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Four points from our first two difficult League games, and one defeat in four matches can't be bad and little wonder that we're all feeling a bit buoyant. Mind you, we can do with a little less tension than we had against Minehead on Saturday before knowing the points were ours! It is fair to say that we played some most attractive football and are really setting up the chances. Had we accepted just half of these, the match would have been wrapped up at the interval. When the creative work is capitalised on with goals there should be plenty to cheer.

Most heartening on Saturday was the vocal support from that grand bunch behind the goal and it was not un-noticed by the players. Keep it up! Although most of you don't know this, the Wealdstone squad have probably the finest team spirit we've had here for some years and we think eventually this will become very obvious on the field. The fact that a lot of the lads are friends off the pitch is a big help.

In case some of you wonder at the team changes tonight, a word of explanation might be appropriate. Now we do not have a reserve team, the squad system is operating and obviously manager Sid Prosser must ensure that all 16 are kept match-fit if at all possible. It is common sense that if several are on the sidelines week after week and then, because of injury, are brought in, they will lack the competitive edge.

Thus Chic Brodie is recalled in goal tonight for this important Southern League Cup game, played on a two-leg basis. Bletchley lost 6-1 to Stevenage on Saturday and their morale cannot be too high, but we are looking for at least a two-goal advantage to take to Bletchley next Tuesday.

John Watson started a two-week suspension yesterday and so is unavailable and Jim Godfrey comes in at midfield, with John Henderson rested to allow Alick Brown in with Bill Byrne and George Duck up front.

Club skipper Eric Burgess is now back from holiday but will not be considered until training has lessened the effects of the sun and food of Ibiza!

So impressed with Saturday's game were the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrow that a quick check in the Mayoral diary found that they were free and so they are here again tonight! This time as Supporters . . .

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In a Few Lines . . .

It's your money we're after! Club subscriptions, now due, will be gratefully received by Harry Benjamin today, as the AGM is on Friday week, August 31, at 8 p.m.

Harrow Borough will be using our ground starting this Saturday until at least the end of the year, when their own Earlsmead pitch should be ready after re-seeding. On Saturday Harrow Reserves will be playing but thereafter only the senior side will be playing here.

Got any old pram wheels? If so Harrow 18 Plus Group would love to have them for their Soap Box Derby on Horsenden Hill on September 9. Ring Chairman David Butcher on 428 2257 and he will collect.

Our appeal for gatemen brought a big response and we are now fully staffed for the time being. Thanks to all concerned.

A few special fixture sheets, suitable for display in cafes and pubs, etc., are now available. If you can get one displayed contact Colin Pope.

Democracy's a great thing—club chairman Don Brown turned up on Sunday to put up the new white net on the Elmslie Stand goal, but ran out of time before he could get to the other end! Both Stadium Manager Dick Kelly and Groundsman Chris Ditchburn are on holiday at the same time, so that marvel in the dressing rooms, Pat Murray, has been doing three jobs in great style. Salt-of-the-earth type Pat is worth his weight in gold to the 'Stones . . .

Don't forget that weekly bingo is still held every Wednesday in the Social Club. Eyes down at 8 p.m.

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John Pearce Benefit

We would like to give early notice of a really special occasion at Lower Mead Stadium. On Monday, October 29th, Watford have promised to send their full League side to play us in a testimonial match for former club captain John Pearce, whose brilliant career was so tragically cut short following his leg fracture against Hayes last October.



John was a great comrade as well as a fine player and we are confident that everyone will rally round to ensure that he is given a great reminder of the happy but all-too-short days he spent here. Incidentally, John is now living in Market Drayton, Shropshire and will be down here for the match.

A special souvenir programme will be produced, plus a tip-top raffle and no effort will be spared to alleviate John's distress at having to give up the game he graced and loved. John, of course, is a former Watford player, and they are co-operating to the full. The Mayor and Mayoress of Harrow have already promised to attend, and be officially presented to both teams.

Forthcoming Matches

We visit Bletchley next Tuesday night to play the return leg of tonight's match, but have the 'big one' here at Lower Mead Stadium the following Saturday, September 1st, when Marlow are our visitors (3 p.m.) in the F.A. Cup.

Every Club's dream is to have a good Cup run, and we are no exception. If we beat Marlow, we are away to Chesham United in the next round. Then on Monday September 10th we have a really attractive match, when Barnet visit us in the London Challenge Cup. The bait for this is that the winners go to White Hart Lane to meet 'Spurs. As we've already beaten Barnet once, our tails will be up!

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We welcome Bletchley's supporters tonight, especially as we have a score to settle for they took both points from us here in the League!

The coach for Bexley on Saturday leaves the Car Park at 12.40 p.m. and we are hoping to have as much support as we did at Salisbury. It can't have gone un-noticed that our early league programme is very stiff, so encouragement is vital

Anyone wanting a pen-friend in Czechoslovakia please contact Barbara Robson in the Club Office or at 422 0799.

CARL BENJAMIN
Publicity Officer

Wealdstone Scorers

G. Duck (5), two pen ; B. Byrne (2) ; E. Presland ; P. Fairclough ; B. Barnes. Total goals to date : 10.

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