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Third Time Lucky, We Hope!

Good evening, everybody, and yet again, a warm welcome to the Directors, Players and Supporters of Wimbledon in this second replay of the 2nd round of the Southern League Cup to decide who goes forward to visit Grantham. Whoever it is will hardly regard it as a 'plum' draw, for Grantham are a hard side indeed to beat at home, apart from which, having no lights, means a 2.15 kick-off on a weekday and therefore an early start!

Let us hope it is a case of third time lucky tonight, for had we taken our chances in both the original match, and last Tuesday's replay, tonight's third meeting would not have been necessary. As we won the toss for choice of ground, perhaps that's a good omen! Whatever the outcome, a fine game is assured, for Wimbledon (who incidentally had a splendid 2-0 win at Worcester on Saturday) play it the skilful way, and if tonight's match lives up to its predecessors, we're in for great entertainment.

Wealdstone field an unchanged team again tonight, the same as that which beat Dunstable 3-0 in the F.A. Challenge Trophy on Saturday. In case it has escaped your notice, we have not been beaten since our visit to White Hart Lane on September 24th, and the policy of playing an unchanged team when ever possible is obviously paying dividends. We beat Dunstable far easier than the score suggests, and could have at least doubled the score, but the gate of some 900, considering the rain, was most encouraging. Although our front runners have played better, it must have been one of John Henderson's best displays for the Club; congratulations, John!

As you know, we did have a blank date next Saturday, 17th November but a friendly game at Bletchley has now been arranged. Manager Sid Prosser was most anxious to get a game to give him the opportunity of playing Eric Burgess, Alick Brown and John Watson to keep them match-fit.

Next Tuesday, November 20th we visit Crawley Town in the Southern League (7.30) and the following Saturday, November 24th are at home to Andover, again in the League. Our league position was enhanced last Saturday through the shock home defeat of Poole Town. But Trowbridge Town must be getting worried about their cup commitments keeping them out of league affairs! They must be mindful of Crawley last season, who almost certainly lost the chance of promotion through having to pack in so many league games in the final stages. Trowbridge drew 2-2 with Bideford in the F.A. Cup on Saturday and last night met Bath City in the Challenge Trophy.

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Another Home Draw!

Our luck held again in yesterday's draw for the next round of the F.A. Challenge Trophy, and we are at home to either Boston F.C. or Bourne Town. Boston F.C. is not to be confused with Boston United, the Northern Premier League side, and in fact broke away from the United some years ago to form another club. They compete in the Midland League, and are lying fourth.

Bourne Town are in the bottom half of United Counties League, and drew 1-1 with Boston F.C. on Saturday. The replay is under floodlights at Wisbech Town ground tomorrow night, Wednesday.

National League Postponed

You may have read in the National Press that the proposed new National League, comprised of clubs from the Southern League (Premier Division) and Northern Premier League has been shelved for at least two years. The plan was for 15 Southern Clubs and 7 Northern teams to form the new league.

Therefore to win promotion this season now becomes even more important in view of the fact that the Premier Division will be operating as this season. In our view, the postponement is no bad thing, for to compete in a National League is a vast undertaking and obviously needs a lot of preparation. As we have already seen, the gulf between Div. 1 (South) and the Premier is wide indeed, and the standard of play, and quality of football to be seen in the Premier, will undoubtedly result in a dramatic increase in gates.

In short, the decision can be welcomed, for there was absolutely no assurance whatever that the champions of both First Divisions would have been invited to join the new National League.

At least we now know we're playing for promotion!

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Last Saturday saw the lads get through to the next round of the F.A. Trophy with a comfortable 3-0 win over Dunstable Town; let's hope the draw for the next round was a good one for the 'Stones.

Tonight we urge you to get behind the team 100% with the kind of vocal support you have been showing lately. This will be the third meeting with our visitors Wimbledon, to whose supporters we again say welcome. One of our supporters, Paul Gibbens, who now lives in Weston super Mare has contacted us with a request for help in adding to his 'Stones programme collection. Can anyone supply the following, 1966-67 home to Barking, Oxford City, Leytonstone, Hampton. 1967-68 home to Kingstonian. 1970-71 Wycombe Wanderers (home) and Wembley (away). 1971-72 Bury Town (home). If anyone can help please contact the club office.

The next away match is next Tuesday 20th November to Crawley Town in the Southern League k.o. 7.30 p.m. Supporters Club coach service will operate leaving Lower Mead at 5.30 SHARP. (To allow for the heavy rush hour traffic).

UP THE STONES

Phillip J. Tricker, (Publicity Officer)

Wealdstone Results and Scorers

Pre-Season Matches: Wealdstone 1 (Duck) Skelmersdale 0
Wealdstone 3 (Duck 2 (1 pen), Presland) Barnet 1
Wealdstone 2 (Fairclough, Byrne) Leytonstone 4
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
Wealdstone 3 (Duck 2, Byrne) Bath City 0
Bideford 0 Wealdstone 0
Wealdstone 2 (Brown, Duck (pen)) Watford 5
Wimbledon 2 Wealdstone 2 (McCormick, Henderson)
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Minhead	12	5	4	3	20	14	14
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Trowbridge Town	8	5	1	2	14	10	11
Hastings United	13	4	3	6	9	11	11
Ramsgate	9	4	2	3	19	14	10
Bognor Regis Town	9	4	2	3	16	14	10
Bideford	9	3	4	2	17	16	10
Dorchester Town	12	4	2	6	10	13	10
Ashford Town	11	3	3	5	17	18	9
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Crawley Town	12	2	5	5	15	25	9
Bath City	11	3	2	6	11	17	8
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