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SATURDAY, 13th APRIL, 1974 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
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"SUPER-STONES". This is the battle emblem emblazoned on the scarves of our tremendous Supporters, whose unswerving loyalty, especially at away matches, has to be seen to be believed. And it is a justified catchphrase judging by the way the team turned apparent defeat into glorious victory at Bognor Regis on Tuesday. Going a goal down after 15 minutes, they showed superb discipline and spirit for the next hour before wonderful goals by Jim Godfrey and George Duck brought two vital points, and justifiably so.

There was a grand tribute to Wealdstone in the Sussex County Herald who called them 'the best team seen in Division I South of the Southern League for years'. After Tuesday's display, few would disagree, and manager Eddie Presland is continuing the fine work done earlier by Sid Prosser in heart-warming style. Old hands here at Lower Mead Stadium say never before have we had a team with such tremendous spirit and morale—and they can play football a bit, too!

With Tuesday's win following our 3-0 crushing of Andover last Saturday we have opened up a five points gap at the top of the table, with 45 points from 30 games, compared to second-placed Waterloo's 40 points from 33 games. Having picked up an incredible 16 points from the last 18, despite our tough away programme, we are playing for another 16 points, and most people will accept that six will give us the coveted championship. Yes, they are proud days indeed at Lower Mead Stadium, and we think you will agree the squad have done us all proud.

Obviously this is being written before our visit to Ashford Town yesterday, and then on Monday we travel again, this time to Gravesend and Northfleet who, still being in the promotion race, will fight every inch of the way. When one reflects on the punishing programme we are now in the middle of, it serves to remind everyone just how fit our team is. Five matches in nine days is mind-boggling to say the least, and a programme few full-time clubs would care to have. So all in all, I think the 'Stones deserve a very special welcome when they appear this afternoon, and as we all blossom with encouragement, it can only do good. Incidentally Eddie Presland is so impressed by our regular Supporters who never miss an away match that before the coaches left Ashford yesterday after the match he went aboard each of them to give his personal thanks.

We accord a hearty welcome to Dorchester Town today who, after a shaky start, are finishing the season in grand style and, in fact, who have lost only four of their last 17 matches. They had a notable triumph last Saturday when they beat Bath City 3-2, and so any points we may win today will be won the hard way . . .

Kick-off at Gravesend on Monday is at 3 p.m. and then next Saturday we are at home to Basingstoke Town, also kick-off 3 p.m. Could that be the great decider??

COLIN POPE

Stop Press: Our Retained List

The Executive Committee have unanimously endorsed Eddie Presland's decision to retain the entire squad for next season, with the exception of Alick Brown. Alick, by the way, is getting married early in June, and all the playing staff will be there to wish him well. Amateur Keith Bristow

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Personally, although there cannot be sentiment in modern-day football, I believe this is a fitting tribute to the boys who have given us everything they have got this season. We are lucky in having a squad who are not only good on the field, but who are pals off it, and this counts for a lot.

Mr. Presland has already watched a lot of mid-week games and, I understand, negotiating for the signature of three more professionals to bring his squad up to 16. We shall need this number next season, and he intends using the Floodlight League to really get to grips with the task of producing new talent.

Supporters Club Notes

Good afternoon everyone and a warm Easter welcome to the supporters of Dorchester Town who visit us today. We hope they enjoy their stay and wish them a safe journey home.

Four points from our last two away games at Andover and Bognor Regis has shown the great character of the team and kept us top of the league.

Don't forget to fill in your voting papers for the Supporters Club "Players of the Season" today. The forms are available from the club office.

A date for your diary, Friday 17th April, the Supporters Club have been invited to a darts match and Social. A band has been booked and the entrance fee is a modest 25p. Please support this function.

The usual Supporters Club coach service will run to Gravesend leaving the ground at 12.15 p.m. sharp.

I wish all our Supporters a very happy Easter on behalf of the Supporters Club Committee.

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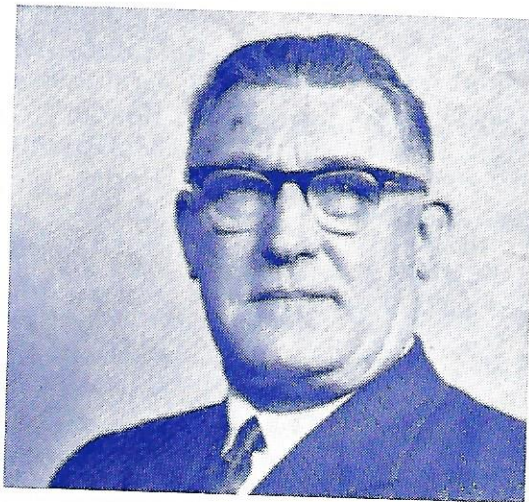
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George Harbor, Chairman of Middlesex County Football Association and Chairman of the F.A. Youth Committee died suddenly on Monday, April 8th, while attending a meeting at F.A. Headquarters.



His death is a great loss to football and especially to Middlesex football. He was connected with soccer for the greater part of his life, for 15 years 1924-1947 as a Class 1 referee and was also Chairman of the South West Middlesex Football League. He was appointed Assistant Hon. Secretary of Middlesex County F.A. in 1949 and Hon. Secretary and Treasurer in 1951, a position which he held until 1971 when he was elected Chairman.

Also, he was closely identified with Youth Football and was President of Middlesex County Youth F.A. from 1950. For the past three years he has been Chairman of the F.A. Youth Committee

during which period England won the 'Little World Cup'.

He will be greatly missed especially in Middlesex and here at Wealdstone where he was a frequent visitor. His cheerful personality made him always welcome at the many Clubs he visited. He had great assistance in his football work from his wife to whom we offer our sincere condolences. His services to football over the greater part of his life entitle him to a special place in the annals of the game.

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Poole Town	32	16	6	10	58	40	38
Minehead	31	13	11	7	54	44	37
Bath City	31	15	6	10	39	31	36
Gravesend & Northfleet	30	12	10	8	53	42	34
Bideford	28	12	9	7	47	34	33
Bexley United	30	15	3	12	39	34	33
Basingstoke Town	32	11	10	11	45	40	32
Bognor Regis	32	10	10	11	41	47	30
Ramsgate	30	11	7	12	39	35	29
Ashford Town	31	11	6	14	37	39	28
Dorchester Town	31	8	11	12	34	41	27
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Andover	29	11	3	15	34	48	25
Canterbury City	31	6	12	13	30	39	24
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