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A Game to Recall with Relish

Well, as it turned out, (and with due modesty!) we were not far wrong in Tuesday's programme, and most of the large crowd thought it perhaps the finest game on our ground this season, notwithstanding the one against Barnet. Credit is due to every member of the Wealdstone team, who really gave you your money's worth, and as Wimbledon manager Dick Graham, the ex-Colchester boss said afterwards, a 4-1 win for Wealdstone should have been the result. The replay will, subject to Wimbledon's F.A. Cup game ending in a definite result today, be at Plough Lane next Tuesday (7.30). The football served up was quite often worthy of a much higher league, which underlines the opinion of our Supporters, namely that we should do far better in the Premier Division. We were delighted at the attendance considering the extremely bad weather, (and for your vocal support) and congratulations to our team who responded so nobly.

Today we accord a sincere welcome to Bath City, one of the honoured names in Southern League history, and cup fighters with a bonny tradition. It is sad to record that since their relegation from the Premier Division a couple of seasons ago, they have been struggling, and even sadder to see a club with such history being bottom of the Southern Section. To date, they have played seven, winning only one, drawing one, with 3 points, scoring only seven goals, but conceding 13, in the process. Naturally, we are confident of a win today to consolidate our own excellent league standing, which is 10 points from seven games, and we are only two points behind league leaders Waterlooville with a game in hand.

It may be reasonable to expect that after such a fine showing on Tuesday an unchanged team would be announced, but it is invariably not that simple! John Watson, late in the second half, sustained a bad muscle pull in the groin, and he is almost a certain non-starter today. He will be replaced by either Eddie Presland or Eric Burgess, assuming that they have both recovered from 'flu, and we expect this to be the only change.

As most of you will know by now, we have been drawn at home to Dunstable Town in the second round of the F.A. Challenge Trophy on November 10th, and this will be especially interesting, as former 'Stones John Barr, Bill Bailey and Ray Whittaker now play for the Bedfordshire club.

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Our Visitors Today

Bath have been particularly active in the transfer market, and beat Yeovil for the signature of tall Reading striker Peter Harman, and then secured defender Steve Stacey, released after two seasons with Exeter City. Stacey, 28, joined Ipswich from Reading for £25,000 four years ago. They then obtained sharp-shooting winger Dave Ainscough from Bideford, who had a spell with Bristol City, but he decided against full-time professionalism.

But perhaps Bath's biggest signing was former Southampton full-back Ken Jones, whose transfer from Cardiff to Halifax for a fee of £60,000 fell through because he did not relish a move to Yorkshire. Cardiff keep a fee on him, though, in case he wants to make a League come-back.

Which makes Bath's present position prove just what a funny game football is!

Swing Along with the Social Club

With the Lower Mead Social Club membership standing on the threshold of 300, plus Football Club members, we are in a far happier position now than we have been for some time. This was emphasised on Friday, October 12th when 200 members turned up for a special Members Only Night. The Pete Weston Band got the evening going with a swing, and Johnny Spillers entertained with excellent comedy and singing, followed by the customary first-class buffet, although a lot of food was wasted by people taking tickets but not turning up.

Since the beginning of the year, members have been collecting tickets for a draw for a winter holiday in Majorca, and Kay Spillers made the draw, and Eddie Jones was the lucky winner. As Eddie has not enjoyed the best

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of health recently, the winner could not have been more appropriate. Good luck, Eddie!

Entertainment by Maria Thorn followed, and when the last waltz was called at 1 a.m. the hall was still packed. The whole evening (apart from the drinks) was free, and a big 'thank you' to Johnny Spillers who came down specially from Yarmouth, and refused to take a penny for his services.

On Saturday October 27th there is another 'Special' with the Alan Bernard Band, who appear regularly at the Savoy Hotel. Their drummer alone is worth hearing and seeing. On Saturday December 15th a pre-Christmas treat has been arranged, with Reggie Scott and his Band, plus cabaret. An extension will be applied for.

In the very near future a colour television will be installed in the lounge bar, so this will be another excuse to 'go and post a letter' or 'take the dog for a run'.

Jack Howland (Social Club Hon. Sec.)

Wealdstone Results and Scorers

Salisbury 1 Wealdstone 2 (Byrne, Burgess)
Wealdstone 2 (Duck 2 1 pen) Minehead 1
Wealdstone 4 (Duck 3 (1 pen), Dyson) Bletchley 1
Bexley Utd. 0 Wealdstone 2 (Duck, o.g.)
Bletchley 1 Wealdstone 4 (Henderson 2, Duck (pen), Godfrey)
Wealdstone 2 (Duck, Henderson) Marlow 0
Canterbury 3 Wealdstone 0
Wealdstone 4 (Duck 3 (1 pen), Presland) Barnet 1
Chesham 1 Wealdstone 1 (Duck)
Wealdstone 2 (Duck, Dyson) Chesham 4
Ramsgate 3 Wealdstone 2 (Duck 2)
Tottenham Hotspur 4 Wealdstone 0
Wealdstone 2 (Byrne, o.g.) Salisbury 1
Dorchester 1 Wealdstone 2 (Duck, Fairclough)
Crawley 1 Wealdstone 1 (Duck)
Wealdstone 4 (Duck, Fairclough, Henderson, o.g.) Hatfield 0
Wealdstone 1 (Duck) Wimbledon 1
Pre-Season Matches: Wealdstone 1 (Duck) Skelmersdale 0
Wealdstone 3 (Duck 2 (1 pen), Presland) Barnet 1
Wealdstone 2 (Fairclough, Byrne) Leytonstone 4
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Next Saturday 27th October we are away to Bideford and 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. Booking can be made at the club office or by phoning Barbara Robson at 422 0799.

UP THE STONES

Phillip J. Tricker (Publicity Officer)

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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
Bideford	8	3	3	2	17	16	9
Minehead	8	3	2	3	12	10	8
Gravesend & Northfleet	7	3	2	2	14	13	8
Dorchester Town	8	3	2	3	8	7	8
Hastings United	9	3	2	4	6	7	8
Ramsgate	6	3	1	2	14	10	7
Ashford Town	8	2	3	3	15	14	7
Canterbury City	8	3	1	4	9	9	7
Bognor Regis Town	6	3	0	3	10	9	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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