

GRAND BENEFIT MATCH IN AID OF
JOHN PEARCE
FORMER CAPTAIN OF WEALDSTONE F.C.



John Pearce, with his father, watching a Wealdstone match after his accident.

Monday, October 29th, 1973. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

In the presence of His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress
of Harrow, Councillor and Mrs. G. Colborne-Hill.

WEALDSTONE

vs.

WATFORD

Souvenir Programme 10p

A Club Skipper We Shall Not Forget

by COLIN POPE

The Officers and Committee, and members, of both Wealdstone Football Club and the Supporters Club are proud to present this match tonight as a testimonial to our former club captain John Pearce. It is, of course, a night tinged with sadness in the knowledge that it would not have been necessary but for a tragic piece of bad luck just over 12 months ago when John had the misfortune to break a leg against Hayes in the F.A. Cup.

During the ensuing weeks, and months, after that sad Saturday there were rumours and counter-rumours that John would soon be back in action, and that the fracture was healing well. Alas, it soon became evident no amount of wishful thinking could hide the fact that the healing process was taking longer than usual. Eventually, we and John were faced with the dreadful news that it spelled the end of his playing career.

No-one who knows John intimately can possibly appreciate the incredible display of courage he showed in attempting to force himself back to fitness. Last winter, and during the early Spring of this year, I watched him night after night lying on the dressing room floor, tended by physiotherapists Jim Sparks and Fred King, doing the most tiring leg exercises in an effort to compensate for the wastage which had taken place during the time his leg was in plaster. If ever a man willed himself, and racked his body to terrifying lengths, it was John Pearce. Alas, it was not to be, and in the fullness of time even he had to accept the decision that his playing days were over.

Few will deny—least of all himself—that John was what is known in the game as a 'hard' man. He tackled with toughness, but was scrupulously fair, and the fouls given against him during his career in the Royal Blue and White colours could virtually be counted on one hand. The moment he signed for us from Watford he became team captain, a position he held to the bitter end, and one he filled with distinction and skill.

In 1966 John was an outstanding player for the Hertfordshire County Youth side, and was soon spotted by Watford F.C., whom he joined as an amateur, playing in their South East Counties side. He quickly made his mark as a defender at full-back or centre-back, and three months later quickly established himself in the League club's reserve team. Because of his career in selling, he refused full-time terms in the 1968/69 season, but he became a part-time professional.

As John is quick to point out, apart from pre-season friendlies, and tour matches, he never made Watford's League side, except for a couple of times from the substitute's bench. But his capture by Wealdstone in October 1971 thrilled our Supporters, and it is still difficult to forget how superbly fit he was when he made his first appearance for us in the middle of the back four. Indeed in our first season as a semi-professional club there were few better centre-backs in Div. 1 North of the Southern League.

It is easy indeed to talk or write eloquently of former players who have served our Club well, but in the case of John Pearce, no tribute can be more merited. He was universally popular both in and out of the dressing room, completely unassuming, and when the going was tough, big John would be out there fighting.

He now lives with his wife and young child at Market Drayton, a very pleasant market town in Shropshire, and he knows that he will always be a very special guest at Lower Mead Stadium.

Thanks for the memories, John. We wish you and yours all the luck in the world . . .

John Pearce, The Man I Miss

by HARRY BENJAMIN

I well remember John's first game for Wealdstone. It was a very cold and bleak day, and we were playing at Corby, a grim industrial town in Northants, but one man made our temperature rise throughout the game—you've guessed it, John Pearce.

Nearly all of our Supporters will recall that John was playing against that universally known former 'Busby Babe', Alex Dawson, the giant striker who chilled the hearts of so many centre-halves while he was with Manchester United. The game was memorable for two things—the wonderful way in which John completely blotted out Alex, giving him absolutely no chance at all until the 88th minute when John made one of his typical surges up-field; back came a high ball and Dawson, scarcely able to believe that his 'shadow' wasn't there, headed in!

We all felt that John was going to be the king-pin of Wealdstone F.C. for many years and indeed, in the games which followed, he invariably lived up to that early promise. A real clubman on and off the field, he was a hard, tenacious skipper, and never knew when he was beaten. When ever we were losing he rallied his colleagues superbly well, and up to the point when he was injured so tragically we had gone a dozen or so games without defeat. Everyone at Lower Mead thought it was going to be our year, but alas, when John went so did our luck, and with serious injuries to Bill Byrne and Mickey Brown at almost the same time, we were never the same again.

Off the field, I, as club treasurer, found John an astute businessman, but he never asked for anything unless his players got the same. His persuasive powers of talking invariably met with success, and indeed I really miss those friendly arguments we used to have regarding cash!

I wish John all the best of luck and happiness for the future and hope that his benefit game is a huge success. I am sure that John will be heartened by these words; we all miss you here at Lower Mead Stadium.

From Amateur to Professional—The Pros and Cons

by KEN WILTSHIRE

When my Club received the invitation to join the Southern League, we received it with some circumspection. Having been an Amateur Club for 70-odd years the caution was justifiable. Having won the Football Association Amateur Cup in 1966, we had achieved every honour to be won in the Amateur game with the exception of the Isthmian League Championship. With one of the highest attendance averages in the Amateur World, we were always looking for something new to present to our supporters. We therefore decided to attend this Special Meeting of the Southern League without prejudice.

Professional men

When the day arrived we attended the meeting at the Great Western Hotel. There we were confronted with a meeting held by professional men run on professional lines. This was a far cry from the friendly atmosphere of any Amateur League meetings. Nevertheless let me hasten to add that after the day's business was over a friendly and congenial spirit did prevail in the bars.

In the meeting the Chairman outlined the reasons for the invitations, the reasons made sense and slowly we began to sit up and take notice. The plans envisaged the Southern League taking part, within the next few years, in a Pyramid Scheme whereby the Southern League, the Northern Premier League and the Football League would join forces in making one national Football League with various lower Leagues forming the basis of the pyramid.

Excitement and enthusiasm

We therefore returned from that meeting full of excitement and enthusiasm for the future. After a lot research we strongly recommended that our club should accept the invitation. Having thus taken the plunge our main task was to see that we had the necessary financial support for such a radical change.

Not having the immediate capital to go out and purchase players strong enough to take us into the Premier Division, we decided on a policy of building the team over the next three to four years.

Financial build-up

We therefore set about thinking of ways to build up our financial resources. Firstly we had to consider turning the club into a limited company thereby giving us a chance to build our capital; but in order to sell the necessary shares we had to offer more than a football team. Thus we had to think of ways of making the freehold property at Lower Mead Stadium work for us. Our ground, now worth some £750,000 for development, could be made to work for us. Thus, we approached a development company with the object of raising money from renting part of the club's property. Plans are now in the advanced stage whereby an office complex, combined with twin-deck car park and flats will be built on part of the ground,

Incorporated in the scheme will be a new Stadium, complete with new stands, dressing rooms, administration block for the football club, a club house with three bars and dance hall, together with a further hall for private lettings, and finally two squash courts. The whole scheme will bring us in a very good income annually, thereby making the future secure for the club.

The Right Step

In our own minds we feel we have taken the right step, but first and foremost it is important that one does not depend on the revenue from one's gates alone, there must be revenue from other resources, if you are to make a success in professional football. Subject to planning permission being granted, we feel we can find that success.

We at Wealdstone think we have found our goal at last, but we are not talking about Wealdstone F.C. alone, we are talking about the great changes that are taking place, or are going to take place in the Football World over the next year or two. The Football Association has taken the first step in making those changes, now the major step must be taken by all those in senior amateur clubs who will lose their status. Will this mean the end of some of the well-known club names now in Amateur Football today, or will it be the survival of the fittest: these are some of the questions being asked at present.

Supporters Club Backroom Boys

Much has been written about Wealdstone F.C. Supporters Club but very little about the officers of the Supporters Club. Let me give you a pen picture of those who help to keep football alive at Lower Mead.

PRESIDENT TOM VERRALL is one of the two founder members still on the committee. I think it is right to say that Tom was the founder member and has worked very hard for Wealdstone since the formation of the Supporters Club in February 1958. Tom hasn't had the best of health over the last few years and was Hon. Secretary for a number of years before he had to give up for health reasons. Tom works in an office in town and is not far off qualifying for a free ticket on the buses. I hope that when Tom retires from work he won't retire from the Supporters Club committee. **SAM BURROWS VICE CHAIRMAN** and also **VICE PRESIDENT** and the other founder member still serving on the committee. A retired insurance agent he has been an ever present member of the committee since its formation. Sam always has the supporters interest at heart and he has had many a verbal battle with the Football Club committee expounding the virtues of the supporters club.

HON. SECRETARY BARBARA ROBSON known to all who travel on the coaches to our away games. Barbara took over the secretary's job about six years ago and has worked tremendously hard keeping the supporters coaches going even to those far off grounds like Barry and Bideford and organising her business life to suit the needs of the supporters club. Barbara works in the London Transport Acton office and has had to put the skates on many a time to get the evening game coaches going. Barbara has been watching the Stones for a good many years now. Mrs. Robson used to

bring her daughter along to Lower Mead in her pram and how long ago that was I am not going to say. Mrs. Robson still comes along with Barbara and helps us out in the office with the raffle.

JACK PALMER was, up to a couple of weeks ago, our treasurer but has now handed over the job of treasurer to the Supporters club to Bert Wakefield. Jack works for British Rail as a surveyor and it was Jack who drew up the plans for the Market Hut and the Supporters Club office. Older supporters will remember Jock Law who did most of what I would call the labouring but he puts it on the drawing board first to make sure the finished article is the right one. Buying the supplies for the Market Hut and the refreshment Huts is one of his jobs together with stocking the huts and keeping Mrs. Law, who runs the Market Refreshment Hut, supplied with Pepsi Cola, Crisps and all the other items that go to make this part of the Supporters Club a success. Jack is also treasurer of the Catering Association at Lower Mead in his spare time!

JULIE VERRALL'S major occupation is being wife of Tom Verrall, she is also the catering manageress at Lower Mead. Julie has been serving in the tea huts since the start of the Supporters Club and is one bundle of energy. Nothing is too much trouble for Julie. Julie and I do not see eye to eye sometimes over the committee table. However, I do know that if Julie says she will organise something or order umpteen pints of milk the job will be done and the milk will be there.

PHIL TRICKER our Publicity Officer joined the committee last season and has only recently taken over the publicity. As Phil is a newcomer I do not as yet know much of his private life. However, I am getting to know him round the committee table for Phil is someone I like to have on the committee who keeps asking questions and keeps on asking until he gets the right answer. When Phil Tricker gets into his stride and has all the answers to those questions it surely must benefit Wealdstone Football Club.

That I suppose sums up our officers. Yes, you hawkeyes, I know I haven't said anything about the Chairman. He is the one that tries to have a quiet nap while the others do the talking. He comes along on match days to exercise his dog and worries the life out of you selling raffle tickets. If you want to know more about the man in the Chair then come along to the Supporters Club office and ask for

JIM BRIGDEN, Chairman, Supporters Club.

Welcome to Our V.I.P.'s

We are honoured by the presence tonight of His Worship the Mayor of Harrow, Alderman G. Colborne-Hill and the Mayoress, who have kept a long-standing promise to keep tonight free, despite, as one expects from our Chief Citizens, a packed schedule.

It is also a delight to welcome the Borough's Chief Executive and Town Clerk, Mr. Stanley Lancaster and Mrs. Lancaster, and Mr. J. G. Foxley, Director of Development and Technical Services to the London Borough of Harrow, and his wife. To the best of our knowledge, we have not before had the honour of entertaining the Chief Executive and it underlines the cordial relations which happily exist between the Borough and its senior football club.



John Pearce leads the Wealdstone team onto the pitch. Also pictured are John Furie, Mickey Brown, Alick Brown and Eric Burgess.



George Duck, Wealdstone's goal-scoring machine, in typical action. George was highest scorer last season, and has scored 21 goals already this season. (excluding last Saturday's match at Bideford).

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Watford: Our Visitors Tonight

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- DENNIS BOND.** Dennis started his professional career with Watford but moved on to Spurs. He then moved on to Charlton Athletic and re-joined Watford during the last close season.
- DAVID BUTLER.** David has now been with Watford for three seasons, having joined the Vicarage Road staff from Workington in November 1970. Since that time he has been a permanent member of the League side and has so far made 112 first team appearances.
- GUY BRISTOW.** Consistent performances in the Juniors and in the Reserve side as an Apprentice, led to Guy being signed as a Professional in July 1973.
- LAWRENCE CRAKER.** Formerly a professional with Chelsea, Lawrence had a spell in South Africa before returning to this Country early in 1973. He was given a trial period and eventually signed as a full time professional.
- MALCOLM DALRYMPLE.** Malcolm commenced his professional career with Luton in 1969 and after a spell on loan to Margate, he joined Bristol Rovers in 1971. He signed for Watford in July 1973.
- JOHN FARLEY.** Born in Stockton, John played for the local Club before signing as a professional for Watford in July 1969. It was at the start of the 1972/73 season that he made the No. 11 shirt his own and finished the season with 42 first team appearances.
- ROSS JENKINS.** Ross became Watford's most expensive signing when he joined the Club from Crystal Palace in November 1972.
- BILL JENNINGS.** Bill became a professional with Watford in April 1970 having previously been with the Club as an Amateur and representing England at that level. It was only towards the end of last season that he was given an extended run and he took the opportunity to score several important goals.
- MIKE KEEN.** Appointed as the Club's Player Manager during the last close season, Mike commenced his career with Queens Park Rangers, signing professional forms in 1958. He had a short spell with Luton Town before joining Watford in July 1972.
- WALTER LEES.** One of the most consistent performers in the side Walter has appeared for the Club on 164 occasions since coming South from Scotland in June 1968.
- JIMMY LINDSAY.** Jimmy was born in Hamilton and joined Watford from West Ham United in August 1971. After a bright start to last season he was dogged by injury, but it is hoped that he will soon regain the form he showed at the beginning of last season.

LARRY McGETTIGAN. A former Apprentice with the Club, Larry signed professional forms in December 1970.

LEO MARKHAM. Formerly an Amateur with Marlow Town, Leo was invited for a trial in August 1972 and was immediately offered professional terms.

PAT MORRISSEY. Pat came to Watford in December 1971 from Chester, having previously played for Coventry and Torquay United. He was leading goal scorer last year with 10 goals.

ANDY RANKIN. Andy became the first holder of the Player of the Season Award last season, following some spectacular performances. He was signed from Everton in November 1971, having spent the previous 8 years with that Club.

JIMMY WALSH. Jimmy comes from Slough and was signed as a professional in November 1972 after completing his Apprenticeship.

JOHN WATT. Another member of our Junior side, John was an apprentice before signing professional forms in November 1972.

DUNCAN WELBOURNE. Duncan completes 10 years with the Club in November 1973. His appearance record speaks for itself, for out of 439 appearances, 424 have been in the first team.

JOHN WILLIAMS. A former Apprentice with the Club, John became a professional in September 1964 and to date has made 333 first team appearances.

DAVID WOODFIELD. Surely one of the game's unluckiest players so far as injuries are concerned, David has new responsibilities during the coming season, having been appointed as Player Coach to the Club in the last close season.

The Moment We Shall Not Forget

by PHIL SUGDEN
Sports Editor, Harrow Observer

Few who follow the fortunes of Wealdstone F.C. will ever forget the 6th minute of the qualifying round of the F.A. Cup at Hayes' Church Road ground on Saturday, 21st October, 1972.

At that moment club captain and centre-half John Pearce was involved in an almighty clash with a Hayes player. He fell to the ground, rolled in agony, tried to rise and collapsed again as a stretcher was rushed on to the field.

White faced and blanket covered, young John was rushed off to Hil-

lingdon Hospital accompanied by his father, Jim, who had been sitting behind me in the pressbox.

We who had seen and heard the crash had no doubts. John had broken a leg. But how badly?

Even the most pessimistic among us did not believe that this was the end of a career of a boy who had looked like becoming one of the outstanding players in non-league football.

He must come back, we said. But the weeks stretched to months and with the passage of time came realisation—John would never play professional football again.

It was, of course, stark tragedy for everyone concerned. For the likeable John the end of a career in the game he loved so much; for the club the end of a player who was the kingpin, the very heart of the defence—around whom it was hoped to build so much.

And it was as sad for the fans who loved this great hearted young player, and above all for the manager who had seen his team—which earlier had gone 13 games without defeat—decimated by injury and illness.

Big striker Bill Byrne had fractured a kneecap at Finchley in the previous round of the F.A. Cup.

Clever forward Micky Brown had been rushed to hospital late one night for an emergency operation, and Dixie Hale was about to leave Wealdstone for a new life and new home in South Wales. Almost half a team gone.

But for John Pearce it was agony for he must have sensed—despite an always cheerful front—that there was no football future, that no longer would he lead his team onto the field.

That is why we are all here tonight—to pay a small tribute to a man we all owe a great deal.

He had joined the club from Watford where he had been a part-time professional. When he joined Wealdstone a queue of Third and Fourth Division managers sought his services.

John did not want full time football, preferring to play as a part-time professional and work on with his father—who was also one of his greatest fans.

After he had signed for 'Stones the manager of a West Country side told me: "We badly wanted young Pearce. He was our type of player".

In fact he was everyone's type of player. Great in the air, strong on the ground, a fair but relentless tackler and fine distributor of the ball.

He loved to move up and join the attack and some of his exhilarating, pulsating runs up the right flank are still recalled and relished by the Lower Mead faithful.

John Pearce was also a likeable, quiet, unassuming lad—almost retiring at times. He was a first class skipper, always a wonderful example to his colleagues.

Give him the cheer he deserves tonight.

"Come on the Posh!"

by BILL EMERSON

When the battle cries roll round the terraces on Saturday afternoons, the nicknames chanted by the Soccer supporters are strangely reminiscent to the nicknames applied to the old Army county regiments. Soccer nicknames are wide and varied. A simple reference to the colours worn by their favourites as in the cases of "Come on the Blues" chanted by Chelsea fans—"The Reds" by Manchester United or "The Tangerines" by Blackpool.

Where the nicknames have a special local reference they often refer to industries especially applicable to that area, in the case of "The Hatters" of Luton, "The Biscuitmen" of Reading, "The Blades" from Sheffield United, "The Cobblers" from Northampton, and the "Potters" from Stoke.

Animals, birds, insects and the like figure in the nicknames applied. We have "The Hornets" in our visitors from Watford tonight. "The Lions" from Millwall, "The Tigers" from Hull, and who hasnt heard of "The Bees" from Brentford. "The Canaries" from Norwich, or the "Magpies" from Newcastle? To confuse the issue there is another colony of "Magpies" at Notts County, and two different families of "Robins" at Swindon and Wrexham respectively. Then we find "Gulls" at Torquay as well as those along the shore. In this vein we could continue indefinitely, but space does not permit.

We might add, though, at this stage that the "Owls" from Sheffield Wednesday are a little different. Before the first War the spacious ground at Hillsborough was known as Owlerton Park, and the name for the local favourites stemmed from this origin. In a similar vein, Southampton are always known as "the Saints"—a name which has been with them for over 80 years. In the late nineteenth century they were a humble church team known as Southampton St. Mary's playing at Antelope Park. It is a long haul to First Division soccer at The Dell, but the nickname has stuck down the ages.

In the excitement of a match it is only natural that shortened names have become popular nicknames. What better example than our own "Stones", followed by "Wolves"—"Swans" from Swansea, "Hammers" from West Ham and the "Boro" from Middlesbrough. Down at Loftus Road and Brisbane Road they have taken this to the ultimate where the local teams are known as "The R's" and the "O's" respectively.

We could go on all night, but space does not permit, and we have made no mention of "The Gunners", "The Glaziers" "Pompey" and hosts of others. One which fascinates the writer is the one used in the title to this article, because I have not uncovered the origin. If some reader can tell me how Peterborough became "The Posh" I should be pleased to hear from you.

In conclusion, how good are you at the nicknames? Here are a further ten. Do you know them all? Work them out then check the answers elsewhere in this programme. "Ironsides"; "The Stags"; "The Pilgrims"; "The Red Imps"; "Peacocks"; "The Trotters"; "The Grecians"; "The Saddlers"; "The Throstles (or Baggies)"; and "The Rams".

Sid Prosser's Tribute

Sid Prosser, team manager of Wealdstone F.C. writes: I first met John Pearce when he was 17, and I was manager at St. Albans City. I realised in those early days that he had real potential, and consequently I was delighted to find that he was a member of the playing staff when I took over at Wealdstone.

He did an excellent job for me on the field, and I don't think I am being detrimental to any of my present squad (and I certainly don't intend to be) by saying that we miss him even now. Although John doesn't know all of my present team, the entire squad have heard about him, and join with me in wishing him the very best in the future.

Our Thanks to Watford F.C.

Wealdstone F.C. would like to put on record its appreciation to the Directors, Manager, Staff and Players of Watford F.C. for their magnificent gesture in sending such a strong team to play us in tonight's testimonial game.

Being what one can call almost neighbours, we obviously have a soft spot for our nearest Football League colleagues (even if they do 'nick' some of our Supporters!)

They have done everything possible to make this game a success, and I personally have received the greatest assistance from general manager/secretary Ron Rollitt and Team Manager Mike Keen.

May you have a happy and successful season.

COLIN POPE

"Gentleman" John

I don't suppose there is anything I can say about John that doesn't appear elsewhere in this, his Testimonial Match programme.

"Gentleman" John was a title bestowed on him by a Social Club member soon after his arrival here. During his stay with us he has done that title proud.

The type of lad with ability and good manners that John possesses is always a great asset to any club and I know only too well that in years to come "Gentleman" John will always be welcomed here and always remembered.

From the Committee and members of the Lower Mead Social Club, I tender our best wishes to John and his family, and remind them that our door is always open to them.

Good luck John.

JACK HOWLAND, (Hon. Sec. Lower Mead Social Club)

My Thanks to You All, says John

I am grateful for the opportunity to have a small space in this programme to offer my sincere thanks to Colin Pope, the Public Relations Officer of Wealdstone Football Club, and Joe Bray, who have both worked so hard to organise this match for me.

It goes without saying, too, that I am deeply grateful to the Officers and Committee of the Club, who so willingly and generously sanctioned the match, and to Watford F.C. who have also played their part so well.

I enjoyed every minute of my stay at Lower Mead Stadium, and in fact, did a training stint (if only to keep fit!) with the squad a few nights ago. They are a grand bunch of lads, and I can assure you that the first thing I do on Sunday mornings is to look for Wealdstone's result. I am delighted that they—and you, the Supporters—are enjoying such a wonderful season, and I shall be thrilled to bits if you win promotion. Believe me, Wealdstone is a very happy Club indeed, and the spirit in the dressing room tremendous.

You will understand if I have a lump in my throat tonight, for it will be a distressing experience not to be out there with the boys tonight.

My wife and I thank you all most sincerely for this night of remembrance, and I am very proud to have worn the Royal Blue and White colours.

JOHN PEARCE

Thanks to You All

For John Pearce it all came to an end at approximately 4.25 on Saturday 20th October, 1972. As I sat in the stand with John's father watching Wealdstone v Hayes it happened. Right in front of us John went into a tackle and, snap. I turned to his father and said: "I fear the worse, his leg is broken". Jim, being the optimist that he is, said: "No". But as John collapsed for the second time we both knew it was true.

I first met John on a blustery October afternoon in, of all places, the "Tea Room"—yes the Tea Room of Barnet Football Club, before eventually signing.

Since then my friendship with John has lasted. We have had some disagreements, basically about football, but more so we argued about whose turn it was to pay at the bar! Funnily enough, John always owned up. John had been skipper at Wealdstone for ten or twelve months before his accident, and had always been the perfect gentleman both on and off the field.

So for me tonight is one of mixed feelings—sad because I suspect John will never play again, glad perhaps because when John finalised tonight's game he asked me to represent him as he was moving out of the

area to live with his wife Lynn and kids at Market Drayton. So, basically, my function is to thank most sincerely on John's behalf those who have made, what I hope will be, a memorable night for him.

Initially my thanks must go to Wealdstone Football Club players and directors for accomodating us with this game tonight. Also to Watford Football Club players and directors we extend grateful thanks for providing the opposition.

We also acknowledge the services of Clive White, Gordon Isaacs and George Ruffle for officiating at the game. Our thanks also to the Lower Mead Social Club, Watford Social Club, Wealdstone Supporters Club, the Harrow Observer, and to you the general public for supporting this worthy cause.

JOE BRAY

Answers to Nicknames (see page 12)

Newport County; Mansfield; Plymouth Argyle; Lincoln City; Leeds United; Bolton Wanderers; Exeter City; Walsall; West Bromwich Albion; Derby County.

Win a Handsome Prize

During the first half of tonight's match, raffle tickets (5p each) will be on sale, the entire proceeds going to the fund. Excellent prizes can be won, including two transistor radios, generously donated by Wealdstone F.C. Supporters Club; an autographed ball; large presentation box of chocolates, and bottles of the 'hard stuff'.

The draw will be made during the interval by tonight's referee, Mr. Clive White, the Football League referee from Harrow, to whom our thanks for officiating tonight.

Please do your bit by buying a ticket.

CLUB NOTICE

The Wealdstone Football Club accept no liability for any accidents to spectators either on the Football Ground or its precincts.

The Floodlight Pylons are dangerous to children, due to high voltage used, and accidents may be caused by climbing them. Spectators are asked to assist the club by not allowing children to indulge in this dangerous practice.

THE CLUB RESERVES THE RIGHT OF ADMISSION

• Wealdstone in Gibraltar

Wealdstone F.C. fly out to Gibraltar on Monday December 10th at the invitation of the Gibraltar F.A. to play a match against a local F.A. XI to celebrate the opening of Gibraltar's new National Stadium.

Wealdstone's Future Programme

Saturday November 3, Southern League: Wealdstone v Poole Town (3 p.m.)

Saturday November 10, F.A. Challenge Trophy: Wealdstone v Dunstable Town (3 p.m.)

Tuesday November 13, Southern League: Wealdstone v Trowbridge (7.30 p.m.)

(This souvenir programme has been edited by Colin Pope).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE — FIRST DIVISION SOUTH up to Saturday 27th October 1973

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Waterlooville	9	5	3	1	9	7	13
Poole Town	9	5	2	2	14	6	12
Wealdstone	8	6	0	2	15	10	12
Basingstoke Town	9	4	3	2	16	9	11
Trowbridge Town	7	5	1	1	14	8	11
Minehead	9	3	3	3	14	12	9
Ashford Town	9	3	3	3	17	15	9
Gravesend & Northfleet	8	3	3	2	16	15	9
Bideford	8	3	3	2	17	16	9
Dorchester Town	9	3	2	4	9	9	8
Hastings United	10	3	2	5	6	8	8
Ramsgate	6	3	1	2	14	10	7
Salisbury	8	3	1	4	8	9	7
Canterbury City	9	3	1	5	10	11	7
Bognor Regis Town	6	3	0	3	10	9	6
Andover	8	2	2	4	6	13	6
Crawley Town	9	1	4	4	12	20	6
Metropolitan Police	8	2	2	4	8	14	6
Bexley United	7	2	1	4	5	10	5
Bath City	8	1	1	6	7	16	3

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