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## CLUB NOTES

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is our privilege to welcome to Lower Mead, the Officials, Players and Supporters of St. Albans for the opening fixture of this new season. We trust that our supporters like everybody else here at Wealdstone, have been waiting for this day to arrive, with fresh hopes for many honours to come our way, especially so, with new coach Dave Underwood leading the way. This is Dave's first venture into Amateur football as a coach, and already he has made his presence felt with the way in which he has been training the lads—they are all superbly fit and raring to go. This doesn't mean that Wealdstone have found themselves a dynamic team that will take the Isthmian league by storm. Dave needs more time than this to get such a team

together, but he has succeeded in getting around him a squad of players prepared to give everything, prepared to challenge for every ball, and prepared to run their hearts out for him and the club. Whether this new spirit will dampen as the season progresses is a question no one can answer, let's hope not, but be assured that if any club is going to collect points, or win cup matches against Wealdstone this season, then they will have to fight mighty hard for them. There has also been a very large number of youngsters coming along for trials, and Dave, together with Edgar Francis has been very busy sifting through them, and it is hoped to be able to field a very young reserve side this season.

Senior players who have left us to try their luck with other clubs, include John McCormack, Bobby Warman,

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# EVENING NEWS

Tony Slade and Alan Phillips, the last named leaving to join Hounslow simply because he felt that centre half was his proper position, and that it would jeopardise his chances of gaining further Welsh International caps by playing out of position with Wealdstone. To the departing players, we wish to thank them for their services to us, and wish them the best of luck with their new clubs. Senior players who have joined us so far are the return of Keith Searle, whom we hope that his season of Southern league football with Barnet has helped him gain more experience, and Dave Bromley, a strong defender from St. Albans, who could probably be playing against his old club to-day. We will be giving the names of all other players who have joined us in our next programme.

Our new floodlights are not yet ready, as a tremendous amount of work has had to be put in by Dick

Kelly, but we are hoping that they will not be long in being switched on. Also a lot of cementing and cleaning up has been done by Jock Law and his band of helpers, who have willingly given up their spare time to come along to help out. To those people, we say thanks very much for your efforts.

Thanks are also due to the Greenhill lodge of the Buffs, that charitable organisation who have donated £19 6s. 1d. towards the cost of a new set of kit for the players.

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Young Peter Fuller the Assistant Secretary of our Supporters Club has taken over the very hard task of following in Jim Brigden's footsteps by the writing of the Supporters notes in the programme, and we in the Football Club, wish him every success.

We are all hoping to-day to witness a repeat of the exciting games that we had with St. Albans last season, and although Sid Prosser the coach of St. Albans has lost one of his star players Matt Hughes to Stoke City, the Clarence Park side are strong enough to give any side a very hard game, and they are reinforced by new players, Gibbs from Hitchin, and Ratty from Barnet.

#### Forthcoming Fixtures

**Next Saturday August 17th, 3.00 p.m.**

Home Wealdstone Res. v. Sutton Res.

Isthmian League Reserve Section

Away Sutton v. Wealdstone

Isthmian League Senior Section

#### Tuesday August 17th

Home Wealdstone v. Kingstonian

Isthmian League Senior Section

The probable kick-off on Tuesday August 17th will be 6.30 p.m. as our floodlights will not be ready. Please see our posters and press notices re this.

In the F.A. Amateur Cup we are exempt until the 1st round proper, and in the F.A. Challenge cup we are at home to Southern league side Dunstable Town.

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This afternoon we commence our league programme with what promises to be an exciting tussle with St. Albans City. If this match is anything like the two matches we played last season, then we are in for a real thriller. Last season's results were a 1-0 Wealdstone victory at Clarence Park and a 1-1 draw at Lower Mead.

Before I say any more, I must bid welcome on behalf of the Supporters Club, to the players, officials and supporters of St. Albans City, may you enjoy your visit to Wealdstone and have a safe journey home.

Last week we had a preview of our playing staff for the coming campaign with a friendly against Chelsea Reserves. They might only be reserves but I'm sure you will agree they were a thoroughly professional outfit, and they deserved their 3-0 win. That defeat was just to mislead our amateur competitors, have no fear we will be

back in our winning ways this afternoon!

As the season gets into full swing we shall be running out jackpot competition again and we would be grateful for volunteers, as many as possible, to help sell the tickets. Speaking from experience, this can be good fun, so if anyone is interested please come up to the Supporters Club office and speak to Derek Mappley who will be glad to give you the details.

Talking of volunteers, as you can probably see a lot of work has been done, on the ground, but there is still plenty to do, so if anyone feels like lending a hand on Sunday mornings we will be glad to see you. Most of the work done so far has been done by the few regulars and therefore not as much as we would have liked to have seen done, has been finished during the summer.

I'm sure that if every able-bodied

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Don't forget next week we have a really hard fixture—Sutton United, away. As this is the first away game of the season it will prove a real baptism of fire and I'm sure the players would be glad of a bit of encouragement from the supporters, so let us have a big turn-out. If you wish to travel to this game, please inform Barbara Robson either by going up to the club office or by phoning her. (422 0799). Please let her know as soon as possible as she has to book the appropriate number of coaches well in advance of Saturday

and of course she cannot gamble on filling a coach just from late bookings. Those who travelled to Sutton last year will need no reminding of what a great game it was, open, attacking and clean football from both sides producing a thrilling 2-2 draw. Our scorers Bremer and McCormack.

And now down to to-day's real business, that is recording our first victory of the season and, collecting two points. So supporters make up for last week's rather quiet performance by taking a deep breath and rending the air with the cry of

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