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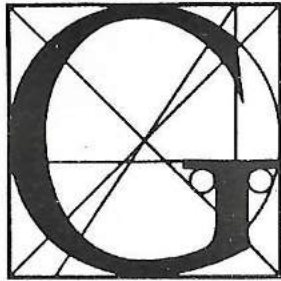
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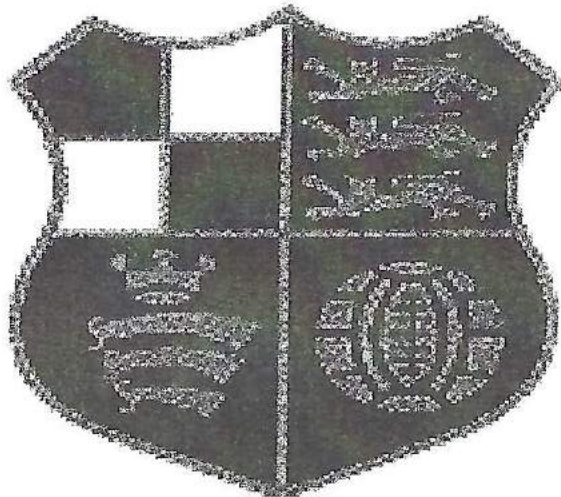
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This win meant that the Stones were  
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GOOD AFTERNOON ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the White Lion Ground for our last home game of the 1997/98 season. Today's visitors are the much improved Horsham FC and to their players, officials and supporters we extend a warm welcome. Hope you enjoy your time in our company and have a safe journey home later on. We also welcome our three match officials, Referee Mr C.N. Breakspear from Weybridge and his two 'linesmen' Mr L.J. Harvey (Walton-on-Thames) and Mr T.A. Kent (Caterham). Have a good game gents.

Although Horsham are currently placed 15th in the league table they are one of the 'in form' sides in our 'Last Six League Games' table. After just missing out on promotion last season they made a horrendous start to this season's league campaign. By mid-January they were floundering second from bottom in the table having won only 3 and drawn 6 of 24 league matches played up to that point. Since then, with a change of management team, they have played another 16 league fixtures of which 10 have been won and 3 drawn (better than us, our last 16, 8 wins 4 draws) to ensure that the threat of relegation is now over. In fact they come here this afternoon having lost only one of their last ten league matches played on opponents grounds, and that was at Braintree. We will certainly have to be on top form if we are to repeat the 2-0 victory we achieved with goals from Stan Bowder and Brian Jones when we visited Horsham back in December.

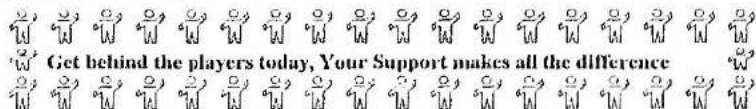
The support and encouragement you gave the team from the moment they came out for the start of the second half at Tooting on Saturday, right up to the final whistle was truly magnificent. We will need that sort of support this afternoon and again on Tuesday when we play Edgware Town. The point gained at Tooting was thoroughly deserved after we had fought back from going 2-0 down in the opening 20 minutes. It might have been 3-0 had Noel Imber not made a terrific save from Conrad Kane's penalty kick in between the two goals he scored for the South London club. We dominated the second half and were rewarded with goals from Dennis Greene (73 mins) and Simon Garner (86 mins), and in those final four minutes we almost snatched a dramatic winner. With Bedford being held to a 1-1 draw at Hungerford it now means that we need another five points from three games to be absolutely sure of going up. Although Bedford's last two games appear, on paper at least, to be fairly 'easy' they do have to play two sides desperate to avoid relegation. Today they meet Tilbury at Bedford and next Saturday they visit Egham where they only managed a 1-0 win in the Vandanel Trophy a few weeks ago. Should they fail to gain maximum points from these two fixtures then for every point they drop we would need one less from our target of five. With Paul Lamb and Dominic Sterling back from suspension, and Chris Walton and Ian Waugh having recovered from recent injuries, Gordon will now be faced with the problem of who to leave out. Whoever plays let's get right behind them this afternoon.

With just three games left to play our popular Predict-a-Score competition is also heading for a tight finish. After having led the way for several months now, Dan Helen has been toppled from the number one spot by Edward Hibbs who now has a four point lead after correctly predicting we would draw 1-1 with Northwood and 2-2 with Tooting. The table at the back of this programme not only includes your predictions for today's game, but also for our games with Edgware and Marlow.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this season's programmes and have considered them value for money. It involves a lot of time and hard work, not only by me, but by the people who contribute to the programme. I would therefore like to thank Gordon, Leo, Graham, Layne, Howard, 'Megaphone Mick', 'Fingers' and Sarah for providing items on a regular basis. Thanks also to our occasional contributors, Nick Dugard, Steve Hibberd and John Burrows, who until he was taken ill several months ago, supplied his interesting 'JB Interviews' series from time to time. Although John is now home from hospital following major surgery he is still receiving treatment and has been unable to attend our matches for quite a while now. John has asked me to convey his thanks for all the cards, telephone calls and visits he has received, it has been very much appreciated. We hope that the summer months will help him to make a full recovery so that he can take up his place on the terraces again next season.

Fool that I am, I have decided to carry on as Programme Editor next season. It will be my EIGHTH season in this position having taken over from Steve 'Hughie' Marshall during our first season at Watford. Next season will also be my 25th as a contributor to

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the programme, having compiled the league table in it's present format since the latter part of the 1973/74 season when the late Colin Pope was Editor.

Don't forget we meet Edgware Town here this coming Tuesday, 28th April, kick off 7.45pm, and then next Saturday, 2nd May, we visit Marlow for our final league fixture of the 1997/98 season, kick off 3.00pm.

Enjoy the summer, here's to promotion for the Stones and the 'double' for Arsenal!

ROY

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**CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT**

Following discussions with the Board of Directors, Layne Patterson has agreed to step down from his full-time Commercial & Administrative position at Wealdstone FC at the end of the current playing season.

This agreement follows an in depth review of the Club's ongoing costs and the latest projections for the go-ahead of the proposed stadium development. This decision has been reached with the mutual agreement of Layne and the Club and allows Layne to pursue his own career ambitions whilst fully retaining his commitment to Wealdstone, and he will remain as an active Director of WFC Limited. Layne will retain responsibility for commercial activities but naturally other areas of his full-time job will be reorganised and re-allocated.

At a time when WFC is directing a great deal of effort towards achieving the breakthrough in obtaining its own stadium, the Board must examine and carefully review all areas of the Club's operations.

Other announcements will be made as soon as decisions are reached and will be consistent with statements made at recent shareholders and members meetings.

PAUL RUMENS (Chairman)

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**A MESSAGE FROM LAYNE PATTERSON**

I would like to thank, through the pages of this publication, everybody who has contacted me with their kind messages since my redundancy was announced. I can assure you that these kind thoughts have been much appreciated, and that my commitment to this great Football Club will remain as strong as ever.

I must however thank a few people who have given me great support over the past four years, namely Alan and Roy Couch, Steve Hibberd and the Management team, as well as Fergie, Lee and the players. Also our amazing supporters (your support and enthusiasm never fails to amaze me!).

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**THANK YOU**

Well with yet another season almost behind us it is important that we remember the many people who give up their time to ensure the smooth running of Wealdstone Football Club.

Take a bow; Graham, Pauline and James Smith (kit wash and various duties in and around the changing room on matchdays), Jess Cotton (Gateman), Roy Couch (Programme Editor, etc, etc), Doug Pettitt and his Crew (Ball Boys), Roger Slater ((P.A. and Safety Officer), Joe McKeever (Boardroom Host), Barry O'Sullivan (Mascot Host), Karen Gerrardi & Co. (Catering), Peter Shepherd (Groundsman), Billy & Co. (Clubhouse), Steve Hibberd and Nick Dugard (helping to Steward amongst other things), and last but by no means least Alan Couch (various duties too numerous to mention!).

LAYNE PATTERSON  
on behalf of WEALDSTONE FC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**MANAGER'S REPORT**

When Frank, Leo and myself joined Wealdstone three years ago as normal looking fellas in their 40's, little did we know what was in store. Three seasons running we have been in the promotion shake-up and those little wobbles don't do your health any good at all. We missed out first season finishing fourth, left it to the final game to win the championship last season, and here we are into the last week of this season and we still don't know our destiny. I don't know what it's doing to you, but I know the three of us have aged about ten years since we arrived at this club and last Saturday did nothing to ease the pressure. Two nil down in twenty minutes and Noel had saved a penalty, it was hardly the start we were looking for against Tooting. However the lads responded well for the rest of the first half but despite a lot of pressure could not get the all-important goal before half-time. We needed to show a lot of character in the second half and what a difference you supporters made to the situation. The noise and backing you gave to the players was absolutely brilliant as they walked out to start the second half and you continued throughout the rest of the match. What an influence! You must take a lot of credit for the lift you gave the team and I'm sure you felt rewarded with the excellent performance which saw us fight back to get a draw and probably deserved to win.

That coupled with the Braintree game must be the best performance of the season so far and it comes as no surprise that in both instances the supporters sang their hearts out to help raise the players. Just think back to Grays away in the FA Cup two seasons ago, Wingate at home when we were 2-0 down at half-time and Northwood in the final game of last season. Your support is so influential, especially when things are not going the way we would like and a typical example was the recent game at Barking. Frustration and anger always creeps in and negative thoughts fill people's heads and then the obvious moaning starts which does not help players who are having a bad time. It's exactly the same with the players. The pressure makes them react differently to those situations which are just normal practice earlier in the season. Take Northwood for example. One nil up and yet we allowed them to dictate the match by putting six players at the back during the second half. Why? I can only put it down to trying to play safe!... and it didn't work. Last Saturday we were forced to play attacking football during the second half and our positive attitude turned the game.

We must attack sides and play the quality football that has got us into this situation. We've got quality players who can play excellent football that entertained the fans throughout the season. We must take those shackles off and get back to the free flowing football which has brought us success over the last couple of seasons and show the same spirit as we showed in the second half at Tooting.

We must all think **positively** because we will never get a better opportunity of gaining promotion than now. Two points in front, a game in hand, better goal difference and Bedford have only got two games left. So near yet so far! They have two so called easy games against Tilbury and Egham which we expect them to win - but, how much pressure is on them chasing us! - especially when they score so few goals, 5 goals in their last 7 games and only 50 all season does not sound like a side challenging for promotion. On the other hand they have only conceded 3 in those 7 games and only 24 all season which is a record I would certainly be very proud of, but I wouldn't change places with them at the moment. Our run-in is obviously much harder, against today's in form opponents Horsham who have won their last 4 games scoring 13 goals in the process, our local derby against Edgware and finally Marlow away. Not easy, but we need five more points to guarantee that third position and we will be going all out for a maximum nine if we can.

I must welcome an old mate whose recent arrival as part of the new management team at Horsham has, not surprisingly, coincided with their change of fortunes. Peter Shaw and I played together for the Ealing District team and for Viking Sports on a Sunday when we were Under-15's.... THAT'S NEARLY 30 YEARS AGO!! Peter went on to have a long and distinguished career with Charlton Athletic and is now putting that experience to good use with his coaching duties for Horsham. I must owe him a pint after all that time but I'll make it two or three if we win!!

I will finish by thanking everyone for all their hard work this season and I sincerely hope we can bring you the reward your efforts richly deserve - promotion. No negative thoughts today! We will make it with your support!

GORDON

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## FROM THE VICE CHAIRMAN

Writing these notes after the Northwood game it is becoming more and more difficult to predict the final outcome of our struggle to achieve promotion. Whether we are ultimately successful in gaining the third promotion spot, or not, should not cloud our judgement on what has been another excellent season for Wealdstone Football Club and a further big step along the way towards our footballing 'rehabilitation'. My congratulations on behalf of the Board, and indeed the whole Club, to Gordon, Leo, Frank, Alan and everyone connected with the team for giving us some superb entertainment and real belief that we can now go out and win things. The team has been committed over a long, hard and tense season (again) and should be congratulated for their efforts with some outstanding performances - here I must mention that game-and-a-half at Braintree (and I wasn't there!!) and the cup tie at Hitchin for sheer entertainment. Of course there have been disappointments - that is to be expected over a season, but once again we can say that this club has moved forward again - promotion cannot be achieved every year but the ambition has to be there! We don't lack that trait!

I would particularly like to say a big thankyou on behalf of the whole Club to Roy Couch for his magnificent work on our Club programme. It is so easy for all of us to take such vital work for granted as we become obsessed with perhaps higher profile Club activities, but believe me the work put in by Roy, and Alan, on the programme is beyond the comprehension of most who buy their copy on a matchday. Thanks Roy, and we should not also forget the considerable financial contribution the programme also makes to Club coffers. Our huge thanks to Alan Couch's calmness in his secretarial duties and administrative excellence.

The Board also recognises the behind-the-scenes work put in by the Smith family, week in week out and by stalwarts, Joe McKeever (so patient in the boardroom), and Roger on the P.A. system and general all-round encouragement to all who will listen! Welcome back to 'Sonic' Steve Hibberd who has much to offer the Club - stick with it mate!!

Beyond the football side of the Club we have that little 'matter' of finding a permanent home for ourselves. Nothing, but nothing is as important as this project. Kip Hewitt has been, and will continue to be, under intense pressure to deliver. His relaxed style masks an inner determination to see this thing through to a successful conclusion. If we fail it will not be for the want of trying against virtually all odds to get this new ground built. There have been enormous frustrations but we knew that this would be the most difficult nut to crack. Currently Kip and others are literally 'cracking' some bureaucratic heads together to drag some sense into an increasingly ridiculous situation. This struggle continues to the bitter end and I wish Kip Hewitt and all connected with our relocation all good wishes, particularly over the next few vital months.

Our very best wishes go out to Layne Patterson as he leaves his full-time position at Wealdstone. Layne has done a magnificent job on the commercial side in what has been, at times, an isolated and lonely responsibility. Layne has all of our support as he pursues his full-time career outside of the Club, but I know he will continue to help us as much as time allows in his 'new' capacity at the Club and he will continue as a respected Director of Wealdstone FC Limited.

Two final thankyou's as we close on another season. Firstly to our Chairman, Paul Rumens, upon whose shoulders the final responsibility rests for guiding us forward through ever more difficult financial waters. He needs all of our support to see us through the new ground conundrum and with continuing moral, and, yes, financial support as ever. We will not be able to continue our progress on the football side without some sacrifice, and difficult days lie ahead around the boardroom table. This will require nerve and patience on the part of his Board colleagues, and understanding from supporters.

Lastly, the Club salutes you the supporters for your excellent turn-outs, particularly away from home this season. As ever it is our unique support at this Club which as Graham Sharpe recently put it "touches a chord in our opponents which other clubs cannot reach" and we surely won't need reminding that we are only here now because of that support.

See you all at the End of Season Dinner at Wasps. Here's to success on and off the field!!!

NICK DUGARD

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## RELOCATION REPORT

Good afternoon and welcome to the last relocation report of the season. Following the AGM in January, I am sorry to say that progress has been slow on our relocation plans. This has been due to major changes that have been taking place within the London Playing Fields Society. It is now our understanding that this situation is now resolved, a new Chairman, Lord Prior, has been appointed and other changes are now complete.

There are many hundreds of acres of playing fields under threat in London and the Playing Fields Society has had to change to be in a position to ensure the secure future of these playing fields. Although the situation is again very frustrating, the difficulties at the London Playing Fields Society have taken priority over Prince Edward Playing Fields.

Paul Rumens and myself recently had a very positive meeting with Mr David Lawrence of the Sports Council; he told us that he was due to meet with the London Playing Fields Society by the end of April to discuss Prince Edward Playing Fields. He said that following that meeting he expects us to enter into negotiations with the Playing Fields Society to discuss leasing arrangements at Prince Edward. We discussed with David Lawrence our preferred time scales, with a planning application lodged with Harrow Council in July that would be heard by the Planning Committee in September. Mr Lawrence suggested that our time scale was very achievable, let's hope he is right!

Since the AGM we have been putting immense pressure on all the parties involved. Both Harrow and Camden councils have passed recent council motions calling on the Sports Council and London Playing Fields Society to resolve the Prince Edward Playing Fields situation. Mr Trevor Pugh, Director of Environmental Services at Harrow Council, is in close contact with a senior member of the Sports Council and he is hoping to set up a meeting with him and us as soon as possible.

We have also had regular contact with Mr Tony McNulty MP who is putting pressure on the relevant bodies to move the process forward; he is also attempting to set up a meeting with Mr Tony Banks (Minister of Sport) and ourselves.

It's just unfortunate that we have got trapped into a situation where the 'bigger picture' took precedent. However, I now feel that with the changes at the London Playing Fields Society in place we are now in a position to make some real progress and get back on track with our planned time scale of a planning application with Harrow Council in July.

KIP HEWITT (General Manager)

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## BADGE OF THE YEAR

Many of you will have purchased one of the badges Toby Jackson produced to commemorate our winning of the Isthmian League (Division Three) championship last season. The members of the Association of Football Badge Collectors voted it the 'Badge of the Year' from all the UK badges produced during the 1996/97 season. A trophy will be presented to the Football Club prior to today's kick off and it is hoped Gordon Bartlett will accompany Toby at the presentation.

The Wealdstone FC ICIS Division Three Champions badge has now been reproduced on a varnished wooden plaque to provide an extremely eye-catching memento and it is proposed to display the trophy in the board room on match days.

The top ten badges were as follows:-



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9th	BRADFORD CITY	43 points
10th	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	41 points

Hopefully when promotion is clinched, another LAPELS design can be produced for the start of next season to rival the Champions issue.

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## Junior Stones News

from Paul 'Fingers' Fruin

Good afternoon and welcome to all our Junior Stones and their friends for Wealdstone's final home league game of the season against Horsham. The Stones certainly believe in doing things the hard way, last season we won the league on the last day of the season and it looks like going to the wire this time around as we look for promotion. Let's get behind the boys today and cheer them on to what could be a very important win.

The Stones are away!! this coming Tuesday at Edgware Town and it would be nice to see as many juniors as possible here again to cheer the lads on (remember you have to pay to get into this game).

Back to this afternoon's game. You should all have been given balloons and stickers along with a raffle ticket on the way into the ground. We will be drawing ten lucky winning tickets at half-time, all you have to do to claim your mystery prize is come up into the Main Stand where you will find 'Fingers' sitting at the front. Just show him your winning ticket and a prize is yours.

Your votes for THE JUNIOR STONES WEALDSTONE FC PLAYER OF THE SEASON have been pouring into me and I can tell you that the voting is very close. WE WILL BE PRESENTING THE TROPHY TO THE WINNING PLAYER AT ABOUT 2.45PM TODAY.

WE WOULD LIKE AS MANY JUNIORS AS POSSIBLE TO COME ONTO THE PITCH TO HELP PRESENT THE TROPHY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN JUST COME AND STAND BY THE PLAYERS TUNNEL ABOUT 2.35-2.40PM.

Congratulations to Cliff Arnett and the Under 11's football team who have finished their season as runners-up in Division Two of the Harrow Youth League. I understand that both the Under 13's (champions of Division Three in the HYL) and the Under 11's will have a team photo taken on the pitch this afternoon.

If you are interested in playing football next season for one of the junior sides, or in the mini-league, you might like to know that we are holding an open day tomorrow (Sunday, 26th April) at Old Lyonians Sports Club, Pinner View, Harrow, between 11am and

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1pm. The juniors are running teams at Under 9,10,11,12,13,14 & 15 level next season, while the mini-league is open to boys and girls between 6-8 years of age. Why don't you come down and have a look around for yourself? You'll find that we are a very friendly club.

It's time for me to say a few thankyou's and a few goodbyes. The first thankyou goes to all our juniors who have been here throughout the season to cheer on the Stones. Next a big thankyou to Sarah Canning who has been keeping you informed on the progress of the junior teams in her programme notes, the Harrow Observer and in the JSN. Sarah has also helped me out on our 'Bring a Friend' days. Many thanks Sarah and good luck for your exams. Can I also thank everyone on the Junior Stones committee who have helped make my first year run smoothly.

Now for the goodbyes. The first goodbye goes to James Byrne (from the Under 10's) and Joanne Byrne (mini-league), they are moving away to 'Gazza' country (Middlesborough) during the summer. James is already looking to sign for a local junior side. I'm pleased to hear that they will both be Junior Stones members next season, joining the ranks of those members who live far and wide. Good luck James and Joanne. Next it is goodbye to Layne Patterson. Layne has worked full-time for Wealdstone FC for the last four years, he is leaving for pastures new job wise but I am pleased to say will still remain on the Board of Directors and will also be running the Under 10's. Layne and myself have talked to each other at least 4 or 5 times a week about the Junior Stones over the season. Indeed it was Layne who put in the most work for our day trip to Old Trafford. Thanks for all your help this season Layne and good luck for the future. Still on goodbyes, 'Uncle' David Albert is standing down as Chairman of the Junior Stones later this year as well as handing over the running of the mini-league to Jenny Byrne.

Congratulations to Anthony English who gave me the correct answer to the question I set in my last notes. He told me that Vinny Jones had left Wimbledon (one London club) to join Q.P.R. (another London club). Anthony won a scarf and a programme signed by Fergus Moore.

Finally, have a good summer, look out for the next JSN out in May, and watch the post in July for the 1998/99 membership forms.

Birthday wishes for May go to the following juniors:- Daniel Dugard, Jack Dean, Craig Aspen, Katriona Towell, Billy Matthews, Chris Pierre, Robert Hawkes, Gareth Thomas, Daniel Conroy, Jack Williams, Joel Canning, Claudius Durilis, Ian Vidgen, Matthew Seaward, Simon Woods, Perry Mundle, Darren Chapman, Neil Parmar, Liam McDonagh, Alfie I'anson, Billy Patterson, Lewis Jenks and Ashley Carroll.

Birthdays for June/July will appear in the next JSN. Here's to Division One football next season.

'Fingers'

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### FROM THE BRAINTREE PROGRAMME

The following appeared in Braintree's programme for their match with Met Police a fortnight ago. It was brought to our notice by Mark Hutcheson, the player who scored twice against us when the Police visited us last month.

### LAST WEEK

Every good thing has to come to a end and our unbeaten tag went as we lost 0-1 at home to Wealdstone. *No sour grapes beaten by the better team on the night.* But Wealdstone had to do some team strengthening before the game with us, so they signed **Andy Peakes and Paul Dobson** straight out of the Conference, to help them keep in promotion contention. I must say they played well and looked Conference players. Wealdstone now have a 1st team squad of **23 players**, and a wage bill bigger than Doncaster Rovers. Then the farce at Chalfont on Saturday, we get there 2 Coaches, lots of fans who travelled by car, and we find the game has been called off. Waterlogged. What a farce if you looked at the pitch it was as good as most we have played on all season. **Anyway just A BAD WEEK.**

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## TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Recent research has revealed that the HORSHAM FOOTBALL CLUB was actually founded earlier than 1885 which has been the generally accepted date. The club was certainly playing competitively in 1883, and was soon to rise up to become one of the strongest in the county, dominating the local amateur scene for close on 20 years in the period before and after the 1939-45 war.

Playing in the West Sussex Senior League from its inception in 1896 and taking the championship four times, the club moved on to the Sussex County League in 1926 and enjoyed a period of success. The league was first won in 1932 after successive near-misses, and the title was retained in 1933, 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938, with the club regularly scoring over 100 goals a season. After the break brought on by the Second World War, Horsham won the first post-war title in 1947 and then only narrowly missed out for four years running. In the years the club missed the title, this was largely due to immense fixture backlogs brought on by successful cup runs which saw the Sussex RUR Cup taken in 1900, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, and 1957, and the Sussex Senior Cup in 1934, 1939, 1950 and 1954. Exciting Amateur Cup runs saw upwards of 5,000 people attending matches at Queens Street, with league fixtures also regularly bringing in four-figure crowds. Numerous minor trophies were also obtained.

By 1951 Horsham Football Club was growing too big for the county scene and the club consequently joined the Metropolitan League. The championship was won at the first attempt, though over the next five seasons only average results were achieved. In 1957 the club found itself in the Corinthian League, achieving modest success, before this league merged with the Delphian and Athenian Leagues to form the new three division Athenian League in 1963. Playing in the First Division, Horsham took fourth place in 1965 yet the following season ended up second to bottom and were relegated for the first time in the club's history. Shaken by this, the team was reconstructed, and after three seasons of almost getting there, the championship was taken in 1970, followed by the Division One title in 1973. Success in the cup competitions also returned and Horsham won the prestigious Sussex Senior Cup in 1972, 1974 and 1976. In 1978 the Sussex Floodlight Cup was taken for the first and only time. Horsham Football Club was elected to the Isthmian League in 1973, joining the then Second Division. In 1995/96 the club achieved its first Isthmian success when the championship of Division Three was won.

Up to this point in its history, the club has reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup on two occasions. In 1947/48 Horsham took a first minute lead against Notts County, before going on to lose 9-1. Some 20 years later, in 1966/67, Swindon Town made the trip to Queen Street and emerged victors by 3-0 in front of an 8,000 record crowd.

Last season Horsham finished fifth in Division Two, failing by just three points from gaining promotion to Division One at the first attempt.

### WEALDSTONE'S RECORD AGAINST HORSHAM

Played 5 Won 2 Drawn 0 Lost 3 Goals For 7 Goals Against 6

Isthmian League			Summary of League Encounters						
Season	Home	Away	P	W	D	L	F	A	
1995/96 (Division Three)	L0-1	L1-2	Home	..... 1	0	0	1	0	1
1997/98 (Division Two)	Today	W2-0	Away	..... 2	1	0	1	3	2
(Wealdstone's score shown first)			Total	.... 3	1	0	2	3	3

F.A. Cup (1st Qualifying Round)  
1996/97: Horsham 1 Wealdstone 0

Guardian Insurance Cup (1st Round)  
1996/97: Wealdstone 4 Horsham 2  
(After extra time. Score after 90 mins 1-1)  
(Home team shown first)

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### TODAY'S MATCHBALL DONOR

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## SUPPORTERS SCENE

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to today's important Ryman League clash against Horsham.

Despite not winning our last two league games, we remain in pole position to finally get that third promotion spot, ahead of Bedford and Edgware. It could happen today if we win and Bedford don't, but I'm certainly not making any predictions about individual results at this stage of the season. The tension is now palpable, and during the first half hour at Tooting last week it certainly seemed like getting to everyone as Tooting scored two cracking goals, and threatened to take us right out of the game. Fortunately Noel Imber brilliantly saved a penalty and the team began to rediscover some attacking form, sadly lacking against Northwood on Bank Holiday Monday.

With some great support willing the boys on, finally a penalty was secured and scored, and then as we were about to go into stoppage time Simon Garner scored a precious equaliser. To get that 2-2 draw became all the more valuable upon hearing that Hungerford had held Bedford to a 1-1 draw. Leo Morris said to me after the game that it is exciting going down to the wire, but after last season that sort of excitement can be strictly rationed.

Horsham will not make life easy for us. Apart from Convey they may well be at the top of the form chart, having included wins against Bedford and Met Police in their recent run. It will be tough, but we have a full squad to choose from and a big crowd to hopefully sing the team onto promotion.

This being the last home game there are plenty of people I would like to thank. Firstly Roy Couch for accepting my notes often just on or after the deadline, and also the members of the Supporters Club committee who have helped on matchdays and in their various duties during the course of the season, in particular 'Fingers' Fruin, Nick Conway, Dave Albert and Barry O'Sullivan. 'Fingers' has organised another Juniors Day today so I'd like to wish everyone here for the first time a big welcome. I hope you enjoy your day and please come again next season.

The Supporters Club AGM is being held at The Old Lyoniens Club, in Pinner View, this coming Thursday, 30th April, starting at 8.00pm. As well as the usual business conducted at the AGM, Kip Hewitt will be present to give an update on ground news, and there is plenty worth hearing, and Gordon Bartlett and Leo Morris will also be present to answer questions on the playing side. Perhaps if everything goes down to the last game again, Gordon will once again ask the supporters to pick their team as he did at last year's AGM. Phil Jeffreson no doubt remembers picking half a dozen line-ups, most having more than 11 players in, just showing what supporters really know about football. All supporters are welcome.

There are only a few tickets left for the annual Club Dinner and presentation night to be held again at Wasps Rugby Club in Sudbury. This night will be on Sunday 3rd May. Tickets will cost £20 for Supporters Club members and £22 for non-members. Please see either Nick Dugard or myself or any other committee member to book your tickets. Those who were there last season will remember what a great night it was then after winning the championship, and if we do win promotion this time round it promises to be another great night.

Voting has now closed for the 'Supporters Player of the Season'. It has been the closest vote, certainly that I have known, and possibly in the history of the Jock Law Trophy. The winner will be announced at the Club dinner together with the 'Players Player', 'Chairman's Award' and 'Supporter of the Year'.

We will also be auctioning a few items at the dinner. We will happily take reserve bids in advance for the following two items. Firstly we have managed to get one of the final Lower Mead colour prints which I know a number of people have asked me about recently and we also have a special item on offer, the chance to be a Wealdstone player for the day. The successful bidder for this item will be named in the squad for one of the Wealdstone pre-season friendlies, and Gordon Bartlett assures me, will play some part in the match, possibly even starting it. This is a one-off opportunity to be included in the records as a Wealdstone player, something worth winning.

The Supporters Club shop will be open today at the far end of the ground and is well worth a visit. Our range of souvenirs continues to grow. Today we are selling the

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SUPPORTERS SCENE (continued)

excellent Wealdstone beer glasses, and a new range of quality Wealdstone FC golf umbrellas, which sell for £20. We also have in a new batch of blue Wealdstone scarves and the current copy of the Elmslie Ender. Supporters Club Life Membership is also available. Take it out and obtain a strictly limited membership certificate, which I am told is gracing many walls in homes and offices alike. We now have 62 Life Members and your opportunity to join this group will only cost £25.

I would also like to remind you that you can purchase 'Golden Goal' tickets from one of the sellers either at the entrance or in the bar. Tickets cost 50p each and you will win a prize of £20 if the time on your ticket matches up to the time of the first goal scored. Believe me the prize is won every match, so do buy a couple of tickets.

Up the Stones.

HOWARD KRAIS

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WEALDSTONE APPEARANCES 1997/98 SEASON (All Matches excluding Friendlies)  
(Substitutes who actually played are shown in brackets)

	RL	GIC	VT	FAC	FAV	MSC	MCC	TOTAL WEALDSTONE	CAREER
Maximum Possible	39	4	4	1	5	1	1	55	
Fergus Moore ....	33	3	4	1	4	1	1	47	152
Roy Marshall ....	36	2	2	-	5	-	-	45	113
Brian Jones .....	32	3(1)	3	1	5	(-1)	-	44(2)	46
Paul Lamb .....	32	2	3	1	4	1	1	44	44
Steve Bircham ...	33(1)	3	2	1	3	-	1	43(1)	96
Paul McKay .....	28(2)	4	2	-	5	1	1	41(2)	66
Ian Waugh .....	28(1)	3	4	1	5	-	-	41(1)	109
Dominic Sterling	27(6)	3	1	-	4	-	1	36(6)	62
Dennis Greene ...	24	2	3	-	2	1	-	32	34
Keith Boreham ...	22(9)	3	(-1)	-	3(1)	(-1)	1	29(12)	43
Noel Imber .....	18	3	2	-	4	1	1	29	29
Chris Walton ....	17(5)	2(1)	2(1)	1	4(1)	1	-	27(8)	127
Darren Bonfield .	20	-	2	1	1	-	-	24	75
Stan Bowder .....	12(2)	2(1)	1(1)	1	2(2)	1	(-1)	19(7)	26
Simon Garner ....	10(13)	3(1)	2(1)	(-1)	1(2)	-	1	17(18)	52
Paul Benning ....	10(1)	-	1	-	-	-	-	11(1)	12
Mario Celaire ...	4(13)	1(2)	3	1	(-2)	1	(-1)	10(18)	28
*Alan Galloway ...	4(2)	-	1	1	1(1)	1	1	9(3)	12
Kenny Gayle .....	7(1)	-	2	-	-	-	-	9(1)	54
Richard Horner ..	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
*Steve Kelly .....	2(3)	2	-	-	1	1	-	6(3)	13
*Steve Atkins .....	3(2)	1	-	1	(-1)	-	-	5(3)	8
*Matt Corbould ...	3(3)	-	2	-	-	-	-	5(3)	8
*Terry Hibbert ...	1(11)	(-2)	-	(-1)	1(1)	1	1	4(15)	87
Andy Peaks .....	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Lee Walker .....	(-5)	1	1(1)	-	-	(-1)	1	3(7)	70
Nathan Beckett ..	2(3)	-	1(1)	-	-	-	-	3(4)	7
Richard Dobson ..	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
James Bush .....	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
*Andy Edmunds ....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Steve Cordery ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
*Graham Roberts ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Lawrence Yaku ...	(-2)	-	(-2)	-	-	-	-	(-4)	7
Ulysses Gomes ...	(-1)	-	(-1)	-	-	-	-	(-2)	2
Kevin Bissah .....	-	(-1)	-	-	-	-	-	(-1)	1
*Tony Smith .....	-	-	-	(-1)	-	-	-	(-1)	81

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PLAYERS' STATISTICS (continued)

WEALDSTONE GOALSCORERS 1997/98 SEASON (All Matches including Friendlies)  
(Penalties scored are shown in brackets)

	RL	GIC	VT	FAC	FAV	MSC	MCC	FR	TOTAL	WLDSTNE CAREER
Keith Boreham ...	21(3)	-	-	-	3	-	-	5(1)	29(4)	30(4)
Dennis Greene ...	14(2)	1	3(1)	-	2(2)	1	-	-	21(5)	24(5)
Brian Jones .....	12	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	20	20
Simon Garner ....	6	2	1	-	1	-	1	2	13	17
Paul McKay .....	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	6
Mario Celaire ...	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	4
Fergus Moore ....	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	16
Lawrence Yaku ...	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	4	10
Steve Bircham ...	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	12(2)
Lee Walker .....	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)	3(1)	38(9)
Stan Bowder .....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)	2(1)	2(1)
*Peter Green .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	10
Paul Lamb .....	1(1)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2(1)	2(1)
Dominic Sterling	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	6
Chris Walton ....	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	8
Nathan Beckett ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Richard Dobson ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
*Stuart Ephgrave .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Roy Marshall ....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
John Massey .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
*Tony Smith .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	15
Lee Henry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Leighton Twn) o.g.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
TOTALS:-	73(6)	12	6(1)	-	14(2)	1	1	16(3)	123(12)	

WEALDSTONE GOALKEEPERS STATISTICS 1997/98 SEASON (Excluding Friendlies)

	Played	Goals Conceded	Average Per Game	Clean Sheets	Penalties Faced	Saved
Darren Bonfield .	24	28	1.16	5	3#	1
Noel Imber .....	29	42	1.44	7	7#	2
James Bush .....	2	7	3.50	-	1	-

# 1 penalty missed target.

Appearances, Goalscorers and Goalkeepers Statistics include matches played up to and including Saturday, 18th April 1998.

\* Player no longer with the Club.

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# WEALDSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1997/98

## RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIV TWO)

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Sat Aug 16	Wivenhoe Town	Away	L1-2	(1-1)	404	McKay
Tue Aug 19	LEIGHTON TOWN	HOME	W2-1	(2-0)	321	Garner, Henry (og)
Sat Aug 23	BRACKNELL TOWN	HOME	W2-0	(1-0)	303	Boreham, Celaire
Tue Sep 2	Chalfont St Peter	Away	D1-1	(0-0)	241	Moore
Sat Sep 20	CESHUNT	HOME	W5-1	(4-1)	361	Jones 3, Boreham 2
Tue Sep 23	Metropolitan Police	Away	L0-1	(0-0)	185	
Tue Sep 30	Tilbury	Away	W2-1	(1-1)	176	Boreham 2(1 pen)
Tue Oct 7	Hungerford Town	Away	D1-1	(1-1)	157	Boreham (pen)
Sat Oct 11	CANVEY ISLAND	HOME	D1-1	(0-1)	365	Walton
Sat Oct 18	BARKING	HOME	W4-2	(2-0)	378	Bircham, Boreham 3
Sat Oct 25	Bedford Town	Away	D0-0	(0-0)	588	
Tue Oct 28	BANSTEAD ATHLETIC	HOME	D1-1	(0-0)	288	Boreham
Sat Nov 8	Egham Town	Away	W5-3	(3-1)	131	Boreham, Greene 4
Sat Nov 15	TOOTING & MITCHAM UTD	HOME	W2-0	(1-0)	375	Jones, Bircham
Sat Nov 29	MARLOW	HOME	W5-0	(4-0)	321	Boreham, McKay, Greene 2, Garner
Sat Dec 6	Leighton Town	Away	W1-0	(0-0)	273	Garner
Tue Dec 16	Horsham	Away	W2-0	(0-0)	123	Bowder, Jones
Sat Dec 20	EDGWARE TOWN	HOME	W3-1	(2-1)	605	Beckett, Jones, Greene
Sat Dec 27	Northwood	Away	D0-0	(0-0)	607	
Sat Jan 10	Banstead Athletic	Away	L1-4	(1-0)	140	Greene
Sat Jan 17	WIVENHOE TOWN	HOME	D1-1	(0-0)	356	Moore
Sat Jan 24	Bracknell Town	Away	W4-3	(1-0)	252	Boreham 2, Greene, Jones
Sat Jan 31	CHALFONT ST PETER	HOME	W2-0	(0-0)	368	Marshall, Yaku
Sat Feb 7	Cheshunt	Away	W2-0	(0-0)	234	Garner, Jones
Sat Feb 14	BRAINTREE TOWN	HOME	D1-1	(0-1)	489	Garner
Tue Feb 17	WINDSOR & ETON	HOME	W2-0	(0-0)	379	Jones, Sterling
Sat Feb 21	Canvey Island	Away	L0-2	(0-1)	634	
Tue Feb 24	Witham Town	Away	W4-3	(2-1)	121	Boreham 3, Celaire
Sat Feb 28	HUNGERFORD TOWN	HOME	W3-1	(1-0)	353	Lamb (pen), Jones 2
Sat Mar 7	Windsor & Eton	Away	W2-1	(1-1)	308	Boreham, Bircham
Tue Mar 10	WITHAM TOWN	HOME	D1-1	(0-0)	246	Boreham (pen)
Sat Mar 14	METROPOLITAN POLICE	HOME	L0-2	(0-1)	359	
Sat Mar 21	BEDFORD TOWN	HOME	L0-1	(0-0)	518	
Tue Mar 24	TILBURY	HOME	W3-1	(2-1)	247	Greene 2, Moore
Sat Mar 28	Barking	Away	L1-2	(0-1)	221	Walker
Tue Mar 31	Braintree Town	Away	W1-0	(1-0)	576	Greene
Sat Apr 4	EGHAM TOWN	HOME	W4-2	(3-0)	326	Boreham 2, Dobson, Jones
Mon Apr 13	NORTHWOOD	HOME	D1-1	(1-0)	436	Greene (pen)
Sat Apr 18	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	Away	D2-2	(0-2)	223	Greene (pen), Garner
Sat Apr 25	HORSHAM	HOME				
Tue Apr 28	Edgware Town	Away				
Sat May 2	Marlow	Away				

## GUARDIAN INSURANCE LEAGUE CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Tue Aug 26	EDGWARE TOWN (Prelim)	HOME	W2-1	(0-1)	289	McKay, Celaire
Tue Oct 21	BARTON ROVERS (1st Rd)	HOME	W4-1	(3-1)	166	McKay, Jones 2, Garner
Tue Nov 11	Hitchin Town (2nd Rd)	Away	D4-4	(1-1)	234	Jones 3, Greene
	(After extra time. Score after 90 minutes 4-4)					
Tue Dec 2	HITCHIN TOWN (Replay)	HOME	L2-6	(1-3)	177	Walker, Garner

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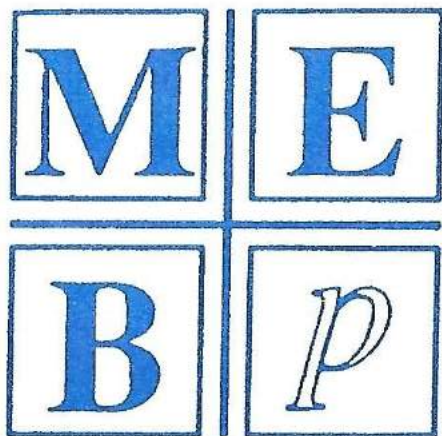
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### VANDANEL TROPHY

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Tue Nov 25	Tilbury (2nd Round)	Away	W2-1 (1-1)		79	Garner, Greene (pen)
Tue Jan 13	Edgware Town (3rd Rd)	Away	W2-1 (1-1)		395	Lamb, Greene
Tue Feb 10	East Thurrock United (4th Round)	Away	W2-1 (1-0)		117	Greene, Yaku
Tue Mar 17	EPSOM & EWELL (Semi-Final)	HOME	L0-1 (0-1)		178	

### F.A. CHALLENGE CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Sat Aug 30	Leatherhead (Prelim)	Away	L0-2 (0-0)		387	

### F.A. CARLSBERG VASE

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Tue Sep 9	Hornchurch (1st Qfy) (After extra time. Score after 90 minutes 4-4)	Away	W5-4 (2-3)		180	Sterling, Garner, Jones, Boreham 2
Sat Oct 4	Harefield United (2nd Qfy)	Away	W4-1 (3-0)		251	Boreham, Jones, Walton, McKay
Sat Nov 1	Whitton United (1st Rd) (After extra time. Score after 90 minutes 1-1)	Away	W3-1 (1-0)		302	Jones, Moore, Celaire
Sat Nov 22	Ramsgate (2nd Rd)	Away	W1-0 (0-0)		217	Greene (pen)
Sat Dec 13	Great Wakering Rovers (3rd Rd)	Away	L1-2 (0-2)		344	Greene (pen)

### MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Tue Nov 4	ASHFORD TOWN (Middx) (Rd 1)	HOME	L1-4 (0-0)		141	Greene
	(After extra time. Score after 90 minutes 1-1)					

### MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Tue Nov 18	Hampton (Round 2)	Away	L1-3 (0-2)		122	Garner

### FRIENDLY MATCHES

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res.	H/time	Att.	Goalscorers
Tue Jul 22	Amersham Town	Away	D1-1 (0-0)		92	Ephgrave
Thu Jul 24	Hitchin Town	Away	D1-1 (0-0)		165	Boreham
Sat Jul 26	Chertsey Town	Away	W4-2 (1-2)		151	Garner 2, Green, Bowder(pen)
Tue Jul 29	London Colney	Away	W3-2 (1-1)		70	Yaku, Boreham, Smith
Sat Aug 2	Chesham United	Away	D1-1 (0-1)		293	Green
Tue Aug 5	Kingsbury Town	Away	L0-1 (0-1)		172	
Sat Aug 9	HENDON	HOME	D2-2 (0-0)		285	Boreham 2(1 pen)
Wed Aug 13	Milton Keynes	Away	W2-1 (1-1)		87	Yaku, Massey
Wed Aug 20	Broadfields United	Away	D1-1 (1-1)		46	Walker(pen)
Sat Sep 27	Corinthian Casuals	Away	L1-2 (1-1)		78	Boreham

**RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION TWO)**  
(Up to & including Tuesday 21st April 1998)

	P	Home				Goals		Away			Goals		PTS	WEALDSTONE RESULTS	
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	HOME		AWAY	
Braintree Town .....	40	16	3	1	66	18	13	7	0	51	26	97	D1-1	W1-0	
Canvey Island .....	39	16	3	1	67	14	12	4	3	43	23	91	D1-1	L0-2	
<b>WEALDSTONE</b> .....	39	12	6	2	43	18	9	5	5	30	26	74			
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Bedford Town .....	40	12	5	3	30	10	8	7	5	20	14	72	L0-1	D0-0	
Metropolitan Police	40	11	2	7	40	32	8	6	6	32	28	65	L0-2	L0-1	
Edgware Town .....	39	11	4	4	42	25	7	6	7	34	31	64	W3-1		
Northwood .....	40	7	7	6	33	31	9	4	7	28	34	59	D1-1	D0-0	
Wivenhoe Town .....	39	8	6	6	36	31	7	6	6	41	33	57	D1-1	L1-2	
Chalfont St Peter ..	39	8	7	5	30	27	7	5	7	25	30	57	W2-0	D1-1	
Barking .....	40	7	6	7	29	32	8	5	7	32	41	56	W4-2	L1-2	
Windsor & Eton .....	40	9	4	7	45	32	7	2	11	26	38	54	W2-0	W2-1	
Tooting & M'ham Utd	39	9	4	6	28	16	6	4	10	27	35	53	W2-0	D2-2	
Marlow .....	40	11	2	7	39	33	5	3	12	24	41	53	W5-0		
Banstead Athletic ..	38	6	5	7	27	29	8	3	9	26	26	50	D1-1	L1-4	
<b>HORSHAM</b> .....	40	8	3	9	31	29	5	6	9	34	41	48		W2-0	
Bracknell Town .....	40	8	4	8	37	40	5	4	11	30	48	47	W2-0	W4-3	
Hungerford Town .....	39	7	3	9	36	31	4	6	10	26	40	42	W3-1	D1-1	
Tilbury .....	39	4	9	7	28	34	5	3	11	26	44	39	W3-1	W2-1	
Leighton Town .....	38	8	2	9	25	33	3	3	13	14	40	38	W2-1	W1-0	
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Witham Town .....	40	4	7	9	32	35	4	5	11	20	33	36	D1-1	W4-3	
Egham Town .....	39	8	3	8	26	32	1	1	18	16	61	31	W4-2	W5-3	
Cheshunt .....	39	1	4	15	12	39	2	4	13	16	49	17	W5-1	W2-0	

**CURRENT FORM (LAST SIX LEAGUE MATCHES)**  
(Up to & incl. Tue. 21st April 1998)

League	Position	W	D	L	Goals		PTS
					F	A	
Canvey Island ..( 2) ..	6	0	0	23	3	18...	
Braintree Town ..( 1) ..	5	0	1	21	7	15...	
Wivenhoe Town ..( 8) ..	4	1	1	19	8	13...	
<b>HORSHAM</b> .....	(15) ..	4	1	1	15	5	13...
Bedford Town ... ( 4) ..	4	1	1	5	2	13...	
<b>WEALDSTONE</b> .....	( 3) ..	3	2	1	12	8	11...
Tilbury .....	(18) ..	3	1	2	10	8	10...
Tooting & M'ham (12) ..	2	2	2	8	7	8...	
Banstead Ath ... (14) ..	2	2	2	4	5	8...	
Witham Town .... (20) ..	2	2	2	5	7	8...	
Northwood .....	( 7) ..	1	4	1	10	9	7...
Windsor & Eton ..(11) ..	2	1	3	10	11	7...	
Leighton Town ..(19) ..	2	1	3	7	9	7...	
Edgware Town ... ( 6) ..	2	1	3	8	11	7...	
Marlow .....	(13) ..	2	1	3	8	11	7...
Barking .....	(10) ..	2	1	3	7	10	7...
Met Police .....	( 5) ..	2	1	3	8	17	7...
Cheshunt .....	(22) ..	1	3	2	6	8	6...
Bracknell Town ..(16) ..	2	0	4	10	17	6...	
Egham Town .....	(21) ..	2	0	4	8	19	6...
Chalfont St P ..( 9) ..	1	2	3	4	8	5...	
Hungerford Town (17) ..	0	2	4	7	16	2...	

**CONSECUTIVE RUNS IN THE LEAGUE THIS SEASON**

Best Undefeated Run	Worst Run Without A Win	Best Run Of Successive Wins	Worst Run Of Successive Defeats
12*	2	11*	1
35	3	7	1
6	6	3	2
5*	9	4*	4
6	4	3	1
13	3	6	2
3	11	2	3
7	9	3	3
5	5	3	3
4	10	2	5
8	4	4	4
9	6	6	5
2*	11	2*	4
12	6	4	3
5	5	2	3
6	5	4	3*
9	6	8	3
3	28	1	9
4	5	4	4
3	7	3	7
6	5	2	2*
7	6*	3	4

\* = Run still continuing (Up to & including Tuesday 21st April 1998)

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RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION TWO) - RESULTS 1997/98 SEASON  
(Up to & including Tuesday 21st April 1998)

Home Team	Away Team																					
	Ban	Bar	Bed	Brk	Brt	Can	Cha	Che	Edg	Egh	Hor	Hun	Lei	Mar	Met	Nor	Til	Too	WEA	Win	Wit	Wiv
Banstead Athletic	X	1-2	0-2	3-1		2-2	1-2	3-2	2-2	1-0	1-2	0-4		1-2	3-1	1-1		1-1	4-1	2-1	0-0	1-3
Barking	3-1	X	1-2	3-3	1-3	0-4	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	4-2		1-0	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-2	4-3
Bedford Town	2-0	2-0	X	1-1	0-1	2-3	0-0	3-1	3-2	2-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	4-0		2-0	0-0	3-0	1-0	1-1
Bracknell Town	1-0	1-2	2-0	X	1-4	1-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	3-1	3-2	4-1	1-2	3-2	2-0	2-4	1-2		3-4	5-3	1-1	1-8
Braintree Town	4-0	1-1	3-0	4-2	X	2-1	4-1		1-1	4-1	5-1	3-1	4-0	5-3	7-0	4-0	4-1	3-0	0-1	3-0	1-0	4-4
Canvey Island	1-2	6-0	1-0	5-1	1-1	X	4-0	3-0		6-1	2-0	7-2	2-0	3-1	1-1	4-0	5-1	3-0	2-0	5-1	3-0	3-3
Chalfont St Peter	2-1	2-2	0-0	5-5	1-4	0-5	X	0-0	0-3		1-0	1-2	2-0	2-0	1-1	3-1	1-1	2-0	1-1	4-0	0-1	2-0
Cheshunt	0-1	1-2	0-1	1-0	1-2	1-2	0-2	X	2-2	0-3	0-0	2-3	1-1	3-5	0-3	0-0	0-2	0-3	0-2	0-3		0-2
Edgware Town	2-0	2-2	0-0	0-1	2-2	3-0	2-1	8-0	X	3-1	5-2	2-1	1-2	3-2		3-1	2-1	2-2		0-4	0-2	2-1
Egham Town	0-4	1-0		2-0	0-2	4-3	0-2		1-0	X	3-2	2-0	0-0	2-0	0-3	2-0	2-2	1-4	3-5	0-1	1-2	2-2
Horsham	0-4	1-2	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-3	2-2	2-3	1-3	2-0	X	1-1	4-0	3-0	0-2	0-1	5-2	2-1	0-2	3-0	3-1	
Hungerford Town	4-1	0-2	1-1	1-2	2-3			1-0	1-0	7-1	2-4	X	4-0	1-2	1-3	1-3	2-0	1-3	1-1	1-2	3-1	2-2
Leighton Town	0-2	2-2	0-0	1-0	0-4	2-4	2-0	3-2	0-3	2-0	2-1	2-1	X	2-1	1-3	1-3	2-3	1-3	0-1		2-0	
Marlow	0-3	5-2	2-0	2-1	1-3	1-3	1-3	3-1	1-3	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-0	X	2-1	1-2	1-0	4-3		4-1	4-2	0-1
Met'politan Police	3-1	5-1	0-1	5-0	4-4	1-2	1-4	3-1	2-2	1-0	1-7		3-0	3-2	X	2-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-2	2-1	1-2
Northwood		1-1	0-3	2-1	1-2	1-2	3-1	6-0	1-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-1	1-1	3-3	X	4-2	1-1	0-0	1-4	1-2	0-3
Tilbury	0-0	2-1	1-1	3-4	1-4		1-2	2-1	3-4	1-1	1-1	1-0	3-2	1-1	2-2	1-2	X	1-1	1-2	0-0	2-2	1-3
Tooting & Mitcham	2-0		0-0	2-3	1-1	0-1		1-2	3-0	4-0	1-2	1-1	3-0	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-2	X	2-2	2-1	1-0	1-0
WEALDSTONE	1-1	4-2	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-0	5-1	3-1	4-2		3-1	2-1	5-0	0-2	1-1	3-1	2-0	X	2-0	1-1	1-1
Windsor & Eton	0-2	2-3	0-4	4-2	3-3	0-3	3-0	3-0	2-3	7-1	1-0	0-0	2-2		1-1	2-4	5-0	1-0	1-2	X	3-1	5-1
Witham Town	1-1	1-2	1-1		2-3	1-2	1-1	1-1	2-4	3-1	3-3	1-2	0-2	0-1	2-2	1-2	2-1	5-1	3-4	0-0	X	2-1
Wivenhoe Town	0-2	1-3	1-3	2-2	2-3	1-1	1-1	1-0	3-1	5-0	6-2	2-2	3-1	0-0	0-2		2-2	2-1	2-1	0-3	2-1	X

WEALDSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB - OUR LEAGUE ATTENDANCES - 1997/98 SEASON  
RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION TWO)  
(Up to & including Saturday 18th April 1998)

	Played	Aggregate	Best	Worst	Average Per Game
HOME	20	7394	605	246	369
AWAY	19	5594	634	121	294
TOTAL	39	12988	634	121	333

BEST AT HOME :	605 v. Edgware Town	20/12/97
BEST AWAY :	634 v. Canvey Island	21/ 2/98
WORST AT HOME:	246 v. Witham Town	10/ 3/98
WORST AWAY :	121 v. Witham Town	24/ 2/98

Ladies - have fun and book a party ! or earn extra cash and have even more fun being an organiser.  
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**Ann Summers**

# Crowd Watch

compiled by Layne Patterson

A statistical breakdown of Wealdstone's and the other Local Clubs home league Attendance figures. Due to the fact that figures are only published for the Premier Division we are unable to include Wembley, Edgware and Kingsbury's figures.

Club	Div	Played	Aggregate	Highest	Lowest	Average
Wealdstone	Two	20	7394	605	246	369
Boreham Wood	Prem	18	6268	1029	138	348
Hendon	Prem	20	6446	551	201	322
Harrow Borough	Prem	20	5389	559	162	269
Yeading	Prem	20	3791	402	103	189

as at 18/04/98

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RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION TWO)			
CURRENT LEAGUE FORM (Up to & including Tuesday 21st April 1998)			
Last 6 Home	Last 6 Away	Last 6 Home	Last 6 Away
LLLWLD Banstead Athletic	WLWWDL	WLWWDL Hungerford Town	DWLDLL
WWWWLL Barking	WLLLDL	WWLLW Leighton Town	LLLDLW
DWWWWW Bedford Town	WLLWLD	WLWLWW Marlow	LLLDLL
LLWLWL Bracknell Town	DLLWLL	LWLLWL Met. Police	WLLDW
DWNLWW Braintree Town	DDWWWW	WDDDL Northwood	LWLWWD
WWWWW Canvey Island	WWWWW	WLDDL Tilbury	WLLWWW
LWDLWL Chalfont St Peter	LLWWDL	LDLWLD Tooting & Mitcham	LWLLWD
LWDLDD Cheshunt	DLLDWL	DLLWWD <b>WEALDSTONE</b>	LWLVWD
LWWWL Edgware Town	LWDLDD	LLWLLW Windsor & Eton	LLLDLW
WLLWLW Egham Town	LLLLLL	DLWDD Witham Town	LLWLWL
WLWLWW <b>HORSHAM</b>	LDWDWW	WLWDWL Wivenhoe Town	DWVLWW

## TODAY'S RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION TWO) FIXTURES

Banstead Athletic v Braintree Town  
 Barking v Leighton Town  
 Bedford Town v Tilbury  
 Bracknell Town v Tooting & Mitcham United  
 Canvey Island v Edgware Town  
 Chalfont St Peter v Egham Town

Cheshunt v Witham Town  
 Metropolitan Police v Hungerford Town  
**WEALDSTONE** v HORSHAM  
 Windsor & Eton v Marlow  
 Wivenhoe Town v Northwood

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**MARLOW** Saturday 2nd May. Ground: Alfred Davis Ground, Oak Tree Road, Marlow, Bucks.  
 By Road: Leave the M40 at Junction 4 (High Wycombe) and join A404 towards Marlow. Take the first exit for the A4155 towards Marlow and turn right immediately after the Esso Service Station on your right, into Maple Rise. Cross directly over the crossroads into Oak Tree Road and the ground is approximately 100 yards along on the left. Car parking in the ground is limited. A map appeared in our last home programme v Northwood.  
 By Rail: Marlow (BR) 1/2 mile.

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## TODAY'S MASCOTS

Today's mascots are **ANDREW PROWER** aged 9 and **OWEN HARVEY** aged 8. Andrew attends Orley Farm School in Harrow whilst Owen attends Ashfield School in Bushey. Both boys are members of the Wealdstone Juniors F.C.'s Sunday morning "Mini-League Football" scheme and we hope that they enjoy their afternoon with us.

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## THE 24TH INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL PROGRAMME FAIR

The above will be held on **SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 1998** at Hotel Russell, Russell Square, London W.C.1. (2 minutes walk from Russell Square Underground Station). Advance tickets are £1.00 each (plus s.a.e.) available now from David Stacey, Editor & Events Organiser, The F.P.D., 66 Southend Road, Wickford, Essex, SS11 8EN. (Tel & Fax 01268 - 732041). Admission on the day is £1.40, but collectors under 16, still £1.00. The event opens at 11.15am to 4.15pm, with light refreshments and bar facilities available. Thousands of books, programmes, and all other soccer memorabilia available from the Country's leading dealers. Remember also, you can join the F.P.D., at a special rate of £9.00 on the day instead of the normal £11.00, and you receive a 'Welcome Pack' on joining. For further information contact David Stacey at the above address.

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# The Graham Sharpe Column

I didn't realise I had such a high profile sartorial image. How else to explain the mirth and merriment with which I was greeted when I turned up to watch the Wealdstone Juniors Under 13's play their vital match against Premier Wanderers.

With the destination of the Harrow Youth League divisional title riding on the outcome of this game, Layne had managed to arrange for the fixture to be played here at Edgware. With my son Paul in the side, I had decided to demonstrate my support for the boys by wearing a scarf and hat in club colours - but I wasn't prepared for the reaction of a large number of the 105 spectators, who seemed to find my garb as outlandish as if I had turned up clad from head to toe in a Harrow Borough kit!

People guffawed and chortled. Several even rushed to take photographs, ostensibly for future programmes but really, I suspect, so that they would be able at a later date to hand them round to unsuspecting friends and relatives and have a good old laugh at my expense.

Blimey, I began to understand just how old Eric the taxi driver, the late lamented supporter from the sixties who would attend every match dressed in a blue and white suit clanging a great bell, must have felt. Even Joe McKeever, himself resplendent in jeans and trainers, felt the need to snap my image for posterity.

Oh well, at the end of the day it must have been worth it, because the lads duly ran out 17-0 winners, so the mickey-taking was not in vain - but make the most of those pictures if you happen to see one, because I won't be repeating the exercise. Not in public, that is.

But recently for the first time I can recall, I was invited to a fancy dress party. What would YOU go as? I've always thought that if I ever was invited to such a function that I would go as my favourite character in fiction - 'Just' William Brown. I've still got my old school cap and until recently I had my school mac, but I think my mum may finally have chucked it out - and that after I told her I might eventually grow in to it, too! So if I can't go as William, perhaps I'll have to adopt a football theme and go as a Wealdstone Juniors supporter, either that or balance a french fry on the top of my arm where it meets my neck and go as Tony Booth of Harrow Borough FC - a man with a chip on his shoulder!

Sadly my cousin, Dave Evans, who one or two supporters may remember, died recently in his late forties. Dave (a Chelsea fan, but no-one's perfect) was active on the local Sunday soccer scene fifteen or twenty years ago and was an occasional visitor to Stones' games. He was a great lad who will be missed, and who retained his sense of humour to the absolute end. At his cremation the final record played was by Chris Rea - 'Road to Hell'. Bye Dave.

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## ON THE TERRACES WITH MEGAPHONE MICK

I missed our 4-2 home victory against Egham due to being in Scotland watching Highland League side Keith FC defeat Nairn County by 3-1. I won't comment too much about this as Keif is writing an article on our trip that hopefully will appear in the next Elmslie Ender. What I will say is that the hospitality we received, especially at the football club was incredible, as we were invited into their boardroom and plied with free double scotches all afternoon, which made a mockery of that old wives tale that Scottish people are thrifty when it comes to money. The good word of Wealdstone Football Club was spread about 600 odd miles from home, as we explained to their officials the trials and tribulations of following our club. The football was also a lot better than I had expected, as the passing and movement were very good taking into account the appalling conditions that the match was played in (freezing cold high winds). A 'thank you' must go out to Darren, who sent us details of goals scored back at the Egham match, although these weren't picked up on Keif's mobile until about 5.30pm due to poor reception in the area. From speaking to various people on my return, and also reading Attie's match report, I gather that Wealdstone's first half performance was excellent. Three goals were scored in the opening forty five minutes by Boreham, Dobson and Jones, and this had put Wealdstone in a commanding position. The two main talking points from the match seemed to be the midfield performance by Dobson and Wealdstone's fourth goal, which by all accounts was a quality strike. Imber played a long ball through to Boreham who finished clinically from the edge of the penalty area. After this Wealdstone must have gone to sleep, as we allowed our visitors to score two goals before the end, although we didn't manage to do a 'Bracknell' that would have caused real panic on and off the pitch.

Today's visitors did us a favour on Easter Saturday by defeating Bedford, and there were a few Stones supporters who added to the attendance due to our 'away' game at Edgware being called off due to a waterlogged pitch. The following Monday saw our home match against Northwood go ahead, with the pitch in surprisingly good nick. Wealdstone started well, and an early attack saw Jones run clear down the right hand side of the pitch only to be blatantly fouled by the visitors goalkeeper just outside the penalty area. The referee made the correct decision to book the goalie, but he was very lucky to stay on the pitch five minutes later when he wrestled Jones to the ground once more, this time inside the area which gave us an obvious penalty. For some reason the Northwood players were furious and about four of them chased the referee towards the corner flag, which maybe took his mind off the fact that the goalkeeper should have been sent off, although I can't help thinking that he would have 'gone' if this incident had happened later in the game. Dennis Greene scored from the spot, but we didn't go on from this, although we continued to be the better side in the first half squandering plenty of half chances. Dennis missed an absolute sitter in the early part of the second half when more good work by Jones set him up five yards from goal, but he tried to break the back of the net and duly sent the ball high over the bar. This would have effectively sealed the contest, but instead of giving us the impetus to continue pushing forward for that killer second goal we fell apart. We spent the rest of the match playing an 8-0-2 formation that handed the initiative back to Northwood who were given carte blanche to come to the edge of our penalty area in every one of their forays forward. Why our midfield weren't hunting in packs to get the ball back high up the field I don't know, and these tactics baffled most of our supporters. It came as no surprise therefore when Northwood deservedly equalised, although the goal did have more than a touch of good fortune to it. Our old boy Terry Hibbert hit a speculative shot from the edge of the penalty area that ballooned up off one of our defenders and over Imber for a freak goal. Even after this Northwood looked the more dangerous side in the last ten minutes, but there were no more goals added so the game ended all square. With Bedford winning by the surprising (not!) margin of 1-0 on the same afternoon our lead over them was cut to two points.

Our next game away at Tooting & Mitcham United was the proverbial Jekyll and Hyde performance, with a completely lack lustre first half performance followed by a barnstorming one in the second half that saw a dramatic end to the contest. We found ourselves a goal down inside four minutes, as Tooting's passing was far more slick than ours, and they continued to look the more likely to score. They had a great chance to

double their lead when they were awarded a penalty after a clumsy challenge by Horner, but thankfully Imber superbly blocked the powerful effort and the rebound was cleared. Even this didn't wake us up, as not long after one of the looting players ran down the left and sent in a low shot that beat Imber, and we were staring a costly defeat in the face. In the last ten minutes of the first half we finally sparked into life and won a succession of corners that were defended well by the home side, and our best chance came when McKay took the wrong option from the right hand side of the penalty area and chipped the ball forward instead of drilling it across the six yard box. Our best player in the first half was definitely Fergus Moore, who did well to continue after a nasty collision left him injured for at least five minutes. As I wandered round for the start of the second half I noticed that the majority of Wealdstone supporters had congregated in the big main stand, where they were standing and singing 'Gordon Bartlett's blue & white army' as loud as they could, and I'm sure this gave the players a huge lift as they came back onto the pitch for the start of the second half. The singing continued, and it certainly seemed to do the trick, as Wealdstone were a different team in this second half, laying siege on the looting goal. Walton came on as substitute, and he was immediately back to his best, instigating a lot of our best moves. Time after time we came within a whisker of getting a goal back, with Boreham on more than one occasion wishing that he could have some form of leg extension to reach that elusive cross. There were also a number of goalmouth scrambles that always seemed to fall to the boot of a looting player, and it was beginning to seem like one of those days. Throughout the second half our supporters had been clamouring for the introduction of Simon Garner, and with about twenty minutes remaining he finally entered the fray, but was it too late? Fortunately the answer was no. Finally we got a bit of good fortune that our play in this half had merited, as Walton was sent crashing in the penalty area. It seemed like the referee was going to ignore this but he noticed his assistant who had his flag across his chest and suddenly we had the chance to get back into the game. There was a huge sigh of relief when Dennis Greene sent the keeper the wrong way from the penalty kick, and we had about fifteen minutes to get an equaliser or more. As the players ran back for the restart Benning ran towards our supporters in the stand to urge even more noise, and we didn't let him down. In fact his performance in this second half was probably his best since joining the club, as he was battling for everything. We should have had another penalty about five minutes later when Jones was brought down inside the area, but the referee inexplicably waved play on when this decision seemed more obvious than the penalty we did get. As the final minute approached Jonah summoned up some resources of energy to surge forward towards the Tooting goal. As he reached the edge of the area he was trying to find space to shoot, but was surrounded by four defenders, and he noticed Garner unmarked to his left. His pass found its target, and after one touch Garner fired in a shot across the goalkeeper that seemed to go in slow motion but finally nestled beautifully in the bottom corner to send the Wealdstone supporters in the stand into delirium, as everyone was jumping up and down hugging everyone in sight! Unfortunately there wasn't enough time to grab a winner, but the good news from Hungerford was that Bedford also only got a point, so our two point advantage was still intact.

Today, as mentioned earlier, we entertain Horsham for our last home game of the season, and once again I would like to thank Roy for all his assistance and patience, especially when my articles were longer than intended due to big spaces in between home games. Hopefully he will change his mind and continue to be the programme editor, where he has done such a superb job over the years in making our programme one of the best in the non-league world. Getting back to the action, we now know that five points from a possible nine will see us promoted, and let's hope that the players come out with the same attitude for this match as they did for the second half at Tooting. The supporters can also play their part today, as the noise in the second half at Sandy Lane was different class, so I would urge as many of you as possible to get under cover to sing your hearts out today as this not only lifts our own players, it also unsettles some of our opponents. If you don't think so just remember former Football League player Gavin Maguire earlier this season when he was so rattled that at a throw in he threw the ball straight to Dennis Greene on the edge of his own penalty area and Dennis duly scored. Today's game is by no means a foregone conclusion despite what the league table may suggest, as Horsham have been in good form recently, including that victory over

Bedford, so we will have to be vigilant. That said let's go all out for victory today without sitting on a one goal lead if we get it, as three points today will mean only one more win to go for that coveted promotion place. We all hope that by the time of next weeks game at Marlow this will already be in the bag so we can well and truly party, but you know Wealdstone.....(!!!). I hope everyone has a lovely summer, and also hope that by the time August arrives we will not only be playing Ryman League First Division football, but also we will have some concrete news on our new ground, so good luck Kip.

Come on you Stones! - See ya in the bar.

MICHAEL VINCENT

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## LEAGUE NEWS

WILLIAM HILL MANAGER OF THE MONTH for March 1998

Premier Division: Garry Hill (St Albans City)  
 Division One: Trevor Harvey (Leyton Pennant)  
 Division Two: Jeff King (Canvey Island)  
 Division Three: Keith Chamberlin (Southall)

GUARDIAN INSURANCE SAFE HANDS AWARDS for March 1998

Premier Division: Jerome John (Kingstonian)  
 Division One: Ian Brooks (Leyton Pennant)  
 Division Two: Micky Desborough (Canvey Island)  
 Division Three: Simon Sheppard (Hemel Hempstead)

### RYMAN LEAGUE LEADING GOALSCORERS (Up to & incl. 7th April 1998)

PREMIER DIVISION	Lge	GIC	FMC
33 Shaun Marshall (Boreham Wood)	26	6	1
27 Steve Portway (Gravesend) (inc 3 for Purfleet)	24	2	1
26 Paul Cobb (Dagenham)	20	2	2
25 Joff Vansittart (Sutton)	19	6	
24 David Leworthy (Kingstonian)	21	1	2
DIVISION ONE			
29 Leon Gutzmore (Billericay)	27	2	
27 Wade Falana (Romford) (incl 4 league for Harlow)	23	4	
26 Adie Miles (Bognor)	20	4	2
22 Steve Lunn (Leatherhead)	20		2
21 Jason Reed (Worthing)	20		1
DIVISION TWO			VI
36 Gary Bennett (Braintree)	33	3	
25 Simon Liddle (Canvey Island)	19	3	3
24 Andy Jones (Canvey Island)	21	1	2
21 Keith Boreham (Wealdstone) Jason Prins (Met Police)	21		
DIVISION THREE			
32 Jeff Wood (Ford)	29	1	2
23 Josh Price (Hemel Hempstead)	21	2	
21 C.J.Emmanuel (Aveley)	16	3	2
20 Marc Salmon (Harlow)	16	4	

### RYMAN LEAGUE TOP ATTENDANCES (BEST AT EACH CLUB) (Up to & incl. 7th April 1998)

PREMIER DIVISION	Date
2019 Kingstonian v Sutton	15/11/97
1833 Sutton v Carshalton	27/12/97
1214 Dagenham v Sutton	20/12/97
DIVISION ONE	
3543 Aldershot v Billericay	28/ 3/98
1566 Hampton v Aldershot	31/ 1/98
1540 Leatherhead v Aldershot	28/ 2/98
DIVISION TWO	
1108 Canvey v Braintree	3/ 1/98
607 Northwood v Wealdstone	27/12/97
605 Wealdstone v Edgware	20/12/97
DIVISION THREE	
480 Hertford v Ware	27/12/97
268 Harlow v Hertford	28/ 2/98
225 Wingate v Harlow	10/ 1/98

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## COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL NEWS

WITH LAYNE PATTERSON

GOOD AFTERNOON, and welcome to today's match in the Ryman Football League against our most welcome visitors from Horsham Football Club. As I have prepared these notes prior to our visit to Tooting & Mitcham, I'm unsure how we fared but would have betted on a tough match which is precisely what we will get today.

I must admit with the season almost over, I for one can't wait, the tension of the past few weeks is something I won't miss for a while. However, with the World Cup fast approaching, I'm sure we will all be champing at the bit very soon.

Anyway, here's to a good game, and hopefully 3 more points.  
ENJOY THE SUMMER and COME ON ENGLAND!

### JUNIOR CLUB GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

Next season the Junior Club will be represented by players from 6 years old to under 15's, with 7 teams competing in the Harrow Youth Football League.

This season has been a great success story with our Under 10's reaching the quarter finals of the Middlesex Cup, the Under 11's gaining promotion to Division 1, and the Under 13's clinching the 3rd Division championship.

This season is sadly the last for David Albert as Chairman as he will be standing down soon. Dave's contribution over the last eight years is immeasurable and he will be sadly missed. However, he has the satisfaction of leaving the Junior Club in its strongest ever position. Many thanks, Dave, for your efforts on behalf of the Club.

### NEW WEALDSTONE MOUSE MATS NOW AVAILABLE

At last we have the ultimate for all Stones/Computer buffs, the "Official Wealdstone F.C. Mouse Mat", ideal for office or home and just the thing to help you surf the internet, available from the Clubshop and the Supporters Clubshop at just £5.

### CLUB SHOP NEWS

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### WEALDSTONE JUNIORS ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF TWO NEW TEAMS

With the ever growing interest in our Junior Club it was recently announced that next season two new teams will be competing in the Harrow Youth League. Anybody who is interested in more information particularly the new Under 15's team should contact the respective managers:-

6-8 years old (Mini League)	- Dave Albert: 0181-202 3144
Under 9's	- Richard Hemming: 0181-423 4510
Under 10's	- Layne Patterson: 0181-723 9517
Under 11's	- Richard Bird: 0181-248 3646
Under 12's	- Cliff Arnett: 0181-863 1070
Under 13's	- Rod Glasson: 0181-357 0259
Under 14's	- Stuart Allen: 0181-864 3766
Under 15's	- Peter Burrows: 0181-933 4277

# Stones Youth Team News

*from Sarah Canning*

Throughout this season, I have very much enjoyed writing the reports for all the Wealdstone Junior teams, watching some brilliant football and meeting lots of people whilst doing so. I must thank all of the managers: Layne, Richard, Rod, Jamie, Cliff and Stuart for keeping me updated on all the happenings in their respective teams. I also thank Fingers for informing me on relevant issues and getting me involved in club events and to the Committee.

This season has proven to be a huge success for the Under 11s and Under 13s who have both gained promotion and also to the Under 10s for finishing fourth in their first season together. The relegation to a lower division for the Under 12s will hopefully give them a chance to prove themselves at a suitable level. This season has also seen an Under 9s squad emerge, playing Soccer 7s. Unfortunately, this season has also seen a new ruling by the FA, whereby the age-group bandings have changed, forcing several team members to move up an age-group. To accommodate three of the Under 13s who would otherwise be leaving next season, Peter Burrows has volunteered to manage a new Under 15s side, bringing the total of age-groups to seven - there won't be any room left in the Harrow Observer for any other teams!

### Under 9s

On the 22nd March, the Under 9s fell to a disappointing 8-1 defeat against Celtic. The consolation goal came from Dominic Pinnock whilst Man of the Match was Daniel Foody. The next week amidst the confusion of camels and lions of a near-by circus, the Under 9s managed to draw 2-2 with hosts Hillingdon Borough thanks to goals from Fahad Siddiqui and Man of the Match John Ferrar. Good luck to Layne and the team for next season playing eleven aside matches.

### Under 10s

On the 22nd March, the Under 10s lost 3-2 in the Supplementary Cup against Pinner Albion. Goals from Liam Bird and Innocent Otim, improved on the three goal deficit they faced with good performances from James Byrne, Jamie Hancock and Man of the Match Darren Patterson.

U10 Division 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
4. Wealdstone Juniors	14	7	2	5	52	28	23

### Under 11s

The Under 11s gained promotion as runners-up without having to kick a ball since the 8th March due to the results of the other promotion chasing sides. After finishing third last season, it is a great reward for the whole team and Manager Cliff to be playing first division football next season. They are the first Junior side EVER to have reached the first division (no pressure!)

U11 Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
2. Wealdstone Juniors	16	12	0	4	61	29	36

### Under 12s

On paper, the Under 12s season looks disappointing, without picking up a single point but during this time the team will have learned an awful lot about each other, the game, the importance of determination and about being a team, the management has also changed hands from Rod Glasson to Jamie Wharton. Towards the end of this season, in a few matches, the boys came painstakingly close to picking up their first three points but it ceased to be, showing the improvement that has been made.

U12 Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
9. Wealdstone Juniors	16	0	0	16	15	132	0

### Under 13s

Showing that experience pays off, the Under 13s only lost two matches of the season, ensuring their promotion as champions. This momentous occasion took place at this very ground in front of a staggering crowd of 105. The team rose to the occasion, banging in 17 goals and letting in none. Goalkeeper Ian Vidgen, hesitantly crept out of his goal a few times in an attempt to do a Peter Schmeichel but kept his goalkeeping duties the priority. The team showed an unselfish attitude, passing the ball around the box so that as many players as possible could get on the scoresheet, particularly Robert Barberic and captain Marc Thivessen. The team are a great asset to Stuart Allen who has shown admirable dedication to his team, even putting together a professional-looking programme to complete the special championship match. Goals against Premier Wanderers were as follows: Paul Sharpe (hatrick), Stuart O'Neil (2), Chris Gair (2), James Williams (2), Craig Hepworth (2), Daniel Coleman (2), Robert Barberic (1), Marc Thivessen (1), Phil Watling (1) and an own goal.

U13 Division 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Wealdstone Juniors	20	18	0	2	118	23	54

# STONES PREDICT-A-SCORE

(UP TO & INCLUDING TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED, SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 1998)

		Predicted Result/Score (Hor)(Edg)(Mar)	Correct Result/Score (3 pts.)	Correct Result Only (1 pt.)	Total Points
1.	EDWARD HIBBS	... (1-1)(1-1)(2-1)	11	12	45
2.	DAN HELEN ...	... (1-0)(2-2)(2-0)	8	17	41
3.	ROGER WATSON	... (2-1)(1-2)(2-1)	9	13	40
4.	HOWARD KRAIS	... (1-0)(3-1)(2-0)	8	14	38
5.	JOHN BURROWS	... (2-1)(1-1)(1-1)	6	19	37
6.	COLIN BUNNER	... (2-0)(2-0)(2-0)	6	18	36
	ALAN MOORE ...	... (1-0)(2-1)(2-0)	5	21	36
	PATRICIA RONEY	... (2-2)(2-0)(1-0)	6	18	36
9.	TIMOTHY CHAMBERLAIN	(1-1)(2-0)(1-1)	6	17	35
	"D.GREENE FAN CLUB"	(1-0)(2-2)(1-1)	4	23	35
	STEVE PAULL	... (1-1)(3-0)(0-0)	7	14	35
	MICHAEL PULLIN	... (1-2)(1-1)(1-0)	6	17	35
	DUNCAN TOWELL	... (0-1)(1-1)(1-0)	6	17	35
14.	DAVID ALBERT	... (0-2)(1-1)(2-0)	5	19	34
	BOB BANGS ...	... (0-0)(2-0)(1-0)	6	16	34
	BARRY BENVENISTE	... (1-1)(3-1)(1-2)	6	16	34
	ROY COUCH(1)	... (1-0)(1-1)(1-1)	4	22	34
	MIKE HEYES ...	... (1-0)(5-1)(3-0)	6	16	34
	JOHN KNIGHT	... (2-0)(2-2)(2-0)	6	16	34
	ANDREW LANE	... (1-1)(2-1)(2-0)	4	22	34
	MARK LLOYD ...	... (3-1)(2-1)(2-1)	5	19	34
	"RONNIE RAFFLE"	... (2-1)(3-0)(3-1)	6	16	34
	BRIAN STIMPSON	... (2-2)(2-0)(2-1)	6	16	34
24.	"ALLY McCOIST"	... (2-0)(4-0)(1-0)	5	18	33
	JOHN COMFORT	... (1-0)(2-2)(0-0)	3	24	33
	MICK FISHMAN	... (1-1)(2-1)(3-0)	4	21	33
	JOE McKEEVER	... (2-0)(2-1)(1-0)	5	18	33
20.	MICHAEL BENNETT	... (1-1)(1-1)(1-0)	7	11	32
	JOHN CURTIN	... (2-1)(2-1)(2-1)	4	20	32
	MICK FERGUSON(1)	... (1-1)(2-1)(1-1)	4	20	32
	MICK FERGUSON(2)	... (2-1)(2-1)(2-1)	1	2	5
	STEVE FOSTER	... (0-2)(2-0)(2-0)	4	20	32
	MIRIAM GOODMAN*	... (2-1)(2-1)(1-0)	6	14	32
	KIRSTY JENKINS	... (3-2)(0-0)(1-0)	4	20	32
	PAT MURPHY ...	... (1-0)(1-0)(2-0)	4	20	32
	"SARAH & ALEXANDER"	(1-0)(2-2)(1-1)	4	20	32
	TONY SHORT ...	... (1-0)(2-1)(3-0)	4	20	32
	NICK SYMONS	... (1-0)(3-1)(2-0)	4	20	32
	ANDY THOMPSON	... (1-0)(2-3)(1-0)	4	20	32
	MATT WHEATLEY	... (1-1)(1-1)(0-1)	6	14	32
41.	KEVIN BRIGHT(1)	... (2-0)(0-0)(1-1)	6	13	31
	MEGAN CLARK	... (2-1)(1-1)(2-1)	4	19	31
	RAY CORNER ...	... (4-1)(2-0)(3-1)	3	22	31
	CHRISTINE FLETCHER	(2-3)(1-2)(1-1)	5	16	31
	ERIC FLETCHER	... (3-1)(2-1)(2-0)	3	22	31
	SUDHIR RAWAL	... (1-0)(2-0)(2-0)	4	19	31
	PAUL RUMENS(2)	... (1-1)(2-2)(1-1)	5	16	31
	PETE TYMON ...	... (5-1)(2-2)(1-3)	5	16	31
	TONY WALLER	... (0-1)(3-1)(3-1)	5	16	31
50.	COLIN BARKER	... (0-0)(2-1)(1-3)	3	21	30
	ROY COUCH(2)	... (0-0)(3-1)(1-3)	8	6	30
	TOBY JACKSON	... (1-1)(1-1)(1-2)	4	18	30
	"SHAVED TENDON"	... (2-1)(1-1)(1-2)	4	18	30

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	Predicted Result/Score (Hor)(Edg)(Mar)	Correct Result/Score (3 pts.)	Correct Result Only (1 pt.)	Total Points
55. ROGER SLATER(1)	... (4-1)(0-1)(2-1)	3	21	30
STEPHEN CORNER	... (2-1)(2-0)(2-1)	3	20	29
STEVE HIBBERD	... (2-1)(2-1)(2-1)	4	17	29
GERALD JACOBS	... (1-1)(2-1)(1-1)	3	20	29
MARK McMANUS	... (0-0)(1-0)(3-0)	3	20	29
JOHN MAYR	... (2-2)(0-1)(1-3)	5	14	29
61. PAUL RUMENS(1)	... (1-1)(2-0)(2-0)	3	20	29
JEREMY ALBERT	... (2-1)(2-0)(2-1)	4	16	28
GRAHAM CLARK	... (2-2)(2-1)(2-1)	2	22	28
MOLLY CONWAY	... (1-0)(2-1)(2-1)	2	22	28
"GOODERS"	... (2-1)(2-1)(2-1)	3	19	28
JOHN HARVEY	... (2-1)(1-1)(1-1)	7	7	28
ANDY HIBBS	... (0-0)(2-2)(0-2)	3	19	28
ALAN JENKINS	... (1-2)(2-0)(3-1)	3	19	28
JOHN LLOYD	... (1-0)(1-0)(1-0)	2	22	28
ARTHUR ROGERS	... (1-0)(1-0)(1-0)	2	22	28
70. KEVIN BRIGHT(2)	... (2-0)(1-1)(2-0)	3	18	27
PAUL COOKE	... (0-1)(0-0)(1-1)	3	18	27
QUENTIN FOX	... (1-0)(0-1)(0-0)	4	15	27
C. KEMP	... (3-2)(2-1)(3-2)	3	18	27
SHAUN LAWSON	... (0-1)(0-2)(0-0)	3	18	27
LAYNE PATTERSON	... (3-1)(1-2)(2-2)	3	18	27
"SIMON GURNER"	... (0-2)(3-1)(1-1)	4	15	27
M. TARRY*	... (3-0)(1-3)(1-2)	3	18	27
78. MATT ANDREWS	... (3-0)(2-0)(3-1)	1	23	26
STEPHEN BIRD	... (1-0)(1-1)(0-2)	3	17	26
WAYNE CORNER	... (3-2)(0-2)(5-2)	4	14	26
DON CROSS	... (3-2)(2-0)(2-0)	2	20	26
JON IRVINE	... (1-2)(1-0)(2-0)	4	14	26
J. JEFFRESON	... (4-1)(1-2)(4-0)	2	20	26
VAL SHEARER	... (1-2)(3-0)(2-0)	4	14	26
ROGER SLATER(2)	... (0-1)(2-3)(2-0)	4	14	26
TRACEY SYER	... (1-1)(1-0)(1-0)	3	17	26
ALAN TREMEER	... (0-1)(1-2)(1-1)	3	17	26
MICHAEL VINCENT	... (2-1)(1-1)(3-1)	4	14	26
LIZ WIGGINS	... (2-1)(1-1)(3-0)	3	17	26
90. D. BALDERSTONE	... (1-1)(1-0)(2-0)	2	19	25
NICK CONWAY	... (6-0)(2-0)(1-0)	1	22	25
PAUL FRUIN	... (1-0)(1-1)(3-0)	3	16	25
RAY HORNE	... (0-0)(0-1)(1-0)	1	22	25
RON MOORE	... (1-0)(1-1)(3-0)	2	19	25
JAMES SMITH	... (1-1)(1-0)(1-0)	3	16	25
PETER WORBY*	... (2-1)(1-1)(3-1)	2	19	25
97. MARK CHAMBERLAIN*	... (3-1)(1-0)(4-1)	3	15	24
DANIEL DUGARD	... (1-1)(2-2)(2-1)	3	15	24
DAVID FREE	... (2-2)(1-1)(1-1)	2	18	24
DAVE PARISH	... (3-0)(3-1)(3-1)	0	24	24
KEITH RANGER	... (2-1)(4-1)(4-2)	3	15	24
KEIF STONESTREET	... (1-0)(1-0)(0-0)	4	12	24
MATTEO TONNA	... (2-0)(2-0)(3-1)	0	24	24
104. ALAN COUCH	... (2-0)(1-3)(3-1)	2	17	23
PETER DREW	... (1-1)(1-1)(2-0)	2	17	23
"the EDWARDS"	... (1-1)(2-2)(2-0)	2	17	23
DOUGLAS HORGAN	... (2-3)(2-1)(2-1)	3	14	23
J. KEMP	... (0-1)(2-0)(3-2)	3	14	23
SATEESH KHANNA	... (0-1)(2-2)(2-0)	1	20	23

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STONES PREDICT-A-SCORE 1997/98 SEASON (continued)

	Predicted Result/Score (Hor)(Edg)(Mar)	Correct Result/Score (3 pts.)	Correct Result Only (1 pt.)	Total Points
JIM MINEHANE	... (2-2)(1-1)(0-0)	2	17	23
CHARLIE PILKINGTON*	... (2-0)(1-1)(0-0)	3	14	23
112. MARTIN BURROWS	... (2-1)(2-2)(2-1)	2	16	22
LORI GALE-RUMENS	... (3-2)(3-0)(4-0)	2	16	22
BARBARA ROBSON	... (2-2)(2-1)(0-0)	3	13	22
WARREN STOCKWELL	... (2-1)(0-2)(1-1)	3	13	22
N.C. WARNE*	... (1-1)(1-1)(1-2)	3	13	22
KEN WIGGINS	... (0-2)(1-0)(0-3)	3	13	22
118. JOHN CONWAY	... (1-1)(1-1)(2-2)	2	15	21
JAMES JENNER	... (5-0)(0-1)(0-3)	1	18	21
ROB OKE	... (1-1)(1-2)(0-1)	2	15	21
PATRICK O'NEILL	... (2-2)(2-1)(4-1)	3	12	21
P. & S. SHARPE	... (2-1)(2-0)(2-0)	1	18	21
NICK WOOLFORD(1)	... (1-0)(2-1)(1-1)	0	21	21
124. TONY DREW	... (2-2)(2-2)(2-2)	0	20	20
BOB DUGARD*	... (3-0)(3-3)(2-2)	1	17	20
HELEN THOMAS	... (0-1)(0-0)(2-1)	3	11	20
JACK WILKINSON	... (1-1)(1-1)(3-0)	2	14	20
128. NICK DUGARD	... (1-0)(0-1)(1-2)	1	16	19
129. CALLUM TYMON	... (5-3)(0-1)(2-2)	2	12	18
JIM WISEMAN	... (1-0)(2-0)(4-0)	1	15	18
131. TONY PLATT	... (0-0)(0-1)(1-1)	0	16	16
132. DEAN BOREHAM*	... (2-0)(2-1)(0-1)	1	12	15
NICK WOOLFORD(2)	... (0-0)(1-2)(1-1)	0	15	15

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 £230; Runner Up £110; Third Place £85; Fourth Place £60; Last place (133rd) A Mystery Booby Prize.

\* These competitors are not eligible for Booby Prize as they entered after the start.

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RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION TWO) 1997/98 SEASON - FINAL PLACING COMPETITION  
(Entrants Points/Position Up to & including Tuesday 21st April 1998)

	Pts		Pts		Pts
1. Steve Mowle	62	S. & P. Sharpe	82	19. Rob Oke	106
2. Ray Horne	64	11. Steve Hibberd	84	20. Alan Casey	108
3. Roy Couch (2)	68	12. James Bartrick	90	21. Bob Bangs	110
4. Sateesh Khanna	70	Nick Dugard	90	Stephen Bird	110
5. Roy Couch (1)	72	Gerald Jacobs	90	Roger Slater	110
Val Shearer	72	15. Barry Benveniste	94	24. James Johnson	112
7. Paul Rumens	74	16. "Essex Stones"	96	25. Matteo Tonna	116
8. Joe McKeever	76	17. Layne Patterson	98	26. Daniel Gloor	118
9. Alan Couch	82	18. Quentin Fox	104		

Points are awarded on the basis of 1 point for each position 'adrift' - eg if the team an entrant has predicted to finish 1st actually finishes 4th, 3 points are awarded (4 minus 1), if a team predicted to finish 13th ends the season in 6th position then 7 points are awarded (13 minus 6). Should a team finish the season in its predicted place no points will be incurred. At the end of the season all the points for each entrant will be added together and the person with the **LOWEST** number of points will be declared the winner. Prize money at end of season will be:- Winner £40; Runner Up £20; Third Place £15. Predictions were made at the start of the season.

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# THE TEAMS...

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## WEALDSTONE (Blue & White)

NOEL IMBER  
PAUL LAMB  
DOMINIC STERLING  
FERGUS MOORE  
IAN WAUGH  
ROY MARSHALL  
CHRIS WALTON  
BRIAN JONES  
STEVE BIRCHAM  
DENNIS GREENE  
PAUL BENNING  
SIMON GARNER  
PAUL McKAY  
RICHARD HORNER  
ANDY PEAKS  
RICHARD DOBSON  
KEITH BOREHAM  
KENNY GAYLE  
LAWRENCE YAKU  
LEE WALKER  
STAN BOWDER  
MARIO CELAIRE  
DARREN BONFIELD

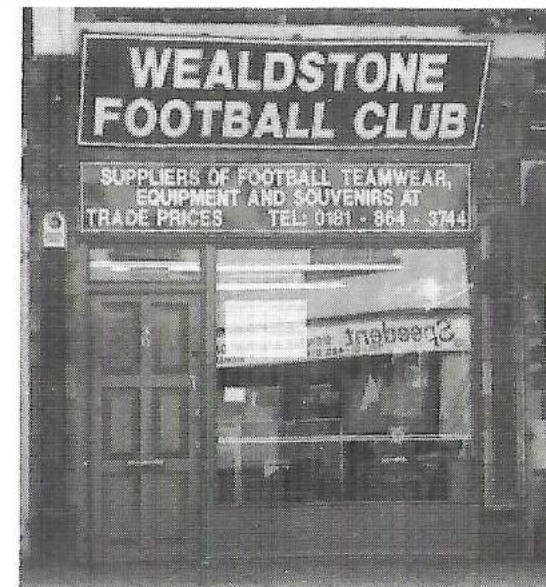
## HORSHAM (Amber & Green)

DUNCAN GREEN  
MARTIN LEMPRIERE  
ASLEY COOK  
OCHEA IKPA  
RICHARD KNIGHT  
DANNY POTTER  
MATT SMART  
SCOTT THORNTON  
BARRY FORSHAW  
GEORGE SMITH  
CLIFF THOMAS  
RICHARD LAURIE  
GIRMAINE AMANUEL  
MATT MOTTON  
DANNY WOOD  
MARK PULLING  
ANDREW WALSH  
ANDREW MITCHELL

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PRIOR TO KICK OFF AND AGAIN AT HALF-TIME

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