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Two Points Adrift with Game in Hand

Good afternoon, everybody, and a warm Wealdstone welcome to Hatfield Town, making their first visit to Lower Mead Stadium. As far as we can trace, the clubs have not met before, and therefore the visit of our friends from the Metropolitan League is especially pleasurable. They beat Canvey Island 3-1 away last Saturday so obviously come in good heart.

We now appear to have picked ourselves up after the shock Chesham defeat and being unbeaten in our last three games are in great spirits, especially as we are only two points behind the Southern Section league leaders, with a game in hand. Two points at Dorchester last Saturday was a great achievement, for it was the Dorset side's first home defeat so far, while our display in drawing 1-1 at Crawley on Tuesday in the Mid Surrey League was perhaps our best since the great Barnet encounter. The football really flowed, and on such days we need only to knock in all the chances we create to really go to town in the goal stakes.

As you all know by now, the contract of goalkeeper Chic Brodie has been cancelled by mutual consent, for we could not guarantee giving him sufficient games to keep him match-fit and thereby fully confident. We wish him well.

There may be a couple of question marks about today's team. It is reasonably certain that the back four will remain unchanged, for Watson has excelled while deputising for the injured Ray Fulton at left-back. Ray is fit today and almost certainly manager Mr. Prosser will play him at midfield (a position in which he has had reasonable experience, and one in which he himself would like) and if this does happen, and it comes off, a major problem will have been resolved. The other two midfield places will rest between Dyson, Burgess, Fairclough and Godfrey, and the attack in all probability will be Henderson, Duck and Byrne. Assuming, of course, that Byrne has recovered from the heavy cold which kept him out of the Crawley match.

Incidentally, we are in Group 12 of the Challenge Trophy, and today's other matches in the Group are: Sittingbourne v Dunstable; Stevenage v Biggleswade; Metropolitan Police v Gravesend and Northfleet. The draw for the next round will be made on Tuesday.

Don't forget that we have a most attractive match here on Tuesday next, when we entertain Wimbledon in the second round of the Southern

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League Cup, 7.30. If Barnet is any criterion, these Premier Division sides always bring the best out in us, so we hope you will make it a bumper gate.

We are also at home next Saturday, October 20th, when we receive Bath City in the Southern League, 3 p.m. Bath are bottom of the Division, so we shall certainly look to consolidating our position with two points.

COLIN POPE

Sports Shorts

The October issue of **NON LEAGUE SOCCER** is on sale today, price 10p. If you've never read it, you will be amazed at the scope of its coverage of the Southern League scene.

The recent Supporters Club sponsored walk raised around £130, a truly magnificent effort, and congratulations to all concerned.

Agents are very urgently required for our Development Scheme run by Mr. Stuart Miles. A decent commission is paid, and anyone interested should contact Mr. Mick Mylcreest in the programme hut today or in the Social Club after the match. These schemes are the lifeblood of any club, so if you want to earn a little spare cash and help the Club, please do so NOW.

Raffle tickets (5p) are now on sale in aid of John Pearce's testimonial match here against Watford on Nov. 26. Excellent prizes can be won, so please help swell the fund. Tickets for the match (30p) against Watford's League side are also available NOW.

George Duck has now scored 20 goals in all games, and in the opinion of many Supporters is playing better than last season.

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Good Afternoon and welcome to the supporters of Hatfield Town. Today's match is, of course, a very important one for the 'Stones, being the major cup for Non-League football and our support vocally today can really help the lads reach the next round.

Since the last home game we have won 2-1 at Dorchester and those supporters who made the long journey were rewarded by seeing the 'Stones win two points from a very good game. Last Tuesday we had a 1-1 draw at Crawley in the Mid Surrey League. Once again it was good to see supporters at these games.

Our next away game will be on Saturday 27th October at Bideford. The usual Supporters Club coach service will operate, leaving Bovis House, South Harrow at 7.45 a.m. and the Ground at 8.00 a.m. Bookings can be made at the Club Office or by phoning Barbara Robson at 422 0799.

The Supporters Club A.G.M. was held on Friday 5th October and we are very pleased to welcome Mr. G. Ayling to the Committee. One other change was that Treasurer Jack Palmer has resigned due to pressure of other club duties, and Mr. B. Wakefield has taken over. We would like to thank Jack for his long stint as Treasurer.

UP THE STONES

Phillip J. Tricker, (Publicity Officer)

Injury and Illness Strike

Since writing the main column in this programme, it came to light after Wednesday's training session that it is highly unlikely that Ray Fulton or Bill Byrne will be playing today after all. Fulton did not come through the training session 100 per cent, and Mr. Prosser feels it unwise to play him in an unaccustomed position at midfield in today's important game. Quite rightly, a cup match is hardly the time to experiment.

Byrne also missed training because of 'flu and although he is expected to report today, he will obviously be too weak to risk. Eric Burgess also had a knock at Crawley, but physiotherapists Jim Sparks and Fred King have been working overtime on Eric and he should be available.

Both Fulton and Byrne will be playing against Wimbledon on Tuesday. Paul Fairclough has also been unwell, but came through a hard training session alright.

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Basingstoke Town	9	4	3	2	16	9	11
Trowbridge Town	7	5	1	1	14	8	11
Poole Town	8	4	2	2	11	6	10
Wealdstone	7	5	0	2	12	10	10
Minehead	8	3	2	3	12	10	8
Gravesend & Northfleet	7	3	2	2	14	13	8
Bideford	7	3	2	2	15	14	8
Ramsgate	6	3	1	2	14	10	7
Dorchester Town	7	3	1	3	6	5	7
Ashford Town	7	2	3	2	15	13	7
Canterbury City	8	3	1	4	9	9	7
Bognor Regis Town	6	3	0	3	10	9	6
Hastings United	8	2	2	4	5	7	6
Andover	7	2	2	3	6	10	6
Salisbury	7	2	1	4	7	9	5
Crawley Town	8	1	3	4	10	18	5
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