

Royal Blue Review



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Saturday, 21st August, 1976
Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP

1st Round, 1st Leg

WEALDSTONE

v.

BARNET

WEALDSTONE (Blue/White)	v	BARNET (Black/Amber)
J. Morton	1	W. Woodend
C. Kinnear	2	S. Oliver
L. Prince	3	W. Lees
S. Edmundson	4	T. Tapping
K. Lawrence	5	M. Hinton
W. Byrne	6	T. Price
J. Arnold	7	B. Bolton
R. Fulton	8	D. Brown
W. Stagg	9	J. Fairbrother
G. Duck	10	R. Aggio
K. Halliday	11	G. Williams
S. Hanson	12	

Referee: Mr. R. W. Rodell (Luton)

Mr. P. F. Brown Linesmen Mr. G. C. Benson
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Getting down to the serious business . . .

After some of the best football we have seen from our squad for a long time which swamped a strong Watford XI on Wednesday 2-0, we are in excellent spirits to start the new campaign today. We start the near-nine months long haul with a most attractive match against neighbouring Barnet in the first leg of the Southern League Cup. Barnet is a club rich in historic achievements and although suffering from a couple of indifferent seasons, they seem set to make a strong bid to regain their rightful place in the Premier Division after making many excellent close-season signings. We accord our usual sincere welcome to their Directors, Players and Supporters, and look forward to visiting them at Underhill in the return leg next Tuesday (7.30).

Yes, we came good against Watford on Wednesday after a game highlighted by two spectacular goals from young Billy Stagg and Bobby Moss, one in each half. It is most heartening to see both Stagg and Steve Hanson coming through to the senior squad from our Youth side which, after only one season, has quickly paid dividends and shows what a good move it was to persevere with youth football. Stagg's effort was largely a solo one, while Moss's goal came after a superb through ball from Danny Light, who is a master of his craft.

Today Barnet proudly present, of course, their magnificent capture, ex-England and Chelsea star Marvin Hinton and on paper, at any rate, have one of the strongest sides to wear their colours for a considerable time. We ourselves, are without Light, Moss and John Watson, all starting a three-match suspension for misdemeanours against Wimbledon at the end of last season. Today's side, therefore, has required no managerial selection, being the only 12 players available at the moment! Happily, however, we shall have big George Duck back to lead the attack after missing two games.

George's mother passed away last Friday, and to Mr. Duck senior, George and his wife Sue, and the family, everyone at Lower Mead Stadium send sincere condolences in their tragic loss.

By the way, on the last occasion Barnet visited us, we did have a spot of crowd trouble. We have naturally taken the precaution this time of having adequate police supervision, but we do appeal to everyone to enjoy what I am sure will be a fine game without any incidents.

Elsewhere in this programme will be found full pen pictures of our visitors.

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Our Visitors Today

After three years in the Southern League shadows Barnet visit us today with new-found confidence and the strongest squad since the glory days at Underhill. Following relegation from the Premier Division in 1974/75 they became a Limited Company last year—a move which coincided with the arrival of former 'Stones manager Dave Underwood as chairman, and Billy Meadows as manager in succession to Brian Kelly. The previous season's average attendance of 603 dwindled to 450, and last year they finished 11th in Div. 1 North with 42 points from 42 games, scoring 56 goals and conceding exactly the same.

But Billy Meadows' close season signings have brought new hope to this illustrious club, and in Marvin Hinton and Walter Lees he has made captures of immense League experience. And the string of proven goal-getters in tricky Terry Price, John Fairbrother and Ray Aggio should enable them to mount a tough challenge for promotion, as this season they compete in Div. 1 (South), arguably the least tough of the two lower divisions.

Barnet have appeared in three FA Amateur Cup finals—winning one, 3—2 against Bishop Auckland in 1946— and won six Athenian League titles before turning professional in 1965. They reached the FA challenge Trophy Final in 1972, but lost to Stafford Rangers by three second half goals. That same season, however, they won the Southern League Cup beating Hereford United in a play-off.

Wilf Woodend. Goalkeeper. Understudy to the late Jack McClelland Wilf is a local footballer and made his mark last season when he took over from Keith Barker the former Cambridge City keeper.

Steve Oliver. Full Back. Another player to shine last season. Began as a utility player then settled at full back.

Terry Tapping. New signing this season from Romford where he spent 8 years. Former Arsenal player. Started life as a winger, now plays at full back.

Dave Underwood, Jnr. Full Back. Dave joined from Durban City at the start of last season as a forward but found his place in the back four. Previous clubs include Watford and Fulham.

Walter Lees. Centre Back. Walter joined this season from local fourth division Watford where he was a regular member of the first team. One of several key signings.

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Marvin Hinton. Centre Back. Marvin is another 'new man' this time from Chelsea and probably the most well-known of the team. Regular appearer at Chelsea Marvin has England U23 caps and has appeared in the European Cup Winners Cup and the FA Cup Final. Previously with Charlton.

Barry Bolton. Midfield. Barry is one of the young brigade in the squad. Talented and skilful player loves to move forward into scoring positions. Former player with Chelsea.

Gary Williams. Midfield. Former QPR and Folkestone player he joined us as a full back and then was pushed forward on the basis of his love to attack and a driving left foot shot. Gary won 'Supporters' Player of the Year' trophy last season.

Terry Price. Midfield. Another new face, Terry joined from Premier Division Chelmsford City where he was a regular first teamer. Strong player and regarded as key man in middle. Began life as a winger.

Paul Blackaller. Midfield. Young skilful player signed by club's former manager Brian Kelly from Brentwood. Although still young he is one of the longest serving playing members!

John Fairbrother. Forward. New signing number five John, from Bath City, where he was one of their leading goalscorers. He, with the other new man Dennis Brown, and Ray Aggio are seen as adding a bit more goal punch. Formerly at Northampton.

Ray Aggio. Forward. Ray joined the club at the start of last season and ended up as leading goalscorer. His skill and talents have sometimes to be seen to be believed. Scored some outstanding goals last season. Former clubs include Worcester, Romford and Nuneaton.

Dennis Brown. Forward. Like John Fairbrother Dennis is a former Premier Division goalscorer this time from Margate. Like John he has League experience, at Aldershot.

Les Aggio. Midfield/Forward. Joined at start of last season with his brother Ray. Les made mark in side towards the end with some vital goals. Like Ray was at Romford.

Rick George. Forward. Returns for another spell at his self-confessed favourite club. Local lad now settled in area with own sports business Rick has seen service with several clubs. His last excursions were at Hereford United and Wimbledon.

Mark Tucker. Forward. Another local player Mark has just signed. Meadows is favourably impressed with this young lad and sees him as a useful addition to the squad.

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Barnet 41 wins, Wealdstone 32

The vast majority of Wealdstone-Barnet clashes took place when both clubs competed in the Athenian League, but we have met six times since turning professional. The full record: Wealdstone 32 wins; Barnet 41 wins; while 11 have been drawn. Goals for: Wealdstone 186, Barnet 215.

Details of our professional encounters are as follows:

- 13.11.1971 (Friendly) Barnet 2 Wealdstone 1 (Whitaker)
- 15. 1.1972 (Friendly) Wealdstone 2 (M. Brown, Pearce) Barnet 1
- 7. 8.1973 (Friendly) Wealdstone 3 (Duck 2—1 pen, Presland) Barnet 1
- 10. 9.1973 (London Challenge Cup Preliminary Round) Wealdstone 4 (Duck 3—1 pen, own goal) Barnet 1
- 26.12.1974 (SL Prem) Barnet 1 Wealdstone 1 (Duck)
- 31. 3.1975 (SL Prem) Wealdstone 1 (Moss) Barnet 1

What, When and Where !

Name the occasion—both incidents are of matches involving Wealdstone which took place in the last three seasons (1973-4, 1974-5, 1975-6).

1. George Duck's penalty gave him his first competitive goal of the season and the 'Stones a deserved 3—0 lead. Roy McKenzie was beaten towards the end but the home side's goal was no more than a consolation.
2. Ricky George's goal had separated the two sides at the break but Wealdstone almost exclusively dominated the second half. The 'Stones could do no more than equalise, however, George Duck side-footing into the roof of the net from Eglite's cross.
(Answers in the next home programme)

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Meet the Players—No. 2

GEORGE DUCK. Striker. Born, Tottenham 22/2/52.

George was virtually lost to football, and in fact only came back to the game at the insistence of Syd Prosser, then Wealdstone's manager who persuaded George, who at the time was disillusioned with the professional game, that he had far too much to offer to quit. How right he was!

George began his professional career at Milwall at the age of 15, and stayed at the Den for three years, moving to Southend United for one season, where he was when spotted by Mr. Prosser. This is the big striker's fourth season with Wealdstone, and every season so far he has easily headed the goalscorers.

After his departure from football, and before signing for Wealdstone, he set up a window cleaning business in North London, but after joining us started training as a sports teacher, and now has a highly successful career in that capacity at Willesden High School.

George, who married Sue last year, recently bought a house in Welwyn Garden City and loves the countryside of Hertfordshire. Equally liked off the field for his pleasant demeanour and club loyalty.

Lists his hobbies as playing golf at Crews Hill, Enfield, with John Morton and John Watson, but so far finds the little white ball more difficult to control!

Daragh Croxson moves on

Harrow Observer reporter Daragh Croxson, who has covered many of our games over the past year is leaving next month to join the Swindon 'Evening Advertiser' where he will cover Swindon FC. We've always had a very fair deal from Daragh, and wish him every success in his future career. Reminds me of the time (too long ago!) when I was setting out on the same long road which, given a bit of luck, finally ends in Fleet Street.



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I'm happy to report that the coaches for the visits to Margate next Saturday and Minehead on Bank Holiday Monday are almost full and the departure times are: Margate: Bovis House, South Harrow 9.30 am; Lower Mead 9.45 am. Minehead: Lower Mead 9.30 am, and Bovis House 9.45 am. Both should be very pleasant days out. Incidentally, there is still a little room left on the coach for Barnet next Tuesday leaving at 6.10 pm.

PLEASE NOTE that the season's first edition of our Club Newsletter 'Long Ball down the Middle' is on sale today and is fantastic value at only 10p considering all the time and effort which goes into it. Editor Phil Tricker is always pleased to receive articles for it, plus of course any comments whatever—good, bad or indifferent—for that is the only way we'll know if it is what you want. Old programmes are always welcomed by Toby Jackson in the Club Shop on High Mead Terrace and if you're clearing out the attic this weekend don't throw any away!

I've had a letter this week from former chairman Jim Brigden who sends everyone his very best wishes. Actually Jim sounds a bit homesick way out there in Oxfordshire. I was also delighted the other day to receive a telephone call from Jock Lindsay Campbell, our treasurer in by-gone days. No matter where they end up, they always remember our Club!

Finally, now sign on for your membership. OK ?

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