	37	14	2	2	39	15	12	4	3	33	17	58			
Bath City	38	12	4	3	32	9	8	4	7	23	25	48	W3-0	L 0-2	
Waterlooville	38	10	9	0	33	15	6	6	7	22	23	47	D 1-1	D 0-0	
Minehead	38	7	8	4	32	23	9	7	3	37	29	47	W2-1	W4-3	
Poole Town	37	12	4	3	41	20	6	5	7	26	26	45	W2-0	W3-2	
Bideford	36	11	5	2	35	17	5	7	6	24	29	44	W3-1	D 0-0	
Bexley United	37	12	3	4	30	19	6	3	9	18	21	42	W3-0	W2-0	
Hastings United	38	10	4	5	26	16	6	5	8	20	20	41	W2-1	D 0-0	
Basingstoke	37	10	4	4	33	16	3	7	9	17	27	37	W2-0	W2-0	
Gravesend & Northfleet	37	8	7	4	34	23	4	6	8	22	29	37	W2-1	W2-0	
Bognor Regis	37	7	5	6	20	22	6	6	7	27	31	37	D 0-0	W2-1	
Ramsgate	38	9	5	5	31	20	4	4	11	15	24	35	L 0-1	L 2-3	
Ashford Town	37	7	5	6	20	17	6	3	10	19	25	34	W4-1	W1-0	
Dorchester	37	9	6	4	27	19	1	6	11	12	28	32	W2-0	W2-1	
Salisbury	38	8	3	8	24	26	2	6	11	16	34	29	W2-1	W2-1	
Metropolitan Police	37	4	6	9	20	31	5	5	8	17	28	29	W3-0	W4-0	
Canterbury City	37	3	8	7	16	18	5	4	10	18	27	28	W3-1	L 0-3	
Trowbridge Town	36	6	6	6	29	27	2	6	10	10	29	28		D 1-1	
Andover	36	5	1	12	16	31	6	2	10	21	35	25	L 1-5	W3-0	
Crawley Town	38	4	5	10	16	32	2	4	13	19	47	21	W4-1	W3-0	

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