

HEREFORD UNITED FC REVIEW



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REPLAY



VERSUS
WEALDSTONE

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HEREFORD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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Hereford

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Third Division

Champions: 1975-76

Fourth Division

Runners-up: 1972-73

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JOHN SILLETT'S POINT OF VIEW



ALTHOUGH we created enough chances to have won by a handful of goals at Wealdstone last Saturday it seems as though there is a gremlin following us around whenever we play away from home nowadays. It is now over 11 hours since we scored a goal on an opponents' ground and I am as baffled as anyone else why we just can't put the ball into the back of the net. I could understand it if we went away to play defensive football but that hasn't been the case.

In most of our away matches we have done as much attacking as the home team and in many instances we have created more chances but when it has come to adding the finishing touch we've fallen flat on our face. At Portsmouth the week before last we dominated the play for the first hour but just could not get the ball into the net. And the same happened at Wealdstone when we were on top for 90 per cent of the game.

Well that, in fact, is not strictly accurate because we did get the ball into the net at Lower Mead Stadium within 10 minutes of the kick-off and in my book it was a perfectly good goal. Billy Holmes put in a shot from the edge of the box and Steve Davey re-acted with a fine header to divert the ball wide of the Wealdstone goalkeeper. But that little gremlin came to Wealdstone's rescue when the referee ruled that Davey was offside after initially awarding a goal.

Although it is difficult to make excuses for the fact that we should have wrapped things up at Wealdstone without the necessity of a replay, I must give full marks to our players for the way they maintained their discipline and kept pressing for a goal right up until the final whistle. When it seems as though you're not getting anywhere frustration can creep into a team's play but our lads kept their heads and never lost control of the proceedings on a pitch which did not make it easy for our style of play.

At the same time Wealdstone never yielded an inch and defended stubbornly until the end and I think we can expect a similar tactical game tonight. They will rely on quick breaks and we will not be able to take anything for granted. We will have to keep on our toes and maintain the same discipline we showed last Saturday.

This is the first time Wealdstone have ever visited Edgar Street and, in welcoming their club directors, officials, players and supporters to Hereford, I would also like to thank the Club for the hospitality they extended to us last Saturday.

All the Best, JOHN.

COVER PICTURE: Steve Davey attempts to elude Pat Ferry as he jumps for a corner kick during the first half of Saturday's match at Wealdstone.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS AT EDGAR STREET

This Saturday, December 3rd, 1977

Third Division

HEREFORD UNITED v. SWINDON TOWN, 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 10th, 1977

Football Combination

HEREFORD UNITED v. SWINDON TOWN, 3 p.m.

THEY WON AT WEMBLEY

FOUNDED in 1900, Wealdstone had been going strong for almost quarter-of-a-century before Hereford United emerged upon the soccer scene but it was not until 1952 that they scored their first championship success when they won the Athenian League title.

Their greatest triumph came in 1966, however, when they reached the final of the F.A. Amateur Cup and were matched with county rivals Hendon at Wembley.

It was the first all-Middlesex final in the history of the competition and Wealdstone, a goal down after five minutes, hit back with skill and fury to clinch victory in the dying stages of a Wembley thriller that attracted a 45,000 gate. With the score level three minutes from the end the Stones scored twice in a grandstand finish to win 3-1 and take the trophy back to their Lower Mead Stadium headquarters.

In 1971 when the Southern League was enlarged Wealdstone were elected to the First Division (North) and after finishing midway in the table switched to the southern section the following year when they again had an average season to finish eighth with 44 points from their 42 matches.

But it was third time lucky in 1973-74 when they romped away with the title after finishing 11 points clear of runners-up Bath City, and they had a successful first season in the Premier Division when they occupied eighth position and did the double over champions Wimbledon.

The 1975-76 season saw Stones struggling to avoid relegation and though they finished in the bottom four they gained a last minute reprieve when Dunstable withdrew from the league, enabling the Middlesex club to retain their Premier status.

Last season they finished in 15th position and so far this term they have collected 14 points out of a possible 26 and have lost only three of their 13

Premier Division encounters. They still retain an interest in the F.A. Challenge Trophy and Southern League Cup as well as the F.A. Cup.

The Stones have reached the first round of the F.A. Cup on seven occasions but have never got beyond this stage in the competition although they have given a good account of themselves against league opposition. Last season they were pipped 1-0 at Reading's Elm Park Ground and a year earlier they lost 4-3 at Aldershot where the club's goal record holder George Duck netted two of their three goals.

Their best chance to reach the second round came back in 1968-69 when they were drawn at home to non-league St. Albans but they were held to a 1-1 draw and lost the replay 1-0, and two years earlier they were also favoured with a home tie in the first round but went down 2-0 to Southern League Nuneaton Borough at Lower Mead.

In 1965-66 when they were playing their way through half-a-dozen rounds to reach the final of the F.A. Amateur Cup they also got through to the first round of the F.A. Cup when they were paired with Millwall, who beat them 3-1 at the Den.

Millwall's victory earned them a trip to Edgar Street where United, who were in the Southern League, succeeded where the Stones had failed by beating the Third Division club 1-0 to reach the third round of the competition for the second time in the club's history.

Last season, of course, when Reading knocked Wealdstone out of the competition they were later eliminated at Edgar Street when a goal from Les Briley earned United a fourth round visit to Middlesbrough.

Instead of Wealdstone's conqueror, United tonight entertain Wealdstone themselves in their bid for another lucrative run in the F.A. competition.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

Wealdstone extended their unbeaten run to 14 matches when they drew 0-0 with Hereford United in last Saturday's first round match at Lower Mead Stadium but they were hard-pressed to stave off defeat.

Hereford gained a total of 17 corners to Wealdstone's two but they could not get the better of the home team in the air and had to settle for the fifth goalless draw in their last seven away matches.

Extracts from the national and local newspapers were in agreement that United should have made better use of the chances they created.

Victor Churcher, Sunday Express: "Renowned cup fighters in their own non-league days when they claimed the scalps of Newcastle United and West Ham United, Hereford United had the tables turned to some extent at Wealdstone . . . the Southern League side defended doggedly to earn a replay . . . territorially Hereford dominated the game but they were still unable to gain their first away win of the season."

Ted Woodriffe, Hereford Evening News: "I have seldom seen United dominate a game to such an extent without anything to show for their efforts at the end of the day after battering their opponents' defence for the major part of the proceedings."

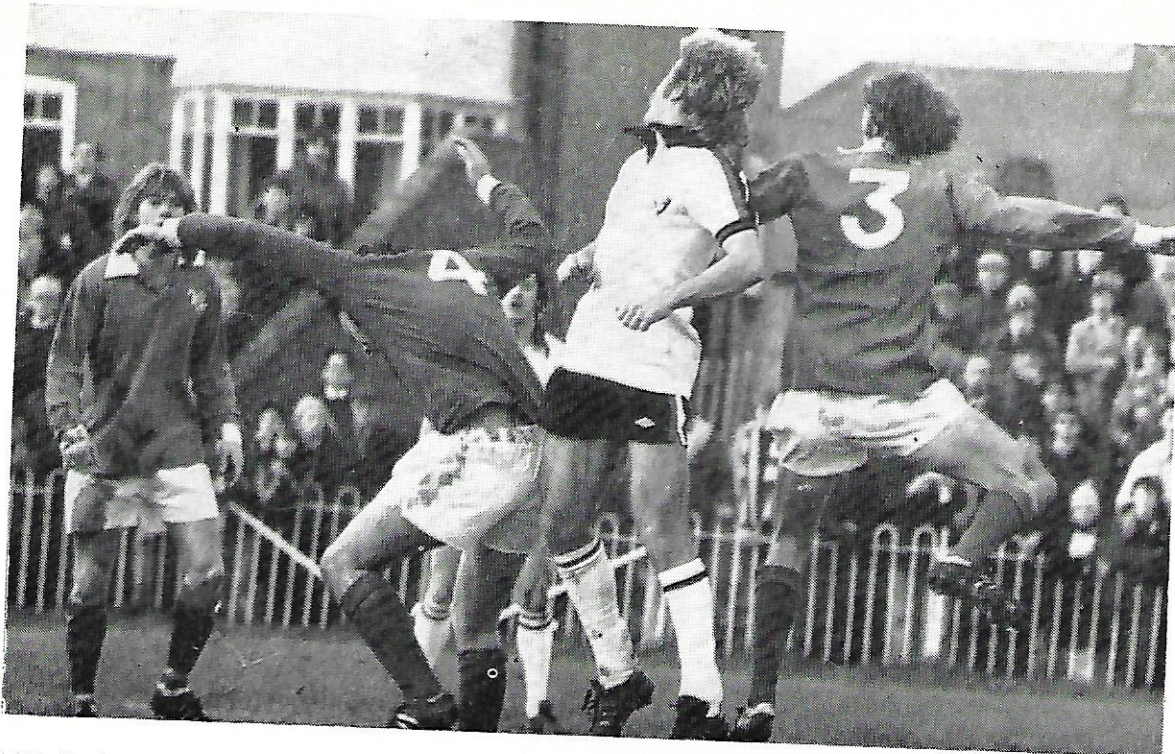
Sunday Mercury: "Giantkillers Hereford made it painfully obvious to Wealdstone's largest gate of the season that they had no intention of swallowing their own medicine. On this performance there can only be one result in Wednesday night's replay—a convincing win for Hereford."

News of the World: "A brave performance from Southern League Wealdstone. Though they had their backs to the wall for most of the game they hung on grimly and thoroughly deserved a replay."

Birmingham Post: "Although they completely dominated the match, Third Division Hereford United had to settle for a goalless draw."

Daily Mirror: "Hereford will start hot favourites to win Wednesday's replay at Edgar Street where their scoring record is considerably better than on opposition territory."





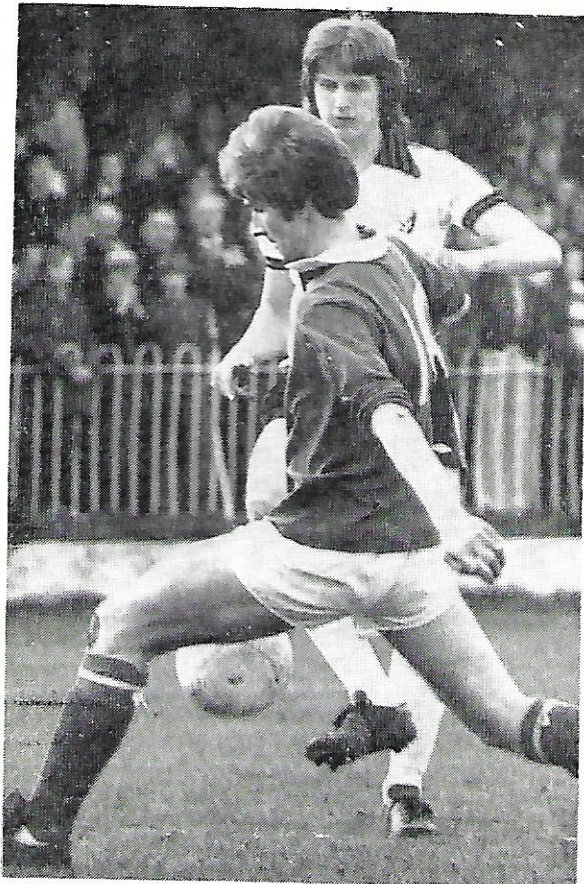
★ Much of the action in Saturday's match at Wealdstone was confined to the home team half and our pictures on the left illustrate the extent of Hereford's pressure during the first half.

★ Pictured above is striker Billy Holmes, who had two shots kicked off the line, in a tussle with Paul Thomas and Wealdstone skipper John Watson.

★ The Wealdstone defence had to work over-time to contain United's lively attacks but invariably got the better of matters when the ball was in the air.

★ Below: Watson moves in to challenge Roy Carter as John Layton waits to collect a pass from the midfield player.





Hereford's central defender Julian Marshall is pictured in a midfield duel with Wealdstone's top marksman George Duck.

EDGAR STREET CHATTER

"Beat us if you dare," appears to be the pre-match warning issued by Wealdstone to Hereford United for tonight's replay because the last two Third Division clubs to beat them in the F.A. Cup were relegated at the end of the season.

Last season Reading, with 15 points from 17 games, were occupying 16th position in the Third Division when they entertained the Stones but collected only 20 points from their remaining 29 games and finished in the bottom four.

The previous season when Stones visited Aldershot, the Hampshire club were in the top half of the table with 19 points from 17 games but like Reading they picked up only 20 points from their remaining Third Division matches and slipped back into the Fourth Division.

United, with 16 points from 18 league games, have a similar record to Wealdstone's previous conquerors and will be hoping that the Southern League side will not cast any similar spell on Edgar Street if they lose tonight.

United, in fact, have not been beaten by a non-league club in an F.A. game at Edgar Street for over 30 years since Cheltenham Town pipped them 4-3 in a replay after the teams had drawn 1-1 at Whaddon Road.

The last time United were beaten by Southern League opponents in the competition was when they visited Bedford for a third round tie in 1966. The game attracted a gate of 13,245 at the Eyrle and Bedford won 2-1 to book a fourth round home match with Everton, the eventual winners.

The Leominster branch of the Supporters' Club will be selecting their representative for the Miss Hereford United 78 Beauty Queen competition when they hold a buffet dance at the Talbot Hotel this Friday. Tickets, priced £2, include chicken in the basket, and music will be provided by Chapter Three. The branch's Grand Christmas Draw will be made at Midnight.

Pauline and Barbara Weaver, of Radale Bank, Leysters, are holding a jumble sale at the Ship Inn, Tenbury Wells, this Saturday from 10 a.m. onwards to raise money to purchase a match ball. If city supporters have any jumble at home would they please deliver it to 36, Whitecross Road, Hereford, by Friday night.

Unreserved seats in the Len Weston Grandstand can be booked a fortnight before any Third Division match at Edgar Street. Postal applications must include a stamped addressed envelope and the correct money.

VITAL STATISTICS

Total Club App.	Club Goals	Appearances 1977-78	League	Cup	Goals
61(2)	5	BRILEY	18	3	1
17		BURROWS	4	4	
83(8)	13	CARTER	12(1)	4	2
66		CHARLTON	1		
6(1)		CROMPTON	5(1)		
108(5)	31	DAVEY	12	4	1
163(1)	4	EMERY	15	4	1
6		FEAR	6		
4	1	HOLMES (B.)	3	1	1
1		HOLMES (K.)	1		
154		HUGHES	7	3	
33		JEFFERSON	4		
128	14	LAYTON	16	4	
36	2	MARSHALL	16	4	2
155(1)	93	McNEIL	7	3	4
11		MELLOR	10	1	
4		PRICE			
5(3)		PROUDLOVE	4(3)		
114(1)	4	RITCHIE	18	1(1)	1
24(5)	2	SHEEDY	6(1)	3(1)	1
21(2)	3	SINCLAIR	13		2
62(10)	12	SPIRING	15(2)	4	3
6		STEPHENS	5	1	



Wealdstone's first team squad are pictured back row—(left to right): Alan Fogarty (manager), Steve Brinkman, Paul Thomas, Ian Cranstone, Keith Furphy, Pat Ferry, Vince O'Kane, Alan Fursden, Ron Sharp (Remedial Gymnast). Front Row: Fred Barwick, Dave Parratt, George Duck, John Watson and Bobby Moss.

Meet the STONES

WEALDSTONE striker **George Duck** has emerged as one of the most lethal marksmen in non-league football since he moved to Lower Mead Stadium from Southend five years ago. Last week he set up a new scoring record for the Middlesex club when he converted a penalty in a 2-2 draw with Hillingdon Borough to claim his 217th goal for the Stones. It took his tally in league and cup matches this season to 16.

Goalkeeper **Christ Lightfoot**, a player with plenty of soccer experience, linked up with Wealdstone midway through last season and was previously with Southern League Romford. His deputy **Ian Cranstone**, an up-and-coming youngster, was signed at the beginning of the current season and has performed competently when called upon for first team duty.

Full-back **Alan Fursden** was signed early last season from Southern League rivals Dover after a long lay-off with an ankle injury but is now fully fit and holding down a regular first team berth. **Steve Hockham** signed for the club early this season and was previously on Crystal Palace's books.

Club captain **John Watson** won England youth international honours when an apprentice with Orient and is now in his fourth season at Lower Mead Stadium. Defender **Paul Thomas** was signed last March from Isthmian League Walthamstow Avenue.

David Parratt, who gave a solid performance against United last Saturday, joined Wealdstone early last season from another Southern League team, Bedford Town, and has been successfully converted into a central defender.

Dagenham-born **Fred Barwick** joined Spurs as an apprentice and was retained as a contract player last season before being given a free transfer which enabled him to link up with the Stones this season. **Micky Griffiths** has played for a number of clubs on the Southern League Circuit and was signed from Hillingdon Borough midway through last season.

Steve Brinkman, a local lad, joined Arsenal as an apprentice and signed for the Stones midway through last season. **Bobby Finch** is the latest addition to the Lower Mead staff and moved to Wealdstone from Gravesend with whom he had considerable Southern League experience. He also played for Maidstone and had a spell in South Africa and also with Queens Park Rangers.

Keith Furphy is the son of former Watford and Sheffield United manager Ken Furphy, who was player-manager of Watford when Hereford met the London club in the FA Cup several seasons ago. Keith signed for the Stones this season after spells with Queens Park Rangers and Ipswich Town.

Striker **Bobby Moss**, one of the club's most versatile players, joined them from Barnet and is now in his third season at Lower Mead. **Pat Ferry** is another new signing this season and has had considerable experience in top non-league football.

Club manager **Alan Fogarty**, a fully qualified F.A. coach, took over in a temporary capacity when Geoff Coleman was dismissed earlier this year, and since his appointment was confirmed he has done a fine job in converting Wealdstone from a mediocre team to a leading Southern League club with his shrewd selling and buying.

The winners of tonight's replay will be at home to Fourth Division Reading in the second round on Saturday, December 17th.

Reading beat Aldershot 3-1 in the first round at Elm Park last Saturday.

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WEALDSTONE

WHITE SHIRTS
BLACK SHORTS

ROYAL BLUE SHIRTS
BLACK SHORTS

Peter MELLOR	1	Chris LIGHTFOOT
Steve EMERY	2	Alan FURSDON
Phil BURROWS	3	Paul THOMAS
John LAYTON	4	John WATSON
Julian MARSHALL	5	Dave PARRATT
Kevin SHEEDY	6	Fred BARWICK
Ken STEPHENS	7	Pat FERRY
Roy CARTER	8	Steve BRINKMAN
Steve DAVEY	9	Keith FURPHY
Billy HOLMES	10	George DUCK
Peter SPIRING	11	Bobby MOSS

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LUCKY PROGRAMME

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REFEREE: D. W. CIVIL
(Birmingham)

LINESMEN: D. E. WISE
(Malvern) Red Flag

D. WOODWARD
(Welland) Orange Flag

Match ball donated by Hereford Produce Ltd., Widemarsh Street, Hereford.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE: Derek Civil, of Birmingham, has now completed 21 years whistling his way around the country since he first took up refereeing in the Worcestershire Combination back in 1956. He had spells with the Football Combination and on the Football League line before being promoted to the full list of league referees in 1969. Since then he has refereed the F.A. County Youth Cup final in 1972 and that match, in fact, was staged at Wealdstone when Middlesex beat Liverpool 2-0. He was also a linesman when Scotland met Switzerland in 1975-76 and has officiated in a European Cup quarter-final match.

A married man with two sons, he works in the printing industry, and he helps with coaching and running a local junior team near his home. He trains with West Bromwich Albion to keep fit for his job as a top referee and favours "off the field" discussion between referees and players to sort out problems that arise in the game.

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