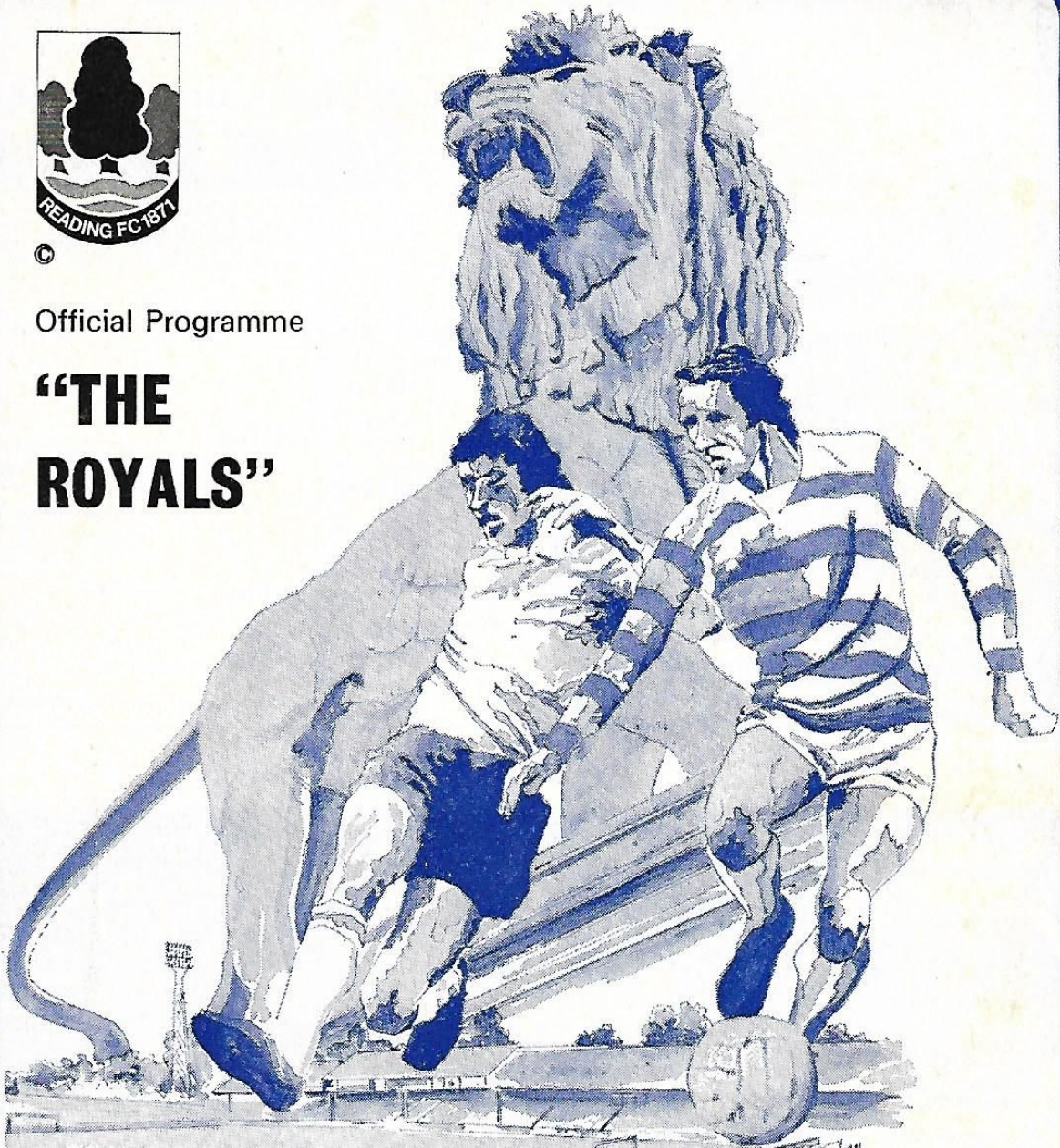




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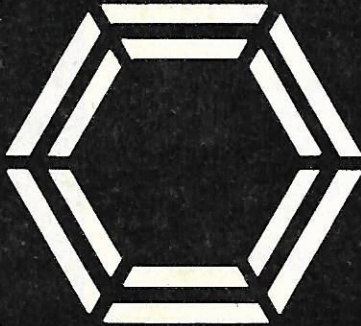
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## Manager's Viewpoint



IN the past I have given you supporters a lot of stick for not getting behind the players and will take back none of it. The reason I have done it is because as a rule we do well at home without much appreciation.

But last Saturday the players and myself took a tremendous amount of stick and thoroughly deserved it, because our display goes down as one of the worst we have given at home since I became manager. Our first half was bad, really bad and although there was an improvement in the second half that was way below the standard set in the early part of the season.

I know it is easy to make excuses, but the facts are that we have had a good many injuries which have not helped our game, but that does not excuse last Saturday's performance at all.

In football you learn to take the good times with the bad, and the job is a lot harder when you are losing. But we will get back on the winning trail—you can be sure of that.

Today is the best time to do it, because the magic of the F.A. Cup has always been great. Over the years since I have been in football it always gives you that excitement that League games cannot match. I am sure you as supporters feel the same.

Wealdstone should be a very interesting game as we do not know too much about them. They will be a hard side and the first twenty minutes will be the hardest of all, but we will treat them with great respect until the final whistle.

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# WEALDSTONE

Formed in 1875 and turned professional in 1971-72. Joined Southern League, Division One North before being transferred to Division One South. Gained promotion to the Premier Division in 1973-74. F.A. Amateur Cup winners: 1966-67. Ground: Lower Mead Stadium. Manager: Geoff Coleman.

**READING'S** near neighbours, Aldershot, now in the Fourth Division, know all about Wealdstone and the F.A. Cup. Last season the Southern League side came close to dumping what was then a Third Division outfit, out of the F.A. Cup at the first hurdle.

After a goalless first half, Aldershot finally squeezed home by the narrowest of margins, 4-3. But that was only after Wealdstone had lost their skipper and centre-half, John McCormack with a broken leg just before half-time. McCormack, the former Crystal Palace defender, subsequently retired from the game.

**Six of that side are almost certain to be playing today.**

They are goalkeeper, John Morton, John Watson (right-back), Bill Byrne (defender), Bobby Moss (mid-field), Ray Fulton (mid-field), and George Duck. Duck in fact scored two of Wealdstone's goals in the Aldershot game while Bill Byrne played as centre-forward.

Wealdstone have plenty of Football League experience via centre-half, Keith Lawrence and mid-fielder Danny Light. Lawrence played against Reading twice last season in Brentford's colours, but was given a free transfer in May.

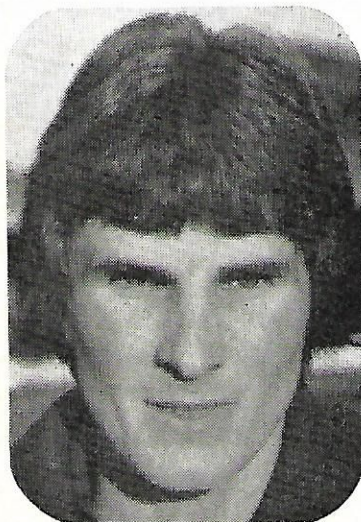
**Light is the man who knows what it is like to be playing for a side that produces a shock. He was in the Colchester side the day the Essex club stunned**

**the football world by beating Leeds United 3-2 in a fifth round Cup match in 1971.**

This season Wealdstone have been having a Jekyll and Hyde season and are lying seventh from bottom of the Southern League, Premier Division. However, their 1-1 draw away to Atherstone on Saturday was their fifth consecutive game without defeat, so it looks as though the club are picking themselves up after an indifferent start.

The club's outstanding achievement was in the 1966/67 season when they won the F.A. Amateur Cup, beating Hendon before 50,000 at Wembley.

Two years ago, the club was formed into a Public Limited



## GEORGE DUCK—THE GOALSCORING MACHINE

A Wealdstone fan has been overheard saying that although George Duck (pictured left) scored most of the club's goals, he did not contribute much to the game. However, anyone who can score 65 goals in a season **must** contribute to his side's game.

George Duck is the man Reading will have to watch. Those 65 goals were rattled up last season but already Duck is trying to emulate that feat with 25 to his credit this term.

The 27-year-old striker has an incredible consistent goalscoring record at senior non-League level.

## WEALDSTONE'S FIRST ROUND RECORD SINCE 1961

1965-66	A Millwall	Lost	3-1	
1966-67	H Nuneaton	Lost	2-0	
1968-69	H St. Albans	Drawn	1-1	Replay Lost 0-1
1975-76	A Aldershot	Lost	4-3	



Company, floating 20,000 "A" (voting) and "B" (non-voting) shares. They are in the fortunate position of owning their own ground almost in the centre of Harrow's main shopping area, and this is worth a King's Ransom. Lower Mead Stadium has a capacity of 16,000, with 6,000 under cover. They have, in fact, packed 18,000 in the ground, for the visit of Colchester in the F.A. Cup many years ago.

They have always been one of the best supported clubs in non-League football, and in their Athenian League days, gates of 8,000 were the rule rather than the exception. Last season, they had the third highest average gate in the Premier Division and should they earn a replay today confidently anticipate a gate of 8,000 for Tuesday night's replay.

Their away support is always excellent, and they should have a following of over 1,000 for today's tie.

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#### MEET THE MANAGER

Manager, Geoff Coleman is in his first season as Wealdstone Boss. In his playing days he saw League action with Norwich and was manager of the Nuneaton side who topped the Southern League a couple of year ago.

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● Pat Morrisey (Aldershot) scores from the penalty spot during last year's first round F.A. Cup tie against Wealdstone. The "Stones" gave Aldershot a hard game before losing 4-3. ● Photo: "Eric Marsh"

## PEN PICTURES

**JOHN MORTON** (Goalkeeper)—Won an F.A. Challenge Trophy Final medal with Dartford and immediately joined Wealdstone on moving to Harrow. Is Head of P.E. at a large North London School. Is not now first choice since the recent signing from Romford of Chris Lightfoot who, however, is cup-tied.

**JOHN WATSON** (Right-back)—An ex-apprentice with West Ham and won an England Youth cap. Has played for Durban City and in his fourth season. Rated one of the most competitive backs in the Premier Division.

**LEN PRINCE** (Left-back)—Close season signing from Dover, after experience with Charlton.

**BILL BYRNE** (Defender)—Is having a magnificent season as "sweeper" after conversion from centre-forward, in which position he toured Japan with Middlesex Wanderers three years ago. Has revolutionised Wealdstone's defence.

**KEITH LAWRENCE** (Centre-back)—Signed during the close season from Brentford where he had a lot of League experience. Is particularly dominant in the air.

**DANNY LIGHT** (Mid-field)—Was in the Colchester side which beat Leeds in the Cup some seasons ago and a brilliant ball player.

**BOBBY MOSS** (Mid-field)—A former Barnet player and another forward converted to a more defensive role, but is quick to exploit the sudden break.

**RAY FULTON** (Mid-field)—Has the most educated left foot in the squad, crossing the ball with tremendous accuracy.

**GEORGE DUCK** (Forward)—A goal-scoring machine the envy of all Southern League clubs. In his fourth season and every season so far has been the club's top scorer. Scored 64 goals last term and is a gifted opportunist. Has taken 37 penalties for Wealdstone and only missed five of them. Joined from Southend United.

**DAVE PARRATT** (Forward)—Signed early in the season from Bedford Town. Is now making his mark as an aggressive centre-forward, speed being his biggest asset.

**JOHN ARNOLD** (Forward)—Recently back in the side after a five weeks' lay off through injury. Another player quick off the mark.

**STEVE EDMUNDSON** (Mid-field)—A Harrow doctor, Steve has had a lot of experience with Fulham Reserves and is an ideal utility player.

**BILLY STAGG** (Forward)—A product of Wealdstone's youth side, and the fastest player in the squad. Likes nothing better than to run at the defence.

**ALAN FURSDEN** (Defender)—Had his first outing recently after several months lay-off with a severe ankle injury which once threatened his career.





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## Flashback to 1877 . . .



# THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING

READING played their first ever F.A. Cup game in season 1877—but it was not played at Elm Park.

Despite being drawn at home to South Norwood, Reading decided to play on a neutral ground—the Dolphin Ground at Slough.

The match was played on Wednesday, 7th November 1877, but as you can see, the report in the "Berkshire Chronicle" (printed in full below), like the match, bore little relation to what we see nowadays.

The pitch had no penalty area while the goals had no nets and a tape in place of a crossbar. The referee had to use a handkerchief instead of a whistle and had umpires, not linesmen to assist him.

## READING v SOUTH NORWOOD

“ON Wednesday afternoon last a match between these clubs was played on the Dolphin ground at Slough. This being the first match the Reading Club has played for the Association Challenge Cup, a great deal of interest was evinced and numerous lovers of this sport accompanied the team to Slough.

Reading won the toss and elected to kick down the hill and the game was started by the South Norwood captain kicking off. The Reading forwards, by dint of playing well together, soon drove the ball into the enemy's territory and compelled the South Norwood backs to beat a retreat.

About 10 minutes after play began Field got hold of the ball from the centre of the ground, made a brilliant run down and by a clever kick scored the first goal for Reading amid much applause from the spectators.

The ball having been kicked off again, the game became very warm and the Norwood men did their very best to retrieve their loss, which at one time they nearly succeeded in doing but for the handling of one of the Reading men, whereupon a free kick ensued close to the Reading goal, which was cleverly charged away.

A good run by the Berkshire forwards, again threatened the Norwood goal, but the ball was quickly returned and White made a good shot at the Reading goal.

At half-time ends were changed, and soon afterwards,

Sillence made a splendid shot for goal, the ball going just over the tape.

Although Reading were now playing uphill, it was pretty evident to all present that they had decidedly the best of the match, and that the Norwood team had become somewhat disorganised. At this period Marks made a good run down, which brought about a corner for Reading.

Rogers kicked off and landed the ball in front of the goal and Franklin neatly obtained a second goal (the ball having glanced off H. W. Wilson, one of the Norwood men).

The remainder of the game was played with vary fortune for each side, but no other goals were scored, thereby the Reading men were left masters of the situation by two goals to none.

The following were the teams.

READING: H. F. Rogers (capt.), W. L. Franklin (back), H. Ive, A. J. Richardson (half-backs), S. Hayward (goal), T. H. Turner, A. Wakeman (left wing), K. H. Mullens, D. C. Marks (right wing), G. Sillence and G. C. Field (centre). Umpire, Mr. J. W. Martin.

SOUTH NORWOOD: W. H. White (capt.), C. E. Leeds (back), D. Renoldson, H. C. Stephenson (half-backs), E. A. Shears (goal), C. Wilson, H. W. Wilson, H. Bishop, F. O. S. Reade, A. W. Meers and C. H. Mounsey. Umpire, Mr. E. H. Bansbridge. Referee, Mr. J. H. Clark. ”











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# READING IN ACTION



● Former Manchester United and England player, David Sadler clears the ball away from Reading's Dennis Nelson during the game against Preston at Elm Park, last week. ● Photo: Robert Judges "Reading Chronicle"

## Did you know that . . .

● Reading have not reached the second round of the F.A. Cup for three years. However, after last year's shock exit at the hands of non-League side, Hendon, Reading will be working hard to make sure there are no slip-ups this season.

☆ ☆ ☆

● Only two of our current players have scored F.A. Cup goals for Reading—Gordon Cumming (8) and Steve Hetzke.

☆ ☆ ☆

● Of the current Southern League, Premier Division clubs, Reading have only played one—Weymouth—before today. That was back in 1926 when Reading eventually reached the semi-final.

● Reading Reserves' game against Ipswich was played in such a blanket of fog that spectators could hardly see half the pitch. This enabled all the Reading players to have a "good game". Those on the left (the stand side) told Maurice Evans, who always stands under the clock on the Tilehurst Road side, that they did well, while those on Maurice's side told manager, Charlie Hurley that they were the stars of the side. Incidentally the teams left the pitch to the strains of the hit record "When Will I See You Again."

☆ ☆ ☆

### READING'S F.A. CUP RECORD

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst.
Home	102	53	26	23	213	127
Away	94	22	26	46	110	193
Neutral	9	5	—	4	11	11
	205	80	52	73	334	331



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# SPOTLIGHT

# on the RESERVES

THE last Reserve game was the strangest game I have ever witnessed (I can't say seen because I didn't see half of it!).

Ipswich went 1-0 up early in the game and we equalised through Dennis Nelson, and fully deserved our share of the first half.

The second half was like something out of "The Invisible Man". Down came the fog and you could only see about 40 yards, so it was virtually impossible to either play or watch.

However, the referee seemed determined to finish the game and he ran about like a "clockwork mouse" trying to keep up with the ball, and nearly succeeded.

I can't tell you anything about the second half because I could only see the players on one side of the pitch and it was a complete farce.

The final result was 2-1 for Ipswich — well, so the referee said.

The "A" team continued in their winning ways with a 4-0 win over bottom of the table Ruislip.

Andy Painter scored yet another hat-trick giving him three hat-tricks this season and he seems determined to catch up with Jerry Williams who scored the other goal and has now got 19 to his credit.

● Maurice Evans

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## MATCH DETAILS

Date	Team	Venue	Result	Scorers
Aug. 21	● Queens Park Rangers	H	0-4	—
Sept. 1	● Chelsea	H	0-1	—
.. 4	Birmingham City	A	Postponed	—
.. 8	● Plymouth Argyle	H	Postponed	—
.. 15	Norwich City	A	2-2	Hollis (2)
.. 22	Cardiff City	A	2-2	Painter, Williams
Oct. 2	Swindon Town	A	1-2	Hetzke
.. 13	● Tottenham Hotspur	H	3-2	Nelson (2), Williams
.. 16	Orient	A	Postponed	—
.. 20	● Hereford Utd.	H	3-2	Williams (2), Painter (pen)
.. 30	Fulham	A	1-0	Hicks
Nov. 3	Leicester City	A	0-2	—
.. 10	● Ipswich Town	H	1-2	Nelson
.. 20	● Luton Town	H	Postponed	—
.. 24	Bristol Rovers	H	—	—
.. 27	Southampton	A	—	—
Dec. 1	● West Ham Utd.	H	—	—
.. 7	Arsenal	A	—	—
.. 11	Bristol City	A	—	—
.. 15	Fulham	H	—	—
.. 29	● Crystal Palace	H	—	—
Jan. 1	Oxford Utd.	A	—	—
.. 12	● Norwich City	H	—	—
.. 25	Queens Park Rangers	A	—	—
Feb. 5	● Chelsea	A	—	—
.. 9	● Birmingham City	H	—	—
.. 15	Plymouth Argyle	A	—	—
.. 23	● Cardiff City	H	—	—
March 5	Tottenham Hotspur	A	—	—
.. 9	● Swindon Town	H	—	—
.. 16	● Southampton	H	—	—
.. 19	Bristol Rovers	A	—	—
.. 23	● Orient	H	—	—
April 2	Hereford Utd.	A	—	—
.. 6	● Bristol City	H	—	—
.. 11	● Oxford Utd.	H	—	—
.. 13	Crystal Palace	A	—	—
.. 16	Ipswich Town	A	—	—
.. 27	● Arsenal	H	—	—
.. 30	Luton Town	A	—	—
May 4	● Leicester City	H	—	—
.. 11	West Ham Utd.	A	—	—

● Matches to be played at Elm Park

## Combination League Table

Table of Results to Tuesday, 16th November 1976 (not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst.	Pts.
Chelsea	14	12	2	0	29	1	26
Ipswich Town	13	9	1	3	30	13	19
Q.P.R.	14	8	2	4	28	12	18
Bristol City	12	7	3	2	26	14	17
Plymouth Argyle	13	7	3	3	18	14	17
Arsenal	12	6	4	2	17	11	16
Tottenham Hotspur	12	6	2	4	15	12	14
Birmingham City	12	3	7	2	13	10	13
Norwich City	14	4	5	5	17	20	13
Cardiff City	13	4	5	4	12	18	13
Southampton	14	6	1	7	20	28	13
Hereford United	13	5	2	6	21	21	12
Oxford United	12	4	4	4	14	16	12
Crystal Palace	13	4	3	6	17	18	11
Leicester City	14	4	3	7	26	27	11
Fulham	11	5	1	5	13	18	11
Swindon Town	12	2	5	5	9	14	9
READING	10	3	2	5	13	19	8
Orient	10	2	3	5	11	13	7
Bristol Rovers	9	3	0	6	12	20	6
West Ham Utd.	11	1	1	9	16	35	3
Luton Town	14	0	3	11	11	34	3

### MIDDLESEX BORDER LEAGUE

Tring	11	7	4	0	24	6	18
READING	10	8	1	1	43	16	17
Burnham	8	6	2	0	12	3	14
Hillingdon B.	11	6	2	3	29	12	14
Hemel H.	11	6	2	3	22	14	14
Uxbridge	13	6	2	5	17	19	14
Chesham	10	4	3	3	21	18	11
Edgware	10	4	2	4	16	15	10
Windsor & E.	12	4	2	6	14	22	10
Hungerford	11	3	3	5	14	18	9
Kingsbury	9	3	2	4	15	17	8
Marlow	11	3	2	6	17	27	8
Harefield	11	2	4	5	10	18	8
Chal. St. P.	10	2	3	5	13	22	7
Willesden	10	0	4	6	11	28	4
Ruislip Man.	10	1	0	9	8	31	2



# FAN FARE

## Your Supporters' Club Page

**WELCOME WEALDSTONE.** It is more than likely that most of today's visitors from Wealdstone are making their first visit to Elm Park and so we offer them a warm welcome.

In the event of a draw the replay will be on Tuesday and coaches will be run if necessary. Bookings should be made straight after today's game if possible.

**THE OTHER CUP.** The first team aren't the only team involved in a knock-out competition this month—the Supporters' Club quiz teams will soon be making their annual journey to Hungerford Football Club for the Rothman's Quiz. The first round takes place on Monday, 29th November and we have two teams entered, the first "kicking-off" at 8 p.m. The Hungerford club do a great job of organising this event so if you are in the area on that evening why not drop in.

**TRANMERE AWAY.** Next Friday the first team are playing at Tranmere and we will be running a coach to this game as usual. We would be grateful if those interested could book their seats as soon as possible so that we can order the correct sized coach. Incidentally, a slight change has been made in the booking facilities for those of you who usually reserve your seats in the Social Club. From now on no bookings will be taken in the Social Club on match days but bookings can be made at the souvenir shop at the Reading end of the Stand—this shop faces on to Norfolk Road so we hope no-one will be inconvenienced.

**TRANMERE AWAY, AT HOME?** We are hopeful that we will be able to arrange for a live broadcast of the

Tranmere game to be transmitted back to the Social Club. Everything has been arranged at this end and providing Tranmere can let us have the necessary facilities the commentary will take place. An announcement regarding this will be made over the tannoy today.

**JOHN'S BIG MATCH.** A corny headline but our congratulations are sincere when we offer John Turner and his bride to be, Susan, the very best of luck for their wedding day on Monday and wish them every happiness for their future together.

**MORE SOUVENIRS.** The new souvenirs keep on rolling in. Woollen bobble hats at 80p plus car cushions (they are also handy if you find the Elm Park seats a bit hard) that sell at 70p. Both arrived last week. We hope to have Sports Anoraks in stock soon. These are designed especially for sports fans and are made of a hard wearing rainproof material in club colours. These are available in various sizes and cost £4.99 for adult sizes and £3.99 for the junior size.

**"A" TEAM NEWS.** We make no apologies for continuing to plug the fact that our young "A" team are having a great season and have not lost a League game since their first match of the season. Next Saturday they will be playing at Elm Park and with no first team match their high-scoring record should draw in a bumper crowd.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dave Moreline on making his 150th League appearance against Preston last Saturday.

### HELP US AND HELP YOURSELF

ALTHOUGH our 5p Weekly Scheme tickets are selling better than ever we are always keen to welcome new agents.

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It is not only the winners who gain on our Weekly Schemes—the agents who sell them also get 10 per cent commission on both sales and on winnings over £10. In addition if you sell over 175 tickets a week for six consecutive weeks you can qualify for a free season ticket.

If you are interested in becoming an agent for our Weekly Schemes tickets please contact our Commercial Manager, Albert Moss, at our Norfolk Road office, Reading 57878. You can start with as few as ten tickets a week.

### Third Division Quiz

1. Who were the last team to visit Elm Park for an F.A. Cup tie?
2. And who scored his first goal for Reading in that game?
3. In which season did we reach the semi-final of the Cup?
4. Since joining the League Reading have only lost two games against Southern League clubs—can you name them?
5. Which ex-Reading manager captained a post war Cup winning team?
6. Can you name the only Southern League side to win the F.A. Cup?

1. Slough Town in 1973-74.
2. Steve Hetzke.
3. 1926-27.
4. Guildford in 1937 and Brentwood 1969.
5. The late Harry Johnston (Blackpool 1953).
6. Tottenham Hotspur 1901.

ANSWERS



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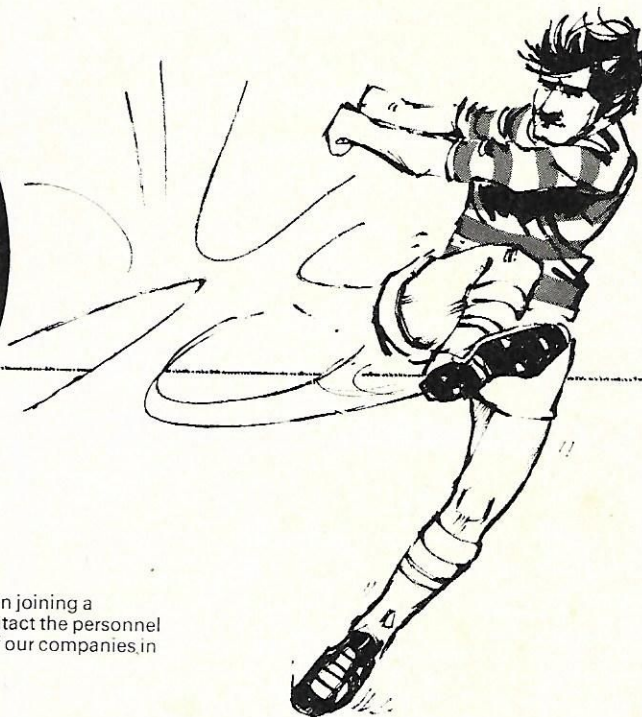
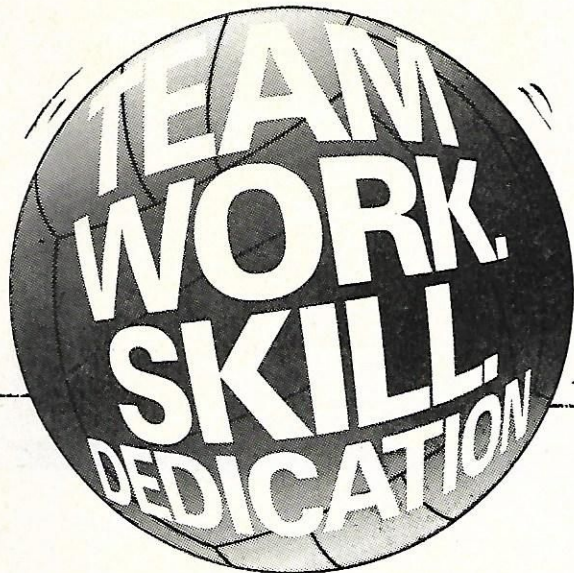
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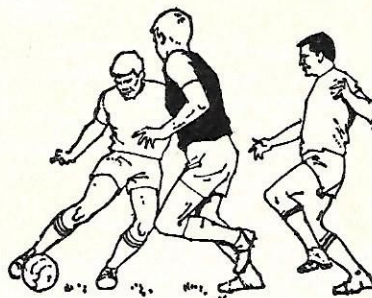
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STEVE HETZKE	5
TOMMY YOULDEN	6
JOHN MURRAY	7
RAY HIRON	8
DENNIS NELSON	9
EAMONN DUNPHY	10
BRUCE STUCKEY	11
	12

Scorers .....

## WEALDSTONE

Colours: Red Shirts

JOHN MORTON
JOHN WATSON
LEN PRINCE
BILL BYRNE
KEITH LAWRENCE
BOBBY MOSS
JOHN ARNOLD
DANNY LIGHT
DAVE PARRATT
GEORGE DUCK
RAY FULTON

Scorers .....

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## Match Officials

REFEREE: Mr. ERIC A. READ (Bristol). Commenced refereeing in 1962 in Chippenham, Wiltshire local leagues and progressed via the County and Western Leagues to the Football League list. Was linesman for a U.E.F.A. Cup Third Round match in West Germany (1974). A married man, with one daughter, he is an Associate Director (General Manager). His interests include travelling, photography, underwater swimming, etc.

### LINESMEN:

Red Flag: Mr. R. B. BANNING (Basingstoke)  
Yellow Flag: Mr. C. S. PERRIN (Banbury)

## Forthcoming Matches

READING (Elm Park)  
WEDNESDAY, 24th NOVEMBER  
FOOTBALL COMBINATION  
BRISTOL ROVERS  
at 7.30 p.m.

ALDERSHOT (Recreation Ground)  
SATURDAY, 27th NOVEMBER  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
HARTLEPOOL  
at 3.00 p.m.

## HALF-TIME SCORES

A ALDERSHOT v. PORTSMOUTH.....	L HUDDERSFIELD v. MANSFIELD.....
B BOURNEMOUTH v. NEWPORT.....	M KETTERING v. OXFORD UNITED.....
C BRENTFORD v. CHESHAM.....	N LEATHERHEAD v. NORTHAMPTON.....
D BRIGHTON v. CRYSTAL PALACE.....	P SCUNTHORPE v. CHESTERFIELD.....
E CAMBRIDGE UNITED v. COLCHESTER.....	Q SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v. STOCKPORT.....
F CHESTER v. HARTLEPOOL.....	R SWANSEA v. MINEHEAD.....
G CREWE v. PRESTON.....	S SWINDON v. BROMLEY.....
H DONCASTER v. SHREWSBURY.....	T TORQUAY v. HILLINGDON.....
J EXETER v. SOUTHEND.....	U TRANMERE v. PETERBOROUGH.....
K GILLINGHAM v. WATFORD.....	V WREXHAM v. GATESHEAD.....

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