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Wealdstone Chatter

Good evening everybody,
For our last home Isthmian League match of the season, we give a cordial welcome to our friends from Woking, and hope that they enjoy their visit here tonight, especially as we are turning professional next season, and it could be some time before our two teams meet again.

We can truthfully say, that without exception, every club whom we have visited during the past four weeks, are sincerely sorry to see us leave the Isthmian League for the Southern League, and it is nice to know that we have many friends in the football world. No doubt we will be meeting some of them in cup matches, but nevertheless we too will miss the hospitality and cordiality of the Isthmian League clubs, but it is nice to know that we have bowed out of amateur football, well respected, and with an honourable record.

We are very sorry indeed to be losing both Harry Luck and Jack Rogers, (President and Chairman respectively)) who have intimated that they feel that younger men will be needed for the hurly burly of professional football. Both these men are Wealdstone through and through,

and they will always be welcome, when they come along to see the matches.

Everybody here is keeping their fingers crossed that we make a success of pro football, and the Officers and Committee all wish team manager Alan Humphries the best of luck and good fortune, in his endeavours to get a first rate side for us for next season, in what will be a history making event for the Wealdstone Football Club.

See you all next season.

Message from the President

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In another part of this programme there is a press statement which appeared in the Evening News of March 3rd which sets out the reason for my resignation as Club President which takes effect from the end of

I was first actively connected with the Club in 1925 when assisting with the "Save Lower Mead" Appeal. That is 45 years ago and apart from other reasons I feel I must now have a rest. I thank the members for their confidence and support for so long a period.

To the Officers and Committee and the players and playing staff and to the members and supporters good luck and may you have success.

H. A. LUCK, President, W.F.C.

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Message from the Chairman

You will see from the above my main reasons for my resigning my position as Chairman.

After 40 years' connection with the Club, all of which I have thoroughly enjoyed, I would like to thank the members for the support they gave me. To the officials, committee and Club I wish every success for the future.

J. ROGERS, Chairman, W.F.C.

From the Evening News, March 3rd, 1971

Wealdstone, who are considering joining the Southern League, are to lose the two men who have done most to establish them as one of England's most prominent amateur clubs, writes Harry Done.

President Harry Luck, 74, and chairman Jack Rogers—he is 66—will quit their posts at the end of the season.

Both believe the club will be making a mistake if they go professional at this stage. But they emphasise that this is not the reason why they have decided to retire.

They want to make way for younger men.

Says Luck: "I have nothing against a club turning professional but they must have a sound financial background to warrant such a move. Quite frankly, Wealdstone haven't got this support.

"Not in any sense of experience this season can the move be justified.

I have told the committee I do not agree.

"I think it would be a foolish step and I cannot understand why the rest of the members cannot see the pitfalls involved.

But this has nothing to do with my retirement. I want a rest from attending meetings and, as the club were considering turning professional

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I thought it only fair to give them time to make arrangements for my replacement."

Rogers is also retiring as personnel director of a large public works company. He has been mainly responsible for the major developments at Wealdstone's ground but he also shares Luck's views.

"Any club turning professional needs strong financial backing, gates of at least 2-3000 and a substantial income from highly organised fundraising schemes," says Rogers.

HARRY DONE.

Supporters' Club Notes

Good evening Ladies & Gentlemen,

This evening it is our pleasure to welcome to Lower Mead, players, officials and supporters of Woking F.C. for our last home Isthmian League match. We hope they enjoy their brief stay and journey home safely afterwards. Our visit to the 'Cardinals' home territory produced two most welcome points for the 'Stones with a 2-1 victory which one can rest assured our visitors will be out to avenge.

We are taking the opportunity this evening to present the 'Jock Law Trophy' to the player deemed most popular by you the supporters. The presentation will be made by Mrs. Law, Jock's widow who still participates in a big way in the running of the Supporters Club. To her may we place on record our grateful thanks.

Please do not forget our outing to Longleat on May 23rd. Why not come along and bring the wife or girl friend, a good time will be had by all. Seats are bookable through Barbara Robson either in the club office or by telephone (422 0799).

On the subject of bookings how about booking a seat for our last visit to the 'old enemy' Hendon F.C. next Tuesday. The same arrangements apply.

Now to the task in hand, making sure that we finish our home Isthmian League programme in the same key as that which we started with several years ago: with a victory . . . so start cheering!

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