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Saturday, 20th August, 1977

Kick-off 3 p.m.

League Cup

1st Leg 1st Round

WEALDSTONE

v.

BARNET

WEALDSTONE (Royal Blue & White)	v	BARNET (Amber & Black)
Ian Cranstone 1		W. Woodend
Paul Thomas 2		J. Oliver
Alan Fursdon 3		W. Lees
John Watson 4		M. Hinton
Dave Parratt 5		T. Tapping
Vince O'Kane 6		G. Borthwick
Micky Griffiths 7		J. Greaves
Steve Brinkman 8		D. Brown
Billy Byrne 9		J. Fairbrother
George Duck 10		L. Eason
Bobby Moss 11		D. Underwood
Fred Barwick 12		G. Williams

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Wealdstone v Barnet Southern League Cup 1st Leg

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

We welcome you all to the new season which is starting today with a visit from our near neighbours and friends from Barnet, in this Southern League cup-tie.

You may remember that we played them last season in the same cup and we were well and truly walloped, it is true that at that particular period we were without some of our regulars, but Barnet showed us that they were a good workmanlike side, and proved it by successfully gaining promotion to the Premier Division, but if we can show that fighting spirit that Alan Fogarty has installed into the team, which enabled us to steer clear of relegation, we might surprise them and gain our revenge, but whatever the result this afternoon it should prove to be a good exciting game. Remember, the 2nd leg of this cup-tie will be played at Barnet on Tuesday evening k.o. 7.30 p.m. Our former manager, that exuberant, jovial character, Dave Underwood has restored Barnet's pride, which had somehow faltered a couple of years back.

For those supporters who haven't seen our pre-season friendly matches, will, I am sure, welcome our three close season signings—Ian Cranstone from Colchester, Fred Barwick from Spurs, and Pat Ferry a Scotsman from Chelmsford. All three have shown in the friendlies, that they have talent, and will be fighting for 1st team places. Ferry, unfortunately is on holiday and will not be seen today.

Our three pre-season casualties, Billy Byrne, John Watson and Vince O'Kane should all be fit for today's encounter.

Two of our players from last season, John Morton and Ray Fulton have moved on to Hounslow and Borehamwood respectively and we wish them the best of luck with their new clubs. Keith Lawrence is with Bromley.

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We have also lost two of our popular directors, Colin Pope and Bill Emerson, Colin has a lot of business and social commitments, and cannot now find the time to give all his energies to the club, while Bill is suffering a bout of ill-health and he too is standing down. We thank them both for their past, loyal service, and wish Bill a speedy recovery.

Subscriptions for members for the new season is now being taken by Barbara Robson and Harry Benjamin, and all donations will be gratefully received.

Gatemen are urgently required to man the gates at home matches, and anybody interested please apply to the Secretary Ken Wiltshire.

Our first two league fixtures are away to Yeovil and Kettering and we open our home programme on September 3rd against Dartford. K.O. 3 p.m.

Lastly, remember we now run a reserve team in the Suburban league under Terry Woodrow, please see the papers and posters for the fixtures and hope that you can come along and give your support.

HARRY BENJAMIN

Our Turn to Win This Time?

So for the second year running the luck of the draw has brought Wealdstone and Barnet together for the First Round of the Southern League Cup. It was exactly a year ago on the 21st August 1976 that our friends from Barnet triumphed here by two goals to nil with first half goals by Ray Aggio and John Fairbrother. When the two sides met at Barnet three days later for the 2nd leg only a brilliant save by Wilf Woodend in the first minute prevented George Duck from reducing the arrears. Wealdstone, without the injured John Morton and suspended Bobby Moss, Danny Light and John Watson, were out of luck as within three minutes Barnet had increased their aggregate lead with a somewhat fortunate goal. Gary Williams was the scorer, the ball hitting him in the back and rebounding into the goal without him knowing too much about it. Our fate was sealed before half time when John Fairbrother scored his sides goal to give Barnet another 2—0 victory.

Wealdstone and Barnet have met on 89 previous occasions with the Hertfordshire club winning 42 times to Wealdstone's 34, with 13 matches drawn. Barnet have scored 222 goals and conceded 190. Most of our previous encounters were in the Athenian League in our amateur days and rather surprisingly only 13 of our meetings have been in cup competitions.

The very first meeting of all was one that Wealdstone supporters will not want to be reminded of. A Middlesex Charity Cup match played at Barnet in April 1927 produced the biggest victory either side has recorded in those 89 matches, the final score being Barnet 12 Wealdstone 2. Our next cup clash wasn't until March 1930 when we won a Middlesex Senior Cup Semi-Final 3—1 and went on to beat Haywards Sports in the final after a replay. Ten years later in April 1940 we again met in a semi-final, this time

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the London Senior Cup which saw us enter the final with a 2—1 victory. Our opponents in the final at West Ham's Upton Park ground were Walthamstow Avenue who won by five goals to nil. The next four cup ties between the two sides were all in the F.A. Cup, in October 1945 we lost 3—0 at Underhill, and in the 1st Qualifying Round in September 1953 two goals by Ken Bodfish helped us to win 2—1 on the Barnet ground. Another eight years were to pass before, in September 1961, the two clubs met at Lower Mead in the 2nd Qualifying Round and a 1—1 draw resulted, Sells scoring our goal. In the replay at Barnet we were well and truly beaten 9—0. Our next two cup meetings brought us two more victories, in August 1964 we won the 1963/64 London Charity Cup Final 2—1 (Farrell and Haydon scoring our goals), and in September 1973 we won 4—1 in the Preliminary Round of the London Challenge Cup, Eddie Presland and George Duck (3) scoring our goals on this occasion. And so we came to last season when Barnet took all the honours, winning those two Southern League Cup matches and also knocking us out of the F.A. Trophy after we had drawn 1—1 at Underhill in the 3rd Qualifying Round. In the replay that followed Barnet adapted to the heavy Lower Mead pitch much better than we did and deservedly won through to the next round with a 3—0 scoreline.

Our visitors hold one unique record in the F.A. Cup. In the First Round Proper of the 1970/71 competition they defeated Newport County 6—1 at Underhill to record the biggest ever win by a non-league club over a Football League club in the F.A. Cup. Barnet's team that day was McClelland, Lye, Jenkins, Ward, Embery, King, Powell, Ferry, Adams, Gray and George. Their scorers were George (3), Ferguson (o.g.), Powell and Adams.

Barnet have made three new signings for this season, Jimmy Greaves who scored 15 league goals for Chelmsford City last season, Midfield man Gary Borthwick from Aylesbury, and ex-Hendon central defender Steve Ragan. Jimmy Greaves (36) who retired from first class football at the end of the 1970/71 season scored 491 goals during his playing career with Chelsea, Tottenham, West Ham and Milan. Of this total he scored 357 league goals (every one of them in the First Division) and 44 in 57 England internationals.

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Wilf Woodend. Goalkeeper. Having established himself as the number one keeper at the club Wilf last season had a marvellous time between the sticks. A product of local football he has had a taste of Premier Division football when he was reserve at the club when Jack McClelland was keeper.

Steve Oliver. Full Back. Another player to finally establish himself and ranks as one of the best backs at the club for many seasons. Strong player and scorer of some good goals last season. Joined the club when we were in the Premier Division from Barking so is another with experience in the top flight.

Terry Tapping. Full Back. Joined the club last season from Romford where he spent eight seasons. Immaculate season of consistency and strong play with a wealth of football in Premier Division behind him we shall be looking for his experience this season.

Walter Lees. Centre Back. Former Watford player he joined the team last season. Walter found no trouble in mastering the attacks of First Division opposition and with his Fourth Division appearances at Watford behind him he is now looking forward to meeting the forwards of the Premier. Having already met and dealt with Wimbledon and Wealdstone and Yeovil forward power is seen with the masterful Hinton as the driving force from the back. Loves to come forward on set pieces and strong player in air.

Marvin Hinton. Centre Back. After many seasons in the First Division with Chelsea it seemed a long way for Marvin to come for football. But he displayed the cool artistry last season that made him the great professional with the blues with whom he spent many years. Plays the sweeper type role but like the team as a whole believes in attack and joins set pieces at every opportunity. Formerly also with Charlton Athletic.

Dennis Brown. Midfield/Forward. For Dennis it is a quick return to the Premier Division after several seasons there with Margate. Appointed captain towards the half way stage last season he showed the kind of spirit that makes a winning side. Absolute dedication to the task a 100% worker a defenders nightmare as he runs and covers every blade of grass and scorer of vital goals and link man up front with John Fairbrother. Dennis's professional career spanned Chelsea, Swindon, Northampton.

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Gary Borthwick. Midfield. Impressed the Barnet bench when he appeared for Aylesbury last season and joins the club this season. Young, strong competitor and rated very highly and is seen by Meadows as the work rate in midfield and the job of retaining and regaining possession. Formerly with Harrow Borough.

Jimmy Greaves. A household name who must have more pen pictures than any other footballer this decade! Joins the club from Chelmsford where he made his 'return' to football on a more regular basis. Regarded as the finest goalscorer of all time now a successful businessman who is looking forward to another season in the Premier with what he described as a very attacking side. Formerly with Tottenham, Chelsea, West Ham spent some time in Italy with Milan. England honours at all levels.

Dave Underwood Junior. Midfield. Joined the club after returning from South Africa. Began as centre forward now regarded as a defender or midfielder. Up to the latter stages of last season Dave had had few appearances to his credit but then emerged in the final stages as a key midfielder player ball winner and scorer of one or two vital goals. Formerly with Fulham.

Les Eason. Midfield/Forward. Rejoined his old club last season from Enfield and at once showed a renewed vigour for the game. Returned to his old forward role alongside the goal machine John Fairbrother proved a useful maker of goals and adding a craft to the front line.

Gary Williams. Midfield. Joined the club from Folkestone in our relegation season and emerged that year as a player of great skill and eventually won player of the year. Left sided player began as full back then moved into midfield. Strong left 'peg' with several good goals to his credit. Previously with QPR.

John Fairbrother. Forward. Mr Goals. Joined the club from Bath City and emerged as leading goalscorer and player of the year. Thrives on scoring goals—topped 36 last season. Linked well up front with Brown and Eason. Great turn of speed, good shot with either foot, good header and all in all the old fashioned type centre forward. Wealth of league and non league soccer behind him from such clubs as Northampton, Worcester City, Watford, Bath City.

Reserves

Our newly formed reserve side, under manager Terry Woodrow, commence their Suburban League season today with a very tough match at Aldershot against the reserve eleven of this football league club. Next Saturday they have their first home fixture against Banstead Athletic, kick-off 3 p.m. and it is hoped that members and supporters who do not travel to Yeovil will come along to Lower Mead and support the team. Admission prices will be half those charged for Southern League matches namely Adults 25p, Senior Citizens and Juniors 20p. No extra charge for stand.

The clubs who we shall be meeting in Section 'B' of the league will be: Aldershot, Banstead Athletic, Bracknell Town, Camberley Town, Chertsey Town, Epsom & Ewell, Farnborough Town, Harrow Borough, Hounslow, Redhill, Slough Town, Southall & Ealing Borough, Wembley and Whyteleafe.

Ball Boys

The ball boys for today's game are provided by our Nursey Club 'Belmont United Boys Football Club'.

Our nursery club require players of above average ability between the ages of 9 years old and 18 years. These teams compete in the Chiltern Youth League, the Harrow Youth League and the Hayes and District Sunday Minor League. Interested players should telephone 863 8082 or 427 6066.

FIXTURES 1977-78

Saturday	August	20th	Barnet	H
Tuesday		23rd	Barnet	A
Saturday		27th	Yeovil	A
Wednesday		31st	Kettering	A
Saturday	September	3rd	Dartford	H
Saturday		10th	Telford	A
Saturday		17th	Grantham	H
Saturday		24th	Redditch	A
Saturday	October	1st	Leamington	H
Tuesday		4th	Hastings	A
Saturday		8th	Worcester	H
Saturday		15th	<i>F.A. Trophy</i>	
Saturday		22nd	Atherstone	H
Saturday		29th	Maidstone	A
Tuesday	November	1st	Bath	H
Saturday		5th	<i>F.A. Cup</i>	
Saturday		12th	<i>F.A. Trophy</i>	
Saturday		19th	Cheltenham	H
Saturday		26th	Dover	A
Saturday	December	3rd	Bedford	H
Saturday		10th	Weymouth	A
Saturday		17th	Gravesend	H
Monday		26th	Hillingdon	A
Tuesday		27th	Barnet	H
Saturday		31st	Maidstone	H

Supporters Club Notes

What a difference two wins make! After the performances against Slough and Hounslow, not many supporters would have put money on the 'Stones having anything better than, at best, an uneventful season. But after the 3—1 eclipse of Dagenham, and the almost comparable win over Watford . . . who knows? This could be the third season lucky, after two years of mediocrity. Tom Walley, Watford's newly-appointed youth team coach, and a man who has experienced football at all levels, was just one of the spectators on Tuesday night who had kind words to say about the boys in blue; "They played the ball around well, and looked very fit. They will have a good season, if this game is any yardstick".

The B's have added several newish names to last season's powerful squad, signing the likes of Jimmy Greaves (who was in bed with flu on Tuesday, however. Good news?) and Keith Furphy, son of ex-Watford manager Ken.

Coach details for the away games coming up: v Barnet on Tuesday, leaving Lower Mead at 6.15 p.m; v Yeovil on Saturday, leaving Lower Mead at 10.30 a.m; and v Kettering on the 31st, leaving Lower Mead at 5 p.m. (for a 7.30 p.m. kick-off).

Long Ball Down the Middle is back! The supporters very own magazine makes its first appearance of the season this afternoon—22 pages packed with news, views, articles and cartoons. It costs 15p (less than .75p per page!) and is really excellent value. Don't forget Roy Couch's Statistical Supplement, either. It also costs 15p, but there are only a few left—so you'll have to be quick!

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