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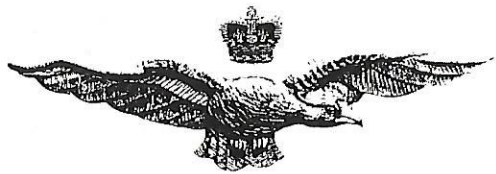
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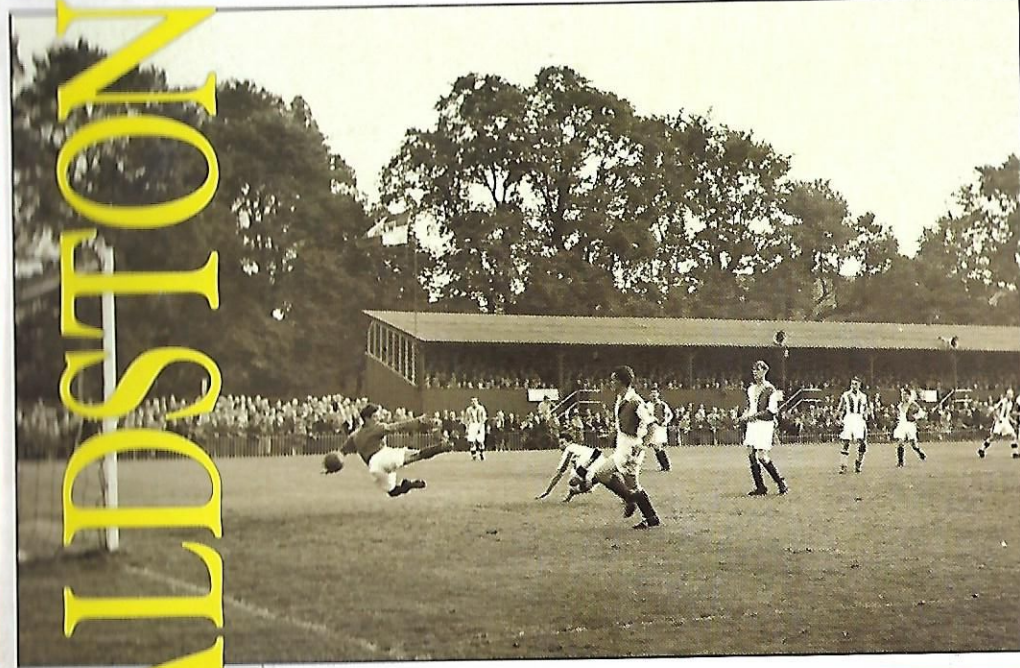
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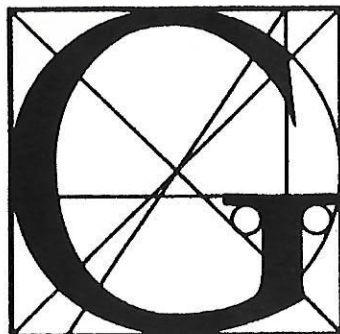
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Front Cover: The F.A. Cup, 2nd Qualifying Round, at Lower Mead on Saturday 8th October 1955. Southall's R.Stevens falls as he scores his side's second goal in their 2-1 victory over the Stones. (Roy Couch)

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MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello and welcome to our first competitive game of the 1995/96 season at our new home here at Edgware Town FC. A warm welcome to the players, management and supporters of Wingate & Finchley.

I am writing these notes on the Friday evening prior to our first league game against Cove and I feel really excited about the prospects this season. However any club who doesn't go into the season in a positive mood are obviously in for problems - I'm sure there will be many teams in Division Three expecting good things this season.

These are my first notes as Manager of Wealdstone and I must confess that these notes are the one job I really dislike doing as a Manager. I did take some comfort however when I read today's paper quoting Barry Fry's comments in the Birmingham City programme. They read "We all NO this will be a difficult season" and later followed it with reminding supporters to "HERE him talking on the Blues Clubcall Line." I would like to point out here and now that all spelling mistakes and poor grammar anywhere in my notes are either printing errors or editorial 'cock-ups'!...

Now I've moaned about the notes I'd better get on with writing about the pre-season build up. We started on the 5th July and over those six weeks had 12 hard training sessions and played nine games, using 48 players during those friendlies. The performances have been encouraging with 6 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats, scoring 25 and conceding 10. It seems to have been one of the hardest pre-seasons I have ever known, in fact during one spell Leo, Frank and myself had the players in 10 days out of 12... Yes we must be mad! I just hope all the hard work with such a new squad will pay dividends during the season.

I know people expect a great deal from this campaign but things will not be easy. I am looking for a solid start of about 20 points from the first 10 games. That will give us and the players time to get to know each other, build a pattern of play, find out our own weaknesses and learn what to expect from other Division Three teams.

I must take this opportunity of thanking all the supporters for their support during pre-season, especially during the Harrow Borough game. I am only sorry we couldn't give you a win that day but I hope we will make up for that disappointment during the season. Your vocal support will be invaluable throughout the season so please keep up the encouragement to the players and be a little patient when things go wrong (as they will). One thing I do promise.... We will all work very hard to achieve and bring back the good times to Wealdstone.

Whilst saying thank you, I must include Graham Smith and Alan Wharton for all the time they have spent at the club sorting the players out with kit, drinks and injuries during this long pre-season. Your time and effort is really appreciated by the management and along with Joe, James, Layne, Kip, Alan and Steve and many others, you have made us really feel at home in our new surroundings. The same can be said for Edgware Town FC who have welcomed us with open arms and I'd like to wish Jock and Peter all the best in Division Two. Thanks also go to Peter Shepherd for all his hard work on the ground.

Anyway back to the football. Despite Chairman Paul Rumen's comments in the local paper that we will win the league, I will be reluctant to make any promises until MAY. My forecast for the promotion places are from the following, HORSHAM, NORTHWOOD, LEIGHTON TOWN, LEWES and OURSELVES. I am sure there will be other teams who will come through but I am only interested in us. Who knows who it will be come May... As long as it's Wealdstone.

Good luck and enjoy the game!

GORDON BARTLETT

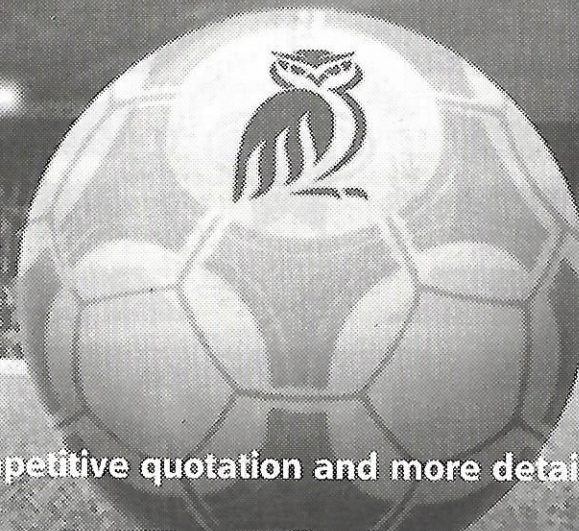
TODAY'S POSER

Last Saturday week's match at Cove was our first Isthmian League match since April 1971. This evening we are staging our first HOME match in this league for 24 years. Today's poser comes in two parts. (1) Prior to Cove who were our last opponents in an Isthmian League match (it was away). (2) Who were our visitors for our last HOME Isthmian League match back in 1971? Answers elsewhere in this programme.

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With Layne Patterson

A very warm welcome to the White Lion Ground for our much awaited return back to the Borough of Harrow. Today not only sees our first league match in Harrow for over four years but also our first home game back in the ICIS (Isthmian) League.

A lot of hard work has been put in to achieve this goal, but we did it, and at last we can enjoy the prospect of more localised football back in our own town. Also a lot of hard work was done in persuading GORDON BARTLETT and LEO MORRIS that they were the men to lead this club back to where it belongs - at the very top of non-league football!

I believe that Gordon and Leo have shown a great deal of belief in what we are all trying to achieve at this club, and hopefully their exile from the Premier Division will only be a brief one. Certainly I have no doubt that we will not lose any matches because of our lack of fitness (I felt exhausted watching them) and the addition of FRANK O'BRIEN to our management team will compliment the work of Gordon and Leo no end. I know all of them have been impressed by your support to date, so keep up the excellent vocal.

I'm sure that you will all join me in wishing Gordon, Leo and Frank a long and fruitful association with Wealdstone Football Club. Here's to a winning start!

REPLICA SHIRTS.

As you are probably aware, due to the fact that our kit has had to be ordered from ICIS Sportswear, we have experienced problems in obtaining replica shirts. This is obviously understandable due to the fact that ICIS have had to cater for in excess of 80 clubs and they have done well to keep up with demand. Hopefully these shirts will be available very soon.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

To date no firm dates for social functions have been set but it is likely that in late October we will hold a Race and Football Night in the Clubhouse. Also we hope to arrange a Christmas function, a Sportsman's Dinner and a Greyhound Race Night at Wembley Stadium - watch this space!!

BLUE RIBBON LOTTERY NEWS.

As you are all aware the Blue Ribbon Lottery is this club's main source of financial income. Without the funds of a bar this has been our club's lifeline over the past few traumatic years. We need to maintain numbers and indeed must improve upon numbers if we want to enjoy the superb facilities of our own stadium. Are you a member? If not please change this by phoning the office or contacting me for an application form. Also if you are involved with a club or organisation who would like to earn valuable commission by acting as an agent, please see me. We are also looking for people to act as agents in their local areas - phone 0181 - 381 1671 now!

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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

The Wingate Football Club was founded in 1946 by a group of Jewish ex-Servicemen who returned to the U.K. after the war and wished to form a Jewish Football Club playing Senior Amateur Football. Following the war one of their prime objectives was to combat the problems of anti-Semitism that was prevalent at the time. The club was named after the famous British General, Maj. Gen. Orde C. Wingate who although a non Jew is widely credited with his work in the period 1936-1939 with the Jewish Defence Forces as being the mastermind behind the formation of the Israeli Army.

The Club commenced competition in the Parthenon League and soon progressed to the London League, the Delphian League and in 1969 the Athenian League. In 1972 Wingate FC lost their ground at Hall Lane, Hendon due to the extension of the M1 motorway and although near neighbours Finchley FC came to their rescue with a ground share arrangement in 1974 it soon became apparent that it was not feasible to run a Senior Club without a home ground. The Club therefore ceased to compete in Senior Football at the end of season 1974/75 and reverted to Junior Football at a new ground in Arkley which was not suitable for Senior Football. The Club rebuilt from grass roots and progressed into the Herts Senior League and the South Midlands League. The major success at Arkley was the winning of the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy in 1988 - the first team from the Herts Senior League to win the trophy. With the Arkley ground being located in the green belt no development was possible and a move was essential if the Club was going to progress further.

The Club has undertaken numerous overseas tours and in recent years has toured the USA in 1982 and 1984, Italy in 1991, Hong Kong and China in 1992 and Hawaii, USA in 1994 with an Under 19 Squad.

The Finchley Football Club was founded in 1874 by the great Corinthian 'PA Jackson' and had an illustrious record as an Amateur Club - having competed at the highest level in Senior Amateur Football. They were facing certain difficulties and a merger between these two friendly clubs seemed the obvious solution. The Corinthian ideals of Finchley coupled with the ideals of Wingate FC formed an ideal combination. This merger became a reality in 1991 when a programme of refurbishment commenced which saw considerable expenditure being expended on the Summers Lane ground and by the start of season 1990/91 the new "Abrahams Stadium" was ready. The ground was named in memory of the late Harry Abrahams and the Club owes a considerable debt of thanks to Harry's widow, Mrs Grete Abrahams MBE, who has given the Club most generous support in recent years.

It was decided that the Club would compete in the League that Wingate FC competed in prior to the merger - The South Midlands League and for the past four seasons the Club has competed successfully culminating in season 1994/95 when they were League runners up and winners of the London Senior Cup. As League runners up the Club won promotion to the ICIS Isthmian League (Division Three) and were pleased to accept the promotion. The Club's Reserve team competes in the Suburban League, the Under 18 team in the Southern Youth Invitation Floodlit League, the Under 16's and Under 14's play friendly fixtures, and the Under 13 team is in the Maccabi Primary League.

The Club prides itself on 'continuity' and all the managers of the Club are ex players of Wingate FC and between all the managers there is a combined total of over 100 years of competing for the Club. Two of the original founder members, Cllr. Frank Davis JP and Maurice Rebak, are still actively involved in the Club and many others can boast over 20 years membership of either of the Clubs.

The Club Constitution states that "...The objects of the Club shall be to field amateur teams to play Association football with the intent to encourage the development of Jewish sportsmen and to foster and encourage goodwill between Jew and non Jew within the Club and through the field of sport." It is the fulfillment of these objectives that remains at the forefront of the Club's ambitions.

1995/96 - FIRST TEAM PEN PICTURES

ADAM SOLOMONS: Aged 25. Joined the club in 1986. A goalkeeper who soon impressed with his attitude to the game. Played in the Youth team and Reserves for 8 years and has worked his way into the First Team squad this season.

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TODAY'S OPPONENTS (continued)

DARREN CURTIS: Aged 31. Has played with the club since he was 16 joining the Youth team in 1980. Since breaking into the First Team in 1984 has been virtually ever present in either midfield or more recently at full back.

DANIEL PILER: Aged 26. Joined the club in 1992 from Sunday football and soon established himself in the First team squad. A left sided player who started in midfield and made the transition to to left back last season. A First Team regular last season where he scored many spectacular goals.

DAVID NEWMAN: Aged 24. Represented the London County FA as a Youth team player before joining Finchley in 1990. Has played in the First Team ever since and was rated as one of the best centre backs in the South Midlands League.

JON BOLLE: Aged 30. Joined the club as a centre forward in 1990 now reverted to centre half. Played for Orient and also in the Isthmian League with Dagenham, Barking, Clapton and Leyton-Wingate.

BARRY GREENSTREET: Aged 25. Joined the club from local Sunday football at the start of last season. Worked his way into the side during the early part of the season and by the end was a regular. Plays at the back and has an excellent left foot.

MARC MORRIS: Aged 36. The club's longest serving player. Joined in 1975 and has played in nearly 700 games and scored over 600 goals. A centre forward who has been the club's leading scorer for 15 of his 20 seasons with the club.

DARREN CARR: Aged 24. Joined the club this season having previously played for Burton Albion. A forward who has recently moved to the Finchley area and looks to have a promising future at the club.

MARK LENNARD: Aged 31. Joined the club in 1987 and has been a regular since then. A forward who is a prolific goalscorer.

ANDREW MYERS: Aged 24. Joined the club in 1987 as a Youth team player. Plays in centre midfield and broke his way into the First Team after returning from Leeds University in 1994. Noted for his surging runs from midfield.

TIM BECKER: Aged 21. A former Youth team player who plays at full back or midfield and has been a regular first team player for three years.

MASON FISK: Aged 23. Joined the club in 1990 and has been a regular First Team player ever since. Formerly with Hendon he is a midfielder noted for his stylish play.

RUSSELL BRILL: Aged 19. Product of the club's youth policy. Joined in 1991 and played some First Team games last season. Plays in midfield.

ANDREW YETZES: Aged 22. Recent recruit to the club. A centre forward who has played for Dulwich Hamlet and Banstead Athletic.

STEVEN COBB: Aged 19. Joined the club in 1993 as a Youth team player. Was a regular in the Reserves last season but also played in some First Team games.

SPENCER FENTON: Aged 28. Joined the club in 1989 having previously played in Sunday football. Has been a regular First Team player for a number of years.

ADAM HART: Aged 29. Joined the club in 1980 and broke into the First Team in 1983 and has been a regular choice ever since. Has played in virtually every position - except goalkeeper - and last season ended as the club's leading goalscorer.

NIGEL PORTMAN: Aged 27. Played at Chelsea before joining the club in 1984 as a 16 year old. Has been a centre forward but in recent years has reverted to the centre half position.

OUR RECORD AGAINST WINGATE & FINCHLEY

Played 91 Won 42 Drawn 14 Lost 35 Goals For 209 Goals Against 181

Wingate & Finchley were formed in 1991 by an amalgamation of Wingate Football Club (based at Brickfield Lane, Arkley) and Finchley Football Club (based at Summers Lane, Finchley). Home matches are played at the ground of the former Finchley Football Club. Wealdstone met Wingate twice and Finchley 89 times (40 times in the Athenian League and twice in the Spartan League) prior to the amalgamation. The most recent encounter took place at Summers Lane during the 1989/90 season when Finchley won a Middlesex Senior Charity Cup, First Round tie, by two goals to nil.

Previous matches v. Wingate

1957/58: F.A. Amateur Cup: Wingate 1 Wealdstone 4
 1965/66: Middlesex Senior Cup: Wealdstone 3 Wingate 0
 (Home team shown first)

Previous League matches v. Finchley

Spartan League

Season	Home	Away
1922/23	W5-0	L0-4

Athenian League

Season	Home	Away
1929/30	D2-2	L1-3
1945/46	D2-2	D3-3*
1946/47	D1-1	D1-1
1947/48	L0-1	L1-2
1948/49	L2-5	W4-2
1949/50	W2-1	W6-1
1950/51	W3-2	L1-3
1951/52	W2-1	W5-0
1952/53	D2-2	L1-2
1953/54	L1-2	L1-3
1954/55	W3-1	L0-2
1955/56	W8-1	L1-3

* Match played at Wealdstone FC.

Season	Home	Away	Season	Home	Away
1956/57	L3-4	L2-5	1960/61	W4-1	L2-3
1957/58	D1-1	D1-1	1961/62	D2-2	W2-0
1958/59	W6-1	L1-2	1962/63	D1-1	W2-0
1959/60	W3-1	W2-1	1963/64	L2-4	L0-4

(Wealdstone's score shown first)

Summary of Spartan/Athenian League Encounters

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	21	9	7	5	55	36
Away	21	6	3	12	37	45
Total:-	42	15	10	17	92	81

STEVE'S SECTOR

Welcome to our new home - Edgware Town FC. Let's hope that the diehards of the last four seasons can be joined by the Lower Mead exiles! Today sees us pitted against Wingate & Finchley FC for the first time in our history (we have of course met their predecessors Wingate FC and Finchley FC before). We offer a warm welcome to all the players, officials and supporters of this evening's visitors.

Shanners, Roddy and 'Marvellous' are the only survivors from last season and they are joined by a great set of new players - wear that WFC shirt with pride lads and let's emulate former glories!

Goodbye Beazer Homes League, hello ICIS League - but it wasn't easy. A hot summer evening found Chairman Paul and myself at the Hilton Hotel being given the third degree by a few outspoken officials of Isthmian clubs. However, thanks to an unbiased speech by the League's Chairman, Alan Turvey, and a heartfelt plea by Paul, we scraped in by a small majority. Starting life in Division Three means a long hard trek before our former status is regained, but sometimes you have to take a step backwards before going

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forwards both on and off the pitch. Certainly financially it was essential that stability was maintained before realising our major aim - a ground that belongs to us.

In Practice Matches and Friendlies there was evidence of a long awaited purpose for which Gordon, Leo and Frank must take credit. I'm sure I speak for every Wealdstone fan to a man when I welcome them to our Club and hope that it is a lengthy and successful stay. The White Lion pitch was not available for use until the Harrow Tournament but the American Schools came to our rescue - Alf Busch their ground manager certainly did us proud and this contributed to a very successful pre-season. I apologise for not securing a Premier/Football League side for a friendly, but both Layne and I approached every southern based team only to be frustrated for various reasons.

Generally it will be the case that the match officials for this season will be less experienced than those in our Beazer Homes League days - please go easy on them! Today's match officials are cordially welcomed to our first home league match and are more than welcome to sample our post-match hospitality in the boardroom.

FIFA have decided to amend the number of substitutes to ANY three players replacing last season's ruling that one had to be named as a goalkeeper. It will be interesting to see how many clubs actually include a goalkeeper in the three named

Enjoy the game. Come on you Stones.

STEVE HIBBERD

AMAZING GROUNDHOPPERS

The antics of the groundhoppers never cease to amaze. For example, several don't count a visit to a ground if they see a goalless draw there. It is rumoured that one gentleman has been back to STENHOUSEMUIR three times - and still hasn't seen a goal!

Another man - known as "TRAM" to his friends (because he drives a tram in Blackpool) - has to touch both crossbars at every ground he visits! Then there is the hopper who has to walk around the four sides of the pitch inside AND outside the ground!

It seems that the groundhopper who puts himself under the most pressure at grounds is DAVE ROXBOROUGH. He makes it his business to touch the matchball at every ground he visits. He usually stands by the corner flag, hoping to throw the ball back when it goes out for a corner. He says: "When I arrive at a new ground, I walk around trying to work out where the ball will easiest be retrieved by me." No wonder the assembled groundhoppers on the 1995 Northern Hop burst into spontaneous applause every time Dave got his first touch of the ball at each ground.

ON THE TERRACES WITH MEGAPHONE MICK

Well, what an enjoyable weekend the Harrow Senior Cup was (apart from the Final result) - what do we have to do to beat that team? Still, I felt it was quite encouraging taking into account all the personnel changes there has been.

I must say I was impressed with Rayners Lane's performance - and there was the odd bit of friendly exchange between their players and our supporters. When Wealdstone got a corner in the first half their number 4 noticed two females sitting behind the goal sunning themselves (Julie & Paula for your reference) and shouted 'Oi ref, look, that's not fair, ref...c'mon.' In the second half when someone asked the Rayners Lane keeper if he was looking forward to playing tomorrow he replied that he might be injured by then!

On the Sunday I was asked by an official of Wealdstone (who will remain nameless) if I was the person exchanging pleasantries with a certain Mr Hook in Borough's game with Edgware - sheepishly I owned up only to be told to carry on the good work in the Final!

What do you think of Edgware's main stand? - I had a stitch by the time I'd walked up the steps and when I looked down I started to suffer from vertigo! - seriously, it is an excellent view from there, not that I'll be sitting in there watching Wealdstone matches mind. Also when you walk into the clubhouse it is like stepping back in time - the most recent record on their jukebox is from about 1959! - I'll have to give them a Metal Mode tape (however on second thoughts !! ...)

Anyway - I'd better end with a well worn cliché like - Up the Stones or here's to three points - See ya in the bar ...

MICHAEL VINCENT

THE PULSE

With Dave Edler

It was exactly twenty years ago that I first started watching the Stones, an Adriaan Eglite goal securing a share of the points with Stourbridge at Lower Mead in the opener on August 16th 1975. Since then, as they say, a lot of water has passed under the bridge, not to mention a few tidal waves in the case of the Stones.

During this period much has been written about how Stones should have gone on to greater things, which of course they did, how they should have stayed at the higher level and how little progress has ultimately been made, culminating in the two steps backwards this season. I thought it would be interesting to look back on the relative fortunes and mis-fortunes of the 22 sides competing in the Southern League Premier Division on that August day back in August 1975. All of them hopeful at the start of a new season, the majority of them ambitious, playing as they were at the highest level of non-league football open to them at the time, and almost all hoping for eventual promotion to the Football League. I'm sure that if you asked the supporters of any of these clubs in 1975 where they thought they would be playing in 20 years time the vast majority would have said the Football League, a few maybe the same level, and even the most pessimistic a division below. So who, then, went on to achieve their ambitions?

Of those 22 clubs only two of them made it to the Football League in those twenty years and one of those folded soon afterwards. I'm talking of course about WIMBLEDON and MAIDSTONE UNITED. Of the remaining 20 clubs only FOUR are currently playing at a higher level than they were in 1975, although even this is debatable as they are all Conference clubs so this could be considered to be a sideways move from their 1975 position in what was non-leagues top-flight. Those four are KETTERING TOWN, TELFORD UNITED, DOVER and BATH CITY, with only the first two enjoying un-interrupted membership of the higher division.

So what of the remaining 16? Well again only SIX are even still playing at the same level, these being ATHERSTONE TOWN, YEOVIL TOWN, CHELMSFORD CITY, BURTON ALBION, GRAVESEND & NORTHFLEET and CAMBRIDGE CITY and in the case of Atherstone they first had to fold and come back up from the bottom. Six of the remaining ten can be found one level below their former status and these are NUNEATON BOROUGH, WEYMOUTH, GRANTHAM, MARGATE, STOURBRIDGE and TONBRIDGE. The Division is completed by ourselves and BEDFORD TOWN, three and two divisions below respectively, and DUNSTABLE and HILLINGDON BOROUGH, both now four divisions below their former glories.

So what does all this prove? Well if nothing else it shows what we've always known - that football is a game of ups and downs and that the chances of failure are infinitely better than the chances of success. Up until a couple of seasons ago we had done as well as any of our peers from 1975, with the exception of Wimbledon, and some of those peers were much bigger clubs than Stones, who had less than five years membership of the Southern League behind them at this stage.....>>

THE PULSE

Continues...

Five of those 22 clubs have folded completely at some stage over the past 20 years, with Maidstone United currently the only ones failing to re-surface. If Stones had taken that dreadful option it would have meant that a QUARTER of the clubs playing on that August Saturday would have failed to even exist in their current form just 20 years later. Now that really does make you think. At least another six of those remaining clubs have also been saved from the brink of closure so with a bit of bad luck HALF of those sides from 1975 could have gone under.

All of this goes to illustrate the perilous nature of the average non-league football club alongside the ridiculously naive optimism of the average non-league football fan. Every single season the vast majority of us are always going to be dissatisfied. Even when we know at the start of a season that our team is crap we still manage to convince ourselves that we'll sneak a promotion place. You see logic and rationale have never played any part in the average football fan's make-up and quite right too!!

Football has always been a game about passions and emotion, about the highs and lows that you just cannot get elsewhere in human experience, except perhaps if you've got a very fit lover, and that's why we continue to go. We don't really care that we're in the Icis Division Three this season, in the same way that Aldershot didn't care when they were, in the same way that Dartford's fans don't care that they're in the Kent League and in the same way that Newport's fans didn't care when they were in the Hellenic League. That might sound controversial but if we're really honest it's true. We have survived, and where there's life there's always hope, and where there's hope there's always outrageous optimism that we'll make it to the Premier Division in three straight seasons.

And of course we all believe it. I believe it, the players must believe it, and the manager has got to believe it. In the same way that I believe Wealdstone will win every game I attend. Even if one of those games is a Third Round Cup Tie at Old Trafford. Because if I couldn't convince myself that there was just some slim miniscule chance that we could sneak it there would be no point in going. There has to be a chance of victory in the same way that there has to be a chance of defeat. If we were certain, for instance, that we'd beat East Ham United in the Vase on Saturday, then they'd be no point in coming. But we turn up just to make sure, to confirm our beliefs. And in this way football really is like a religion. And I have the faith.

So, here's to the next twenty years. Where, I wonder, will our twenty league opponents this season be in 20 years time. Based with the information in this article what would the fans of all these clubs say if we now put the question to them? Would reason now prevail? Don't be bloody stupid!! The Football League's still the answer.

A VIEW FROM THE TERRACES

FOURTH WILL BE FAILURE says JOHN BURROWS

A final position of fourth in the League would be generally regarded as acceptable by the majority of clubs, indeed some may well regard such a position as a good one. I suggest that come May 1996 a position of fourth for Wealdstone will reflect failure. The top three sides will achieve promotion (assuming their grounds comply with Division Two requirements) and we must be one of those sides. It is essential that we secure playing success to help the various off the field targets which are critical to the Club's long term survival.

Recent seasons have seen the Club fighting for its life. The fact that we are still alive is a great tribute to Paul and the Board, and other club stalwarts. The problems they have had to face have been exacerbated by poor playing performances which have done little to improve finances or the Club's overall image.

Last season was hard going for "the man on the terrace" supporting Wealdstone. I have witnessed Wealdstone sides of all shapes and sizes for close on fifty years, but have never seen so many performances devoid of basic defending. The attacking/defensive imbalance on occasions was hard to believe. However, that is history and we must now look ahead.

I believe that for the first time for many a season the playing prospects are good. This is not because we have transferred down to Division Three of the ICIS, but because, at last, a management appointment has been made that fits the profile required. Gordon Bartlett has a proven track record and has achieved significant success at the level Wealdstone are now participating in (as well as up to and including ICIS Premier). In other words he knows what is required to achieve success within the world Wealdstone will play in.

I am sure that the message that Wealdstone need playing success NOW has been imparted to Gordon, and that success is essential to support the crucial issues off the field (ie a new home, commercial status, etc.). I believe the playing budget is reasonable and the management have the expertise. The extraordinary hard core support of a hundred or so are anxious to help us to promotion - fourth will surely be failure.

Over to you Gordon!

(Editor's comment): This is the view of one of our most loyal supporters and we must respect his right to express it. However, I cannot agree that a position of fourth would reflect failure, disappointment maybe. All of us, the Chairman, Manager, players and supporters want to see us promoted at the end of the season but we cannot assume that this is going to happen. A lot of hard work lies ahead of us in our remaining 39 league matches and it won't be easy. There are at least five other teams in our Division with established sides from last season who are capable of finishing above us. Gordon, Leo and Frank have only been with us a couple of months and during that time have had to build a completely new team with only three retained from last season. They, and the players, have worked extremely hard and results to date have been very encouraging. There are going to be times when results will go against us (we can't win every match) and at such times our Manager and his players will need our full support if we are to hopefully finish higher than fourth this season.

SUPPORTERS SCENE

Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to The White Lion Ground for this evening's game against fellow ICIS League newcomers Wingate & Finchley. We start this season in a new home with a new management team in a new league. I personally believe that all three changes are in the best interests of the Club. We are now back in Harrow in a league which should significantly reduce our running costs with the most professional board and management for years, if not ever.

On that subject we welcome Gordon Bartlett, Leo Morris and Frank O'Brien to Wealdstone FC and wish them every success in the challenge that lies ahead over the next

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SUPPORTERS SCENE (continued)

few seasons. After a busy and thorough pre-season which has been predominantly successful we, now appear to be approaching a settled squad which will begin our assault on the ICIS League. It is important that our return to Harrow is accompanied by an increase in gates despite our voluntary drop in status. I would expect our crowds to match, if not better, those of our local rivals.

This summer has seen us receive excellent publicity due to the high level of activity at the club. Most recently the announcement of our planning application for our own ground within a community leisure complex has filled the pages of the local papers. I have written elsewhere of the importance of this application and the role of the supporters, we must do our bit to ensure we achieve our ultimate goal.

By now we will have already played in three different competitions, the League, League Cup and FA Cup, let's hope we remain in both cups. Next week sees our first ever FA Vase match when we welcome East Ham United to the White Lion Ground.

Enjoy tonight's game and let's hope we are about to commence an enjoyable and ultimately successful season.

UP THE STONES!!

DOMINIC WHYLEY

WEALDSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB - RELOCATION NEWS

This could be your last chance to really make a difference. I need as many people as possible to write letters expressing support for Wealdstone Football Club's bid to relocate back into the Borough of Harrow.

Please address your letters to the Councillors listed below and please also forward a copy of your letter to the Harrow Observer. It is vital that we show as much support as possible for this project. Also could you please inform any other supporters you know who may be willing to help.

Please give this small task your urgent attention, don't leave it to others to do this. Writing a letter is a small price to pay to once again have a HOME Wealdstone Football Club can call its own. **IF YOU DO NOT WRITE A LETTER AND OUR RELOCATION BID FAILS YOU WILL ONLY HAVE YOURSELF TO BLAME.**

Do you really want a new home for Wealdstone Football Club? If so get writing.

Addresses for your letters:-

"Councillors" Cllr. Chris Noyce, Cllr. Richard Romain, Cllr. Keith Toms,
Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 2VW

Harrow Observer - Harrow Observer, Letters Page, 326 Station Road, Harrow,
Middlesex, HA1 2DR

KIP HEWITT

P.S. The "Bring Home The Stones" Petition is still running, so please help if you can. Contact the Supporters Club or Club Office for further details. PLEASE NOTE we shall be handing our Petition over to the Council on the 3rd September. We should be grateful if you could return any forms in your possession (incomplete ones as well) to the Club Office before this date. THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING THEM IS AT OUR HOME MATCH WITH EAST HAM UNITED ON SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER.

WEALDSTONE F.C. RESULTS 1995/96 SEASON (Harrow Senior Cup & Friendlies)

Date	Opponents	Comp.	Venue	Result	Goalscorers
Tue Jul 25	North Greenford	Utd FR	Home+	W4-0	Fraser, Hall 2, Watson
Sat Jul 29	Canvey Island	FR	Away	W3-1	Fraser 2, Katsiaounis
Tue Aug 1	Bedfont	FR	Away	W2-0	Bhatia, Hall
Thu Aug 3	Cockfosters	FR	Home+	L1-2	Adams
Sat Aug 5	Rayners Lane	HSC	Away*	W3-1	Birch, Sheldrick 2(1 pen)
Sun Aug 6	Harrow Borough	HSC	Home	L1-3	Birch
Tue Aug 8	Molesey	FR	Home+	W4-0	Hall 2, Brathwaite, Ivers
Sat Aug 12	Chipstead	FR	Home	W5-1	Ivers, Birch (pen), Brathwaite, Boreham, Sheldrick
Tue Aug 15	Bedford Town	FR	Away	D2-2	Fraser, Ivers

+ Played at ASL Sports Ground, Honeypot Lane, Stanmore; * Played at Harrow Borough FC.

1995									
Sat Aug 19 Cove	IL	W9-1	172	Wild	Marshell	F.Moore	Bhatia	Croad 1	
Tue Aug 22 Waverhoe Town	GIC	W5-2	184	Wild	Marshell	F.Moore 1	Bhatia 1	Croad 1	
Sat Aug 26 Cheshunt	FAC(P)	W1-0		Terkorang	Marshell	F.Moore	Bhatia	Croad	
Wed Aug 30 WINGATE & FINCHLEY	IL								
Sat Sep 2 EAST HAM UNITED	FAV								
Tue Sep 5 Tooting & Mitcham Utd	GIC								
Sat Sep 9 Grays Athletic	FAC(1Q)								
Sat Sep 16 Harefield United	IL								
Sat Sep 23 HERTFORD TOWN	IL								
Sat Sep 30									
Sat Oct 7 Epsom & Ewell	IL								
Tue Oct 10 Brimsdown Rovers	MCC								
Sat Oct 14 HORSHAM	IL								
Tue Oct 17 Flackwell Heath	IL								
Sat Oct 21 WINDSOR & ETON	IL								
Wed Oct 25 AVELEY	IL								
Sat Oct 28 Lewes	IL								
Sat Nov 4 EAST THURROCK UNITED	IL								
Wed Nov 8 Feltham	MSC								
Sat Nov 11 Tring Town	IL								
Sat Nov 18 Camberley Town	IL								
Sat Nov 25 CLAPTON	IL								
Sat Dec 2 Leighton Town	IL								
Sat Dec 9 HORNCHURCH	IL								
Sat Dec 16 Harlow Town	IL								
Tue Dec 26 Kingsbury Town	IL								
Sat Dec 30 CAMBERLEY TOWN	IL								
1996									
Mon Jan 1 NORTHWOOD	IL								
Sat Jan 6 Southall	IL								
Sat Jan 13 Aveley	IL								
Sat Jan 20 COVE	IL								
Sat Jan 27 Hertford Town	IL								
Sat Feb 3 FLACKWELL HEATH	IL								
Sat Feb 10 Wingate & Finchley	IL								
Sat Feb 17 HAREFIELD UNITED	IL								
Sat Feb 24 LEWES	IL								
Sat Mar 2 Windsor & Eton	IL								
Sat Mar 9 Horsham	IL								
Sat Mar 16 EPSOM & EWELL	IL								
Sat Mar 23 TRING TOWN	IL								
Sat Mar 30 East Thurrock United	IL								
Sat Apr 6 Northwood	IL								
Mon Apr 8 KINGSBURY TOWN	IL								
Sat Apr 13 Clapton	IL								
Sat Apr 20 LEIGHTON TOWN	IL								
Sat Apr 27 Hornchurch	IL								
Sat May 4 HARLOW TOWN	IL								
To be arr. SOUTHALL	IL								

CAPITALS denotes HOME FIXTURES. * = Substitute not used. p = Penalty. # = After extra time.

KEY THROUGHOUT THIS PROGRAMME: IL = ICIS LEAGUE(DIVISION 3), FAC = F.A.CUP, FAV = F.A.VASE, GIC = GUARDIAN INSURANCE CUP (LEAGUE CUP), MSC = MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP, MCC = MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP, HSC = HARROW SENIOR CUP, FR. = FRIENDLIES.

TEARS FOR SOUVENIRS

A French regional league match between GRANZAY and SAINT-SYMPHORIEN was abandoned towards the end of last season when a Granzay player was caught with a tear gas canister under his shirt...

**ICIS FOOTBALL LEAGUE
(DIVISION THREE)**

**CURRENT LEAGUE FORM
(Incl. Mon.28th August 1995)**

Last 6 Home		Last 6 Away
d1111W	Aveley	111111
d1wwwD	Camberley Town	d1w11L
w1dwd	Clapton	w1w1dW
11dwlL	Cove	111111
w1dww	East Thurrock Utd	w1dwdL
d1d111	Epsom & Ewell	1wd11D
111w1W	Flackwell Heath	1111d1
dw111D	Harefield United	11111d
111dWD	Harlow Town	dw1d11
11111L	Hertford Town	11d1dD
11wwwW	Hornchurch	w1dwwL
w1wwdW	Horsham	www1wW
wwd1ww	Kingsbury Town	wwwd1L
1w11ww	Leighton Town	wwwwwW
1w1wdL	Lewes	d1111L
1d1wwW	Northwood	dw1d1w
ww1wdL	Southall	ww11wD
w1dwdD	Tring Town	d1w1dL
d111w1	WEALDSTONE	d1w11W
d11dwl	Windsor & Eton	111w1D
dw1dww	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	w1d1dW

(This season in CAPITAL letters)

Brathwaite	Walton	Yates 2	Fraser 3(2p)	Sheldrick 3	Birch	Shanahan	Ivers	Tekell
Tekell	Walton	Yates	Fraser	Ivers 2	Birch	Hall	Shanahan*	Brathwaite
Brathwaite	Walton	Yates	Fraser	Sheldrick	Birch 1	Shanahan*	Hall	Tekell*



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**BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE (SOUTHERN DIVISION)
HOME LEAGUE ATTENDANCES 1994/95 SEASON**

	Played	Aggregate	Best	Worst	Average Per Game
Weymouth	21	16714	1283	391	795
Tonbridge	21	9535	888	290	454
Salisbury City	21	8068	1054	207	384
Ashford Town	21	7630	462	261	363
Clevedon Town	21	6046	807	116	287
Weston-S-Mare	21	5720	475	170	272
Waterlooville	21	5506	720	124	262
Bashley	21	5429	495	151	258
Newport (IOW)	21	5381	409	161	256
Margate	21	5376	368	135	256
Havant Town	21	5337	602	142	254
Baldock Town	21	4676	396	110	222
WEALDSTONE	21	4020	254	164	191
Yate Town	21	3782	408	110	180
Braintree Town	21	3697	254	116	176
Witney Town	21	3372	289	66	160
Poole Town	21	3061	346	76	145
Fisher 93	21	2933	201	88	139
Fareham Town	21	2892	279	79	137
Bury Town	21	2809	240	100	133
Burrham	21	2518	158	88	119
Erith & Belv.	21	2229	146	62	106

**BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE (SOUTHERN DIVISION)
TOP & BOTTOM LEAGUE ATTENDANCES 1994/95 SEASON**

Highest		
1283	Weymouth v. Margate	26/11/94
1245	Weymouth v. Waterlooville	15/10/94
1232	Weymouth v. Bashley	26/12/94
1054	Salisbury City v. Havant Town	1/ 5/95
1052	Weymouth v. Fareham Town	31/12/94
1024	Weymouth v. Havant Town	10/12/94
Lowest		
62	Erith & Bel. v. Yate Town	5/11/94
66	Witney Town v. Fisher 93	8/10/94
67	Erith & Bel. v. Bashley	10/ 4/95
69	Erith & Bel. v. Fareham Town	6/ 5/95
71	Erith & Bel. v. Clevedon Town	18/ 2/95
72	Erith & Bel. v. Poole Town	2/ 5/95
76	Poole Town v. Margate	22/ 4/95
79	Fareham Town v. Witney Town	28/ 3/95

**BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE (SOUTHERN DIVISION)
LEAGUE & DR. MARTENS CUP GOALSCORERS 1994/95**

D. Arter (Ashford Town) ...	...	...	...	38
S. Cuggy (Margate) ...	...	...	...	36
S. Devine (Fisher 93) ...	...	...	...	30
S. Lovell (Salisbury City) ...	...	...	...	26
S. Penny (Clevedon Town) ...	...	...	...	26
M. Stanton (Ashford Town) ...	...	...	...	25
E. Fearon (Newport I.O.W.) ...	...	...	...	23
N. Selby (Waterlooville) ...	...	...	...	23

Total Matches: 462 Total Attendances: 116731
Average Attendance Per Match: 252

STONES PREDICT-A-SCORE

(1 MATCH PLAYED, INCLUDING COVE, SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 1995)

Correct Result/Score (3 pts.), Correct Result Only (1 pt.). Nobody had 3 points from first game, most had 1 point. Today's predictions in brackets.

DAVID ALBERT (2-0), JEREMY ALBERT (2-1), NEIL ALLEN (1-0), D.BALDERSTONE (3-0),BOB BANGS (2-0), STEPHEN BIRD (2-2), ROB BROWN (1-0), JOHN BURROWS (3-1), MARTIN BURROWS (2-1), MARK CHAMBERLAIN (2-0), "CHUBBY" (1-1), GRAHAM CLARK (2-2), JOHN COMFORT (2-1), NICK CONWAY (3-0), RAY CORNER (4-1), ALAN COUCH (2-0), ROY COUCH(1) (2-1), ROY COUCH(2) (1-2), JOHN CURTIN (1-0), PETER DREW (2-1), TONY DREW (2-0), NICK DUGARD (0-1), DAVE EDLER (1-1), ADAM, DAVID & GUY EDWARDS (2-2), M.J.FERGUSON (3-1), ERIC FLETCHER (2-0), "FLYING TURDS" (2-2), MARK FOWLER (2-1), DAVID FREE (3-0), LORI GALE (2-0), DAN HELEN (3-1), MIKE HEYES (3-2), STEVE HIBBERD (2-1), ANDY HIBBS (3-1), GORDON HIGGINS (1-1), MARTIN HUGHES (2-1), JON IRVINE (2-0), TOBY JACKSON (1-1), J.JEFFRESON (1-1), ALAN JENKINS (2-1), KIRSTY JENKINS (1-0), GRAHAM JONES (1-1), J.KEMP (2-2), SATEESH KHANNA (3-1), "KNIGHTRIDER" (1-1), HOWARD KRAIS (1-1), "KYLE STEWART" (3-0), DARREN LINDEN (4-0), JOHN LLOYD (2-1), MARK LLOYD (3-0), JOE MCKEEVER (1-0), MARK McMANUS (2-0), HUGHIE MARSHALL (2-0), "MK KINGS" (1-1), RON MOORE (3-0), PAT MURPHY (3-1), DAVE PARISH (3-1), LAYNE PATTERSON (1-0), TONY PLATT (2-1), JACKIE PULLIN (2-0), MICHAEL PULLIN (3-0), "RONNIE RAFFLE" (4-1), SUDHIR RAWAL (2-1), WARREN RHODES (0-2), PATRICIA RONEY (1-0), CHRIS RUDOLPH (3-1), PAUL RUMENS(1) (1-1), PAUL RUMENS(2) (2-0), ROB SAVILLE (2-0), RICHARD SAWYER (1-0), STEEVEN SHARPE (1-0), VAL SHEARER (2-0), TONY SHORT (2-1), ROGER SLATER(2) (3-1), GRAHAM SMITH (1-1), JAMES SMITH (1-0), WARREN STOCKWELL (2-2), DAVID TODD (3-1), MATTED TONNA (2-1), JOAN WALLER (0-1), TONY WALLER (1-2), KEN WIGGINS (4-0), LIZ WIGGINS (4-1), NICK WOOLFORD(1) (1-0), PETER WORBY (4-1). - (1 Pt.)
BARRY BEVENISTE (3-1), JOHN CONWAY (2-2), MOLLY CONWAY (1-0), STEVE FOSTER (3-1), QUENTIN FOX (3-1), PAUL FRUIN (2-0), KIP HEWITT (2-1), ALAN MOORE (2-0), KEITH RANGER (3-0), BARBARA ROBSON (2-0), ROGER SLATER(1) (3-0), IAN SPITTLES (1-1), MIKE SPITTLES (1-1), ROGER WATSON (2-1), NICK WOOLFORD(2) (2-1), STEVE WRIGHT (2-0). - (0 Pts.)

Wealdstone score given first. All predictions were made prior to the start of the season. Prize money at the end of the season will be:- Winner £200; Runner Up £100; Third Place £70; Fourth Place £50; Last Place - A Mystery Booby Prize.)

ICIS FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION THREE) (Up to & including Monday 28th August 1995)

	Home					Away					PTS	WEALDSTONE RESULTS		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A	HOME	AWAY
Harlow Town	2	1	1	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	4		
WEALDSTONE	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	1	3		
Northwood	1	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	3		
Clepton	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3		
Leighton Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3		
Horsham	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	3		
Aveley	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3		
Flackwell Heath	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
WINGATE & FINCHLEY .	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
Hornchurch	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	3		
Windsor & Eton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	1		
Epsom & Ewell	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		
Harefield United ...	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Tring Town	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1		
Camberley Town	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1		
Hertford Town	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	1		
Southall	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1		
East Thurrock United	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0		
Kingsbury Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0		
Lewes	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	1	2	0		
Cove	1	0	0	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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WEALDSTONE APPEARANCES 1995/96 SEASON (All Matches excluding Friendlies)
 (Substitutes who actually played are shown in brackets)

	IL	GIC	FAC	FAV	MSC	MCC	HSC	TOTAL	WEALDSTONE CAREER
Maximum Possible	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	5	
Paul Bhatia	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	5	5
Troy Birch	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	5	5
Fergus Moore	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	5	5
Chris Walton	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	5	5
Neil Yates	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	5	5
Steve Fraser	1	1	1	-	-	-	1(1)	4(1)	5
Ben Marskell	1	1	1	-	-	-	1(1)	4(1)	5
Rod Brathwaite	1	-(1)	1	-	-	-	1	3(1)	41
Paul Sheldrick	1	-	1	-	-	-	1(1)	3(1)	4
Steve Croad	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	3
Lee Tekell	-(1)	1	-	-	-	-	1(1)	2(2)	4
Rob Wild	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Marvin Hall	-	-(1)	-(1)	-	-	-	1	1(2)	15
Rob Tenkorang	-	-	1	-	-	-	-(2)	1(2)	37
*Keith Boreham	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)	1(1)	2
Mark Ivers	-(1)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)	2
John Shanahan	-(1)	-	-	-	-	-	1	1(1)	112
*Pete Bulliman	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
*Paul McCluskey	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
James Moore	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
*Dave Ramsey	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Gavin Hart	-	-	-	-	-	-	-(1)	-(1)	1

WEALDSTONE GOALSCORERS 1995/96 SEASON (All Matches including Friendlies)
 (Penalties scored are shown in brackets)

	IL	GIC	FAC	FAV	MSC	MCC	HSC	FR	TOTAL	WLDSTINE CAREER
Steve Fraser	3(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	7(2)	7(2)
Paul Sheldrick	3	-	-	-	-	-	2(1)	1	6(1)	6(1)
Marvin Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	7
Mark Ivers	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	5
Troy Birch	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1(1)	4(1)	4(1)
Paul Bhatia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
Rod Brathwaite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	24(2)
Steve Croad	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Neil Yates	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
*Trevor Adams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
*Keith Boreham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
*Nick Katsiaounis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Fergus Moore	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
*Duncan Watson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
TOTALS:-	9(2)	5	1	-	-	-	4(1)	21(1)	40(4)	

WEALDSTONE GOALKEEPERS STATISTICS 1995/96 SEASON (Excluding HSC & Friendlies)

	Played	Goals Conceded	Average Per Game	Clean Sheets
Rob Tenkorang	1	0	0.00	1
Rob Wild	2	3	1.50	0

Appearances, Goalscorers and Goalkeepers Statistics include matches played up to and including Saturday, 26th August 1995.

* Player no longer with the Club.

Answer to Today's Poser

- (1) HENDON at Claremont Road. Result was a 1-1 draw with our goal an 'own goal'.
- (2) WOKING at Lower Mead. Result was a 3-0 win for Wealdstone with two goals from Ritchie and one from Pentecost.

SIDELINES

BY NEALE HARVEY

It seems that every time I sit down to write a column for the Wealdstone programme we are always about to enter a period of great importance for the club. Anyone who's been around for the past fifteen years or so will testify to having been on an emotional roller-coaster ride. Of course, the last six years have been an absolute nightmare both on and off the pitch so the roller-coaster is definitely in need of an upward turn.

The signs are better. Off the field, the tremendous work put in by the board over two or three years is bearing fruit and we have a planning application before the council for a new ground in Harrow. If the councillors and the local residents can get their minds around the fact that the new facilities will actually enhance the area and is not a threat to them, then we might actually achieve our dream. If not,! Hopefully, a few of our old followers will return to see us play at Edgware as it's a damn sight more convenient than Watford and Yeading ever were. If so, welcome back folks and welcome also to any new followers of our famous old club.

As ever though, it is on the field matters that attract us all here in the first place and this has been the most interesting side of things recently. To prise Gordon Bartlett and Leo Morris away from Yeading in order to take up the reins at a club three divisions lower was a brilliant move; Akin to taking Ron Atkinson from Coventry City to Torquay, it just doesn't happen does it? Yet here they are and what a difference they've made already. Wealdstone now have proper training laid on, the players are fit, and most importantly we've had an excellent pre-season run up and achieved a virtually settled squad before the real stuff. I very much doubt if we'll go through another fifty or sixty players again this year. The commitment level is excellent and with the full vocal backing of the supporters we can surely achieve our number one objective for the season - promotion.

It's very important that we keep things firmly in perspective this year and don't get carried away. There are people out there who think we will run away with this league and will win the Vase, the League Cup and the local Cup to boot on the basis that we have dropped down two divisions. Yes, there are still people who believe we have a divine right to walk through this division. Well if it happens, fine, but knowing football you can easily end up getting kicked in the teeth if you're over-confident. God knows we've had enough kicks in the teeth to last a life time and we don't need any more. Yes, let's be confident. Yes, let's believe we can get promotion, but let's do it by employing a little more humility and let's be remembered as a "big hearted" club by the other outfits in our league, not as some "pariah's" who go about boasting of what they will achieve and then fall on their backside's whilst the rest laugh amongst themselves at us.

The ground, the team, the supporters and the club. It can all start coming together over the next nine months. We will need a lot of luck and as ever, a lot of hard work from everybody. Let's get on with it, stick together and come next May let's hope we get a chance to practice our celebratory prowess!

During July I was lucky enough to be able to visit Uruguay for this year's Copa America (South American Championships). I saw 17 out of the 26 matches and, as ever, there were some tales to tell. Hopefully, I'll manage to get an article in the next Elmslie Ender. One tale that needs telling straight away however is that nine years after England's defeat by Argentina in the 1986 World Cup revenge has been meted out. With ten minutes left of the Copa America quarter final between Brazil and Argentina to go, Argentina were leading 2-1 and looked in control. Suddenly a long hard ball was swung in from the right and Tulio, Brazil's number 9, controlled the ball with his left forearm before slotting home. Everyone waited for the whistle, but instead referee Tejada from Peru signalled the goal and the Argies went crazy. The goal stood, the match finished level and Brazil won the penalty shoot out. Brilliant. The press was full of it for days and endless re-runs were shown on Uruguayan TV. Comparisons were inevitably made with Maradona's "hand of God" goal and the Argies didn't like it one bit. In fact,

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SIDELINES (continued)

at one stage they threatened to withdraw from the South American Association. The truth was inescapable though, they'd been robbed in the same way that they robbed England all those years previously. The best comment on the whole affair though came from a Brazilian journalist. Not given to understatement, he wrote, "Tulio's goal was sweet, a beautiful goal. It was so beautiful I would let Tulio's goal marry my daughter!" Follow that.

Follow that? No sooner had I written that than we went to Cove and won 9-1, 9-1!! The record score in a league match. I talked earlier about keeping things in perspective, well now it is even more important. Eleven players started the match against Cove and seven or eight were probably very disappointed that they didn't. It's a squad game though and you have to accept that not everyone can start in every game. Over the season though, all eighteen players will be required and everyone's day will come. It's a team game, we have to remember that. Brilliant start lads, keep it going.

WEALDSTONE'S LEAGUE RECORD SINCE LEAVING THE ATHENIAN LEAGUE IN 1964

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE											
Season	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POSITION			
1964/65	38	19	6	13	93	68	44	8
1965/66	38	20	6	12	90	64	46	6
1966/67	38	13	8	17	72	73	34	12
1967/68	38	19	8	11	80	45	46	7
1968/69	38	20	11	7	73	48	51	5
1969/70	38	15	10	13	53	48	40	10
1970/71	38	12	8	18	45	64	32	13
	266	118	57	91	506	410	293				

SOUTHERN LEAGUE									
Season	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POSITION	
1971/72 (First Div. North)	34	14	5	15	51	58	33	12	
1972/73 (First Div. South)	42	16	12	14	81	61	44	8	
1973/74 (First Div. South)	38	26	7	5	75	35	59	1	
1974/75 (Premier Division)	42	17	11	14	62	61	45	8	
1975/76 (Premier Division)	42	12	9	21	61	82	33	19	
1976/77 (Premier Division)	42	13	12	17	54	66	38	14	
1977/78 (Premier Division)	42	16	14	12	54	48	46	8	
1978/79 (Premier Division)	42	12	12	18	51	59	36	15	
1981/82 (Southern Div.)	46	32	8	6	100	32	72	1	
1988/89 (Premier Division)	42	16	10	16	60	53	58	11	
1989/90 (Premier Division)	42	16	9	17	55	54	57	12	
1990/91 (Premier Division)	42	16	8	18	57	58	56	12	
1991/92 (Premier Division)	42	13	7	22	52	69	46	19	
1992/93 (Southern Div.)	42	18	7	17	75	69	61	11	
1993/94 (Southern Div.)	42	6	7	29	45	95	25	21	
1994/95 (Southern Div.)	42	13	8	21	76	94	47	15	
	664	256	146	262	1009	994	756		

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE											
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POSITION			
1979/80	38	9	15	14	42	54	33	15
1980/81	38	9	11	18	37	56	29	19
1982/83	42	22	13	7	80	41	79	3
1983/84	42	21	14	7	75	36	62	4
1984/85	42	20	10	12	64	54	62	1
1985/86	42	16	9	17	57	56	47	10
1986/87	42	11	10	21	50	70	43	19
1987/88	42	5	17	20	39	76	32	21
	328	113	99	116	444	443	287				

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4 GAVIN HART			SFC Wealdstone			
5 JAMES MOORE						Bryan, Darren and Sam
6 FERGUS MOORE				James Smith		
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2 LEO MORRIS			
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4 ALAN WHARTON	Layne Patterson		

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2 Sep	EAST HAM UNITED	Tony Platt			

WEALDSTONE SUPPORTERS CLUB AND OUR PLANNED RELOCATION TO HARROW

As I'm sure you are aware by now Wealdstone Football Club has applied for planning permission, under the umbrella name of Harrow 2000, to build a 3000 capacity stadium in The Ridgeway, West Harrow. This development will include a multi purpose sports hall, a full size floodlit artificial training pitch (the only one in the borough) plus among other things, three floodlit tennis courts.

This application has been meticulously prepared and co-ordinated by Kip Hewitt and is now within weeks of approval. During this time it is imperative that the supporters of Wealdstone FC do all they can to ensure its success. The Supporters Club have helped with a petition which has accumulated over 5000 signatures supporting the move. We must continue to do what is required.

We have encountered a predictable wave of opposition from local residents against the proposals who are vociferously supported by Bernadette Murphy, the Liberal Democrat councillor for The Ridgeway. Unfortunately Miss Murphy was very ill-informed when she made a number of her earlier claims. Hopefully she will now have met with Club officials and been reassured over many of her fears in a public meeting with local residents. Kip has commissioned a number of relevant surveys which will show that residents won't be adversely affected.

As a club we must continue to make our opinions heard and pledge our support to this community scheme. Anyone who feels they can add just a handful of signatures to our petition should do so as well as writing to their local councillor backing this application. This isn't a competition, it is simply a case of ensuring that the correct decision is reached. Believe me the correct decision is to go ahead and build this sports centre in a borough which is sadly bereft of sporting facilities and return Harrow's most famous, and successful, club to a home of its own.

As well as assisting with the Club's relocation campaign this summer the Supporters Club has purchased a portacabin and we intend to sell a range of souvenirs from this base. We also intend to provide the Football Club with a weekly donation to help with costs and support the Club wherever possible.

Enclosed in today's programme is an application to join the Supporters Club at a cost of £2.50 for adults and £1.00 for OAP's. We also run a Junior Stones scheme which allows anybody under the age of 14 to gain admission to all home league matches free of charge. Anyone wishing to join should visit a member of the committee in the portacabin either before the game or at half time. If you have already joined the Supporters Club your membership card should be ready for collection today.

Since writing this events will have progressed and hopefully all is well and we are on the road to a home of our own where we can become part of the community again.

DOMINIC WHYLEY

20TH NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR SURVEY 1994/95

The Wirral Programme Club received entries from 1133 clubs, 55 down on the 1993/94 season. The results of their latest survey placed HODDESDON TOWN (South Midlands League) in First Place with 189 points, NORTHWOOD (Isthmian League) in Second Place with 179 points, and LANGNEY SPORTS (Sussex County League) in Third Place with 175 points. WEALDSTONE received 127 points and were placed 56th nationally.

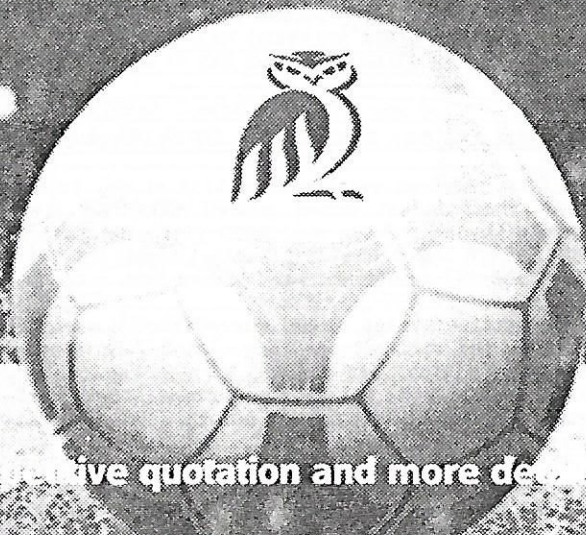
In the Southern League section all 66 clubs entered and we were 7th overall and 3rd in the Southern Division. The six Southern League clubs who finished above us were Chelmsford City (Premier Division) 144 points, Witney Town (Southern Division) 139 points, Weymouth (Southern Division) 136 points, Rothwell Town (Midland Division) 134 points, Crawley Town (Premier Division) 133 points, and Gloucester City (Premier Division) 129 points.

It is particularly pleasing that since I took over from Steve Marshall as Programme Editor in November 1992 our programme has continued to be one of the best in the Southern League. The last three seasons have seen us finish 2nd, 3rd & 3rd in the Southern Division and 7th, 4th & 7th overall in the Southern League. We will be aiming to be one of the best programmes this season in the Isthmian League but will have some stiff opposition from Northwood who have finished 2nd, 1st & 2nd nationally these last three seasons.

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PYRAMID PATTERN

Beazer Homes League CHELMSFORD CITY have once again been saved from the threat of extinction. The New Writtle Street club, whose problems have mirrored the Stones own traumas over the past five years, had originally been told to quit their Stadium by May 31st, as an offer had been accepted for it by an unnamed developer. At that stage moves were well down the road for a groundshare with PURFLEET this season. However, at the eleventh hour next door neighbours Essex County Cricket Club came forward with a better offer and purchased the site. The Cricket Club plan to extend their indoor school and also build additional car parking on their new land, but in the meantime they have given City a crucial two-year lease at The Stadium to try and sort themselves out. Again mirroring the Stones, Chelmsford Borough Council has just switched from Tory to Liberal Democrat rule and, surprise surprise, the previously uninterested Councillors and now working with the Clubs officials and a potential new site has been identified. Let's hope it works out - for both of us!!

More good news is that prolific goalscorer Steve Portway's career may not yet be over after all. You may recall that the GLOUCESTER CITY striker, who set Beazer Homes goalscoring records whilst with GRAVESEND & NORTHFLEET, suffered an horrific injury last season that saw him lose virtually all the sight in an eye. However, Steve has bravely battled back and recently crowned a 35 minute appearance against CAMBRIDGE UNITED with a goal. Portway's dad told me "Steve obviously sees the ball a lot later than he used to, but his physical fitness and abilities are unchanged and he still has his natural instinct in front of goal". It remains to be seen whether Portway can continue to play at this level and to continue to commute from London to Gloucester for matches. I understand that PURFLEET are watching his progress with interest.

ROMFORD, another fallen giant with a proud past, have delighted their followers with a return to the Town this season. The 'Boro' have spent the last three years sharing with Icis League HORNCHURCH, but this time around FORD UNITED'S Rush Green ground, less than a mile from Romford Town Centre, will be their home. New Chairman Bradley Goodwin has promised to invest heavily to get the team promoted to the Icis League and has also promised a new Stadium in the Borough of Havering within three years. As a start the majority of COLLIER ROW'S promotion winning side from last season have been snapped up by 'Boro' boss Don McGovern.

Whilst on the subject of FORD UNITED, the Essex Senior League outfit have been saved from extinction themselves with an amazing two-year sponsorship deal with Sky Sports. The Rush Green club looked to be heading the same way as VAUXHALL MOTORS when Ford withdrew their subsidy for the club but an ingenious official, aware of the thousands pumped into Satellite TV by Ford's sponsorship of their Premier League coverage, decided to seek a reverse arrangement. Happily the deal came off and Ford survived.

PYRAMID PATTERN

MANGOTSFIELD UNITED are set to mount a serious challenge to TIVERTON TOWN'S domination of the Great Mills League this season. The Cossham Street club now have Terry Rowles at the helm, the manager that took CLEVEDON TOWN into the Beazer Homes League and TAUNTON TOWN to Wembley in the F.A. Vase. With excellent facilities and a good fan base there couldn't be a better time for the 'Field' to join the Beazer. With CLEVEDON, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, YATE, TROWBRIDGE, FOREST GREEN ROVERS and now CINDERFORD TOWN all in the Southern Division this season the League is rapidly turning into the South West Premier Division that all the clubs in the area are longing for. Sadly missing from the Great Mills League this season, though, will be the two Cornish sides LISKEARD ATHLETIC and SALTASH UNITED, who have transferred across to the South Western League to reduce travelling costs.

CHESHUNT, our opponents in this seasons F.A. Cup, have appointed former CHELMSFORD CITY striker Kurt Davidson as their new manager. Davidson was forced to stop playing last season after a serious car accident left him injured. The Theobalds lane outfit have signed three players from Davidson's old club, 'keeper Jon O'Brien, defender John Girling and talented midfielder Kevin Hoddy, who previously played in the Conference for WELLING UNITED and who was in the starting line-up for City in their F.A. CUP First Round tie with WYCOMBE WANDERERS at Adams Park last season. Cheshunt have had a promising pre-season although problems with their pitch have caused a few headaches. Indeed during the recent dry spell, which is still continuing as I write these notes, they had to call in the local Fire Brigade to flood the pitch. Let's hope that at the time of reading this column we are looking forward to a trip to GRAYS ATHLETIC and not mourning our exit at the hands of the Herts outfit.

Staying with the F.A. CUP and the news that this season ENFIELD and ALTRINCHAM have been selected by the FA as the two clubs most appropriate for exemption to the First Round Proper along with F.A. Trophy finalists WOKING and KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS. The news will soften the blow, albeit only slightly, for our Middlesex neighbours at Southbury Road after the blow of failing to secure promotion to the Conference due to the clubs financial state. No doubt they will be hoping for another lucrative run to reduce their debts still further following last seasons trip to Filbert Street to take on LEICESTER CITY in the Third Round.

CONCORD RANGERS are hoping to emulate near neighbours CANVEY ISLAND and gain promotion to the Icis League. The Canvey based club have built an impressive ground and clubhouse, with a good area of covered terracing and now floodlights. With a few seats added the arena should be well up to Division Three standards. I saw Concord in a goalless draw with CHESHUNT pre-season and they were unlucky not to win on that occasion. If that is an indication of their strength then it might not be too long before they join their fellow Islanders in the higher League.



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(Substitutes who actually played are shown in brackets)

	BHL	DMC	FAC	FAT	MSC	MCC	AGC	TOTAL	WEALDSTONE CAREER
Maximum Possible	42	2	2	2	2	4	2	56	
Simon Quail	34(1)	1(1)	-	2	2	4	-	43(2)	45
Mark Hill	33	1	-	2	1(1)	4	2	43(1)	44
Gerry Solomon	31	2	1	2	-	3	-	39	57
Tommy Mason	24	2	1	2	-	3	2	34	34
John Shanahan	23(1)	2	2	2	1	1(1)	2	33(2)	110
Rod Brathwaite	23(4)	-	-	1	1	3	-	28(4)	37
Terry Birch	19(6)	1	1	-	(1)	2	3(1)	27(8)	35
Billy Hudson	18(7)	2	2	2	2	1	-	27(7)	34
Gerry Elward	20	1	2	1	-	2	1	27	37
Mark Biggins	23	-	-	-	-	2	-	25	25
Tim Buzaglo	20(1)	-	-	-	2	2	-	24(1)	25
Darrell Page	20	1	-	-	1	2	-	24	24
Rod Findley	12(13)	1	2	2	2	3(1)	1(1)	23(15)	65
Steve Browne	21	-	-	-	-	2	-	23	149
Mark Brown	20(1)	-	-	-	-	2	-	22(1)	32
Barry Gartell	10	2	2	2	-	2	2	20	29
Tyrone Kent	11(5)	-	2	2	1	2	1	19(5)	26
Jon Franklin	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14
Andy Jukes	9	1	-	-	2	1	-	13	13
Ian McGrath	5	1(1)	1	1	1	-	2	11(1)	25
Kevin Robbins	8	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	10
Tony Anglin	5	-	2	-	-	-	2	9	32
Steve Mattis	5(2)	2	1	-	-	(1)	-	8(3)	11
Danny Hill	6(1)	-	-	-	-	2	-	8(1)	9
Stuart Milne	7(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	7(1)	8
Richard Buzaglo	6(4)	-	-	-	-	-	(2)	6(6)	12
Darren O'Neill	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Marvin Hall	5(7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5(7)	12
Paul Goodison	3	1(1)	1(1)	-	(2)	-	-	5(4)	31
Steve Griffiths	3(1)	-	1	-	-	-	1	5(1)	6
Dermot Drummy	3(1)	-	-	1	-	-	-	4(1)	120
Paul Webb	1	1	-	(1)	-	1	-	3(2)	19
Cebastin Gnahore	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Lance Pedlar	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	19
Vic Schwartz	-	(3)	1	-	-	-	1	2(3)	17
Lee Brown	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Tony Frankland	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
Mark Wilson	-	(3)	-	-	-	-	1(1)	1(4)	5
Jeannot Brindou	1(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(2)	3
Nick Bettaccini	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Lee Brownlie	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Keith Francis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Tony Gale	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Francis Joseph	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Ian Parkinson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Mark Pepperall	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Roy Anderson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Graham Meakin	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	9
Steve Frangou	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	2
Dale Williams	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	5

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2. BEN MARSKELL
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4. PAUL BHATIA
5. STEVE CROAD
6. ROD BRATHWAITE
7. CHRIS WALTON
8. NEIL YATES
9. STEVE FRASER
10. PAUL SHELDRICK
11. TROY BIRCH
12. JON SHANAHAN
14. MARK IVERS
15. LEE TEKELL

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2. DARREN CURTIS
3. DANIEL PILER
4. DAVID NEWMAN
5. JON BOLLE
6. BARRY GREENSTREET
7. MARC MORRIS
8. DARREN CARR
9. MARK LENNARD
10. ANDREW MYERS
11. TIM BECKER
12. MASON FISK
14. RUSSELL BRILL
15. ANDREW YETZES

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