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JOHNNY HAYNES ALL STARS

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Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome today to Wealdstone for our Sunday afternoon game with the Johnny Haynes XI, in aid of the players tour fund. As all our supporters and friends know or don't know, the players have had a pretty successful season, at one period going through 25 matches without defeat, which is easily a club record, and in the F.A. Amateur Cup, they reached the semi-final before going out to the surprise team Chesham on Fulham F.C. ground. People may ask why doesn't the football club send the players on tour at the football club's expense? Well the simple answer is, that Wealdstone are and always have been a go ahead club, and have firmly set their sights on a ground which will be second to none in the Amateur soccer world, a ground where important international and cup matches will be played, to satisfy our very large following of supporters, indeed possibly the best following in North London. At the moment our floodlights and dressing rooms are not of the best standard to satisfy the England bosses, and it is our resolve to proceed as speedily as possible, to have brand new floodlights and also to build new dressing rooms. Now these things cost an awful lot of money, many thousands of pounds in fact, therefore the football club, although appreciating the hard season that the lads have put in, decided they must proceed with plans for modernising the ground, and the players therefore would have to try and arrange their own tour. Hence today's match for the tour fund. We greatly appreciate Hughie Lindsay's effort in arranging this attractive game and we at Wealdstone give thanks to Johnny Haynes and his team, for coming here and helping to get the tour under way.

We also wish to thank the many sporting folk that have given donations for this fund, and it is hoped that our supporters watching this match, will show their generosity in buying as many raffle tickets as is possible, during the game.

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BEST FOR FOOTBALL EVENING NEWS

What of the season that is now finishing? Some youngsters have come up from the successful reserve team and have had invaluable experience, that will serve them in good stead for next season. Players who have come to the fore during the season were Andy Williams in goal, who came into the side early on when Micky Blythe got injured, and then proceeded to turn in some first class performances. John Hutchinson, an outside left, and a great future is predicted for John, who shows bags of courage, and keeps going for 90 minutes. Doug Pettit, joined us from neighbouring Wembley, midway through the season. Alan Phillips, a Welsh international. Then there's Kieron Somers, a 21-year-old 6 ft. 3 in. inside forward, he soon made the first team on his arrival from St. Albans.

What of the training and masseur? Here we have been very fortunate to have with us, Bob Croucher, a man dedicated to his football, who was at Watford as a player, and trainer for many years, a man who knows what hard work is, and runs on to that pitch when a player lies injured, as if he was Jesse Owens running in the Olympic games.

Jim Sparks our Scottish physio, got through an enormous amount of work during the season, if it meant that he had to attend players injuries on Sundays and evenings, Jim would do it willingly and without any fuss or bother. We are also indebted to 'Geordie' George Young, our popular kit man, the songster in the coach coming back from away matches, he must be known on all grounds now, carrying that big skip on his sturdy shoulders.

Let us now enjoy our game today folks, and again many thanks to our visitors, the referee and linesmen, and all on the committee, who have put in such a lot of hard work to make this game possible, to enable the lads to have their tour.
Harry Benjamin.

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JOHNNY HAYNES ALL STAR XI — PEN PICTURES

Johnny Haynes :

(Fulham and England) Born at Edmonton, he has played for Fulham all his career. Has gained numerous honours including over "50 England Caps" and has captained his country on many occasions.

Johnny 'Budgie' Byrne :

(Crystal Palace, West Ham, Fulham and England) Was the first player from the Third division to be capped for England when he played against Ireland—1962.

Jimmy Hill:

(Brentford and Fulham) He won everlasting fame when he was chairman of the Players' Union and led their successful fight against the maximum wage. Recently, Jimmy had a most successful career as Manager of Coventry City, whom he has now left to try a new career in television.

Dave Sexton :

(Chelsea, Leyton Orient and West Ham) After his playing career was prematurely ended by injury he became a coach to Chelsea under Tom Docherty and had spells with Fulham, Leyton Orient and Arsenal before his most recent managerial post with Chelsea.

Dave Underwood :

(Liverpool, Fulham and Watford) Much travelled keeper. Great clubman.

John Woodward :

(Spurs and Q.P.R.) A great player who loves the game. Was one of the earliest "pay-rebels" when he gave up the game at the height of his career.

Willie Clark : (ex-Glasgow Rangers)

Dave Richards : (ex-Wealdstone)

Ken Nicholas : (ex-Chelsea now with Hastings)

George Gunn : (Coventry)

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Supporters, the good the bad and the indifferent. Supporters, the man on the terrace, the stalwart in the Stand, that necessary evil as we have been described, who many would like to abolish but can't do without. It does not matter how good the team on the field is it won't survive in these competitive days without the vociferous support from the terraces. Time and again it has been proved that it is the supporters who have taken a moderate side on a long Cup run and brought out that hidden talent in the village team. As the team progress along the glory road so the next side they meet have a few thousand more supporters to battle against. The mere fact that they won't be supporting the side when they are knocked out in the first round next season is no consolation to the team of all stars trying to live up to their reputation and find their rhythm against these village lads urged on by their fans.

Some supporters are here today and gone tomorrow but fortunately there are a good many who are here today, tomorrow and the next day, braving the elements and sometimes the standard of play. Behind the supporters we have the Supporters' Club who provide the facilities for the regular and not so regular supporter. The refreshments, the Jackpot and the coach travel. Take the coach travel to away matches, now here is an Aunt Sally for you and this season the critics have been given material for complaint. We had a break down on the way to Torpoint in Cornwall, did a tour of Sherwood Forest on the way to Eastwood Town and ran into one hell of a traffic hold up on the way to the Amateur Cup Semi-final at Fulham. It is probably a good thing that we did not qualify to meet the Italian Cup winners in Italy as it would have been our luck to get stuck half way up the Brenner Pass on route. As for the Jackpot when selling these on a Saturday we disprove the adage that you cannot get blood out of a 'Stone'.

The refreshment huts are by far our biggest headache as we are always short of ladies to staff them. It is getting the new ladies to make a start and get them

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over their shyness, for after a couple of visits, when they have found that we are human and friendly creatures, they then get into the swing of things and look forward to the senior team games and coming along and serving their regular customers.

Supporters like to have colourful personalities in their side. Someone who they can playfully jeer or cheer as the whim takes them. Most of the players play a hard solid game, no frills, no dramatic touches and no fuss about playing their part in the team. Now our captain Charlie Townsend is one who attracts attention firstly by his play and brilliant defence splitting passes and by his words of command on the field. Some of his comments and ribald remarks raise a cheer from the terrace and give rise to comment from the fans. Hughie Lindsay is another you notice with his dainty play and his devastating freekicks that put fear into the heart of every goalie who has heard of the Lindsay legend.

What of diminutive Dave Richards? Dirty Richards, never in your life. The opposition fell over Dave's legs or he mistimed a tackle but that was all. And to see him walk away with his arm round the ref brought an extra cheer of—good old Dave—from the terrace. Jim Cooley, tall, angular, erratic Jim. Good old Jim it was when he missed an open goal or played a shocker. In the same game it was still good old Jim when he scored a hat-trick. In the days when my notes were taken seriously I got my knuckles rapped for saying "Come back to the buildings Jim!"

I can't leave out of my colourful personalities our old friend Viv Evans. Outside left, half back or in goal, you name it and Viv has played in it. Viv would tear down the wing and crash to the ground and "die" in the penalty area hoping for a spot kick.

Wherever the Lads go on their tour I hope that they enjoy themselves, play some good football and leave a good impression with the locals. I don't know how many followers they will take with them but you can be sure that from the touch line you will hear the cry

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Jim Brigden

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