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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 6p

Time for the Curtain to Ring Down . . .

It doesn't seem all that long since we were welcoming you to the start of another season, and here we are today bidding you farewell for the summer as this is our last home game of the season. And what a season it has been! One that we shall hardly recall with relish, and all things considered, perhaps it as well that the curtain falls, to rise, we hope, on an entirely new scene on August 21st.

Certainly much has happened recently to dispel some of the gloom, and by following up our win at Weymouth with a convincing 3-0 victory over high-flying Dunstable, dressing room morale has been lifted considerably. Needless to say, this programme is, because of the Easter holiday, having to be printed on Thursday but we had every reason to be confident of at least a point from our visit to Chelmsford on Saturday. Naturally today's team will depend on that match. Incidentally, I don't think a tribute to Ray Bullen is out of place following his fine performance in place of John Morton against Dunstable. In fact, the impression grows that it is a pity that circumstances prevent Ray from taking up goalkeeping seriously! Certainly he is an excellent stand-by.

We are delighted to welcome Grantham to Lower Mead Stadium today, and a victory over them would be all the more sweet considering that they beat us 3-0 earlier in the season. They have achieved some fine results this season, and are always considered to be a very difficult side to beat.

New manager Geoff Coleman is settling in very well and is impressed with Wealdstone's potential, and the Borough of Harrow generally. At the moment however, he is beginning to think that he has put a jinx on the squad! As he says, first goes John Morton with a broken hand, and late on Tuesday night came the news that Chris Kinnear has broken a bone in his foot and was unavailable last Saturday and today. Of all things, Chris was out walking on Hampstead Heath with his girl friend when he put his foot in a pothole. At least that's Chris's story!! On the brighter side, Ray Fulton's operation on his foot was successful and he is back to normal footwear.

General Secretary Ken Wiltshire has written to the 92 Football League clubs for their non-retained lists, as Mr. Coleman is very anxious to sign additional players to bring his squad up to 15.

Utility player Jim Godfrey's contract has been terminated.

I have received the following letter from Mr. Bill Emerson, the instigator of the Club's Youth side: "Dear Colin: I cannot allow Phil Sugden's latest scurrilous criticisms of the Club to pass unchallenged. His salvo aimed at our complete lack of a youth policy is mystifying, in that we are founder-members of the Chiltern Premier Youth League; have staged youth matches at Lower Mead and have been actively engaged all season. His outburst against the Directorate is to be expected, but this latest broadside is a slur against the sterling efforts of Viv Evans, Les Macdonald, and Bill Green, who have all worked unselfishly and unceasingly all season on the youth project. I salute their efforts despite what Mr. Sugden says, and urge him to confine his adverse comments to specific individuals, not the club in general".

The Board have also directed me to make it clear that the recent decision to withdraw Boardroom and Lower Mead Social Club facilities from Mr. Sugden was a unanimous one.

The annual general meeting of the Southern League takes place on June 5th when the whole position regarding the future composition of the three divisions will be ratified. As it stands now, it is virtually assured that only one Premier Division club will go down. But with reputed withdrawals by some First Division clubs, and lack of information regarding how many applications to join have been received, the whole matter is in a state of flux. The only official application for Southern League status that I have heard about is Aylesbury. The only certain thing is that, alas, many Southern League clubs are in desperate financial straits, and one has only to glance at the attendances to see why. By comparison our support is tremendous, but the only thing that will bring a smile to the face of treasurer Harry Benjamin is an average of 1,500. When we have achieved that magical figure, there will be a lot less midnight oil burned in the boardroom!

Anyway, to every single one of you, we say a heartfelt 'thank you' for your wonderful support during a season which has contained so many disappointments and we are only too happy that we close feeling convinced that the worst is over, and that there is every reason to be confident that brighter days are ahead next August. Have a happy summer, and let's all get together again in four months time.

COLIN POPE

MONDAY, 19th APRIL, 1976

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Southern League - Premier Division

WEALDSTONE v. GRANTHAM

WEALDSTONE

(Royal Blue & White)

1. Ray Bullen
2. Steve Edmundson
3. John Watson
4. Barry Dyson
5. Sammy McHale
6. Danny Light
7. Bobby Moss
8. Kenny Halliday
9. Bill Byrne
10. George Duck
11. John Henderson
12. To be announced

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 (Up to and including Thursday, 15th April, 1976)

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			Wealdstone Results	
	P	W	D	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Home	Away	
Wimbledon	37	12	5	1	37	8	10	4	5	26	17	53	L 0-2	
Nuneaton Borough	38	6	11	3	19	16	9	6	3	20	14	47	L 1-4	
Atherstone Town	37	11	8	1	32	20	5	7	5	21	28	47	L 1-2	
Maidstone United	39	12	5	3	33	20	4	9	6	16	17	46	W2-1	
Gravesend & Northfleet	39	11	9	0	25	10	3	8	8	19	35	45	W7-1	
Yeovil Town	35	11	3	3	33	11	5	7	6	19	20	42	W2-1	
Dunstable Town	40	11	4	5	30	16	6	4	10	21	25	42	W3-0	
Bedford Town	39	10	7	3	31	16	2	9	8	21	31	40	D 1-1	
Margate	38	10	4	5	34	23	5	6	8	23	29	40	L 1-4	
Burton Albion	39	12	5	3	36	16	3	4	12	14	35	39	D 1-1	
Grantham	37	8	5	5	22	17	5	7	7	23	23	38	L 0-3	
Telford United	39	8	6	5	33	21	5	6	9	18	26	38	W3-2	
Chelmsford City	39	8	7	4	29	21	4	7	9	18	32	38	W4-0	
Bath City	38	8	7	4	35	19	2	8	9	19	32	35	W3-1	
Hillingdon Borough	39	8	8	4	37	23	3	5	11	16	29	35	W2-1	
Weymouth	39	8	6	5	27	20	5	3	12	24	39	35	W3-1	
Kettering Town	39	7	9	3	26	16	2	7	11	19	35	34	W1-0	
WEALDSTONE	39	11	3	6	41	29	1	5	13	17	43	32		
Tonbridge	37	8	4	5	23	19	3	6	11	18	41	32	W2-1	
Dover	37	6	6	6	25	18	2	9	8	21	32	31	L 3-4	
Stourbridge	40	5	5	10	20	32	4	4	12	15	35	27	D 1-1	
Cambridge City	38	5	8	6	26	28	2	4	13	11	36	26	L 0-1	

Goalscorers:

League—Duck 16 (2 pens), Moss 10, Byrne 7, Eglite 5, Henderson 3, Lewis 3, Godfrey 3, Fulton 2, Kinnear 2 (1 pen), McCormick 1, Watson 1, Dyson (T.) 1, McHale 1, Light 1, Own Goals 2.—Total 58.
 League Cup—Byrne 4, Duck 3 (2 pens), Moss 3, Eglite 1, Godfrey 1, Lewis 1.—Total 13.
 F.A. Cup—Duck 6 (2 pens), Fulton 2, Henderson 2, Byrne 2, Godfrey 1, O'Kane 1, Moss 1, Lewis.—Total 16.
 F.A. Trophy—Duck 4, Eglite 1, McCormick 1, Byrne 1, Moss 1.—Total 8.
 Middx. Charity Cup—Henderson 2, Godfrey 1.—Total 3.
 Friendly—Duck 2.—Total 2.

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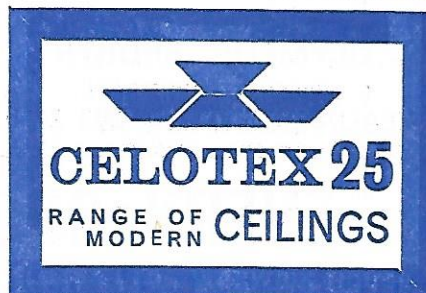
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