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#### A Lovely Way to Start the New Year!

Not for a long long time have we at Lower Mead Stadium greeted the New Year with quite such enthusiasm as we do 1974, and there is rich promise of even better things to come. As I was the one who, in last Saturday's programme, urged that we keep things in perspective, far be it for me to look too far ahead. But equally, we should be dismal Jimmies indeed if we did not concede that rarely has our future looked brighter, and there is a justified air of confidence all round. Not the least cause of which is our magnificent Supporters.

I'll let you into a secret. Even referee Mr. Jack Kensett commented on the tremedous enthusiasm which was so apparent against Hastings on Saturday, and skipper John McCormick apparently told him what a heartening effect it had on the side. Saturday's attendance was approaching the 1,000 mark despite all the obstacles which have beset us, and other clubs, not the least of which is the absence of such vital local publicity. It was great to see the packed stand behind the Hastings goal and we hope you agree with us that the team is responding with as good a display of football as you will see in the Southern Division.

Our 2-1 win over the Sussex side (who came with the best defensive record in the League) has put us in clear third place, only one point behind the top two clubs, Basingstoke and Waterlooville but with four games in hand. For the record, George Duck and Bill Byrne got our goals, and how grand to see Bill's dynamic second half display. Both our goals were beauties and afterwards George couldn't believe that he had belted that second half chance wide!

Manager Sid Prosser makes one change today, recalling Terry Dyson in place of Paul Fairclough. One can only sympathise with Paul, who is struggling to find the form we know he is capable of. It is Mr. Prosser's intention as soon as possible to have a look at recent newcomer Keith Bristowe at midfield, where Keith has had a lot of experience. The temporary suspension of the Mid Surrey Floodlight League has, of course, meant that many similar managerial ploys have not been able to be tried. Presumably if and when we get a sufficiently substantial lead in a match to justify it, Keith will be brought on as substitute at midfield. Vital league games just now are hardly the time to gamble unless the odds are stacked our way . . .

We accord a sincere welcome to the Directors, Players and Supporters of Ashford Town who are not enjoying the best of times. They recently lost long-serving manager Peter Sillet to Folkestone and we wish them happier times in the New Year. To date, Ashford have only gathered 15 points from 18 games and suffered a 1-0 home defeat by Canterbury on Saturday. Good to see that stalwart Charlie Hurley still in the side, though.

Although only one club, Trowbridge, has played fewer games than we have, Wealdstone's record of 11 victories is the best in the league.

On Saturday, January 12th, we are away to Wimbledon in the F.A. Challenge Trophy (2.15 p.m.). After four meetings already this season, we could have wished for a better draw!

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#### Stop Press—Urgent Notice

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2.15 p.m.

This is because Saturday is one of the three days this week that electricity is being supplied to Bognor Regis industry and therefore Bognor cannot field a team on Saturday. The Southern League have authorised the switch to Sunday, and we readily agreed, not wishing to fall further behind with our league programme. Otherwise a postponement would have been necessary.

So don't forget: Sunday, January 6th, Southern League: Wealdstone v Bognor Regis Town, kick-off 2.15 p.m. Get the wife to put the roast beef in the oven a bit earlier this Sunday!

## Up the Rock (Starring George Young)

A little monkey would a running go,
And aft chased Georgie—Tally Ho!
A bigger monkey, yet unseen,
Pulled up Georgie—sickly green.
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#### Don Brown Resigns as Chairman

It is with considerable regret that we have to announce the resignation of Mr. Don Brown as chairman of the Club's Executive Committee. Don's business, which has connections throughout the country, is related to the energy industry, and the recent national crisis has put such an intolerable burden upon him that he felt unable to continue to devote the time that a club such as Wealdstone demanded. After several weeks thought, therefore he has had to reluctantly give up office while remaining, of course, an ardent supporter, and helper wherever possible.

Under his chairmanship, the Club changed its structure dramatically, the most important change being the move to a Limited Company which should be in being within a few months. A special extraordinary meeting of members to approve the Articles of Association will be called at the end of January. Certainly since Don's arrival, we are much better geared admin-wise, and we shall always be grateful for what he has done.

In the meantime, we wish him and his wife, Eileen—who also never misses a match—our best wishes for the future, and look forward to retaining their friendship.

#### In a Few.Lines . . .

Leading scorers: George Duck 35; Bill Byrne 10, John Henderson 8.

Our former manager Alan Humphries has, we hear, taken over as manager of neighbouring Athenian League side Finchley.

Ex-Stone Hughie Lindsay is coach and assistant manager to Vince Burgess at Kingstonian.

The 'Evening Standard' on Wednesday and 'Evening News' on Thursday carry Southern League reviews, and Wealdstone is invariably mentioned.

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Waterlooville	20	10	5	5	27	19	25
Wealdstone	16	11	2	3	30	21	24
Minehead	19	8	7	4	31	23	23
Poole Town	19	10	2	4	33	22	22
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Hastings United	17	7	6	4	30	25	20
Gravesend & Northfleet	18	8	1	6	21	19	20
Bath City	18	7	2	ă	22	27	17
Andover	15	6	4	8 5	26	20	16
Ramsgate			4	5	22	24	16
Bognor Regis Town	16	6	4	638	22		
Bideford	14	5	1	3	25	23	15
Canterbury City	 18	5	5	8	18	19	15
Ashford Town	18	5	5	8	23	25	15
Crawley Town	19	5	7	8	23	38	15
Trowbridge Town	15	5	4	6	21	24	14
Dorchester Town	18	4	527256434475574522	9	18	25	14
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