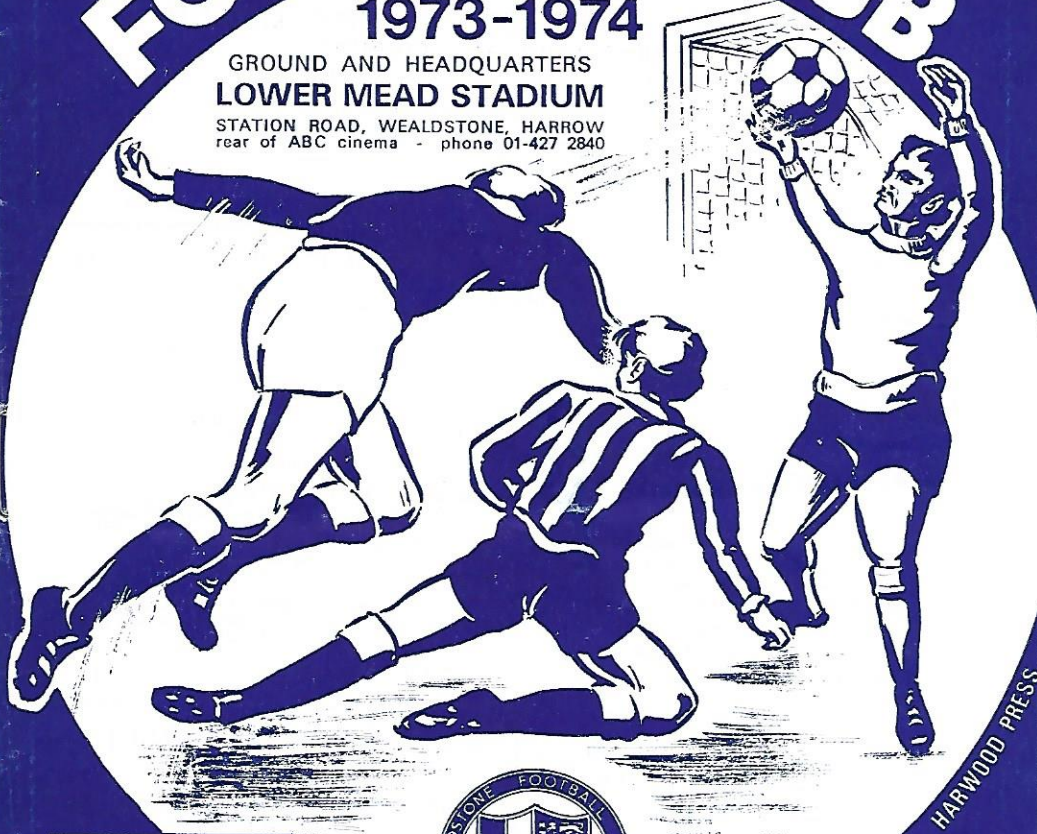


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We are delighted to extend a very warm welcome to Boston F.C. today on their very first visit to Lower Mead Stadium for this third and final qualifying round of the F.A. Challenge Trophy. It is always a pleasure to entertain new clubs and we hope our Lincolnshire visitors enjoy their visit. Boston F.C. were formed in 1963, and have a ground which holds 10,000, their record gate being 2865 against Boston United, the Northern Premier Division champions in an F.A. Cup game. They are rather unique in that their secretary is a woman, Mrs. Diane Wilson. Boston are currently fourth in the Midland League with the following record: P13 W6 D3 L4, scoring 23 goals and conceding 18, totalling 15 points.

Well, our unbeaten run of 12 games came to an incredible end last Saturday when lowly-placed Andover trounced us 1-5 at home. Most people think it was one of those freak results which happen from time to time, and Andover's winning of the toss, which gave them first advantage of a near-gale force wind was a decisive factor. Even so, we had most of the play but every chance that came Andover's way they took. Nevertheless, we were sadly off form and few of our side had a game they will wish to remember. The result could have been so different however, if we had been awarded the two clear-cut penalties apparent to everyone except the referee in the first half. Even so, we were still lucky, for the clubs above us in the league all lost, and so we are still only two points behind the league leaders Basingstoke with three games in hand.

Our long drawn-out saga with Wimbledon in the Southern League Cup ended on Wednesday when, at the third attempt Wimbledon finally won 3-0 in dreadful conditions. As the winners make the long trip to Grantham in the next round, with a 2 p.m. kick-off, our exit hasn't caused too much distress and leaves us to concentrate on the League, which is naturally our prime objective. As the Harrow Observer is still not appearing, we played the following team: R. Mackenzie, J. Watson, E. Presland, E. Burgess, J. McCormick, P. Fairclough, C. Kinnear, A. Brown, G. Duck, W. Byrne, J. Henderson with Ray Fulton, who came on in the 60th minute as sub in place of Brown. Godfrey was unfit, while Kinnear was given a run in midfield. Again, however, we played well below our best. Eight goals in two matches is, of course, a bit much, and manager Sid Prosser will delay his final selection until shortly before today's kick-off.

Incidentally, today's kick-off was, as advertised, scheduled for 2.15, but a directive was received from the F.A. on Tuesday ordering a 2 p.m. start.

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Plans to Strengthen Team

Manager Sid Prosser believes that our team must be strengthened, and has been unhappy for some time that we have no goalkeeping cover in case Mackenzie is injured or taken ill. He has already watched a goalkeeper with a Second Division club, and a loan has already been agreed if Mr. Prosser wishes. Our manager is to watch the goalkeeper again before making a decision.

A full-time midfielder player with Charlton Athletic was placed on the transfer list unexpectedly this week, and although we stepped in quickly, Dover, because of their geographical position in relation to the player's home, got his signature.

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The ban on night matches has had an unfortunate effect inasmuch as both Ray Fulton and Chris Kinnear were earmarked for extended trials in the Mid Surrey Floodlight League. But naturally enough, the manager feels unable to play experimental line-ups in Southern League games. A soccer manager's life is not exactly a rest-cure!

Supporters Club Notes

Good afternoon everybody, and a warm welcome to the Supporters of Boston F.C. We hope they enjoy their visit, and wish them success in their League.

During the last week we Supporters have not had too much to cheer about, with a heavy defeat in the League against Andover followed by our elimination from the League Cup at Wimbledon on Wednesday. We would like to thank the loyal band of Supporters who travelled to Wimbledon to cheer the lads and claim legitimately to be the first 'Stones fans to watch the first snowfall of the season! After these two defeats we now urge YOU THE FANS to help the 'Stones get back into top gear by getting that Lower Mead Roar going again. This is the time the Team needs our full support.

A couple of weeks ago we asked if anyone could help getting Alan Long to the ground, and we would like to thank Mr. F. Exell for coming forward to help Alan. It's very good to see supporters helping each other like this.

Have you joined the Supporters Club yet? If not why not visit the Club Office today and introduce yourself to our secretary Barbara Robson, who will be most pleased to enrol you.

For the benefit of supporters who were not here last week we are pleased to announce that the Sponsored Walk held earlier this season raised a total of £155, which has been presented to the Football Club.

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R. Back: **David Horsfield**. 3rd season with club. Age 23. Lives in Worksop.
L. Back: **Tony Hallam**. 3rd season with club. Age 26. Lives in Chesterfield.
Played for Chesterfield. Been out of team with ankle injury.
L. Back: **Neil Sugden**. 1st season with club. Age 18. Signed from Retford.
Creating a lot of interest from League Clubs.
R. Half: **Ian Gallagher**. 2nd season with club. Age 26. Lives in Sheffield.
and played for Wednesday.
C. Half: **'Fred' Creaser**. 2nd season with club. Age 23. Lives in Lincoln.
Signed Pro this season. County centre half.
C. Half: **Dennis Beaton**. 1st season with club. Age 23. Lives in Chesterfield.
Signed from Chesterfield. Club captain.
R. Wing: **Graham Lee**. 2nd season with club. Age 26. Lives in Sheffield.
Ex-Sheffield Wednesday.
Inside R: **Robert Hill**. Signed for club 6 weeks ago from Mansfield Town.
Age 18, lives in Nottingham.
C.F: **John Coleman**. 3rd season with club. Age 26. Lives in Nottingham.
Prolific goal scorer with club last season. Out of team with back injury
for long period this season.
C.F: **Dennis Reeson**. 2nd season with club. Age 26. Lives in Boston. League
clubs interested.
Inside L: **Alan Devy**. 1st season with club. Age 20. Lives in Boston. Signed
from Boston United. Started season in prolific goal scoring mood but
out of team with broken bone in foot.
Inside L: **Paul Bownes**. 2nd season with team. Age 22. Lives in Derby.
Outside L: **David Poplar**. 2nd season with club. Age 22. Lives in Retford.
Ex-Notts County.
Manager: **Bill Curry**. 3rd season with club. Former Derby County centre
forward, and prolific goal scorer with Derby in the second division
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Wednesday Dec. 26. Southern League: Wealdstone v Gravesend & Northfleet 2.15 p.m.
Saturday Dec. 29. Southern League: Wealdstone v Hastings Utd 2.15 p.m.
Saturday Jan. 5. Southern League: Wealdstone v Bognor Regis.
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Wealdstone	11	7	1	3	18	15	15
Poola Town	13	6	2	5	20	14	14
Hastings United	15	4	5	6	9	11	13
Trowbridge Town	9	5	2	2	15	10	12
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Canterbury City	13	3	4	6	11	13	10
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