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### **A Christmas to Remember and Relish!**

What a magnificent Christmas we had! Maximum points from the two games has really put us in splendid heart to start the long New Year grind, and it is a decade or more since Wealdstone was in such a favourable position. It may have gone unnoticed, by the way, that our 4-3 win at Minehead last Saturday was the first double achieved against the Somerset club since they joined the Southern League two years ago. Happily, our two holiday victories were against clubs also very dangerously placed in the league and were worth more than the face value of four points.

We again played some good football against Gravesend on Boxing Day, and the 2-1 score did not flatter us. In fact, the Kent club scored from their one and only chance. Good to see Chris Kinnear scoring again, and such a good goal it was too! Chris has settled down magnificently in midfield and we are now winning the ball more in this department. Apart from his skill he is also a very brave player, and against Gravesend suffered badly from an injury sustained against Minehead. All our back four men performed splendidly, and again John Henderson set the forwards alight with his pace and ball control. John, by the way, was credited with the second goal on Boxing Day, and not George Duck. The ball had crossed the line when George added the finishing touch.

A word of thanks to that wonderful band of behind-the-goals supporters whose vocal support is so vital to the team.

As you will see, Wednesday's win took us two places up the table to third position, but only two points behind leaders Basingstoke with no fewer than four games in hand. Indeed, some of our followers are already assuming that Premier Division football will be at Lower Mead Stadium next season! We have, of course, 23 matches yet to play and so we are not yet half-way through the programme. So let's keep a sense of perspective, and confine ourselves to the thought that we are in a wonderful position and are excellently placed to make an assault on the championship in the New Year.

Despite the very miserable weather, early kick-off, and no local publicity, we were extremely heartened by the Boxing Day crowd of not far short of 900, and our attendances are by far the highest in Div. 1 South. Happily, the Harrow Observer should be back with us next Thursday, which will be a great help.

Remember, we are at home to Ashford Town on Tuesday, which is New Year's Day and being a public holiday this year, we would like to top the 1,000 mark, especially as the kick-off is at 3 p.m. Yes, 3 p.m. for

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All of us at Wealdstone wish you, our Supporters and Friends, (without whom we could not exist) a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

COLIN POPE

## In a Few Lines . . .

Saddest story of the week must surely be that of Supporter Vic Smith, who travelled by train to see the Minehead match. Because of the rail go-slow etc. poor Vic arrived at the game five minutes from the end. He had the consolation though of seeing our winning goal. But what a Supporter for a Club to be proud of . . .

The season of goodwill at the Social Club was spoiled at the Christmas Eve festivities when it was found later an incredible 60 spirit glasses had vanished. No, not stolen, merely borrowed, and doubtless the people responsible will have a tinge of conscience and leave them on a table on their next visit . . .

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### Supporters Club Notes

Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to Lower Mead to the Supporters of Hastings United.

As these notes had to go to press before Boxing Day we are unable to comment on the game with Gravesend, but how about that epic battle down at Minehead last Saturday? Well although the lads nearly supplied the local hospital with 50-odd heart cases, what a tremendous game of football it was, with Minehead supporters telling us after that it had been one of the best games EVER seen at Minehead. Our congratulations to our lads on becoming the first ever Southern League club to do the "Double" over Minehead since they joined the Southern League two years ago. As for those of you who travelled and cheered THANK YOU.

The promotion race is now hotting up, so clear those throats, take a few deep breaths, and start to cheer from the very first minute.

UP THE STONES

Phillip J. Tricker (Publicity Officer)

### Leading Scorers

George Duck has netted 34 goals so far, and Matt Farrell's post-war club record of 48 must surely fall this time! Bill Byrne has got 9, and John Henderson 8.

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Minehead	18	8	6	4	29	21	22
Poole Town	18	9	2	7	31	22	20
Gravesend & Northfleet	16	7	6	3	30	23	20
Hastings United	20	8	5	7	18	14	21
Bath City	17	7	4	6	19	19	18
Ramsgate	14	6	3	5	25	19	15
Ashford Town	17	5	5	7	23	24	15
Bognor Regis Town	15	6	3	6	22	24	15
Andover	17	6	3	8	20	26	15
Trowbridge Town	14	5	4	5	20	21	14
Crawley Town	18	4	6	8	22	37	14
Bideford	13	3	7	3	22	22	13
Canterbury City	17	4	5	8	17	19	13
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