

Royal Blue Review



10p

Saturday, 6th November, 1976

Kick-off 3 p.m.

F.A. Cup

4th Qualifying Round

WEALDSTONE

v.

BISHOPS STORTFORD

WEALDSTONE v **BISHOPS STORTFORD**
(All Yellow) (All Red)

J. Morton	1	P. Kitson
J. Watson	2	R. Tucker
A. Fursden	3	B. Davis
W. Byrne	4	F. Flack
K. Lawrence	5	T. Gough
D. Light	6	P. Massey
R. Fulton	7	T. Smith
R. Moss	8	J. Mackenzie
D. Parratt	9	E. Dillsworth
G. Duck	10	P. Twigg
J. Arnold	11	K. Gaine
To be announced	12	G. Conroy

Referee: Mr. J. E. Martin (Alton)

Mr. C. G. Chester
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(Red Flag)

Linesmen

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This was the Boost We Needed

We could hardly have had a better psychological boost for today's so-vital F.A. Cup clash than we had by so convincingly beating the powerful Dover side 3—1 to gain two valuable league points on Tuesday. Especially as it was our first-ever home win over the Kent club, who had lost only one league game. Our scorers were Parratt, Light and Duck, and how refreshing to see our defence now giving so little away.

And so on to today's blockbuster, with only 90 minutes standing between the successful side and a possible lucrative appearance in the first round proper. And we don't want to go to Aldershot again this year!! But first a really warm welcome to those noted Cup fighters from Herts, Bishops Stortford and we are delighted to welcome their Players, Officials and Supporters. By an odd coincidence Bishops followed us to Aldershot in last year's F.A. Cup. Founded in 1874 Bishops Stortford have a magnificent record as a senior amateur club over the past 10 years or so especially and they joined the Isthmian League in the 1971/72 season. They won the F.A. Amateur Cup only two years ago.

Only a fortnight ago they appointed one of the youngest managers in the Isthmian League in Terry Woodrow, 29, who incidentally is virtually our neighbour, living at South Ruislip. As a player Terry had experience with Watford, Slough, Southall and Windsor and Eton and is Head of Physical Education at Stanmore College. We wish him a very successful season—starting next Monday!

A special word of welcome to ex-Stone, popular Eddie Dillsworth now with our opponents today.

The Player Sponsorship scheme is going great guns, and Bill Byrne has been sponsored by Miss Lewis, Mr. Symmons, Mr. Fishman and Mr. Stern collectively, while a Football Club member who wishes to remain anonymous has sponsored Danny Light. It costs £9 to sponsor a player's playing gear, and our thanks to these wonderful people. The Supporters

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Club have led the way so far, so how about a few more members of the parent club chipping in?

We didn't fair so well in the next round of the F.A. Challenge Trophy being drawn away to Croydon Amateurs, who beat us 1—0 in a pre-season friendly. However, we shall certainly look to make further progress in this competition despite Croydon's indifferent pitch.

Financial secretary Harry Benjamin says we can always do with reliable adults to man the turnstiles and this could be an ideal way for senior citizens to earn £1. We man the gates usually from around 2.15 p.m. to 10 minutes after the start of the second half, so if you are interested please contact Mr. Benjamin or any official.

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Today's Opponents

Gary Conroy (24). Front runner, joined the club this season. Previously with Hitchin and Harlow.

Brian Davis (22). Defender. Formerly with Watford and Enfield. Also had a spell with Leicester City.

Eddie Dillsworth (25). Striker with considerable Southern League experience with Chelmsford City and Brentwood. Member of Wealdstone's Amateur Cup winning side in 1966.

Fred Flack (25). Defender who came from Epping Town last season. Has represented Essex.

Ken Gaine. (23). Striker who was formerly with Enfield and Slough. Won Cup Final Medal with Slough.

Tony Gough. Utility player with experience at Walthamstow Avenue. Recently appointed Club Captain.

Paul Kitson. Goalkeeper signed from Barking at beginning of last season and has been ever present this season. Has represented Loughborough Colleges, British Colleges and British University XI's.

Paul Massey. Midfield player signed in late October. Southern League experience with Romford.

Terry Smith. This season signing. Utility player previously with Walthamstow Avenue and Harlow Town.

Ray Tucker (22). Defence man who also likes midfield work. Formerly with Kingsbury Town and Enfield from whom he was signed this season.

Peter Twigg. Striker. Played for Middlesex Schoolboys and Hertfordshire Juniors. Previous Clubs were Cheshunt, Dagenham and Hayes.

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Can We Make it Three F.A. Cup Wins in a Row?

There have been four matches between Wealdstone and Bishops Stortford resulting in three wins for Wealdstone and one for Bishops Stortford. We have scored 10 goals and our opponents 5.

Today we meet for the third time in the F.A. Cup and we are hoping history will repeat itself as we have won on the two previous occasions. The first of these in October 1937 was played on our opponents ground in front of a crowd of 2000 which included a good following of Wealdstone supporters. Although Bishops Stortford scored through Mytton in the very first minute goals by Ette (2) and Bunce gave Wealdstone a 3—1 lead until near the end when Ship reduced the arrears from the penalty spot.

It was not until September 1962 that we met again and once more we were down to play at Bishops Stortford in the F.A. Cup. This time goals by W. Smith and Viv Evans gave us a comfortable 2—0 win. In another cup tie in 1964, this time in the East Anglian Cup, we won by five goals to nil at Lower Mead, the only time our visitors have met us on our ground.

Our last meeting was in a pre-season friendly in 1972 when we were beaten 3—0 at Bishops Stortford.

Full results to date:—

- 2.10.37 F.A. Cup Bishops Stortford 2 Wealdstone 3 (Ette 2, Bunce)
22. 9.62 F.A. Cup Bishops Stortford 0 Wealdstone 2 (Smith, Evans)
24. 3.64 East Anglian Cup Wealdstone 5 (Farrell 2, Bremer, Haydon,
Lindsay) Bishops Stortford 0
3. 8.72 Friendly Bishops Stortford 3 Wealdstone 0

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Where Are They Now?

News of former Wealdstone players: Jim Godfrey and Alick Brown are regulars in the Woking first team and both apparently are in excellent form. Paul Fairclough and Roy Mackenzie are at St. Albans, while John Lewis is at Tilbury. Woking wanted Chris Kinnear to join them, but he declined owing to the travelling and so far has not joined anyone. I understand that former manager Eddie Presland and coach Terry Dyson are still without a club.

Laurie Mumford at the Match

Laurie Mumford, one of the 'Evening News' top sports writers, is here today, and apart from the brief report which will be in the Classified edition tonight, an extended summary of the game will be in the 'News West' edition on Tuesday night. We get massive coverage in the 'Evening News', and their twice-weekly localised editions have proved a great boon to all clubs.

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Supporters Club Notes

Today's the day the team need you behind them! If we get through this round of the F.A. Cup we could get a league team in the next, and who knows how far we can go. Next Saturday we travel to Atherstone for a league match, book early or you could be disappointed. If there should be a replay from today's game it will be next Tuesday and the usual members travel facilities will be operating, departing 5.30. Please remember if you are booking seats by phone to do so before 22.00 hours.

Don't forget we have a good selection of paper back novels in the office, just the thing for the long winter evenings (except when we have a match).

A donation of £340 was handed over to the parent club last Saturday; a lot of hard work goes into raising this money and thanks are due to you the supporters. If you didn't spend all your spare cash supporting the shop, tea huts and coaches we couldn't make that sort of donation.

Remember how important today's result is. Get behind the lads and keep shouting.

I've just had another player sponsored, Bill Byrne by Miss Lewis, Mr. Symmons, Mr. Fishman and Mr. Stern who got together to make this fine gesture. Well done!

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	Home				Goals		Away				Goals		Pts	Wealdstone Results		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Home		Away		
Kettering Town	12	3	3	0	10	4	2	4	0	3	6	8	4	17	L 0-3	
Telford United	11	6	0	0	11	2	2	0	0	3	6	8	16	W4-2		
Redditch United	9	4	1	0	12	4	2	2	2	0	7	2	15			
Bath City	10	2	1	1	3	2	4	2	2	4	10	7	14	L 0-2		
Grantham	13	4	1	1	10	4	1	1	1	1	7	14	13			
Dover	10	3	3	0	10	3	1	1	1	2	2	7	12	W3-1		
Burton Albion	11	3	3	0	11	5	1	1	1	3	2	7	12		L 1-2	
Bedford Town	11	3	1	1	4	2	2	1	1	3	6	10	12			
Wimbledon	10	4	1	1	12	5	1	1	0	3	2	5	11		L 1-5	
Minehead	9	2	1	1	5	4	1	1	4	0	6	5	11		L 1-2	
Gravesend & Northfleet	10	4	0	2	6	3	1	1	1	2	2	4	11			
Dartford	10	2	1	2	11	7	1	1	3	1	7	9	10			
Chelmsford City	13	3	3	1	20	14	0	1	1	5	3	8	10			
Nuneaton Borough	9	2	0	2	4	3	1	1	2	1	7	7	9		L 0-2	
Maidstone United	12	2	3	1	11	5	0	2	4	4	4	10	9			
WEALDSTONE	10	3	0	2	14	10	1	0	4	5	5	11	8			
Margate	9	0	2	3	4	10	3	0	1	5	5	5	8		W2-0	
Yeovil Town	11	1	2	0	5	2	1	2	5	4	4	15	8			
Weymouth	11	2	0	3	4	4	1	2	3	7	16	8				
Atherstone Town	11	0	3	2	1	3	2	0	4	6	11	7				
Hillingdon Borough	10	1	1	4	5	10	1	0	3	2	6	5	5			
A.P. Leamington	10	1	1	3	4	5	0	2	3	3	12	5			W7-2	

Goalscorers :

League—Duck 5, Fulton 2, Moss 2, Lawrence 1, Woolgar 1, Byrne 1, Kinnear 1, Light 1, Watson 1, Parratt 1, Own Goals 3.—Total 19.
F.A. Cup—Byrne 4, Duck 4 (1 pen.), Arnold 1.—Total 9.
F.A. Trophy—Duck 2, Parratt 1.—Total 3.
Friendlies—Duck 3, Moss 2, Edmundson 1, Byrne 1, Stagg 1.—Total 8.

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