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### A Duel Between North and South!

The lure of the Cup is with us again today, and it is with particular pleasure that we extend a very warm welcome to our visitors from the far-flung North-East coast, South Shields, making their first ever visit to Lower Mead Stadium. South Shields have been a big name in Non-League football for a long time, and are currently lying sixth in the Northern Premier League, with 39 points from 33 games, having scored an astonishing 70 goals in the process, conceding 41. Not only that, but they come with a reputation as redoubtable cup fighters, as I am sure we shall see in this, the third round proper of the F.A. Challenge Trophy. Today's winners will have reached the quarter-finals, and only once in the four-years-old history of the competition has a Southern club been successful in the Wembley final. We know that South Shields will return to Co. Durham tonight appreciative of the welcome they will have received from our sporting Supporters, and of our hospitality.

I did, in fact, see South Shields play (and lose 1-0) South Liverpool at Liverpool last Saturday and returned highly impressed with centre-back John Peverell, the former Darlington player. Keep an eye on him today! But they come here in good heart, having beaten Buxton 1-0 at home on Sunday.

It is of course, a proud day in the life of Wealdstone, for we alone are the sole survivors in the Trophy from our Division 1 (South) of the Southern League, and in fact, there are only three of us Southern Leaguers left—the others being Dartford and Romford. It will be pleasant indeed to turn the tables on our Northern guests today, and by so doing, strike a blow for Southern non-league soccer!

We are also delighted to have as our official guests today His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrow, Alderman and Mrs. G. Colborne Hill, who is no stranger to us. Another V.I.P. with us this afternoon is Mr. Walter Winterbottom, general secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, and the former England team manager, and an influential figure in the sporting world. We do appreciate their interest.

The League, and promotion, remains naturally our prime ambition, and our team did extremely well to return with a point from Hastings last Saturday, and a goal-less draw, apparently, was an honourable result. As you will see from the table, it kept us well up there, and the crunch will undoubtedly come over the Easter period, when we have a tough schedule of three matches.

As is customary, Sid Prosser has not announced his team for today, and is not expected to do so until an hour or so before the kick-off. Whether there will be any changes from the Hastings side is anybody's guess! I hear Mr. Prosser watched the Watford v Leyton Orient Midweek League last week, and doubtless he has next season on his mind already.

Sorry that we could not publicly announce that our last home league game, again Bexley United, had been postponed because of the state of the pitch. But the match referee called it off at 12.30 p.m., when it was still raining, and naturally it gave us little chance to publicise it.

We have already briefly reminded you all that next season is the Club's 75th anniversary, and events to mark this notable landmark are already in hand. I am, in fact, in touch with Leeds United regarding the possibility of

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having them send their team down here to play us (we think big at Lower Mead Stadium!) and on Wednesday received a personal letter from manager Don Revie sending the greetings of everyone at Elland Road to Wealdstone.

Finally yet one more tribute to our tremendous Supporters. The massed blue and white scarves behind the goal at our last home game was a joy to behold, and we're becoming quite a miniature Kop! It you've any doubt about the integral part support plays in the team's success, you've only got to speak to any of the players. They feel 10 feet tall—even Chris Kinnear and Ray Fulton, and that takes some doing!!

Today's referee, incidentally, Mr. T. D. Spencer, from Swindon, is a Football League referee.

And now, Wembley beckons, so we will all keep our fingers crossed.  
COLIN POPE

## Our Visitors Today

South Shields have 35 registered players on their books, and their team today will be an all-professional outfit, every player having had Football League experience.

Pride of place perhaps goes to Ron Young, who has made no fewer than 210 League appearances, while Bob Veart notched up 58. White and Dale the two full-backs were signed from Hartlepoons during the close season, while midfielder John Wilson arrived at South Shields via Blackburn Rovers. Striker John Riby played for Middlesbrough, while winger Ken Hislop signed from Newcastle United two seasons ago.

Ace defender John Peverell, a six footer who is exceptionally good in the air, played many League games for Darlington.

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Good afternoon everyone, and a very special warm welcome to the Supporters of South Shields who are with us this afternoon. It is a very long round trip of 550 miles and we hope they enjoy their stay in Harrow, although they will appreciate, our hospitality stops as far as our hopes of a victory are concerned. We wish them a safe journey home this evening.

Last Saturday two coachloads of supporters went to Hastings and saw the lads gain another precious point in the promotion race. If a draw is the result today the Supporters Club coach service will operate for a replay at South Shields and details can be obtained from Barbara Robson on 422 0799.

The Valentine Revival Dance a week ago was very successful. Our thanks to Ray Kemp and Tony Short for running the Disco, to Jenny for doing the Raffle, and to Harry Perrin, Landlord of the Belmont Hotel for his hospitality. Incidentally, Harry is an ex-Wealdstone player. The Chairman of the Football Club Mr. D. Martle attended with his wife and presented the Raffle prizes. It is planned to hold another Dance in the near future so watch for details.

And now the task in hand of helping the 'Stones in their efforts to enter the Quarter-Finals of the F.A. Challenge Trophy. We know that South Shields are one of the top Northern Premier League clubs and we should see a great game.

Get right with the team from the moment they come out, they really appreciate your support.

UP THE STONES

Phillip J. Tricker, Publicity Officer

### Our Future Programme

The quarter-finals of the Challenge Trophy will be played a fortnight today, on March 9th. If we are not interested, we shall be at home to Bideford in a league game, kick-off 3 p.m.

Assuming today's match is not drawn, we are away to Bognor Regis next Saturday, also in the league, kick-off 3 p.m. The Supporters Club coach service will be operating as usual. Book with Barbara Robson at the club office.

Fixture secretary John Ward reports that while our fixture position is 'serious' it is not yet critical, but quite frankly, a draw today would be calamitous from his point of view.

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Poole Town	27	8	1	2	28	13	6	3	6	23	20	32	W2-0	
<b>WEALDSTONE</b>	21	8	2	2	22	12	4	3	2	12	11	29		
Basingstoke	24	8	3	2	27	12	2	6	2	13	14	29		
Minehead	23	4	4	3	19	14	5	5	2	20	17	27	W2-1	W4-3
Hastings United	27	7	4	3	16	9	3	3	7	8	12	27	W2-1	D 0-0
Bath City	24	5	5	3	13	7	5	2	6	15	20	25	W3-0	
Bognor Regis	23	5	3	3	13	12	3	5	5	18	22	25	D 0-0	
Ramsgate Athletic	22	7	4	1	24	11	2	2	6	10	16	24	L 0-1	L 2-3
Gravesend & Northfleet	23	5	4	2	20	15	3	4	5	16	20	24	W2-1	
Bideford	18	6	3	2	20	12	1	4	2	11	14	21		D 0-0
Bexley United	22	5	2	4	14	12	5	0	6	16	15	20		W2-0
Ashford Town	23	4	4	3	14	11	3	2	7	14	21	20	W4-1	
Trowbridge Town	20	6	2	3	25	18	1	3	5	5	15	19		
Andover	22	4	1	6	12	18	4	2	5	17	17	19	L 1-5	
Metropolitan Police	25	3	3	8	17	25	4	2	5	10	19	19	W3-0	
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Salisbury	25	5	2	6	16	21	1	4	7	12	19	18	W2-1	W2-1
Dorchester	23	3	5	3	14	15	1	4	7	9	20	17		W2-1
Crawley Town	24	2	4	4	11	16	2	4	8	16	34	16		

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