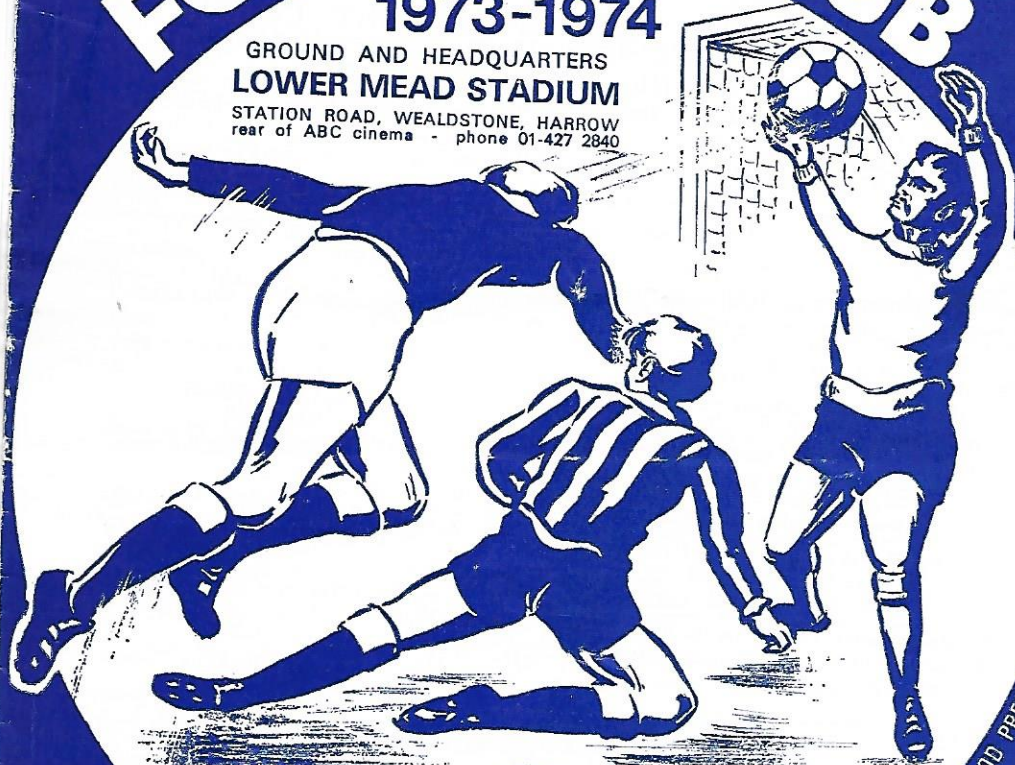


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The Team's Character is Now Showing

Two magnificent away victories—at Poole Town and Crawley Town—last Sunday and Tuesday have really sent our spirits soaring, and the feeling of optimism running right throughout the Club is infectious. Team spirit at Wealdstone has always been high, but these past few weeks it has been a real pleasure to see the way in which the team have taken the bit between their teeth and displayed real bulldog character.

The Poole match was a real cliff-hanger which had Supporters on the edge of their seats, but there was no doubt that we deserved the victory, recapturing our very best form. On Tuesday Crawley played rather as their league position suggested and one cannot help but sympathise with them in their present predicament. We saw more of the old Duck-Byrne combination on Tuesday, and George's first goal was one to really whet the appetite.

Incidentally, my report on the Crawley game in Thursday's Observer stated that as a result of the victory, Wealdstone moved to the top of the table on goal average. This was based on the official table issued by the Southern League H.Q. but this has now been found to be incorrect. In actual fact, Waterlooville retain top place with 37 points from 30 games, to Wealdstone's 35 points from 24 games. The league table in this programme is the CORRECT one right up-to-date.

And so we welcome Crawley to Lower Mead Stadium today, and confidently look for another two points, while our fans no doubt will also be looking for some goals! If we recapture Tuesday's form, these should come.

Don't forget that next Wednesday, we are away to Basingstoke Town, another vital game, for Basingstoke are still in the running. The kick-off will be at 6.00 p.m. And next Saturday we have a really tough one, with a trip to Bath City, who have made tremendous strides since Bert Head joined them as manager from Crystal Palace. Bath are excellently placed to have a big say in who goes up, and a point from them will be a real achievement. According to all reports, the Somerset side are playing great stuff, and will be very active in the transfer market before the deadline on March 31st.

COLIN POPE

Apologies to Bill Byrne. Apparently he scored the first goal against Crawley and not John McCormick. Bill's display earned a goal, and we are delighted to set the record straight! I have a feeling that might cost me a shandy tonight!

Eric does it in Style!

We must be the only club in the League to have a player roll up to matches in a massive Rolls Royce! Eric Burgess is the lucky man, but the Rolls belongs to popular Bruce Forsythe, who is married to the sister of Eric's charming wife. In return, no doubt is trying to get Eric's job in our back four. . .

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Eddie Presland Appointed Manager

At a special meeting of the Club's Executive Committee on Wednesday, Eddie Presland was unanimously appointed team manager in succession to Sid Prosser. He will take over on Monday next.

Eddie joined Wealdstone in December 1971 when he returned from playing for a South African club and his immaculate conduct, both on and off the field, has endeared him to players and supporters alike. Certainly it was a popular decision among our squad.

Eddie had seven seasons with West Ham, then moved to Crystal Palace for several years before going to South Africa. The highlight of his career was being with the West Ham team for a European Cup match in Lucerne, Switzerland.

This season has perhaps been Eddie's best with the Club, and he has been in tremendous form. However, he shares the view of the Executive Committee, that player-managers find it difficult to combine both jobs, and consequently he has agreed to concentrate solely on the management side as from next season. Obviously we need his playing ability during these last vital matches.

Vacancy at F.A. Headquarters

I understand that the Football Association have a vacancy for a Secretary. This would be a most interesting job for a football follower, and any young lady interested should apply to the Secretary at 16 Lancaster Gate, or telephone 262 4542. Any Wealdstone official would be pleased to give further details.

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Good afternoon everyone, and a warm welcome to the Supporters of Crawley Town. Since my last notes the team have gained a maximum six out of six points over Bideford (home) Poole Town and our visitors this afternoon, Crawley Town. The highlight performance was the 3-2 win at Poole which was a thrilling match that had everything, and the way the team worked for those valuable points made the journey well worth while for the 100-plus fans who travelled. Incidentally, I don't know how that hard core manages to do it, but a full coach went to Crawley on Tuesday afternoon! There is not, without a doubt a better supported club away from home in our Division of the Southern League.

Our next two matches are both away, next Wednesday to Basingstoke Town, the kick-off is at 6.00 p.m.. Acoach service will operate leaving the ground at 3.30 p.m.

Next Saturday we are away to Bath City and coaches will leave at 10.30 a.m. Bookings can be made at the club office today, or by phoning Barbara Robson on 422 0799.

Now that we are in second place some people are talking about promotion being a certainty because of all the games we have in hand! Don't be over confident but just stay right behind the team as you have done all season and help them gain another precious two points today.

UP THE STONES

Phillip J. Tricker (Publicity Officer)

Final Fixture List

Wed. March 27th Basingstoke Town away. Sat. March 30th Bath City away. Tues. April 2nd Canterbury City home. Sat. April 6th Andover away. Tues. April 9th. Bognor Regis Town away. Fri. April 12th Ashford Town away. Sat. April 13th Dorchester Town home. Mon. April 15th Gravesend and Northfleet away. Sat. April 20th Basingstoke Town home. Tues. April 23rd Metropolitan Police away. Sat. April 27th Trowbridge Town away. Tues. April 30th Bexley United home. Sat. May 4th Trowbridge Town home.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Waterlooville	30	7	7	0	24	10	6	4	6	19	19	37	D 1-1	D 0-0
WEALDSTONE	24	9	2	2	25	13	6	3	2	18	13	35		
Poole Town	29	9	1	3	31	15	6	3	7	24	24	34	W2-0	W3-2
Hastings United	30	9	4	3	21	12	4	3	7	10	12	33	W2-1	D 0-0
Basingstoke Town	27	9	3	2	29	12	2	6	5	13	18	31		
Bath City	27	7	3	3	15	7	6	2	6	17	20	31	W3-0	
Bideford	24	8	3	2	27	13	3	5	3	18	18	30	W3-1	D 0-0
Minehead	26	4	5	3	21	16	6	5	3	25	22	30	W2-1	W4-3
Gravesend & Northfleet	27	6	4	2	24	17	4	5	6	20	23	29	W2-1	
Ramsgate Athletic	27	8	4	2	26	12	3	2	8	11	18	28	L 0-1	L 2-3
Bognor Regis Town	27	6	3	5	16	15	3	6	5	18	23	27	D 0-0	
Bexley United	25	7	2	4	17	14	5	0	7	17	17	26		W2-0
Ashford Town	27	6	4	4	18	14	3	2	8	14	22	24	W4-1	
Metropolitan Police	29	4	3	8	18	25	5	2	7	13	23	23	W3-0	
Trowbridge Town	25	6	3	4	25	20	2	3	7	7	19	22		
Dorchester	27	5	5	4	19	16	1	5	7	10	21	22		W2-1
Andover	25	4	1	7	13	21	5	2	6	18	22	21	L 1-5	
Canterbury City	26	1	7	5	12	15	4	3	6	12	17	20		L 0-3
Salisbury	28	5	2	7	16	22	1	5	8	14	23	19	W2-1	W2-1
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