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On behalf of Chairman, David Martle, the Directors, the G.P. Committee, Manager, Eddie Presland, Coach, Terry Dyson, the Players, and Staff of Wealdstone F.C., may we take this opportunity of wishing everybody the compliments of the season, and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.



Today we welcome to Lower Mead the Southern League Champions, and renowned cup fighters Wimbledon. Our sincere congratulations to them on their exploits of last season, and in bringing the good name of the Southern League to the notice of people the world over.

They lead the league this season, but we must warn them that we are after their title. We had the satisfaction of doing the double over them last season, and no doubt our lads will try to rise to the occasion again today and try to take two points off them to enable us to keep in the championship hunt. Whatever the result, I think that spectators are in for a real treat this afternoon, with no quarter asked for, or given, by either side.

We came a cropper at Grantham last Saturday, going down 3—0. The score did not really do our team justice, because we had more of the play territorially, but unfortunately our strikers must have left their shooting boots at home, plus that they were thwarted by a good display by the Grantham goalkeeper, who seemed to be in the right place at the right time, and without making too many excuses, the ball did not run right for us on the day, and in some games we have played worse and won.

I am compiling these notes in place of Colin Pope who, at this moment, must be praying for victory for us at the wailing wall in Jerusalem. Let us hope that your prayers are answered Colin.

In these days of financial stress and strain, we have had to ask Manager Eddie Presland to cut down on wages, hence the departure of Vince O'Kane, Roy Mackenzie, and possibly Jim Godfrey; but I would like to point out that this was a directive from the Directors, and Eddie, in the interests of the club, reluctantly agreed to help. To those three players we thank them for their services, and I personally feel that they were very unlucky, and that O'Kane and Godfrey were playing really well, but had to be on the side lines during our run of 12 matches without defeat, and I feel sure that whatever club they decide to join, they will be an asset. Let us keep our fingers crossed that no serious injury occurs meanwhile to our depleted staff.

This Saturday we are away to Telford, but on New Year's Day we are at home to Margate, and two days later, on Saturday, 3rd January, we are also at home to Kettering, and two days after that, 5th January, we are away to Stourbridge. No doubt this afternoon's game, plus the other four in quick succession, will no doubt tell us whether or not we are in with a chance for the championship. Keep praying Colin.

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League Cup—Byrne 4, Duck 3 (2 pens), Moss 2, Eglite 1.—Total 10.

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