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Saturday, 5th May, 1979

Southern League (Premier Division)

kick-off 3 p.m.

WEALDSTONE

v

YEOVIL TOWN

Monday, 7th May, 1979

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

WEALDSTONE

v

A.P. LEAMINGTON

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We Ring Down the Curtain

This weekend we reach the finale of a season, that has been punctuated with more than its fair share of drama. As it is again a Bank Holiday weekend, we are publishing a double programme for Saturday and Monday 7th May.

On Saturday we welcome to Lower Mead, Yeovil Town. Their very name conjures visions from their illustrious past. Doughty Cup-fighters, and consistent Southern League giants, in the uncertain world of football, one thing is certain. They always provide formidable opposition. They took us to the cleaners by four goals to one when we visited their West Country home earlier in the season. We know the strength of the opposition, but we shall be looking for a reversal of fortunes on Saturday.

On Monday we entertain A.P. Leamington. On our recent visit to Warwickshire we checked their successful run with a goalless draw. This time round we shall be looking for a couple of goals to end the state of stalemate!

To the players, officials and supporters of both our visitors, we extend a cordial welcome to Lower Mead. Enjoy your brief visits, and we wish you safe journeys home again.

"Frustration" is probably the one-word description of the season which is now in its final stages. With a fixture list that has been torn to shreds by the vagaries of the weather, it has been a difficult campaign to plan, and all credit to our hard-working fixture Secretary, Ken Jones, for picking up the pieces, and putting them together again.

Apart from the weather, we have had an unprecedented injury list to contend with. They say these things run in cycles—our cycle appeared large enough to orbit the moon! It has been virtually impossible to field the same team for more than a couple of games. This, of course, has played havoc with a consistent team policy, and is probably the reason for the vagaries in form which we have seen from time to time. On occasions, we have "put it together" in convincing style, only to falter the next time out.

As supporters know by now, we have rescrutinised the situation, and decided to enter the new Alliance Premier League next season, always provided we can attain the qualifying place in the League. It is necessary to finish not lower than 18th so that the points at stake in this last week are vital.

Unfortunately, we returned pointless from Margate last Saturday, despite establishing a territorial advantage for long periods of the game. We made our chances but could not put the ball where it counts, and surrendered both points to a goal midway through the second half.

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On Monday, however, we achieved a creditable division of the honours at Atherstone, in a 2-2 draw. These notes must meet the deadline before our trip to Bridgend on Wednesday, but it is the fervent hope that by the time they are published we have consolidated our position.

On Sunday the representative Southern League side defeated the Isthmian League squad 3-0 at Maidstone. Supporters will be pleased to learn that "Willie" Watson was voted the man of the match.

A word of praise for our Youth team. They are concluding a very successful season. As supporters know, they have been a "feeder" team to the Reserve squad throughout the season, and as a result we have fielded our youngest ever second string. Apart from that, the Youth team itself has had a very good playing record. On Tuesday evening, May 8th they contest the Middlesex Youth Cup Final against Harefield on Southall's ground. Why not go over and give them a shout?

In conclusion, thank you for your support during the past season. We wish you all a happy summer, plenty of sun and we will see you and your friends for a new chapter in the Club's history next season.

Bill Emerson

Supporters Club Notes

Good afternoon, good evening once again as we complete another season of Lower Mead football with the visits of Yeovil Town and A.P. Leamington.

Things have been so hectic at Wealdstone these past few weeks we hardly know if we've been coming or going! Congratulations, however, to the young and determined 'Stones for that magnificent fightback at Atherstone on Monday night—and congratulations, too, if we completed a league "double" at Bridgend's expense on Wednesday.

We must have one of the youngest teams in senior non-league football, and with the future of the club still very much in the balance that could prove a God-send.

It has, again, been a season of sunshine and shadow. Early September saw the 'Stones sitting proudly at the head of the Premier Division for the first time, perhaps the highest placing the club has achieved in its 79 years' history.

Since then, through the disaster of the F.A. Cup and Challenge Trophy, the team went into decline and it has been only recently that our fortunes have improved. At last the side has re-discovered the attacking flair which we associate with Wealdstone.

But at least this season has confirmed the old adage that if you like your football unpredictable, Wealdstone are the team to watch!

Next season, of course, is still in the balance. There is no denying the strong current of feeling among supporters that this club should keep to the forefront of non-League football—and join the alliance.

But there are drawbacks. It could be that we will see more attractive football by staying in the Southern League—the standard will be lower, admittedly, but who can say that the 1973-4 promotion season was not entertaining?

Personally, I feel Wealdstone should make every attempt to ensure a place in the new set-up. But there are two sides to every coin and it will not be a disaster if the

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'Stones are back playing Bognor, Trowbridge and Poole next season.

Either way, the club still need or whole-hearted support and during the summer there will be every chance to prove our loyalty. Plans for the Grand Fete are well under way, but any offers of help, or contributions would be most welcome.

There's a sponsored walk, too, of course and no doubt you will be asked to "fork out" for a deserving walker before the summer is through!

Meanwhile there are four Southern League, Premier Division points at stake over the weekend and with our support we can end this troubled season on a happy note.

See you all in August—and watch the young 'Stones surge into the eighties!

Tim Parks

Reserves

With the prospects for finishing only in a mid/table position has prompted managers Tony Garuana and Alan Harper to play experimental sides and try out new young players which has not exactly been too successful. This was proved in the mid-week game against Southall and Ealing Borough when our lads suffered a humiliating defeat by 5 goals to 1. With a score of 1 -1 shortly before half time our very young side lost heart completely during the second half and presented our opponents with four goals.

Last Saturday against Dorking Town the team showed considerably improved form and returned to winning ways by the comfortable margin of four goals to two. The return to the team of Paul Abell after injury added the necessary experience to help our young players. Our goals were scored by Jim Davison and Abell during one first period and after Dorking had drawn level early in the second half John Boakye scored twice in the later stages of the game. The Wealdstone team for this match was: M. Harper, G. Odell, J. Hawkins, A. Harper, T. Wiseman, A. Bennett, T. Knight, J. Davison, P. Abell, J. Boakye, S. Ray, G. Nicolaides, J. Makepeace. The last two went on as substitutes during the second half. Although the efforts of Alan Harper and recently of Tony Carlana have not been adequately revealed on paper. Our congratulations are due to them for the discovery of several young players who have performed with credit in the Southern League side.

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I would now like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of our club directors for their support given to me to carry out the vast quantity of administration work that is necessary to run a reserve side. My thanks are particularly due to Mrs Julie Verrall and Mr Jack Palmer for their efforts in providing tea for the players at the interval and full time. Also to Betty Ryder for her preparation of the sandwiches which are greatly enjoyed by both teams at the end of the game.

Lastly I must offer my congratulations to our Surburan League friends from down the road, Harrow Borough, in winning the London Intermediate Cup, and more particularly to their senior side in gaining promotion to the Premier Division of the Berger Isthmian League.

Ken Jones

WEALDSTONE (Royal Blue/White)	YEOVIL TOWN (Green/White)	A.P. LEAMINGTON (All Gold)
1. Cranstone	1 B. Parker	1 A. Dulleston
J. McVeigh	2 B. Thompson	2 D. Taylor
A. Fursdon	3 A. Cottle	3 M. Sutheran
J. Watson	4 B. Jones	4 A. Stacey
S. Horgan	5 T. Cotton	5 T. Kilkelly
F. Barwick	6 M. Harrison	6 R. Morton
T. Boyle	7 S. Morrell	7 M. Keeley
R. Moss	8 G. Turner	8 T. Gorman
N. Johnson	9 C. Green	9 D. Gardner
G. Duck	10 T. Finnagan	10 R. Vincent
P. Brannigan	11 J. Clancy	11 S. Briscoe
S. Pearce/J. Bookman	12 K. Leigh	12 R. Bain

Referee: **Mr D. JACKSON** (Maidstone) **Mr L. A. Bartels** (Westcliff on Sea)

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Wealdstone Appearances 1978/79 Season (Up to and including
Monday 30th April, 1979)

(Substitutes who actually played are shown in brackets)

	SL	SLC	FAC	FAT	MSC	ST	Total
Max. Possible	39	3	2	4	3	2	53
Ian Cranstone .	37	3	2	4	-	2	48
Jimmy McVeigh	33	3	2	4	3	2	47
Bobby Moss...	32	3	2	4	2	2	45
Alan Fursdon..	35	3	2	1	1	2	44
Seamus Horgan	28 (3)	1	2	4	3	(1)	38 (4)
Fred Barwick..	23	3	2	4	2	2	36
George Duck..	31	2	-	-	2	1	36
John Watson..	27	3	-	1	2	1	34
Nigel Johnson..	29	-	1	-	3	-	33
Terry Boyle...	25 (6)	1 (2)	1	2 (1)	2	1 (1)	32 (10)
Steve Briscoe .	16	3	2	4	1	2	28
Paul Brannigan	22	-	-	-	3	-	25
Steve Brinkman	14	-	2	4	2	2	24
Dave Parratt...	13	3	1	4	-	2	23
Andy Wilkinson	12 (4)	-	1	-	1 (1)	-	14 (5)
Alan Doyle....	6 (1)	3	1	2 (2)	-	1 (1)	13 (4)
John Plaskett..	8 (3)	-	-	-	2	-	10 (3)
John Arnold... 5 (1)	-	1 (1)	4	-	-	-	10 (2)
Steve Hockham	5	1	-	2	-	2	10
Stuart Pearce..	9	-	-	-	1	-	10
Jeff Bookman .	8 (3)	-	-	-	-	-	8 (3)
Richard Mount	6 (4)	-	-	-	-	-	6 (4)
Andy Clark....	1	-	-	-	3	-	4
Paul Thomas... 1	1 (1)	-	-	-	-	(2)	2 (3)
Paul Abel..... 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Chris Lightfoot	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Paul Gilbert...	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
Tony Knight... - (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)

Abbreviations:

SL Southern League (Premier Div.)
SLC Southern League Cup
FAC F.A. Cup

FAT F.A. Trophy
MSC Middx. Senior Cup
ST 'Stones Trophy

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE — PREMIER DIVISION (Up to and including Wednesday 2nd May, 1979)

	Home Goals					Away Goals					Pts	Wealdstone Results		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A	Home	Away
Worcester City	39	14	3	2	50	14	11	8	1	37	17	61	D0-0	L1-3
Kettering Town	37	15	2	4	63	26	10	4	2	38	11	56	D1-1	L0-1
Bath City	40	11	6	3	31	13	6	12	2	28	24	52	D0-0	L0-1
Telford United	41	11	6	3	31	16	10	4	7	27	22	52	W3-0	D2-2
Maidstone United	39	8	8	2	25	15	9	8	4	25	18	50	W2-1	D0-0
Weymouth	40	12	5	3	39	18	5	9	6	29	31	48	D0-0	L1-2
Redditch United	36	9	5	4	37	22	7	5	6	25	26	42	W3-0	L0-1
Yeovil Town	38	12	6	2	38	13	1	10	7	14	29	42	L1-4	D0-0
A.P. Leamington	37	11	7	2	32	15	4	4	9	25	33	41		D0-0
Witney Town	40	8	7	4	27	22	8	2	11	20	29	41	L0-1	L1-3
Barnet	39	7	6	7	24	30	8	3	8	24	30	39	D1-1	L2-3
Gravesend & Northfleet	38	9	5	4	31	22	4	7	9	15	25	38	W2-1	L2-5
Nuneaton Borough	37	8	7	4	33	19	3	8	7	21	27	37	D0-0	L0-4
Hillingdon Borough	39	6	9	4	24	15	5	6	9	22	25	37	W1-0	W1-0
Wealdstone	40	8	8	3	24	13	3	4	14	23	45	34		
Dartford	40	7	5	9	20	24	3	8	8	19	28	33	L3-4	L0-1
Atherstone Town	40	3	8	8	20	29	5	8	8	23	34	32	W1-0	D2-2
Cheltenham Town	41	9	5	7	26	29	2	4	14	11	42	31	D0-0	W4-2
Margate	39	5	4	10	25	35	4	5	11	16	35	27	W1-0	L0-1
Hastings United	37	3	8	7	20	27	2	5	12	14	43	23	L1-2	W4-2
Dorchester Town	37	2	8	8	18	32	3	2	14	22	47	20	D2-2	L1-5
Bridgend Town	40	5	2	14	27	40	1	4	14	11	44	18	W3-0	L1-3

Goalscorers:

League — Duck 13 (6 pens), Johnson 11, Moss 10, Brannigan 3, Parratt 2, Doyle 2, McVeigh 2, Brinkman (pen) 1, Wilkinson 1, Mount 1, Ray (Hastings) o.g. 1 — Total 47.
 League Cup — McVeigh 2, Parratt 2 — Total 4.
 F.A. Cup — Horgan 1 — Total 1.
 F.A. Trophy — Brinkman 2 (1 pen), Horgan 1, Moss 1, Doyle 1 — Total 5.
 Middx. Senior Cup — Moss 1, Duck 1 — Total 2.
 Stones Trophy — Duck 3 (1 pen), Boyle 1 — Total 4.
 friendlies — Parratt 1, Doyle 1 — Total 2.

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The last match of the 1978/79 season takes place on this ground next Friday May 11th, when our Reserves are at home to Wembley in a Suburban League fixture. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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