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### We Shall Come Good Again . . .

Not a lot has been going right for us in the last couple of weeks, with the result that we haven't had a win in the last four matches, and are out of the F.A. Cup and the London Challenge Cup. Unfortunately we have developed this tendency again to give away simple goals, and have not been knocking them in up front to crown what is often excellent approach work. It remains to be seen whether manager Sid Prosser can lift up the boys today after the recent setbacks and complete our first double of the season, for we won at Salisbury on the opening day. What is particularly frustrating, of course, is that the teams that have beaten us have not been better sides by any means, but have merely accepted what chances are going—and that is what football is all about. Even at White Hart Lane on Monday against a strong Spurs side the score did little justice, and the outcome could all have been so very different.

We cannot praise our Supporters enough. Some 200 of them went to Ramsgate last Saturday to the envy of Ramsgate's Directors, and the way that wonderful hard core was urging the team on against Spurs even when we were 4-0 down was magnificent. We can only hope that their tremendous enthusiasm is again soon rewarded, for they're a grand lot and deserve something to shout about.

Doubtless, I shall be expected to say something in this column about our team, and I find it difficult! Yet we owe allegiance to you, our Supporters, so here goes . . . The Club has had a lot of queries of why, in their opinion, we did not play our best team against Spurs. Unfortunately the likable Chic Brodie has not enjoyed the best of form since joining us and is struggling to find his confidence and many of you, judging from the calls we have had, wondered why he was selected for the important Monday match. And also why the hard-running Alick Brown was not even substitute. Having no reserve side every squad member must be kept match fit and doubtless this is the reason for certain team changes. However, this is pure speculation on my part, and it must be emphasised that Mr. Prosser has complete freedom in these matters, Wealdstone having never been a club which interferes with the Manager. No official at Wealdstone, from secretary Ken Wiltshire down, knows the team for any match until it appears on the dressing room notice board some 30 minutes before a match. Wealdstone does, of course (like every Club in the land) have hundreds of team selectors, namely everyone who attends our games!!

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In the Manager's office is a sign which says "The buck stops here". We, of course, can pass it . . . thank goodness!

I understand that Ray Fulton has a good chance of being passed fit today after missing Monday's match, but it would be no surprise if there were some midfield changes, a department of the game in which we appear to be lacking at present. Good to see John Henderson coming back in such fine form after his two weeks suspension and adding a bit of fire in the front line.

Due to a fixture re-arrangement, we now visit Dorchester next Saturday in the League, and there is NO mid-week match next week. We entertain Wimbledon here on Tuesday 16th, in the Southern League Cup, 7.30.

COLIN POPE

## News Items in Brief

Social Club secretary Jack Howland wishes to emphasise that the Bar closes between 7 and 8 p.m. every Saturday evening to enable cleaning to be carried out. Please use the lounge bar during this vital hour!

Although we are in constant touch with striker John Smith, it begins to look as if he won't be rejoining us now until December, the end of the American Grid football season.

Tickets are on sale today (30p) for John Pearce's benefit match against Watford here on Monday, October 29th (7.30). Even if you can't attend please buy a ticket and help swell the fund for our former skipper. John will be at the game, and will be speaking to you over the public address system.

There are still a few copies of the September issue of Non League Football magazine left and they are on sale today, price 10p.

Our home tie against Wimbledon in the Southern League Cup is on Tuesday, October 16th, 7.30.

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### Supporters Club Notes

Good afternoon everybody and a warm welcome to our friends from Salisbury. We wish their Supporters a pleasant stay and a safe journey home after the game. Today we have our first opportunity to complete a double in the league having won 2-1 at Salisbury on the opening day of the season. Having lost our last three games this is the time for our Supporters to help our team most by letting them know vocally that we are right behind them. The number of supporters who travelled to Ramsgate and Spurs was very encouraging indeed so lets keep it up. Next Saturday 6th October we are away in the League to Dorchester Town and the Supporters Club coach service will leave the Ground at 9.30 a.m. For Supporters going by car Dorchester's ground is in Weymouth Avenue, and is some 120 miles from Harrow.

The Supporters Club Sponsored Walk last Sunday was very successful with 21 walkers taking part and covering a total of 304 miles. Our sincere thanks to all those who took part, the Organisers, Ray Kemp and Jenny Jolley, the walkers, Check point stewards, mobile patrollers, to the ladies who kept us going with refreshments and of course a special thank you to the hundreds of you who sponsored us. When the final figure is known we will announce it in a future programme but we are confident of it being over £125.

Now let's get down to helping our team in their chase after the league leaders.

**UP THE STONES!**

PHILLIP J. TRICKER (Publicity Officer)

### Why Not Become a Member?

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### Stop Press

George Duck will not be playing today as he sustained a fractured wrist bone against Spurs on Monday. George's hand is in plaster and he must be a doubtful starter for next Saturday as well.

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Ramsgate	5	3	1	1	13	8	7
Canterbury City	6	3	1	2	8	5	7
Gravesend & Northfleet	6	3	1	2	13	12	7
Bognor Regis Town	5	3	0	2	10	7	6
Ashford Town	6	2	2	2	14	12	6
Bideford	6	2	2	2	13	13	6
Wealdstone	5	3	0	2	8	8	6
Dorchester Town	5	2	1	2	3	3	5
Salisbury	6	2	1	3	6	7	5
Crawley Town	7	1	3	3	10	13	5
Bexley United	6	2	1	3	5	8	5
Minehead	6	1	2	3	5	9	4
Hastings United	6	1	2	3	2	4	4
Andover	5	1	1	3	5	10	3
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Bath City	6	0	1	5	5	13	1

### Wealdstone Scorers

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