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Terry Dyson won our 'Player of the Mach' award against Dunstable on Tuesday, and in my book had his best game since joining us midway through last season. Perhaps the fact that Terry, for the first time, operated on the left flank had a lot to do with it, for this, in case you have forgotten, is his normal position.

Seems strange, after their struggles over the years, to see Bletchley on top of the Division, and unbeaten into the bargain . . . Several papers carried the wrong result of Bletchley's match at Basingstoke on Tuesday so for the record, the Bucks side won 1-0 and so set the pace. It is very early days yet, though, and when the heavier grounds come, there might well be shocks galore. Personally, I think Wealdstone will welcome a softer pitch, for the rock-hard surfaces at present are hardly conducive to close-passing football.

The Dunstable match, notwithstanding our convincing win, could have proved very unfortunate indeed, for as a result of it, Micky Brown and Dave Cockell suffered muscle pulls, while George Duck damaged the same knee which kept him out of the side until this week. Frantic efforts have been going on in the treatment room all week, but at the time of writing (Thursday) there was a very real danger that they would not be fit today. In addition, Dixie Hale missed training on Wednesday with a stomach upset, while Eddie Presland's toe injury is not yet 100 per cent better. So all in all, the latter part of the week has been worrying indeed, bearing in mind the importance of today's Cup-tie. Today's winners, by the way, will be away to Andover in the second round.

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Supporters Club Notes

This afternoon we have a chance to access our real strength against Premier Division side Waterlooville to whose players, officials and supporters we bid a warm welcome. We can expect nothing but a hard match this afternoon but we hope that our recent results will put us in the right frame of mind to progress further in the F.A. Challenge Trophy.

You will no doubt have read in the last Tuesday's programme and the local press of the 'Man of the Match' award being donated by the Supporters Club for every home Southern League match and cup-tie. The first winner of this was John Barr and last Tuesday's prize was awarded to Terry Dyson. To both these players I extend, I am sure on behalf of all our members, our hearty congratulations. There is no restriction on the number of times you can win it; so keep it up!

On Monday we travel to Kingstonian in the preliminary round of the London Challenge Cup and the usual coach service will operate. Seats should be booked in the Club office or by telephone (422 0799). Alternatively, of course, should a replay of today's game be necessary the same arrangements will apply for our trip to Portsmouth.

The Supporters Club Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday, 15th September in the Football Club hall at 8 p.m. and all members are invited to attend. Membership cards must be shown at the door.

Peter Fuller, Publicity Officer.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE FIXTURES 1972-73

1972			1973		
August			January		
12	Bath City	Away	6	Bexley United	Home
15	Dunstable Town	Away	13	Hastings United (FA3)	Away
19	Tonbridge	Home	20	Bideford (CT2)	Away
22	Stevenage (SLC)	Home	27	Ashford Town	Home
26	Gravesend Northfleet	Away			
28	Stevenage (SLC)	Away	February		
September			3	Crawley Town (FA4)	Home
2	Bideford	Home	10	Andover (CT3)	Away
5	Dunstable Town	Home	17	Crawley Town	Away
9	Waterlooville (CT)	Home	24	Hastings United (FA5)	Home
11	Kingstonian (LCC)	Away	March		
16	Windsor & Eton (FA1Q)	Home	3	Salisbury	Away
19	Maidstone United	Away	10	Minehead (CT4)	Home
23	Bexley United	Away	17	Metropolitan Police (FA6)	Away
25			24	Basingstoke Town	Home
30	(CT1Q)		31	Canterbury City (CTSF)	Home
October			April		
14	Minehead	Away	7	Trowbridge Town (FASF)	Away
21	Salisbury (FA3Q)	Home	14	Winchester City	Home
28	Basingstoke Town (CT2Q)	Away	20		
November			21	Dorchester Town	Away
4	Metropolitan Police (FA4Q)	Home	23	Bletchley Town	Away
11	Gravesend N' thfleet (CT3Q)	Home	24	Bath City	Home
14	Maidstone United	Home	28	F.A. Trophy Final	
18	Dorchester Town (FA1)	Home			
25	Canterbury City	Away			
December					
2	Bognor Regis Town (CT1)	Home			
9	Winchester City (FA2)	Away			
16	Trowbridge Town	Home			
23	Bognor Regis Town	Away			
26	Bletchley Town	Home			
30	Tonbridge	Away			

For your information the code letters should be interpreted as follows:
 FA1Q = F.A. Cup 1st Qualifying Round
 CT1Q = Challenge Trophy 1st Qualifying Round
 FA1 = F.A. Cup 1st Round Proper
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 LCC = London Challenge Cup

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Waterlooville — Nursery for Pompey

It is a great pleasure to welcome Waterlooville on their first ever visit to Lower Mead Stadium today, for they have had a remarkable career in professional football. They turned professional only last season, joining the Southern League from the Hampshire League, and did what all clubs pray for, but rarely achieve — gained promotion to the Premier Division in their first season!

Simultaneously with turning professional, Waterlooville were taken under the wing of Portsmouth F.C., for whom they act as a nursery club, which doubtless accounts to a large extent for their spectacular rise from the comparative obscurity of the Hampshire League. It is easy to see, therefore, that we have a very stiff hurdle indeed today.

Their record gate was back in their amateur days when 2,500 paid to watch them play Kettering in the F.A. Cup 1st Round in 1968. Many of Waterlooville's home games are played at Fratton Park. They are managed by Pat Wright, formerly of Derby County.

Below are pen portraits of their squad:

Keith Dyke (Goalkeeper). Age 25, signed in 1971 from Barnstaple. Previously with Salisbury and Portsmouth.

Pat Wright (Full-back). Age 32, signed as player-manager in 1971. Previously with Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Derby County and Rotherham, now coach at Portsmouth F.C.

John Kill (Centre back). Age 23, signed in 1971 from local football. Captained Hants Youth side and was schoolboy amateur with Portsmouth, Brighton and Southampton.

Alan Avery (Centre back). Age 27, signed in 1968 from local football and has only lost his first team place through injury.

Freddie Phillips (Midfield). Age 28, signed in 1965 from local football and has never been dropped from the first team squad. Known as 'elastic legs'. Born in Portsmouth.

Ernie Bradwell (Midfield). Age 27, signed with Phillips in 1965 and is a very popular figure who can delight crowds with his ball control. Born in Portsmouth.

Christ Cheverton (Midfield). Age 26, signed in 1971 from Basingstoke, formerly at Southampton. Developed last year into one of the most consistent players. Born in Yarmouth, Isle of Wight.

Barry Dyer (Striker). Age 26, signed in 1971 from Basingstoke. Prolific goal-scorer but injury kept him out last season. Born in Portsmouth.

Barry Allen (Striker). Age 28, signed in 1971 from Basingstoke and this year will meet his brother who plays for Weymouth.

Barry Jack (Striker). Age 25, signed in 1969 from local football. Holds club's goalscoring record.

Allan Stones (Full-back). Age 19, previously with Bournemouth's Youth side, Reading and Aldershot reserves. Signed in 1969, born in Durham.

Bob Mitchell (Striker). Signed in 1971 from Aldershot, age 23. Born in Petersfield, Hants.

Looking for a colour T.V.

The first of the season's Free Competition Draws in the Development Fund takes place before the kick-off today. Promoter Jack Howland apologises for this not taking place last Saturday, but two member clubs were unable to return their free competition tickets, due to holidays, etc.

Give the wife or girl friend a treat, and buy her a ticket! Better still, why not become an Agent, and get a decent commission on your sales?

As you know, the first prize in the draw is always a Colour T.V. But we have ambitious plans to offer an East African Safari holiday for two, and a Mediterranean cruise. So let's sell a bumper load of tickets to enable these glittering attractions to materialise . . .

Reserves gain a point

Wealdstone Reserves drew 2-2 with Croydon Amateurs last Saturday, evergreen Viv Evans (still a force to be reckoned with) getting the goal which gave us a point. Next Tuesday the Reserves are at home to Hampton in the Suburban League Cup, 7.30 p.m.

*^{sp} Appearances and Goalscorers

(Up to and including Tuesday, September 5th)

	S.L.		F.A. Cup		S.L.C.		F.A. Trophy		Total
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	
J. Barr	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7 0
M. Brown	3	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	5 5
J. Beyer	*2	0	0	0	*1	0	0	0	*3 0
E. Burgess	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	7 1
B. Byrne	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	4 4
D. Cockell	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7 0
T. Dyson	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7 0
G. Duck	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6 1
J. Furie	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7 0
D. Hale	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	7 0
E. Presland	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6 0
J. Pearce	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7 0
R. Whittaker	*4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5 0

* Whittaker 4 appearances 1 as substitute

* Beyer 2 appearances 1 as substitute

Results, Scorers, Attendances

Bath City 3	Wealdstone 1 (E. Burgess)	Att : 3,091
Dunstable 0	Wealdstone 3 (M. Brown 2, D. Hale)	317
Wealdstone 1 (M. Brown)	Tonbridge 0	1,000
Wealdstone 1 (M. Brown)	Stevenage 1	956
Gravesend & Northfleet 2	Wealdstone 0	791
Stevenage 3	Wealdstone 0	1,368
Wealdstone 4 (B. Byrne 2, G. Duck, o.g.)	Bideford 0	834
Wealdstone 3 (B. Byrne 2, M. Brown)	Dunstable 0	565

Note : The above attendances refer to turnstile admission only, and do not include members.

Southern League Division I (South)

(Up to and including Tuesday, September 5th)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bletchley	6	4	2	0	13	3	10
Salisbury	5	4	1	0	10	2	9
Wealdstone	6	4	0	2	12	5	8
Bexley	6	3	1	2	9	4	7
Basingstoke	6	3	1	2	7	5	7
Minehead	6	3	1	2	6	5	7
Bideford	6	3	1	2	8	8	7
Trowbridge	6	3	1	2	9	10	7
Ashford	5	3	0	2	7	4	6
Gravesend & Northfleet	6	3	0	3	8	6	6
Andover	5	3	0	2	11	9	6
Crawley	6	3	0	3	8	12	6
Metropolitan Police	4	2	1	1	10	6	5
Maidstone	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Tonbridge	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Bath City	6	2	1	3	5	5	5
Canterbury	6	1	2	3	4	6	4
Winchester	6	2	0	4	2	8	4
Hastings	6	1	2	3	5	10	4
Dorchester	6	0	2	4	3	11	2
Dunstable Town	5	0	1	4	3	12	1
Bognor Regis	6	0	1	5	5	16	1

Next Saturday is F.A. Cup Day !

Next Saturday the senior side entertain Athenians Windsor and Eton in the preliminary round of the F.A. Cup, 3 p.m. With memories of Boreham Wood still like ashes in our mouth, we're keeping our fingers crossed !

On Monday next, we have an important match away to Kingstonians in the London Challenge Cup (7.30), with a visit to the Den to play Millwall the prize for the winners. Your support will be vital here next Saturday, so come and give the lads a boost. A good Cup run is what every Club needs, and your presence makes a tremendous difference.

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