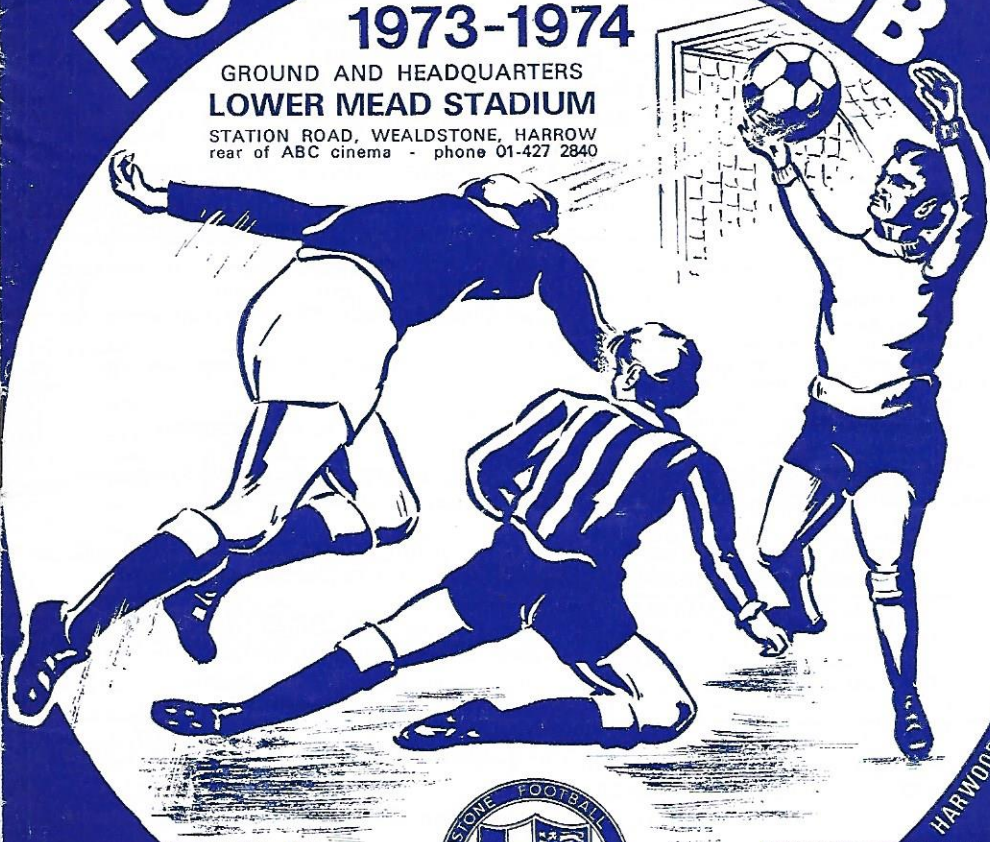


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We safely survived the final qualifying hurdle in the F.A. Challenge Trophy against Boston on Wednesday, and go forward to the first round proper in which, of all things, we meet Wimbledon yet again! Wimbledon have home advantage, but as we have outplayed them three times this season, we should not be downhearted.

It was good to see George Duck getting his scoring touch back against Boston, and with four goals (including two penalties) he certainly went to town. Bill Byrne got our other two, and as we outplayed our Midland League visitors in the second half, fully justified our 6-1 victory. It was, by the way, the highest win since we turned professional. The score at half-time was 2-1 and in the absence again of the Harrow Observer, we feel it of interest to give our team, which was: Mackenzie, Presland, Watson, Burgess, McCormick, Kinnear, Fairclough, Dyson, Duck, Byrne, Henderson, with Brown as sub. We didn't shine in the first half, but came good in the second, and Mackenzie had an easy afternoon. Ray Fulton, incidentally, was not available.

As we expected, of course, a 2 p.m. kick-off in midweek was disastrous to the gate, and it must be apparent to everyone now that football clubs, whether large or small, are facing a grave crisis during the national emergency. Last Saturday's postponement possibly cost us around £200, and there is no immediate end in sight to the game's problems. We are hoping for a good gate for today's attractive match against Waterlooville and indeed, at every home match during the next few weeks, when we have a very interesting programme. What we need, of course, is a real bumper gate on Boxing Day (2.15) when we entertain Gravesend and Northfleet who are making a strong bid for promotion.

Indeed, the next few weeks will be vital for us, and by the end of this month, or at least early in January, we shall have a good indication of our future prospects.

We cordially welcome everyone from Waterlooville, and congratulate them on a splendid season so far. After topping the table for much of the time, they have now been displaced, but are still handily placed, and will provide stern opposition today. Last time we met them (in the Challenge Trophy last season) we won 1-0, so hope for a double today, and the two points which will be of tremendous importance.

At the time of writing, our team today was not selected but is not expected to show a lot of change. Jim Godfrey has been out of action with a burst blood vessel in his right ankle, and is unlikely to be fit for selection today.

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Happily, Mr. John Stradling, of Regal Way, Kenton, a magnificent voluntary worker for the Club, who was taken suddenly ill during Wednesday's match, was not detained in hospital, and is fit again.

George Duck is the Southern Section's joint top scorer with Evans (Trowbridge), both on 14. Next comes Morton of Ashford with 12.

A party of 22 Wealdstone players and officials take off from Gatwick at 5 p.m. on Monday bound for Gibraltar, where the 'Stones will play a Gibraltar F.A. XI in their new Stadium under floodlights on Tuesday evening. There's no energy crisis on the Rock!

Stevenage manager Bill Coldwell was in raptures about John McCormick's performance against Boston and commented afterwards: "I wished we'd got him". Not a chance Bill!

All being well, we shall start training in the T.A. Drill Hall in Elm-grove Road next week, thanks to the T.A.

The December issue of 'Non League Soccer' is on sale today, price 10p.

We are extremely grateful, to Mr. Les Scott, who has very generously donated the ball for today's match. This is a wonderful help, as a match ball's life is only three matches.

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Good afternoon everybody, and a warm welcome to Supporters of Waterlooville for today's very important League encounter.

It was very heartening to see how well the team came back to form on Wednesday afternoon with a very good 6-1 win over Boston in the Challenge Trophy and gaining the right to visit Wimbledon in the next round. Wimbledon? I seem to have heard that name somewhere else this season!!

For those supporters who were able to get here on Wednesday our sincere thanks for the very good vocal support.

As we chase the League leaders, I would urge YOU, the FANS, to really get with the lads right from the kick-off and let them know that we are all with them in their efforts today. So come on everyone, and let's really CHEER.

UP THE STONES

Phillip J. Tricker (Publicity Officer)

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George has scored three in friendly games this season, including one penalty, a grand total of 30.

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Saturday Dec. 29. Southern League: Wealdstone v Hastings Utd 2.15 p.m.
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Jan. 1. (New Year's Day) Southern League: Wealdstone v. Ashford Town
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Wealdstone	11	7	1	3	18	15	15
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Dorchester Town	13	4	2	7	10	14	10
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