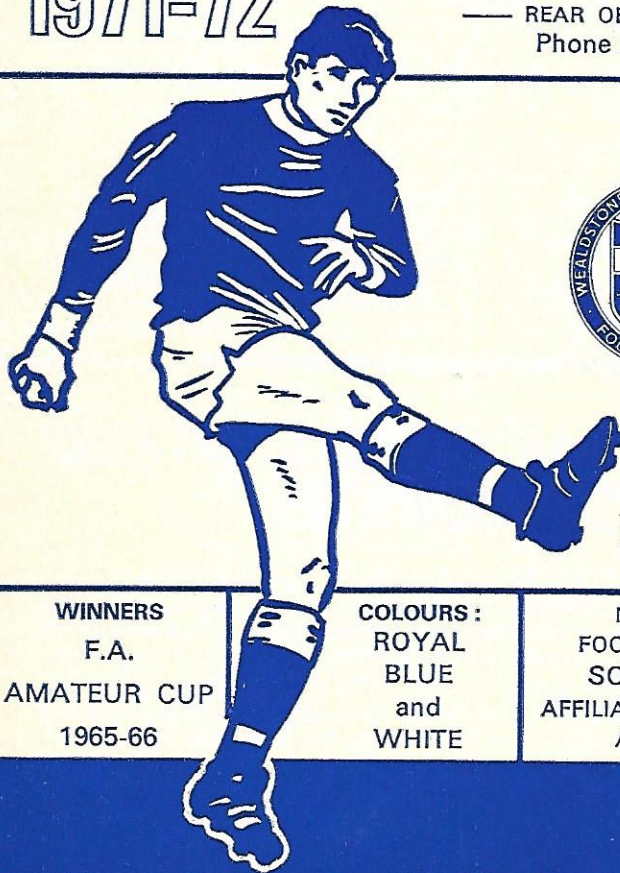


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Tonight they meet us in the first round of the London Challenge Cup, and can be assured of a warm welcome from our own Officials, Team and Supporters. The time-honoured football adage says that the better the opposition, the better a team plays, and if so, we can look forward to a fine game tonight. A replay at Highbury would do Wealdstone, in their first season as professionals, after a notable amateur career spanning 70 years, a power of good, and a smile to the face of our rather pessimistic treasurer — but maybe that is wishful thinking! I am sure Arsenal manager Mr. Bertie Mee and his officials will forgive my saying 'may the best team win — providing it is Wealdstone!'

Naturally, I am writing these notes without the benefit of knowing how we fared in our home Southern League game against Gloucester City last Saturday. However, if he didn't play on Saturday, he will be making his debut in Blue and White tonight, and I refer to our new forward 21-year-old Scot George Urquhar, sharing a twin-striker's role with Gary Townend. An ex-St. Mirren player, George is a fast, clever ball-player and is part of manager Alan Humphries plan to play four front runners, ex-Wales and Spurs star Cliff Jones, and free-scoring Micky Brown completing what we hope will be a dangerous quartette.

Meanwhile the search goes on for a dominating centre-half, and we can tell you that a signing is imminent.

A lot of people here tonight may well be visiting Lower Mead Stadium for the first time. Whether you are a regular, or paying a rare visit, we welcome you wholeheartedly; hope you enjoy the match and our facilities; and very much hope you will give us your support more regularly. Wealdstone is an ambitious club, and have set their sights on big things to come. Turning professional was the first step (a major one) and we are never content to rest on our laurels. Our ground holds 18,000 people, with 6,000 under cover, and few non-league clubs in the country have a better one. Thus our foundations are excellent, and provide a good base on which to build. And build we shall — and we hope many of you here tonight will help us by your valued support. Even mighty Arsenal were small once, you know!

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Win a colour television

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With 1192 prizes on offer each week, PLUS the free draw every eight weeks, means that a lot of tickets must be sold. Members and Supporters of Wealdstone and all the other participating clubs can help us and themselves by selling tickets. A generous commission is offered, so please help, as being professional, our expenses are now very heavy indeed.

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Sorry about Kings Lynn!

Tonight we reap one of the more obvious benefits of being a professional club. With our now automatic qualification for the London Challenge Cup, we have the chance of entertaining London's top teams, and we cannot wish for more illustrious guests than Arsenal.

To those supporters who suffered a most uncomfortable trip to Kings Lynn recently, I apologise. We have complained to the coach company, who apparently themselves hired the coach from another company. However, agreement has been reached and although we cannot refund your money, we will be happy to credit the fare against the trip to Ilkeston next Saturday. Will those concerned please contact Barbara Robson in the Club Office? Will those not concerned, also contact her and book a seat for Ilkeston anyway! Coaches depart at 10.45 a.m. We shall also be running coaches to Cambridge on Tuesday, October 5th, and support for this tough match will be appreciated. Leave 5. p.m.

The Club's annual general meeting will be held in the Club Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 30th and we look forward to a good turnout. This is your big chance to have your say!

Finally, our job is to back the club all the way. Manager Alan Humphries and the team have given us a good start, and no one can expect miracles so soon. Your encouragement is vital, so "Come on the 'Stones'!"

Peter Fuller.

Visit to Barry postponed

Our League visit to Barry Town, in South Wales, scheduled for October 9th will now have to be re-arranged, as on that date we visit Boreham Wood in the second qualifying round of the F.A. Cup.

1971 FIXTURES 1971/72

October

2	Ilkeston Town	A
9	Boreham Wood	A
12	Cambridge City	H
16	Wellingborough Town	A
19	Addlestone	H
23	Cheltenham Town	H

November

6	Bury Town	H
13	Bletchley	A
20	Corby Town	A
27	Kettering Town	H

December

4	Stourbridge	H
11	Banbury United	A
18	Burton Albion	H
27	Dunstable Town	A

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January

1	Dunstable Town	H
8	Gloucester City	A
15	Wellingborough Town	H
22	Lockheed-Leamington	A
29	Ilkeston Town	H

February

5	Barry Town	A
12	Cheltenham Town	A
19	Stevenage Athletic	H
26	Bury Town	A

March

4	Bletchley	H
11	Corby Town	H
18	Kettering Town	A
25	Kings Lynn	H
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April

1	Banbury United	H
3	Rugby Town	A
4	Rugby Town	H
8	Burton Albion	A
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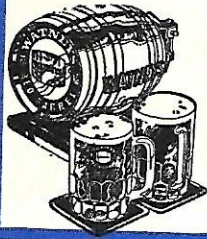
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The Manager's Column

I have often thought that producing a successful football team is like building a house, over a three year building programme. The first year you lay the foundations, the second year you build and the third year you roof it and see it in its finished state. I hope that in our first two years of establishing ourselves as a professional club and building a team we will manage to progress to the Southern League Premier Division and have our share of success in cup competitions. Then in our third year we should win a 'pot'. I am sure that all supporters will agree that we had no foundations in the team we had last season, because too many players had quit the club. It was this that made me decide to scrap the lot and start again. I have done this and laid my foundations again and now I hope I can build. Players like Cliff Jones and Dixie Hale are obviously not long term investments, but I'm sure they will help to establish Wealdstone as a professional club and pass on their extensive experience to younger players who are with us now or join us in the near future.

I suppose that I should be reasonably happy with the way the team have started the season. Top of the Southern League Cup Qualifying Competition with eight points out of a possible ten, and through to the next Qualifying Round of the F.A. Cup. So we should be. We have not started too well in the League though and that is the competition that really matters. Not many clubs will obtain points at Kings' Lynn and Stourbridge but that is no consolation. We were in front in both games and points away are vital to a successful League campaign. I realise, and I am sure the supporters realise, that we need a big dominant defender and more mobility upfront. We have two vacancies in our first team squad and I am trying to secure players who can fill these roles, but it is difficult at this time in the season. I am sure you will agree there is no point in bringing players to Lower Mead who are no better than players we already have or who I have let go. I wouldn't waste the club's or the spectator's money. I must be almost 100% sure that a player will do the job before he is given a contract.

The supporters really encourage players who do well at Lower Mead and in our away matches. Please keep it up, it's great. I will discuss points with individual spectators or speak to groups of supporters any time, anywhere. I can accept criticism — you pay your money and you are entitled to voice your opinions.

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