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To every single member of our squad we, the Executive Committee, and all officials and members, pay public tribute to the tireless way in which they have capped a tremendous season with this ultimate accolade. No club can have a nicer set of players than we at Lower Mead Stadium, and the voluntary work done by so many people behind the scenes is made all worth while. To complete a programme of five matches in nine days, and win them all is not done on sheer footballing merit alone. It needs raw guts and character as well, and we salute our team as probably the finest to ever appear on our ground. They have done us nobly—and we shall long recall their names with pride . . .

To our truly exceptional Supporters goes, too, this official acknowledgement of the magnificent part you have also played. Especially to that intrepid band who, come rain or shine have cheered the boys on at grounds all over the country, giving enough encouragement for thrice their numbers. And make no mistake about it, the team are visibly moved by your loyalty, and are over the moon at being able to give you the success you so richly deserve. We, who administer the Club, may not always please you with our decisions, but we respect you and admire you. Very simply, our thanks to you all for helping so much to make it all possible . . .

As you will know, our final home match is on May 4th, Cup Final evening, when we entertain Trowbridge Town kick-off 7.30 p.m. We look for a really huge gate to pay tribute to our side, and will be making it rather a special occasion. We hope the 40-strong Hilling Girls Drum and Pipe Band will be putting on a display on the pitch at approximately 6.50 p.m. and we shall have a V.I.P. gathering to wish us well. Attending as our guests will be the three Members of Parliament for the Harrow Constituency, the Mayor and Mayoress, the Chief Superintendent of Police, and the Council's Town Clerk and Chief Executive, and many others from sporting spheres. I've waited rather a long time for a special occasion, and our departure from Div. I will be marked with due pomp and ceremony, and a never-to-be-forgotten blast of publicity!!

For this match we shall be producing a special souvenir programme and there will be NO increase in the price. I don't see this as an occasion to make a fast buck; I'd rather keep faith with you who buy our programmes week after week. It will be lavish, with pictures and one for your records. Friend Phil Sugden and the Harrow 'Observer' will also be marking the occasion with a special pictorial display, and this too, you won't want to miss. Special colour pictures of each member of the squad will be available, but you will appreciate that we shall have to make a charge for these, but it will be kept to the actual cost. A colour team picture will also be on sale.

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And now to today's match. We sincerely welcome Basingstoke Town, who set us off on the latest unbeaten run when we won 2-0 on their ground. But they are a fine team, making us pull out all the stops, and doubtless they will be all out to 'do' the champs today!

We field the team which turned in such a superlative display at Gravesend on Monday, so obviously manager Eddie Presland is still after adding to our points total. The maximum number we can achieve is 61; the best our nearest challengers can do is 50. So for a change, we can all relax, and actually sit back and let our fingers grow again, in my own personal case, I reckon the profits of John Player and Co., Ltd. will never be the same again!

See you at the next home game, Tuesday, April 30th, kick-off 7.30 against Bexley United.

COLIN POPE

Book Now for Players' Buffet-Dance

On Friday, May 10th, we are holding a 'Meet the Players' dance in the Social Club. Dancing from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. to the Elixir Band. Tickets are limited, priced £1 including an excellent buffet, so make early application.

Now a reminder . . . Admission to the Lower Mead Social Club can only be gained by membership card, official pass, or by being signed-in by a member. We must point out that a person being signed-in is NOT allowed to purchase drinks. This is the Law, and we must conform to it.

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Supporters Club Notes

Champions, Champions. This was the non-stop chant which echoed round the coaches on the return from Gravesend on Monday. Eddie's boys have done the club proud, and as one person privileged to see them do it, I can only say that it could not have happened to a nicer crowd of players. At the same time, let me pay tribute to YOU, especially those who travelled 4,000 miles plus this season. I do not normally mention names, but I think some people do warrant a mention. For instance, Geoff Walker and his girl-friend Judy, who travel regularly from Middlesbrough; Bob Banfield who is at Cambridge University and a special tribute to dear old George Keep who, although in his 80's, NEVER misses a match, home or away! How about that for loyalty! To Eddie Presland, our thanks for personally boarding our coaches at Gravesend to talk to us—it has been a pleasure, Eddie . . .

Bookings can be made today for our remaining away games. Against Metropolitan Police on Tuesday we depart at 6 p.m., and at 10.30 a.m. next Saturday for the trip to Trowbridge.



Let's give the Boys in Blue a great reception today.

UP THE STONES AND HERE'S TO PREMIER DIVISION FOOTBALL NEXT SEASON. Phillip J. Tricker (Publicity Officer, Supporters Club)

Stop Press! A Championship celebration disco will be held on Friday May 17th. Please watch for details to be announced shortly.

Jim Brigden Leaves

Supporters Club chairman Jim Brigden moves house to Basingstoke shortly, and although having to give up the chairmanship, will continue to attend Lower Mead on match days. Jim retired (he doesn't look old enough!) recently, and we wish him and Mrs. Brigden, another loyal 'Stones worker, every happiness in their new home.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Home	Away				
WEALDSTONE	33	12	2	2	34	15	11	3	3	28	16	51						
Waterlooville	36	9	8	0	29	12	6	6	7	22	23	44	D 1-1	D 0-0				
Minehead	34	7	6	4	31	22	8	6	3	32	27	42	W2-1	W4-3				
Bath City	34	10	4	3	26	9	7	3	7	21	24	41	W3-0	L 0-2				
Poole Town	35	10	4	3	37	19	6	5	7	26	26	41	W2-0	W3-2				
Hastings United	35	10	4	4	25	14	6	3	8	17	17	39	W2-1	D 0-0				
Bideford	32	10	4	2	32	16	4	6	6	21	27	38	W3-1	D 0-0				
Bexley	33	11	2	4	25	17	6	2	8	18	18	38		W2-0				
Gravesend & Northfleet	33	8	6	3	33	21	4	5	7	20	24	35	W2-1	W2-0				
Basingstoke	35	9	4	4	30	16	3	7	8	17	25	35		W2-0				
Bognor Regis	34	7	4	5	19	18	5	6	7	26	31	34	D 0-0	W2-1				
Ashford Town	33	7	4	6	20	17	5	2	9	18	23	30	W4-1	W1-0				
Ramsgate	34	8	4	5	29	19	3	3	11	12	23	29	L 0-1	L 2-3				
Dorchester	34	8	5	4	25	18	1	6	10	11	26	29	W2-0	W2-1				
Canterbury City	34	3	8	6	16	17	5	4	8	17	23	28	W3-1	L 0-3				
Metropolitan Police	34	4	5	8	20	27	5	5	7	16	26	28	W3-0					
Salisbury	35	7	3	8	19	24	2	5	10	16	33	26	W2-1	W2-1				
Trowbridge Town	31	6	5	6	28	26	2	4	8	9	24	25						
Andover	33	5	1	10	16	28	6	2	9	21	30	25	L 1-5	W3-0				
Crawley Town	36	4	4	10	14	30	2	4	12	17	42	20	W4-1	W3-0				

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