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HIGHLIGHTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT 1960-61.

The Committee has pleasure in presenting their Annual Report, audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for season 1960-61.

Players Honoured.

During the season the following players were honoured:

C. Townsend—England, Middlesex and London F.A., the F.A., Middlesex Wanderers and Athenian League.

V. Evans-Middlesex F.A., Middlesex Wanderers.

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J. Saunders-London F.A.

G. Mowle-Middlesex F.A.

J. Moran—Middlesex F.A.

J. Lowe—Middlesex F.A. Juniors.

P. Hatton-Herts. F.A.

Coaching.

As members will have read in the Press the Committee have appointed Mr. Vince Burgess as Coach for next season in place of Mr. Peter Rogers. Mr. Burgess has a very good background and it is hoped that with his assistance the Club will achieve greater successes in the future. The Committee wish to thank Mr. Peter Rogers for his services to the Club during his time as Coach. Edgar Francis will still be with the Club and will continue to assist in every way possible, as he has done so willingly for many years.

Supporters' Club.

The Supporters' Club have continued to assist the Club in many ways and have carried out a considerable amount of work on the ground. Despite their appeal for help in connection with this work the response is very disappointing and Members are again asked to come forward and give their names; alternatively come down any Saturday or Sunday morning or week-night.

As members are aware we are hoping to have floodlighting installed by the beginning of next season and the cost of this is being borne entirely by the Supporters' Club. In order to cut down expenditure the Supporters' Club is doing a lot of the general work themselves and again appeal for help.

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Sportsman of the Year.

The Committee were presented with a trophy during the course of the season which they decided to use in the form of an award for the Sportsman of the Year and the player selected for last season is Ted Culver for his loyalty and service to the Club We think members will agree that this decision to award the trophy to Ted is well deserved.

Social Club.

The Social Club has had a very successful season. Dances and cabaret shows are still run every Saturday night and members can be assured of a good welcome. Sunday lunch time is also getting very popular. Whist Drives have continued on Tuesday evenings and Olde Tyme Dancing every other Thursday, and the Committee's thanks are due to Mr. Holmes and Mr. Harry Wright who have organised these nights.

The Committee also wish to place on record their appreciation of the work of the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

During the season Mr. and Mrs. Massey left our employ and also Mr. Vicky Foster. At the time of writing this report Mr. Reg. Scott is acting as Steward and the Committee are very grateful to him for his assistance.

The Committee also wish to place on record their appreciation of the work of Mr. E. J. Bryant who serves the club assiduously in every possible way.

Life Membership.

The Committee have great pleasure in recommending that Life Membership be conferred on Mr. 'Jock' Law, Chairman of the Supporters' Club and Mr. W. G. (Bill) Leadbetter, the Hon. Secretary of the Football Club.

Mr. Law has been a Member of the Club for a number of years and assisted the Club in many ways; since taking over the Chairmanship of the Supporters' Club he has been mainly responsible for the terrific amount of work carried out by the Supporters' Club on the ground.

Mr. Leadbetter has been with the Club for twenty years and has held many offices, including 1st Team Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and Assistant Honorary Secretary before taking over the Secretaryship from Mr. Luck on the latter being appointed Chairman.

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Ground.

Like all other football grounds our pitch took a terrific hammering during the season on account of the exceptionally bad weather, but it speaks well for the work of the Ground Committee and our Groundsman that we did not have to postpone ayn game. The ground has continued to be used by many Associations during the season including the Middlesex F.A., London F.A., the A.F.A., the Harrow and Wembley District League and Harrow Schools F.A.

Finance.

It will be seen that the income for the year slightly exceeds the expenditure, but as stated last year the need for the utmost economy still exists. It will be noted that the expenditure on the ground is considerably more this season than last and this is due to the fact that we had to provide new toilets and also our existing boiler had to be replaced and these two items account for a considerable amount of the extra expenditure. The Social Club has once more been of great assistance to the Club and the Committee's thanks are due to those responsible for running the Social Club and particularly the weekly Tote.

Playing Record.

The record of the first team taken on the whole could be considered reasonable, but on the other hand it could be regarded as disappointing after promising so much. However, to finish runners-up in the League and finalists in the London Senior Cup must be considered satisfactory. Also they were finalists of the N.W.

Middlesex Invitation Cup and semi-finalists of the Miadlesex Charity Cup and both these competitions will be played off at the beginning of next season. In addition we reached the semi-final of the A.F.A. Invitation Cup, but due to congestion of our own fixtures and those of Wycombe Wanderers we were eliminated from the competition.

The second eleven did not have a particularly good season in the League, but did better in cup-ties, reaching the semi-final of the London Intermediate Cup and doing well in the League Cup and

Middlesex Intermediate Cup.

The "A" Team did not have a good season, but they did manage to reach the semi-final of the Harrow and Wembley League Senior Cup and also the quarter-final of the A.F.A. Junior Cup. Quite a number of the "A" Team boys did have games with the Reserve team during the season and acquitted themselves satisfactorily. In addition D. Bolton, T. Shannon, K. Fraser and C. Pearce were selected for the League.

Like the "A" Team the Colts also suffered through having a number of matches postponed due to ground difficulties, but in spite of the number of weeks they were unable to play they did manage to complete their League fixtures and in winning the Harrow Youth Cup for the fourth successive season created a new record. They also finished runners-up in the League and were semi-finalists in the Middlesex Youth Cup.

Next Season.

The Committee have decided that both Membership subscriptions and admission prices for next season will be the same as for last season despite increasing costs and hope this gesture will be reflected in increased attendances.

At the time of writing this report most of last season's recognised first team players have resigned and we are also receiving applications from other players for trials.

What next season holds for us we cannot foretell, but Members can rest assured that both Players and Committee will do their best to improve on last season.

Subscriptions.

Although subscriptions are not yet due for next season the Honorary Treasurer would be pleased to receive same as soon as possible and Members are reminded that subscriptions must be paid before they can be admitted to any game.

Obituary.

It is with the greatest regret that the Committee have to report the death of the following members:—

Mr. E. R. Lloyd Mr. J. McDermott

Mr. A. C. Pitt

Mr. F. M. Seagrove

In addition during the season Henry Mikrut died very suddenly, which was a great shock to everyone.

60th Anniversary Dinner.

A very successful Dinner and Dance was held at the end of the season to celebrate our sixtieth anniversary and was attended by about 130 people and held at the Rest Hotel, Kenton.

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THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS.

The start of a new soccer season is always exciting and carries the hope of being the best ever for our Club. Last season was a successful one although the finish was disappointing. We have made a moderate start to the 1961/62 season but in spite of a very long list of injuries to players and our early exit from the F.A. Cup, our prospects look good. With nearly all last season's players available and the help of our new experienced players our strength on the field has increased and we shall make a bold bid for some of the major honours.

This season we shall have floodlit football at Lower Mead and we hope this innovation will be welcomed and enjoyed by our members

and supporters.

The Committee has decided that admission charges and subscriptions shall not be increased at present. This decision may have to be reviewed in the light of continued increases in running costs. It is probably not realised by most people that gate money is no longer sufficient to cover the cost of running the Club. The deficiency is made up by the organising of draws and competitions and only in this way can the Club survive. May I therefore appeal to everyone to support our weekly tote competition and our Christmas and other Draws and so help to keep the Club solvent.

On behalf of the Committee may I wish our players good luck and success and our members and supporters a happy and entertain-

ing season.

H. A. LUCK, Chairman.

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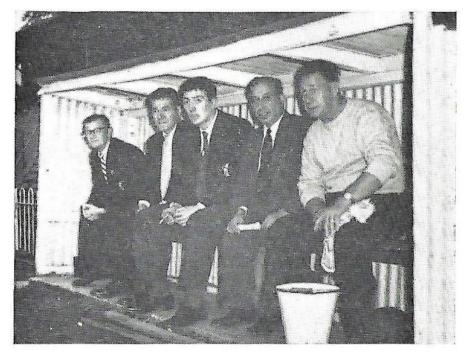


The time has again come round for the publishing of another Wealdstone Handbook, and it seems only like yesterday that I was doing the Introduction notes to last year's book.

The sales of the Handbook last season were again disappointing and I do once again appeal to all Members and Supporters to purchase a copy and so help the Club funds.

This year's edition again contains some interesting articles and details and it is a little disheartening to our subscribers that a better response in sales is not achieved.

The Season 1961/62 has commenced as these notes go to press, but it is far too early to forecast how we shall fare in the League and Cups, but everyone can be assured that even if successes fail us it will not be for the want of trying on the part of our players and the Committee.



The Trainers' Bench, reading from left to right J. Pyers (First Team Sec.), E. Francis (Asst. Coach), V. Burgess (Coach), J. Rogers (Deputy Chairman), F. Welch (Trainer).



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As everyone has read we shall have floodlighting at Lower Mead this season and we are already receiving requests for representative games to be played under our lights. We ourselves also hope to stage some interesting games apart from League games and Cup-ties.

One other appeal to all our Members—please support the Social Club as much as you possibly can—there is plenty of entertainment organised and everyone is sure of a hearty welcome from the Entertainments Sub-committee.

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LOOKING TO TOMORROW.

by BILL EMERSON.

THE SECRETARY OF OUR COLTS' TEAM SUMS UP THE PROSPECTS FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF OUR YOUNGEST PLAYERS.

Some four years ago we formed a junior team to cater for lads just leaving school, and who wished to take their football seriously. We hoped that by this activity we would attract to Lower Mead younger local players of promising ability, who could serve their apprenticeship within our organisation, and ultimately graduate to our senior sides. I have been privileged to be connected with this venture since its inception and therefore feel that possibly I am in a good position to assess the value of this scheme from the viewpoint of both Club and player. During that time we have seen some very good youthful players in our colours and we have witnessed some very keen encounters in Cup and League competitions. We have been reasonably successful throughout, and maintained a consistent standard, so it is only natural that our various opponents alway nurse the desire to oust us and achieve a superiority (if only temporarily!). Hence every engagement, even ordinary league games, are fought in an atmosphere of a cup-tie. Two seasons ago it was hailed as quite an event to score a goal against the Colts. Up to the Easter of that season the team only conceded four goals. This added keenness either made or broke the players very quickly. Some did not last the pace, and sought their soccer in less hectic circles, but those who remained filled the record book with an impressive list of achievements. Four successive cup victories in the Harrow Youth Cup, three successive seasons with placings in the first two of the League, and survival each season in the County Cup until either the semi-final or quarter-final.

So much for the record—what of the players? Naturally, the "A" team received these youthful aspirants first, and all connected with our third team remarked upon their zest, ability and general strength. Several have passed on to the Reserves, and are appearing regularly in our second string. Perhops the day is not far distant when we can really boast of "home produced" players in our first team. And those who have not quite made it have benefited by the facilities offered to improve their knowledge of the game, and are playing somewhere today all the better for the opportunity.

I think the experiment has been very worthwhile so far, and I am sure it will prove even more so in the days that lie ahead.

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THE ENTERTAINMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

By K. E. WILTSHIRE,

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Some people may be wondering why a football club should require an Entertainments Sub-Committee but when you have read this article you will, I feel sure, appreciate the good work that is performed by this hardworking body and why its function is an essential part of the workings of a club such as ours.

Its members in the main are recruited from the Football Club Committee, but comprise also of co-opted members of the Football and Lower Mead Social Club.

Its main function is to organize the entertainments and social activities in the Club House for the members.

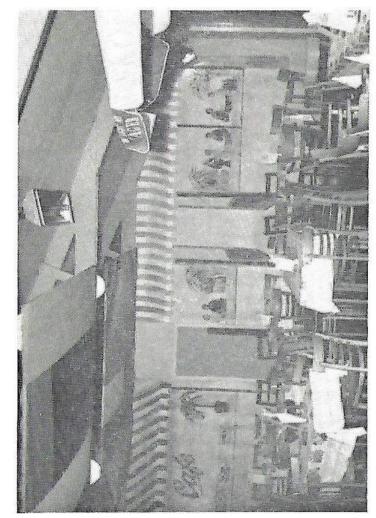
The members of this Sub-Committee are always to be found on duty on Saturday and Sunday evenings as well as most nights during the week. Their work consists of a bit of painting, carpentry, lighting and scenery experts, masters-of-ceremonies, toastmasters, and general all-round entertainers.

Although most of their time is taken up with the week-end dances they are to be found during the week busily organizing dart tournaments (ladies and gents.), billiard and snooker tournaments, whist drives, social evenings, mystery tours, theatre evenings out, river trips, etc.

Over the past year they have been responsible for staging many special events in the main hall, three of which will be remembered by the club members for a long time to come. There was the occasion of the "Wild West" carnival dance on New Year's Eve when the club was decorated to look like a scene from "Oklohoma", with the members all dressed up in cowboy or Indian costumes, or the "Easter Cruise" dance when the dance hall was decorated to look like a cruise liner, the members and the Band appropriately dressed in naval and pirate rig to suit the occasion. Then the recent successful "Evening in Paris" show, the hall once again being decorated to look the part of a typical Parisian night club—yes—and complete with champagne and chorus girls dancing the Can Can.

As you can see the members who do use the Social Club facilities and the excellent entertainment which it supplies, find their visits on Saturday and Sunday evenings well rewarded.

The Club House, its bar, dance hall and snooker room play a very important part in helping to build up a team spirit that is essential for any amateur football club. The Entertainments Sub-Committee, I think you will agree is, therefore playing a very important part in helping this club of ours to achieve great things in the football world.



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WEALDSTONE - PAST AND PRESENT

By W. C. WATERLOW.

At the time of writing these notes we have embarked upon another season. The "Stones" have started rather quietly under their new coach, Vince Burgess, but, with practically all last season's players to call upon and with several promising newcomers, there is every prospect of our having a very successful season. In particular, we are hoping to make considerable progress in the Amateur Cup which has proved so elusive in the post.

Last season, after promising much, ended rather disappointingly for us. Hendon "pipped" us for the Athenian League Championship by one point and Enfield proved too good for us in the final of the London Senior Cup at Highbury. However, on the whole, it was quite a successful season, and many teams we met, notably Dulwich Hamlet and Kingstonians (both of whom we defeated handsomely at Lower Mead) came off "second-best".

If you were asked to name the best Wealdstone team, having at your disposal all the players who at one time or another have worn our colours, I wonder what would be your choice?

As regards goalkeepers, we have been consistently well served throughout the Club's history. Perhaps the name which stands out is Danny Wiltshire, cousin of Ken Wiltshire, our Assistant Secretary and nephew of Mr. Dan Wiltshire, the longest serving member of the present Committee and a life member of the Club. Many of you

will recall the numerous saves made by Danny and the grand game he played at Port Vale in the first round of the F.A. Cup some years ago, which kept the score down to 1-0 in Port Vale's favour. Danny, who had a trial for England, was considered very unfortunate not to have received an amateur cap. He is still Maidstone's last line of defence.

We have also been well served with regard to backs and many names come to my mind: Arthur Loveday and Bob Ellis and, more recently, Charlie Barker (one of the best kickers of a "dead" ball in the game), and Fred Haydon, Tommy McGee and Ron Gadsden. Tommy McGee, after being "capped" as an amateur, became a professional with Portsmouth.

Perhaps there have not been so many outstanding lads in the half-back line, although from time to time we have been well represented. I recall that when I first watched the "Stones" in action Frank Harbud was our centre-half, and an extremely good one, too! He has since done sterling work for the Club in various capacities and is now our Vice-Chairman. Other names in the middle line I call to mind are Harold Smith, who subsequently became a professional with Notts. County, and more recently Jimmy Wastell, Charlie Edmunds and Edgar Francis (who was capped for Wales) and is now one of our coaches. It was very difficult to get past Charlie Edmunds in his heyday, as many opposing centre-forwards of that era discovered. The claims of Charlie Townsend (who appears to be establishing himself as a regular England amateur wing-half) are also well worthy of consideration.

At centre-forward J do not think there was anybody to compare with Charlie Bunce, as most of you who saw him will doubtless agree. He played for us prior to the last war, and the game lost a fine footballer and sportsman when he tragically met his death whilst a prisoner of war.

On the right-wing Phil White (now with Leyton Orient) reigned supreme for some seasons during which we won the Athenian League Championship, and was ably supported by his inside partner, Henry Wegrzyk, who laid on some beautiful passes as well as notching some fine goals. Henry probably had as strong a kick as anybody in amateur football.

I would also like to find a place for Bert Dyke who over a long period of time played some magnificent games for us. He was one of the few forwards who really knew how to head the ball into the goal, an art in higher circles enjoyed by Dixie Dean, Tommy Lawton and Roy Bentley.

Another inside-forward I recall is Charlie Bowyer, who was partnered on the left-wing at one time by Les Groves, one of the members of the Groves family who wore the "Stones" colours with distinction. On the left-wing I also call to mind Len Dolding and Bill Parr. Viv Evans, our present left-winger, also well qualifies for consideration when picking our "best-ever" in that position.

How's this for a team to beat all-comers:— Danny Wiltshire (qoal); Arthur Loveday and Bob Ellis (backs); Charlie Townsend, Charlie Edmunds and Edgar Francis (half-backs); Phil White, Henry Wegrzyk, Charlie Bunce, Bert Dyke and Viv Evans (forwards).

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If it were possible to select two teams, of equal ability, and equally well trained, physically and mentally and put them in opposition, then technically speaking we should see a drawn game 0-0, each side cancelling out their opponents' moves. Thus there would be no goals and many spectators would term it a poor game. Do not imagine for a minute that every goal-less draw has been a game played by two highly talented sides; far from it, the majority of goal-less draws are brought about by lack of ability and downright inefficiency. Nevertheless, when two good well balanced sides meet, the results are usually very close, 0-0, 1-0, 2-1, 1-2 and so on. What factor then separates two sides on paper and form equal. Firstly, the human error—a mistake, and secondly "the run of the ball".

Matt Busby recently referred to an excellent match between Manchester United and Spurs as like a game of chess—a high compliment indeed!

People will argue that you cannot change the run of the ball—to a certain degree I must beg to differ. Quite often you hear the remark "they tried too hard and things didn't run for them". Rubbish, you cannot try too hard: a team may worry too much when things are going wrong, thus there is a marked tension in their play. The reverse of this is just as disastrous—casual, loose play. Therefore we must strive for the happy medium—football played relaxed but firmly. Therefore, the great factor separating the two "technically" equal sides is temperament.

I am all in favour of simple methods and prefer to aim at instructive play rather than complicated moves which quite often only serve to confuse the performer. Obviously team plans, tactics, etc. must be varied according to the players' ability. The players' ability can be improved by hard work at practice and coaching methods, providing the individual is enthusiastic. Without enthusiasm coaching is a waste of time—but we must not forget that by his own enthusiasm the coach must stimulate this enthusiastic approach.

Therefore, a coach or manager must appeal to the team through his own personality—appreciating the players' difficulties and being sympathetic towards them. We must always aim to direct the players' individual skills and personalities into a successful combination—by all means widen and develop their skill and knowledge, but never neglect or discourage their natural talents. So many situations arise in a game and it is the talented players who can weigh up the situation and play accordingly.

My aim is always to play simple straight-forward football. When in possession play the spaces and move into them quickly, call and encourage one another-intelligent calling is vital. When opponents are in possession, never panic, but fight and tackle hard to regain possession. In other words, do the simple tihngs, do them well and do them quickly. A player must realise that thinking and reading a game for ninety minutes is vital. Good players perform well without the ball-far too many players seem to think that only when they have possession they have to play. To conclude, a footballer should always be a well trained athlete; complete body fitness is essential, it allows a player to move freely and demonstrate his skill for the whole game. I do not believe in too much pre-match planning-no one can tell what your opponents will play like until the match is under way. The player should be able to read and deal with the situations as they arise—and this should be the general aim of our training programme. Certainly we need a general defensive plan and basic moves for corners, throw-ins and free-kicks. However, you can concentrate too much on your opponents and nealect your own game-let them worry about us!

Unfortunately space does not allow me to develop the above thoughts in more detail in this article, but I sincerely hope I may have the opportunity of writing for you in the near future.

Finally, you the supporters of Wealdstone F.C. can play a very important part in the success of the side. Give the team all the encouragement you can especially when things are not going well. Remember they do not make mistakes on purpose and if you want to shout at anyone—shout at me for the team are only trying to put into practice some of my principles (or ideas).

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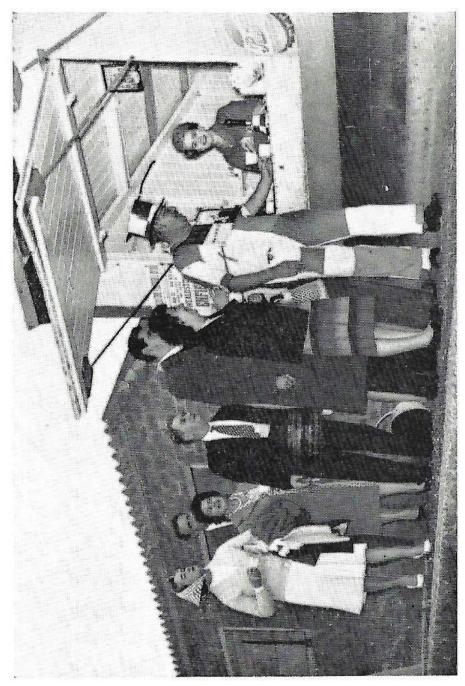
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"CALLING ALL SUPPORTERS" by TOM VERRALL.

Another year has flown by since I wrote through the medium of the Handbook, a year which has seen plenty of changes in the fortunes of Wealdstone F.C. At the time of writing this article the pylons, which will carry the floodlights, are being delivered and in a few days will be erected and the dream of your Committee will have

become a reality.

During the close season work has been carried out, such as digging the trenches for the cables which have been put into position ready for the great light up. I must draw to your attention the great amount of work that has been carried out by Dick Kelly in the interests of the club, and without him we should not have reached the state of progress which now exists. Also there has been two new brick built tea huts put up and one will be extended to make a new club office for us and we hope to be able to entertain other officials from visiting Supporters' Clubs at this office. Truly, Wealdstone F.C. must be shaping as the finest Amateur Club in the country.

We have been again disappointed by the lack of offers to help with the various jobs around the ground and your Committee would

like to see an improvement in this direction.

There have been comings and goings among the players, but we have still retained a number of the old stalwarts who are appreciative of the things that the Supporters Club are doing in their interests and we of your Committee will strive to do all in our power to attract the type of player who will be club minded and try to do his best to put his club at the top of the tree.

I hope that you will enjoy the article that has been written by my Assistant Secretary and I think it will put you in the picture about the activities of those people whom you have elected to serve

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Don't for one minute think that this is the Wealdstone eleven of 1901 although at times the present team make us feel that old. No this is your Supporters' Club Committee that I have recently had the pleasure to join. Our Captain, I beg your pardon, Chairman, is Mr. Thomas Law, known to you and us as Jock Law. Jock leads us with a great deal of gusto and enthusiasm and puts in a tremendous amount of work and, believing in the old adage—if I can do it —you can, he sets to work and can be found most days dashing around the around.

Our left-back or Secretary, Tom Verrall, needs no introduction from me. Many of you know him far better than I. While Jock Law is busy around the ground Tom is at home dealing with the various correspondence, membership and booking coaches. My mental picture of Tom is pen in one hand and phone in the other and wishing supporters would not wait until the sun shines on Sat-

urday morning to book a seat on the coach.

At right-back and holding that very important job of Treasurer is Lindsay Campbell, the second Jock in the team. I suppose coming from across the border Jock Campbell is admirably suited for the job, for he keeps a tight hold of the cash. Despite the amount of work we all know is involved in handling the cash "Haggis", as he is so often called in committee, still finds time to help on the ground with his namesake.

The man in the centre, Sam Burrows, has filled various offices for the Supporters' Club and is now our Vice-President. At centre-half and the steadying influence is the Vice-Chairman, George Young. George is the painter (not by trade) and thanks to him the crush barriers were painted in the summer, also the insides of the tea huts.

At left-half is your scribe or Assistant Secretary. Thanks to the efficient way Tom Verrall does his job I have very little to do. On the other flank we have Bill Demosey—Assistant Treasurer. I would call Bill an attacking half. Always keeping us on our toes and full of ideas and always there when there's work to be done.

The forwards—Frank Dixon, Eddie Cantor, S. Burrows, Tom Burdette and Frank Bunker. Jim is our Tote representative by the way and with the others always ready to have a go and give a hand

where needed.

There you have the lads, but what of the lassies. Tea huts, training nights, Bingo, without these ladies we just couldn't carry on—bless them. And here are Les Girls—Mrs. Clegg, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Edney, Mrs. Hauck, Mrs. Mylcrist and Miss Woodward.

There than is your Supporters' Club team. What of the Reserves. Would YOU care to join us? We could do with some standbys for "injuries" and when we are "off form" our captain could drop us! So why not come along and sign on. Don't forget that you will still be able to see the match and shout "COME ON THE STONES!".

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A Training Session, J. Rogers (Deputy Chairman), F. Welch (Trainer), Vince Burgess (Coach) and some of the players.

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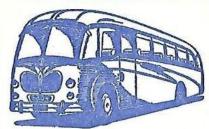
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