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CAPITAL LEAGUE	CHAMPIONS 1984/85
F.A. CUP (BEST)	3rd ROUND 1977/78 v. Q.P.R.
F.A. AMATEUR CUP	WINNERS 1965/66
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MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP	WINNERS 1929/30 1937/38 1940/41
	1941/42 1942/43 1945/46 1958/59
	1962/63 1963/64 1967/68 1984/85
	RUNNERS UP 7 TIMES
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CHARITY CUP	WINNERS 11 TIMES

EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello and welcome to Lower Mead for another seasons football. And what a season it will be for one club in our league. This years champions will gain promotion to the Fourth Division of the Football League. Of course there has always been prestige involved in winning the league but now there is the incentive that we have always wanted and that League Chairman Jim Thompson has continually strived for.

This is really the time when we must all knuckle down and when teamwork is of paramount importance. The teamwork to which I refer is not restricted to the players, but also incorporates everyone involved at the club from Directors to supporters.

Another bonus this season is the new sponsorship deal which has resulted in the League being called the General Motors Vauxhall Conference. In future programmes we will take a more in depth look at the sponorship deal - its good and lets hope its the start of even greater things to come.

Brian Hall has mentioned several departures and arrivals in On the Ball and I would like to mention one or two additions to the backroom staff. Barry Neville has joined the club and will be assisting Brian and he's on the playing side. Steve Marshall has become Assistant General Services Manager, and is helping on all fronts so as to alleviate some of Peter Braxtons excessive workload. Joe McKeever - our safety expert has also agreed to lug the kit around the country - not the most envialble job but none the less a vital one.

Sorry to all of you who helped to watch us play Q.P.R. last Tuesday. Due to a severe injury crisis the Rangers were unable to field a side but they have agreed to meet us at a later date during the season.

Welcome to everyone from Stafford and we hope you enjoy your visit. Stafford enjoyed a fine 2nd half of last season being undefeated in their final 12 Gola League matches - a run that included wins in their last four away games 4-2 at Maidstone, 2-0 at Barnet, 4-2 at Scarborough and 3-2 here at Lower Mead. They also won the Bob Lord Trophy defeating Barnet and deservedly their manager Ron Reid won April's Manager of the Month award.

Look out for your spot the ball entry forms each game this season. The Mail on Sunday in conjunction with the G.M. Vauxhall Conference are running the competition which will have four games and again further details will appear in future programmes.

So here we go again. Lets all make it a season to remember. Lets all do our bit. Set yourself a target and make sure your achieve it. Spread the name of Wealdstone and lets put our club on the map. Next sseason we could be in Division 4 but it will take a lot of hardwork, concerted effort and of course financial backing. We all want this success - lets get it!!

ON THE BALL WITH BRIAN HALL

David Free

Welcome back to our Lower Mead for our first game in the General Motors Vauxhall Conference. I know it doesn't sound quite right to you, but on reflection that may be the very trigger which makes people start noticing the League with interest. In my view, anything which brings Non-League football to the fore is good news. Therefore on behalf of Wealdstone F.C. may I extend awarm welcome to our new League sponsors, and sincerely hope that we can help in making their new venture a success. I also take this opportunity of thanking all of you who have come here to-day to support Non-League football despite the fact that Everton are playing Liverpool just up the road, and though it is extremely early to predict, I sincerely hope that maybe we will all be going to Wembley ourselves later in the season. Now there's possitive talk if ever I heard it - but who Knows?

The news at our club to date for those who have been on holiday since last May is that several of our playing staff have moved. Andy Graham and Chris Seagraves have transferred to Wycombe Wanderers, whilst Les Cleevly has moved to Farnborough Town and Robbie O'Keefe to Hitchin Town. We wish them good fortune at respective new clubs, as we do to Steve McCargo who has returned to the U.S.

Our replacements to date are the signings of Doug McClure on a permanent basis as opposed to his being on loan from Wimbledon at the latter end of the last season. Andy Wallace, a mid-field player has joined us from Kingstonian. He is quick, has good technique and is enthusiastic - or at least that's what he tells me! We have also signed Steve Rutter, a strong and fit young centre half from Wellingborough in the Southern League. Give them a warm Wealdstone welcome, as I have heard that those of you who have seen them in our friendly games have already been impressed, and the sooner they feel at home, the better.

Unfortunately, Keith Tenge has been injured during the pre-season training and a knee operation

seems fairly imminent, but he's young and keen enough to get over that, and because of his potential he likewise has signed his name on the dotted line.

Our other regular signings are too numerous to name individually. I refer to our Vice Presidents Club, and Supporters Club. Both Clubs have demonstrated their sincere depth of loyalty, by signing two cheques over to the club, the proceeds of which are to be used with discretion as and when necessary. May I thank you all for understanding some of the hidden problems in the running of the big club by Non-League standards, such as ours.

So, whilst I've wished good luck to those leaving, welcomed those joining, and welcomed all of you to-day, I now publically welcome back our own staff and of course our regular players. Those people alone, like myself, have in the recent past tasted success and liked what they tasted, whilst maybe last season the pill was a little bitter to swallow. Having had a taste of both it doesn't need an eminent psychologist to decide which is the nicest. Wealdstone F.C., get the sweet tablets ready - let's go for it this year.

Brian Hall

STONES SHOP NEWS

So here we are back at the start of a new season and a big welcome to all for this afternoon's first ever match in the General Motors Vauxhall Conference. How the Elmslie End are going to sing that I am not sure! With the World Cup, post mortems on Maradona's handiwork and hooligans running riot at European pre-season friendlies, it hardly seems that we have had a summer break, yet as usual we start a new season with hopes of success and with as good a chance as everyone else.

The 1985/86 season for me ended with a seat at Wembley Stadium for the F.A. Trophy Final between Altrincham and Runcorn courtesy of the Harrow Observer. I had obviously been one of the few to crack their tough competition to name the two teams at the previous year's final! Altrincham did enough to win the game that naturally lacked the excitement of the previous year's encounter and strangely the new season starts with the two managers having swapped clubs to try new challenges for the future. John Williams has taken three of his Runcorn side to Moss Lane, but at the time of writing none have left Altrincham in the opposite direction.

A surprise move to Boston United is the departure of the highly-rated Kevin Blackwell. Despite letters of protest to the local paper, Manager Ray O'Brien considered Blackwell "stale" and so the fine keeper has rejoined his old club Barnet. Rumours linking ex-Manchester United and Arsenal keeper Jimmy Rimmer as Blackwell's successor have proven false so far. Meantime former Boston Manager Arthur Mann who spent last season at Telford has gone back to one of his former clubs, Kettering Town, as a player. Boston ended up as last season's best supported Gola side despite their mediocre League position. Their 21 home League games were watched by 27,319 people, an average of 1,301, boosted by the season's top League gate in the country of 2,067 for Wealdstone's visit to York Street. Telford finished second in the attendance tables with an average of 1,109.

Souvenirs: Our end-of-season sale and discount to Supporters Club members proved popular last season, so far the first three home games v Stafford, Dageham and Northwich, we shall be retaining bargain prices for "away" scarves (half Price), bottle-openers for 50p and mini-pennants down to 75p. Additionally, windscreen-width car stickers are reduced to £1.25.

Reading Material: "Pyramid" magazine is no longer on sale at Club Shops, but can be ordered on a year's subscription for £7.20. Application forms are in the April edition which is available in the Club Shop. "Programme Monthly" which gave our Club Shop praise in their July issue is on sale at £1.00 for some 56 pages - an invaluable read for collectors. Sutton United's excellent "Guide to Non-League Football" sells at £1.50 and covers the Gola League and three feeder Leagues. No details of this year's "Non-League Directory" are yet known, but orders will be requested in our match programme in the normal fashion. Orders are, however, being taken for a new book entitled "Defunct F.C." published in July and providing histories and statistics of five Non-League clubs that are no longer in existence. The 260 page volume sells at £7.25.

Kit Sponsorship: We have already made a flying start to this season's kit sponsorship scheme with Steve Tapley's entire kit sponsored by Prestige Travel and new signing Andy Wallace being fully sponsored by Mick Ferguson and Steve Last who were obviously impressed by that rocket shot that beat Charlton in last week's Friendly! Our grid will appear elsewhere in the programme and all donations for socks, shirts, shorts, boots or whole kits will be much appreciated. Please see me in the Club Shop.

Lapel Badges: Wealdstone F.C. was delighted to play hosts on Trophy Final day of the Association of Football Badge Collectors who came together for the morning meeting, a trip to Wembley and then an evening buffet in the Vice Presidents' lounge. Current issues and collectors' s

items from the past exchanged hands and a superb selection of badges was on show. For my own part I have been busy during the summer having produced new badges for Bath City, Whitney Town, Rainham Town and Buckingham Town. Further badges will follow during the coming months for Billericay Town, Fryston Colliery, Crusaders F.C. of Cheltenham and the Republic of Ireland Supporters Club (London branch). Our opponents today Stafford Rangers are in the undistinguished company of Runcorn, Kettering Town, Nuneaton Borough and Welling United as the only GMVC clubs without a proper enamel badge, so perhaps they would like to follow the example of Sutton United, Enfield, Boston United and Bath City and put matters right!

Lastly, I should like to congratulate David Free on winning the Gola League "Programme of the Year" award last season. Production of our match day programme which we all take for granted is a full-time task and only maintains its high standard due to David's hard work and the much needed flow of contributions which must be provided by supporters if readers are to be given a variety of reading material.

Toby Jackson

NEW PRESIDENT

Sir Norman Chester CBE has accepted the invitation to become President of the G.M. Vauxhall Conference.

Currently Deputy Chairman of the Football Trust, Sir Norman is well known to the football world for his two enquiries into the game. The first in 1968 when he chaired the Government enquiry into Association Football, the second in 1983 when he chaired the Football League Committee of Enquiry into the structure and finance.

Sir Norman commented: "I am very honoured to follow in the footsteps of my old friend Bob Lord." He added: "There is a great future for the G.M. Vauxhall Conference. It is one of the growth points in British football."



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SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

Hello again everyone and welcome to a brand new season of football at Lower Mead.

This close season has been particularly busy for the Supporters Club, with our preparations for Harrow Show (August 24th and 25th) and the launch of "Junior Stones" quite apart from the usual "mucking out" and painting, etc, etc.

There is little doubt that the football will be very highly competitive this season with a place in the Football League beckoning for one lucky team. We at Wealdstone will need to be patient and possibly bide our time. However, even to just survive in the G.M. Vauxhall Conference will be an extremely tough task and the coming battles ahead will require our dedication and commitment as supporters. Make no mistake it takes one hell of a lot of cash to sustain a worthwhile challenge in this league - part of our task is to provide as much cash as possible for the main Club.

Please support our stand at the Harrow Show - and if you have some spare time (or spare tombola prizes, come to that) to help us out please let us know in the Club Shop, or contact our organiser, Bob Dugard.

Don't forget to renew your Supporters Club **Membership** this season - the fee is still only £1.00 for Adults and 50p for Junior/Senior Citizens. Membership cards (including 1986/1987 fixtures) will be available in the Club Shop to-day. Match-Day Posters will also be available from the Shop this season.

Here's to three points!!!

HARROW SHOW 1986

As you will probably be aware by now the Supporters Club will be taking part in this year's Harrow show on **Sunday 24th** and **Monday 25th August**. There will be a "Beat-the-Goalie" Competition with a Tombola for fund-raising plus lots of promotional innovations. Some of the Players and Staff will be present over the two days of the show, so why not go along and support us. We currently need good quality tombola prizes and any practical help in making this project not only a promotional success for Wealdstone F.C., but also raise much needed cash. Please call into the Club Shop for details, or contact Bob Dugard who is co-ordinating this project.

Nick Dugard.

JUNIOR STONES CLUB

The Supporters Club have relaunched the old Pebbles Club for our junior supporters and re-named it Junior Stones. Membership is available to all juniors under the age of twelve at time of application and is valid for one season. Membership entitles juniors to gain entry **FREE** to G.M. Vauxhall League matches (this does not include other matches or cup games) plus lots of other benefits. Call into the Club Shop to collect an application form (a passport size photograph will be required for the membership card). The membership fee is a mere £2.00 for a full season - so, juniors, join JUNIOR STONES today!!

Karen Taylor (Membership Secretary).

AWAY TRAVEL

Coaches will be running to the following matches provided we have at least 25 people pre-booked:-

MAIDSTONE UNITED WEDNESDAY 20th AUGUST 1986

Coach leaves 4.30pm

Fares: £4.50 Adults. £3.50 Juniors.

SCARBOROUGH SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST 1986

Coach Leaves 8.00am

Fares: £12.00 Adults. £11.00 Juniors.

Please book as early as possible, family rates are available, see Tony Hayes in the Club Shop for details. Supporters Club Members Only.

STAFFORD RANGERS. PEN PICS. 1986/1987 SEASON.

DAVE FIELD (Goalkeeper): Age 27 years. Stafford player, had a good season last season, after signing from Hednesford Town.

PAUL JOHNSON: Age 30. Utility player had considerable experience with Stoke City when in the 1st Division, previous clubs also include Chester and Altrincham.

PAUL UPTON: Age 26 years. Lives in Nuneaton, back p four player, previous club Bedworth United.

KENNY BEECH: Age 28. Midfield player signed in the summer last season from Peterborough United. Strong powerful player who can also play in the back four. Played 350 League and cup games for previous clubs, Port Vale, Walsall, and Peterborough.

PHILLIP TITLEY: Age 27. Back four player signed from Armitage, Born Cannock, has had two seasons with Stafford.

JOHN RIDLEY: Age 34. Joined the club as Player Coach last summer, back four player with considerable football league experience with Port Vale, Leicester and Chesterfield. Also played in America.

PHILIP DERBYSHIRE: Age 27. Born in Manchester, signed from Altrincham in December 1984, a midfield player with a good goal scoring record. Former clubs Mossley and Stalybridge Athletic.

BARRY LOWE: Age 31. Midfield player born in Manchester, signed for Rangers in October 1984, and is in his 2nd term with the club after playing for Weymouth, Worcester City and Nuneaton Borough.

GRAHAM BENNET: Age 31. Prolific goalscorer, signed from Altrincham last season.

PETER CARR: Age 25. Forward signed from Burton Albion in 1983 after league experience with Rotherham United. Last season was his second term.

BOB MOUNTIAN: Age 29. Striker with league experience with Huddersfield Town. Goal scorer scoring a record number of goals (51) for Matlock Town 3 seasons ago.

IVAN LODGE: Age 24. Midfield player, local lad.

IAN BROWN: Age 18. Winger, up and coming youngster.

ON THE MOVE

DARTFORD completed only half of their scheduled ten Capital League fixtures last season and in accordance with the League's rules their results have been expunged from the competition. As a result Wealdstone's 8-1 triumph at Watling Street has now been re-classified as a 'Friendly'. This means our players who took part in this fixture will have one appearance deducted from their totals as appearances in 'friendlies' are not included in club records. The goal scorers will not be affected apart from transferring these eight goals from the Capital League to Friendlies in the amended scoring chart which appears elsewhere in this programme.

WEALDSTONE conceded ten goals in a match for the first time in the club's history when Brentford won 11-1 in a Capital League fixture at Lower Mead last April. Apart from Andy Williams in goal, who incidentally saved a late penalty, the Wealdstone side was made up entirely of members of the Supporters Club team, SFC Wealdstone. Brentford on the other hand included five of their first team.

THE CORDICE BROTHERS have almost identical records for Wealdstone. Alan has played in 281 league and cup matches and scored 97 goals. Neil has made two fewer appearances and scored four goals fewer.

Now starting his fifth season with Wealdstone, **MARK GRAVES** has been our leading marksman in each of the previous four. He has now scored 122 goals in all matches and has appeared in exactly 200 league and cup matches.

JUNIOR STONES COLUMN

WELCOME TO THE FIRST OF A REGULAR SERIES of notes aimed at our younger supporters. The Supporters Club have taken over the running of the Pebbles Club which is now no longer and during the close season we have formed a junior branch of the Supporters Club which will simply be known as the JUNIOR STONES. Elsewhere in the programme there is an application form for membership of the Club which is open to anyone under the age of twelve.

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In future matchday programmes this column will feature competitions and quizzes for you to enter with a chance to win prizes galore but, in the meantime, we need all of our junior supporters to join the club. If you have already become a member then tell your friends and get them to join too. Parents, if you are reading this then why not enroll your children today? Lastly, will all members remember that they must fix a photo of themselves to their membership card for it to be valid.

Peter Worby

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Date	Opponents	Ven	Comp	Result	Atten
AUG	Sat 16	Stafford	H	GMVC	
	Wed 20	Maidstone	A	GMVC	
	Sat 23	Scarborough	A	GMVC	
	Tue 26	Dagenham	H	GMVC	
	Sat 30	Northwich	H	GMVC	
SEPT	Tue 2	Sutton	A	GMVC	
	Sat 6	Cheltenham	A	GMVC	
	Tue 9	Sutton	H	GMVC	
	Sat 13	Altrincham	H	GMVC	
	Wed 17	Boston	A	GMVC	
	Sat 20	Nuneaton	A	GMVC	
	Tue 23	Maidstone	H	GMVC	
	Sat 27	Telford	H	GMVC	
	Tue 30	Barnet	A	GMVC	
OCT	Sat 4	Gateshead	A	GMVC	
	Tue 7	Welling	H	GMVC	
	Sat 11	Weymouth	A	GMVC	
	Sat 18	Bath	H	GMVC	
	Sat 25		FAC		
NOV	Sat 1	Northwich	A	GMVC	
	Sat 8	Nuneaton	H	GMVC	
	Tue 11		GMAC		
	Sat 15		FAC		
	Sat 22	Runcorn	H	GMVC	
	Tue 25		MSC		
	Sat 29	Enfield	A	GMVC	
DEC	Sat 6	Weymouth	H	GMVC	
	Sat 13	Kidderminster	A	GMVC	
	Tue 16		GMAC		
	Sat 20		FAT		
	Mon 22		FAT		
	Fri 26	Kettering	H	GMVC	
JAN	Thur 1	Kettering	A	GMVC	
	Sat 3	Frickley	H	GMVC	
	Sat 10	Welling	A	GMVC	
	Sat 17	Kidderminster	H	GMVC	
	Sat 24	Scarborough	H	GMVC	
	Tue 27		GMAC		
	Sat 31	Frickley	A	GMVC	
FEB	Sat 7	Boston	H	GMVC	
	Sat 14	Dagenham	A	GMVC	
	Sat 21	Cheltenham	H	GMVC	
	Tue 24		GMAC		
	Sat 28	Runcorn	A	GMVC	
MAR	Sat 7	Bath	A	GMVC	
	Tue 17		GMAC		
	Sat 21	Stafford	A	GMVC	
	Sat 28	Gateshead	H	GMVC	
APR	Sat 4	Altrincham	A	GMVC	
	Sat 11		FAT		
	Sat 18	Enfield	H	GMVC	
	Mon 20	Barnet	H	GMVC	
MAY	Sat 2	Telford	A	GMVC	
	Sat 9		FAT(Fnl)		
	Sat 16		FAC(Fnl)		

OUR RECORD AGAINST STAFFORD RANGERS

ALLIANCE PREMIER/GOLA LEAGUES

SUMMARY OF LEAGUE ENCOUNTERS

SEASON	HOME	AWAY		P	W	D	L	F	A
1979/80(APL)	2-1	1-0	HOME	4	2	1	1	8	7
1980/81(APL)	1-1	0-3	AWAY	4	1	0	3	3	7
1982/83(APL)	3-2	1-2	TOTAL	8	3	1	4	11	14
1985/86(GL)	2-3	1-2							

(Wealdstone score given first).

OTHER FIXTURES 1986/87

DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	COMP	RESULT	GOALSCORERS
JUL 30	WEMBLEY		AWAY	FR	D0-0
AUG 5	CHARLTON ATHLETIC		HOME	FR	W1-0
AUG 9	WYCOMBE WANDERERS		AWAY	FR	L0-1

WALLACE

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (FINAL TABLE 1985/86 SEASON)

GILLINGHAM	9	6	0	3	26	11	18	HOME	W 1-0
WEALDSTONE	9	5	2	2	28	23	17		
ENFIELD	9	4	2	3	21	24	14	HOME	D 2-2
DAGENHAM	9	4	3	2	14	17	14*	HOME	W 7-1
ORIENT	9	4	1	4	12	15	13	HOME	W 5-1
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	9	4	1	4	19	18	12*	AWAY	L 3-4
WIMBLEDON	9	3	2	4	23	16	11	HOME	W 2-1
SOUTHEND UNITED	9	3	2	4	20	29	11	HOME	D 3-3
BRENTFORD	9	3	1	5	26	19	10	HOME	L 1-11
BARNET		2	0	7	15	32	6	AWAY	W 4-0

* No points awarded for Goalless draw.

WEALDSTONE
RESULTS

FAC - F.A. Cup FAT - F.A. Trophy GMAC - General Motors

Cup MSC - Middlesex Senior Cup

WEALDSTONE F.C. KIT SPONSORSHIP SCHEME 1986/87

PLAYER	BOOTS £25	SHIRT £15	SHORTS £7	SOCKS £3
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DENNIS BYATT		Daniel Gloor		
ALAN CORDICE				
NEIL CORDICE			Steve Brewer	John Crook
GARY DONNELLAN				
DEREK DOYLE				
MARK GRAVES				
BRIAN GREENAWAY				
LEE HOLMES				
BOB ILES			Steve Podro	Jan Mills
VINCE JONES				
DOUG McCLURE				
STEVE RUTTER		Toby Jackson		
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ROBIN WAINWRIGHT				

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SHARED BATH

In an historic move, Bath City will be sharing their Twerton Park ground with the third division Bristol Rovers. This is the first time that a Football League club has opted to play its home games at a 'non-league' ground. Bath City Vice-Chairman, Mr. Frank Entwistle said: "I believe that this arrangement will work to the benefit of both clubs."

Bristol Rovers will pay an annual rent of £20,000 together with the gate bonus of 10% of income over an agreed level.

Rovers estimate that 3,000 supporters will regularly travel the twelve miles to Twerton Park. Approximately, their first home game will be against Bath City on August 12th in a friendly match.

NEW CLUBS

The G.M. Vauxhall Conference extends a warm welcome to the three promoted clubs. Gateshead from the Multipart League, Sutton United from the Vauxhall Opel League and Welling United from the Southern League replace Barrow, Wycombe Wanderers and Dartford respectively.

BETTING ODDS

Bookmakers William Hill have made last season's champions Enfield 5/2 favourites to win the G.M. Vauxhall Conference. Welsh Cup finalists Kidderminster Harriers are second favourites at 4/1, and Trophy winners Altrincham third at 8/1.

The remaining odds are: 10 Frickley Athletic, 14 Runcorn, Wealdstone, 16 Stafford Rangers, Weymouth, 20 Gateshead, Maidstone United, Sutton United, Welling United, Kettering Town, Northwich Victoria, Nuneaton Borough, 50 Degenham, Scarborough.

SIDELINES

'What's all this then?' I hear you say. Well, in a moment of madness at the end of last season David Free offered me the chance to write a weekly column for this worthy publication and almost as foolishly I accepted. For readers of the Guardian 'Diary' on Saturdays the format will be familiar and throughout the season general soccer Chit-Chat will range from thoughts on the world scene to the price of sandwiches in the Arundel Tea bar. I welcome any comment, serious thoughts, funny stories or rumours that are rumoured to be more than just rumours from anybody interested in having their thoughts put into print. Any correspondence can be left with David in the office and I look forward to hearing your views. That's enough of the introduction, have fun.

The annual rumour that George Perkins would be packing away his fertilizer and giving up the groundmans' job proved to be unfounded as the lure of getting up at 5.30 on Sunday mornings to pat down the divots followed by a few 'sherberts' at lunchtime was once again too much for him to resist. The playing surface at Lower Mead is certainly amongst the best in the League thanks to George. The only thing that peevies him at the moment is that he can't get on the sponsorship grid, so if anyone wants to sponsor his wellies.....!

Quote of the summer must have come from that midget maestro, Diego Maradona when he described his opening goal in the World Cup match against England as coming from the 'Hand of God and the head of Maradona!' I think he forgot the word 'big' in front of head! Still, we couldn't argue with the second one could we.?

Talking of the World Cup, Argentina received a tumultuous welcome when they arrived back in Buenos Aires. Amongst the thousands of banners paraded in front of the government house was one reading 'Thatcher may have the Malvinas, but we have Maradona.' I suppose Wealdstone fans could have had a similar one at Wembley reading 'Boston may have a ground, but we have Andy Graham!'

The start of the second half at Wembley F.C. the other week saw Robbie Wainwright enquiring from the supporters whether Pam Ewing had been rescued from the jungle in Dallas. Seems Wednesday is a bad night for Robbie and I'm sure that he'll be pleased most midweek games are due to be played on Tuesdays.

Whilst on the subject of Wembley F.C. the Tannoy was so bad it sounded like the poor bloke had a pillow in his mouth. Still, at least the Wealdstone faithful can appreciate the dulcet delights of 'Wobbly' Worby issuing the news from his lofty perch.

Facilities at Soccer grounds have been a strong subject for a number of years now and though spartan accommodation can be excused at such places as Clapton their near neighbours Tottenham Hotspur have no reason to make the customer suffer. Two weeks ago I had the 'privilege' of paying £3.50 to watch a friendly with Rangers and I had to queue for twenty odd minutes even though the attendance was only 16,000 odd. Inside the ground the atmosphere was decidedly 'Unfriendly' and my mood of apprehension was only relieved when I opened my £1.00 programme and read, 'The star - system at the club like Tottenham is important. Fans who flock to White Hart Lane expect the big names, the big signings. SE is part of the excitement of watching Spurs'. Well there wasn't much evidence of 'flocking to' last season, more like 'flocking from' and it can only get worse so long as these so called 'super' clubs continue to offer the supporters shabby facilities at high prices and appear obsessed with pandering to the 'Executive box' set. Judging by the state of most of the Rangers fans I think 'All boxer' stadiums are close at hand!'

At the start of the new term I'd like to wish good luck to all Referees and hope none of them have to suffer the fate of poor old Williams Mgaah - who?? Well as everyone knows Williams officiates in the Kenyan first Division and in a recent match between Baruti and Kenyan Breweries he was chased, kicked and punched by the players of Baruti for allowing a disputed equalizer by the Breweries side. As if that wasn't bad enough he was then almost strangled by one of the players, a certain Zacarich Ouma. Ouma has been banned for life and Baruti, who are incidentally an army team suspended for three years. It makes a rollicking from Dennis Byatt look like good fun and I wonder how long Clive Thomas would last in Kenya. So long for this week.

SIR STANLEY ROUS C.B.E.

During the summer, football around the world lost one of its greatest ever ambassadors. Sir Stanley Rous who was 91 will be remembered for numerous contributions to the game and for the service he performed in various capacities including Secretary of the Football Association for 27 years from 1934-1961 and for the following 13 years was President of F.I.F.A. He will also be remembered for introducing the diagonal refereeing system which is used today. In a later programme we will give a more detailed account of Sir Stanley's career.

The Middlesex G.A. also suffered a loss during the summer when Mr. EL (Les) Taylor died on the 3rd August. He was Vice-President, Life Member and Association Honorary Treasurer of the Middlesex F.A. During the 60's Les was Treasurer of Wealdstone.

In memory of these two gentlemen a minutes silence will be held before todays game.

TODAYS MASCOT

Richard Kelly (son of Dick) is todays mascot. Richard is 10 and attends St. Josephs school. He plays football for Parkfield Juniors.

POINTS CAHNGE

The G.M. Vauxhall Conference has decided not to coninue the experiment with the 3-2-1 points system. In common with the Football League, the Conference will now award three points for a win and one for a draw.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Enfield	42	15	4	2	48	20	12	6	3	46	27	76
Frickley	42	16	4	1	46	21	9	6	6	32	29	69
Kidderminster	42	12	4	5	51	28	12	3	6	48	34	67
Altrincham	42	14	3	4	42	27	8	8	5	28	22	63
Weymouth	42	11	8	2	43	24	8	7	6	32	36	61
Runcorn	42	11	6	4	40	17	8	8	5	30	27	60
Stafford	42	10	7	4	30	22	9	6	6	31	32	60
Telford	42	13	5	3	42	24	5	5	11	26	42	51
Kettering	42	11	6	4	37	24	4	9	8	18	29	49
Wealdstone	42	10	5	6	35	28	6	4	11	22	28	47
Cheltenham	42	13	4	4	47	27	3	7	11	22	42	46
Bath	42	5	8	8	28	25	8	3	10	25	29	45
Boston	42	11	5	5	41	26	5	2	14	25	50	44
Barnet	42	9	4	8	32	23	4	7	10	24	37	41
Scarborough	42	10	4	7	35	31	3	7	11	19	35	40
Northwich	42	5	6	10	24	25	5	6	10	18	29	37
Maidstone	42	7	9	5	35	27	2	7	12	22	37	36
Nuneaton	42	8	3	10	27	23	5	2	14	31	46	36
Dagenham	42	6	7	8	23	29	4	5	12	25	37	36
Wycombe	42	7	6	8	30	35	3	7	11	25	49	36
Dartford	42	7	6	8	36	26	1	3	17	15	49	26
Barrow	42	5	6	10	26	34	2	2	17	15	52	24

WEALDSTONE GOALSCORERS 1985/86

	GL	BLT	FAC	FAT	MSC	GCS	CFL	FR	TOTAL
Mark Graves	9	-	-	1	1	-	4	5	20
Lee Holmes	7	1	-	1	1	1	2	3	16
Robin Wainright	8	1	-	2	-	-	2	1	14
Andy Graham	7	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	14
Neil Cordice	6	1	-	-	1	-	1	2	11
Gary Donnellan	2	-	-	-	1	-	5	3	11
Derek Doyle	5	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	11
Brian Greenway	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
Vince Jones	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4
Keith Tonge	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4
Robert O'Keefe	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4
Alan Cordice	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3
Paul Bowgett	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Steve McCargo	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bob Hles	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Dennis Byatt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Nick Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Own Goals	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTAL:-	57	3	-	4	5	2	28	27	126



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STEVE TAPLEY	2	PAUL UPTON
DOUG McCLURE <i>STEVE</i>	3	PAUL JOHNSON
DENNIS BYATT <i>RYAN</i>	4	KENNY BEECH
PAUL BOWGETT	5	PHILLIP TITLEY
ROBIN WAINWRIGHT	6	JOHN RIDLEY
DEREK DOYLE	7	PHILIP DERBYSHIRE
ANDY WALLACE	8	BARRY LOWE
NEIL CORDICE	9	GRAHAM BENNET
MARK GRAVES	10	BOB MOUNTAIN
GARY DONNELLAN	11	PETER CARR
STEVE BUTLER	12	IVAN LODGE
LEE HOLMES	14	IAN BROWN
<i>STEVE REGAN</i>		

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