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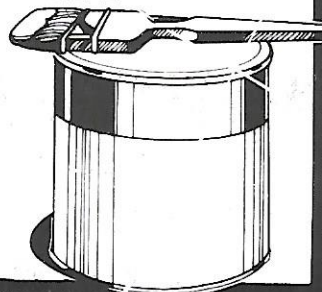
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ON THE BALL

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A new season, new hopes and ambitions and all clubs look forward to a successful season. However it is getting more and more difficult as the recession goes on, so football clubs also suffer, and money is very tight indeed at all levels with possibly the one or two exceptions.

Perhaps some good can come out of this as only the efficient and the hardworking will survive, clubs must be more organised than ever, players must take their game more seriously and be more committed for their wages.

It's strange, when all clubs are striving to organise ways to raise money and be more efficient that the Football League clubs lost out on the vote to have one paid Director who would run the club on a business like basis. If it has been reported correctly almost all of the clubs were in favour but the FA and its members were against, but I believe that eventually this will come about, and what Football League clubs do today, non-League clubs will follow tomorrow.

It's also been a frustrating time trying to organise the team for pre season games and at the time of writing this I still haven't had all players together, not even once!! Holidays and illness have been the reason, Steve Perkins has had hepatitis during the summer and at present is not allowed to start training, Dennis Byatt has had a virus and missed training for 10 days and missed 4 games in the process. When we are working on a very small squad these things can play havoc with your preparations. At the time of writing we have signed three new players, Ray Knowles a front player previously with Wimbledon and Tooting & Mitcham, young Paul Waites who was an apprentice from Chelsea and Goal-keeper Ray Goddard an experienced football league player from Wimbledon.

A lot of work has been done behind the scenes and the dressing rooms and adjoining buildings now look very smart, included in this complex is the managers office for which I am very grateful. I would like to say thanks to George Young and all of his helpers who made the changes possible, well done.

OUR VISITORS

WELCOME

DORCHESTER TOWN

DORCHESTER were formed in 1880 and they play at the Avenue Ground, which has a capacity of 6,000. The chairman of the club is Mr. E. Ford who runs his own building company. The team is managed by Stuart Bell who has been in charge for some eighteen months and he was previously with Weymouth.

There have been no close season signings, the squad remains the same which helped them finished 5th in the Southern League last season.

Our visitors have certainly made a good start to the season, last Saturday they drew 3-3 with Folkstone and on Tuesday night they trounced Taunton 4-0 in the League Cup.

Our record against Dorchester is as follows:

1972/73 (1st Div 5th) 2-3 1-2

	HOME	AWAY
1972/73 (1st Div 5th)	2 - 3	1 - 2
1973/74 (1st Div 5th)	2 - 0	2 - 1
1978/79 (Prem Div)	2 - 2	1 - 5

(Wealdstone score given first)

PEN PICTURES

STEVE HOBSON - Signed towards the end of last season following two years in Norwegian League football.

ANDY McMANUS - A developer from the Club Youth team and now making his mark in the senior ranks.

STEVE FLAY - Previously with Yeovil Town now in his second season with Dorchester.

BARRY DOMINEY - Also from Yeovil Town whom he joined from Colchester United. Now in his third season at Dorchester.

PETER POORE - The longest serving player of the Club having given eight years loyal effort. Moving to the rearguard two seasons ago after being consistently leading goal scorer during his years at the spearhead of attack.

RAY AMES - Joined Dorchester after several seasons Southern League experience with Poole Town.

KEITH MILLER - In his second season at The Avenue. Previously with West Ham and AFC Bournemouth.

HEDLEY STEELE - Club Captain now in his benefit year. Joined Dorchester from Exeter City.

TREVOR SENIOR - Another product of the Club Youth team and already in his third season at Southern League level.

TERRY HINTON - Previously with Weymouth and Western League Bridport who can always be relied upon for honest effort.

PAUL THORNE - Also from Bridport now in his third season at Dorchester.

TREVOR TOWNSEND - Signed from A.F.C. Bournemouth last year and spent most of that first spell on the casualty list having been injured in his first game for the Club. Now fit and back in the senior squad.

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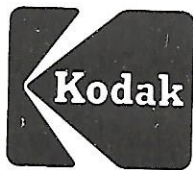
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CLUB NEWS

HASTINGS

Our first match of the season at Hastings saw us gain a valuable point. Considering Hastings had a good season last time, we must feel fairly satisfied at the result. Despite the 0-0 score line there were a number of chances for both sides. It was Hastings goalkeeper, Gerry Armstrong, who had most to do. He saved superbly from a Colin Hardman piledriver and later leaped low to his left to keep out a text book header from Ray Knowles.

INTRODUCING

As you may know we have signed goalkeeper Ray Goddard from Wimbledon. Ray aged 33, is a very experienced goalkeeper who has played for Orient, Millwall, Morton in the Scottish League and in total has made nearly five hundred football league appearances. He made his debut for us in the game at Hastings. We take this opportunity in welcoming him to the Club.

RESERVES

This season the reserve team will be managed by Kenny Gee and Al Harper, they replace Charlie Townsend and Derek Williams. They got off to a flying start last Saturday when they beat Hounslow 4-3. Those of you who saw the game will agree that it was an exciting tussle and the goals we scored were truly first class. The scorers were Rudy Porter, Roger Patching, Mike Cuffie and Tony Kelly.

SOCCER CLINIC

During the summer a football coaching clinic was organised by the club in conjunction with Kodak Limited who kindly allowed us their facilities in Courtenay Avenue, Harrow View. The course catered for boys between 8 and 14 years and ran for five days. Some eighty boys attended and they were coached by qualified F.A. coaches. On one of the days the boys went to Chelsea Football Club to look around their facilities, the week was enjoyed by all and due to demand we shall be running another one at Easter.

MATCH BALL DONORS

This is an ideal way of support the club. For an inclusive fee every match ball donor receives:

- Two tickets for the match
- An advert in the match programme
- Publicity over the tannoy system before the kick off and at half time.

Sponsors can be either companies, individuals or a party of friends. For details contact Reg Johns or Peter Moran.

POINTS

The Southern League will not be following the Football League's experiment in awarding three points for a win. As League Secretary Bill Dellow explains "Come the end of the season it makes very little difference to the table if you give two or three points for a win. We're staying as we were with two".

SOCIAL SCENE

Social club entertainment organiser Ian Barrie has practically completed bookings for Saturday and Sunday nights entertainment. He has produced a comprehensive list of groups, their music best described as being "Middle of the Road", this type of music caters for all types and an enjoyable evening can be held. On Saturday 29th August "Aspen" are appearing.

There are still vacancies for Social Club Membership, this provides an ideal opportunity for those supporters wanting a relaxing drink before or after the match to do so. It is also worth taking advantage of the fact that the Club is open seven nights including Sunday lunchtimes and evenings for your entertainment, you can normally listen or dance to a duo. On Sunday 23rd August we feature the George Ritchie Duo. Details of membership can be obtained from behind the bar.

GOING AWAY

The Supporters Club are running a coach for the game at Chelmsford on Monday 24th August. This will leave the ground at 5 pm. Also a coach will run for the Basingstoke game on Saturday 29th August and this leaves at 12 noon. Make your bookings in the Club Shop or from Peter Worby. Tel: Ruislip 31021.

VACANCY

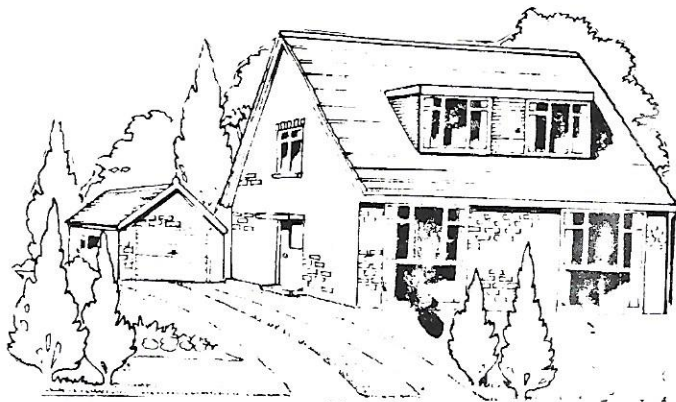
The Club has a vacancy for a lady or gentleman to sell lottery tickets from a kiosk in the market which takes place on Thursdays. Details from Peter Moran, tel. 427 4064.

F.A. CUP

As you know we play Salisbury in F.A. Cup 1st qualifying round. The rest of the teams in our group consists of the following: Burnham, Camberley Town, Egham Town, Marlow, Newbury, Maidenhead, Oxford City and Harrow Borough. The two finalists of this group will meet in the 3rd qualifying round, that means a clash with Harrow Borough could be on the cards.

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Good afternoon and welcome to our first home league game this season. A welcome also goes to our visitors today, Dorchester Town - we trust you had a safe journey and enjoy your short stay in Harrow. After last Saturday's well-earned draw at Hastings we will no doubt be looking for an even better result today against a side which finished 5th in the league last season.

Next Monday evening we play the second leg of the Southern League Cup tie at Cheimsford and one supporter has found an unusual way of travelling to watch the game. Trevor Davies plans to cycle to the match and is seeking sponsors to raise money for the club. If you would like to sponsor him please call at the supporters club shop for details. Don't forget to renew your membership of the supporters club if you haven't already done so. This enables you to use the supporters coach service to the away games and also covers you should you be injured travelling to or from

a game and also on the away ground.

SFC Wealdstone, the supporters club team, started their season last Sunday with a friendly against Watford Sunday League Croxley Dickinson and lost 4-1, their only goal being scored by Gordon MacKay. If you would like to play for them during this coming season please see me for details.

The next edition of Long Ball Down The Middle is currently in preparation and if anyone has any articles or letters for publication please let me have them as soon as possible. A Wycombe Wanderers supporter has written asking if anyone has a copy of the Wycombe v Wealdstone programme for the Isthmian League match on 4 May 1968. He would also like to get in touch with anyone who has records of the matches played between the two clubs to check his match records. Please let me know if you can help.

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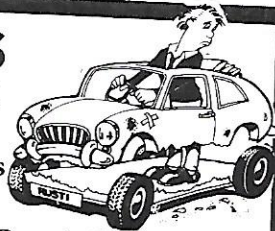
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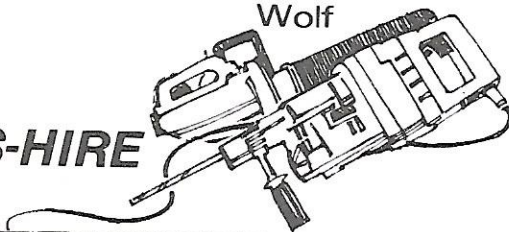
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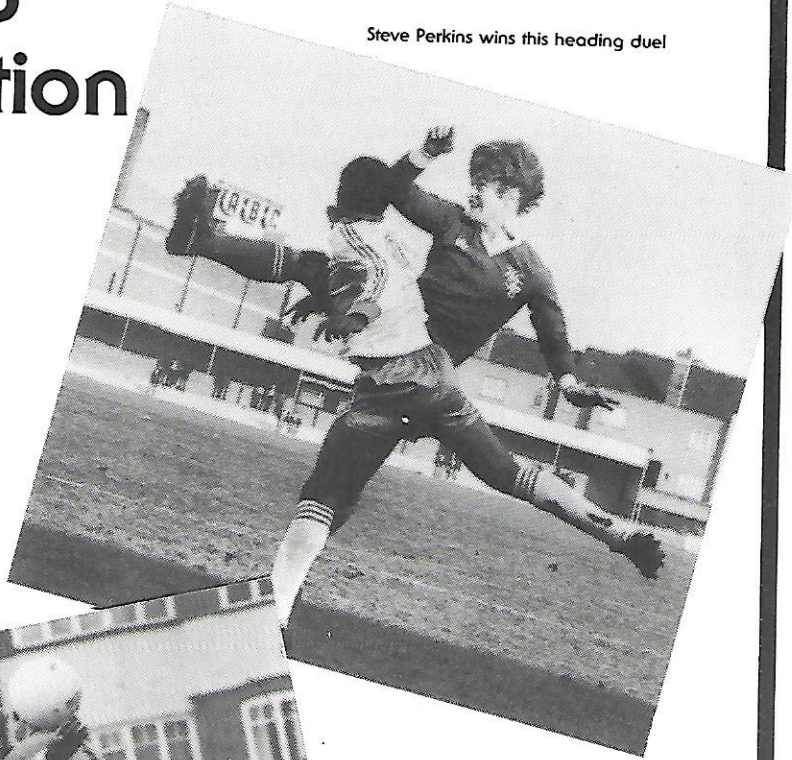
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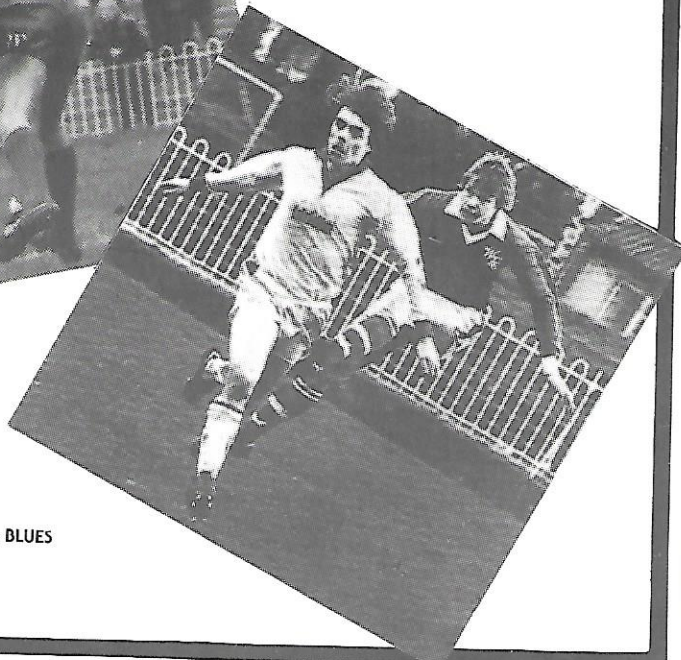
Steve Perkins wins this heading duel



Neil Cordice in action for the BLUES



Stuart Pearce in action for the BLUES



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AUG 8	WEMBLEY *	2-2	H	MIDDX CHARITY CUP FINAL
AUG 15	HASTINGS UNITED	0 0	A	
AUG 18	CHELMSFORD CITY	5 1	H	*(SLC1 1L)
AUG 22	DORCHESTER TOWN		A	*(SLC1 2L)
AUG 24	CHELMSFORD CITY		A	*
AUG 29	BASINGSTOKE TOWN		H	*
SEPT 1	FAREHAM TOWN		A	*
SEPT 5	FAREHAM TOWN		A	*
SEPT 9	CRAWLEY TOWN		H	*(FAC 1Q)
SEPT 12	DOVER		A	
SEPT 15	CHELMSFORD CITY		A	
SEPT 19	THANET UNITED		H	*
SEPT 26	SALISBURY		H	*(FAC 1Q)
SEPT 30	SALISBURY		H	
SEPT 30	FAREHAM TOWN		A	
OCT 3			A	
OCT 10	DUNSTABLE		H	*(FAC 2Q)
OCT 12	POOLE TOWN		A	*
OCT 17	GOSPORT BOROUGH		A	*(FAC 3Q)
OCT 20	AYLESBURY UNITED		A	*
OCT 24			H	*(FAC 1Q)
OCT 31	CANTERBURY CITY		A	*(FAC 4Q)
NOV 3	ADDLESTONE & WEYBRIDGE TOWN		A	*
NOV 7	FOLKESTONE		H	
NOV 9			A	*(SLC3)
NOV 14	WELLING UNITED		H	
NOV 17	POOLE TOWN		A	*
NOV 21	WATERLOOVILLE		A	*(FAC 1R)
NOV 24	AYLESBURY UNITED		A	
NOV 28	TONBRIDGE		A	*(FAC 2Q)
DEC 5	ASHFORD TOWN		H	*(FAC 2R)
DEC 12	ANDOVER		A	*(FAC 3Q)
DEC 19	THANET UNITED		H	
DEC 26	HILLINGDON BOROUGH		A	*(FAC 3R)
DEC 28	HOUNSLOW		A	*(FAC 3Q)
JAN 2	DOVER		H	
JAN 4			H	*(FAC 3R)
JAN 9			A	*(SLC4)
JAN 16	DORCHESTER TOWN		A	
JAN 23	HASTINGS UNITED		H	*(FAC 1R)
JAN 30	TONBRIDGE		A	*(FAC 4R)
FEB 6	CRAWLEY TOWN		A	
FEB 13	BASINGSTOKE TOWN		H	*(FAC 2R)
FEB 15	SALISBURY		A	
FEB 20			H	*(SLC SEMI 1L)
FEB 22	CHELMSFORD CITY		H	*(FAC 3R)
FEB 27			A	*(SLC SEMI 2L)
MAR 6	DUNSTABLE		A	*(FAC 4R)
MAR 13	GOSPORT BOROUGH		H	
MAR 20	ADDLESTONE & WEYBRIDGE TOWN		A	*(SLC FINAL 1L)
MAR 27	CANTERBURY CITY		A	(GOOD FRIDAY)
APR 3	FOLKESTONE		H	*(FAC 4R)
APR 9	WELLING UNITED		H	
APR 10			A	*(SLC FINAL 1L)
APR 12	HILLINGDON BOROUGH		A	(SLC FINAL 2L)
APR 17	HOUNSLOW		H	(EASTER MON)
APR 17	WATERLOOVILLE		H	
APR 24	ANDOVER		A	
MAY 1	ASHFORD TOWN		H	
MAY 22			H	(FA CUP FINAL)

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