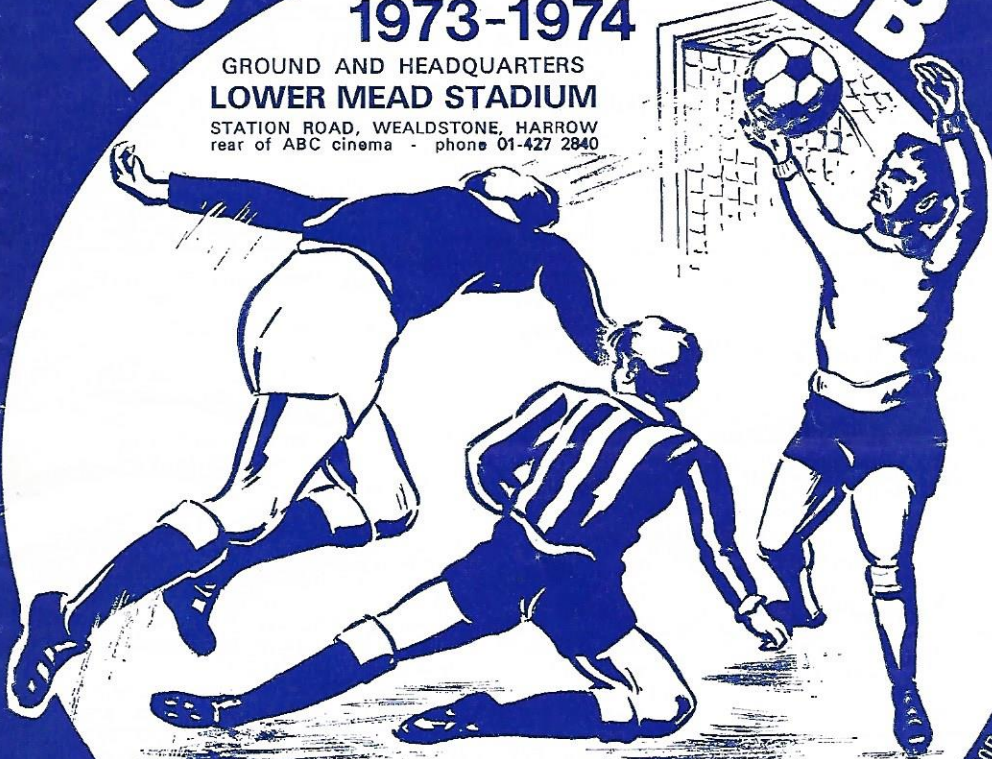


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### Wealdstone—Top of the League!

This is indeed a very happy day in the illustrious annals of Wealdstone Football Club, as for the first time since turning professional three seasons ago, we are sitting proudly at the top of the Southern League (Div. 1 South). Yes, a fairy-tale start to the New Year, and I know it will be the wish of you, our wonderful Supporters, to say a very sincere 'well done' to the team who have given us such fine entertainment so far this season, and with such good results. A well-deserved tribute, too, to manager Sid Prosser, for he has produced a Wealdstone side playing the type of football to entertain the public, for after all, we are in the entertainment business.

What a turn-up for the book though, last Tuesday when Salisbury, bottom but one, thrashed league leaders Basingstoke 4-1 and did us a magnificent turn! Then, late the same evening, came the Waterlooville result from Fratton Park and as they only drew 2-2 with Poole Town, we go top on goal average. Notice also that Bath City, making a spirited rally since the arrival as manager of Bert Head from Crystal Palace, were also beaten, and that again was another good turn.

I'm delighted to say that my forecast in Tuesday's programme came up trumps, and the gate against Ashford Town well topped the 1,000 mark despite the fact that many local factories were at work because of the power crisis. We can justifiably claim that the game was worth the admission charge and we really turned on the heat in the last 30 minutes. Mind you, although only leading 1-0 at the interval through George Duck (yes, that man again!) the bar was hit twice, and a post once and we could easily have gone three up. However, early in the second half Bill Byrne scored a great goal with a delicate overhead flick, and after Ashford had pulled one back, George Duck converted a penalty after John Henderson had been pulled down when right through. But a really dramatic climax came in the last seconds when Eddie Presland went wide on the right, gave the perfect demonstration of what a crossed ball should be, and Henderson headed in for the best goal of the match, to make it 4-1. A fitting reward for John, who is really excelling, and becoming a real favourite of the terraces.

When I rang our manager shortly before midnight on Tuesday to tell him we had moved into top place, he quietly said "That's fine, all we have to do now is stay there". And there is certainly no doubt at all that it is very much easier to come down than get up there! Obviously, from here on in, there will be no 'easy' matches for we're now the target of every other club to knock down—hence the Salisbury-Basingstoke result! But a promising sign must surely be that we have the character in the side now to come back after a bad defeat, just as we have done after the Andover debacle. But with four games in hand, we must be the envy of the other 19 clubs . . .

And so we move on to another vital game today, which sees Sunday football at Lower Mead Stadium for the first time, and an interesting experiment it should be. As you know, because of the Lord's Day Observance Society, it is not legal to take money for admission, which has to be done by buying a programme. In other words, admission is by programme only, and that's the Law, and not our decision!

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We are delighted to welcome Bognor Regis today, for we very much enjoyed their excellent hospitality at their ground last season and hope to reciprocate today. They had an excellent 2-1 win over Andover on Tuesday, and as you will see from the up-to-date league table, are very respectably placed.

COLIN POPE

## Wealdstone Unchanged

Our squad had a full training session yesterday morning (Saturday) and Mr. Prosser is planning to field the same side as on Tuesday. Undoubtedly the fact that we have been able to play with the minimum of changes has contributed to our good run.

## Moves for New Chairman

Following the recent resignation of Mr. Don Brown as chairman of the Executive Committee, several of the Club's senior officers have already had discussions with an influential and prominent businessman as successor. Preliminary talks have been most encouraging, and an official announcement may be able to be made in the near future.

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Well, you gave the lads more magnificent support on New Year's Day, and the stand behind the opposition goal is becoming another Liverpool 'Kop'. You're getting talked about, you know! The opposing side invariably leave Lower Mead wishing they had as much enthusiasm from their own fans, so keep up the good work! But you're not yet audible at the top of Wealdstone High Street, so let's change that . . .

Next Saturday we visit old friends and rivals Wimbledon in the F.A. Challenge Trophy, kick-off 2.15 p.m. Supporters coach service will leave the ground at 12.40 sharp, so book your seat today with Barbara Robson in the club office.

UP THE STONES

Phillip J. Tricker (Publicity Officer)

### Development Planning Sought

A lot of Supporters have been asking how the development of the ground is proceeding, and the latest news is that official planning application has now been made to Harrow Council. The Club's officers have had frequent meetings with Mr. J. G. Foxley, the Council's Development Planner who has re-iterated that the Council are only too willing to do all they can to further the Club's progress. Any Harrow Council decision does, of course, have to be approved by the G.L.C. in this case, as it relates to office development.

### Social Club Swings

The New Year was welcomed in customary merry style at Lower Mead Social Club and a capacity attendance made the place really swing. New members will be welcomed, and as there is an excellent band on Saturday and Sunday nights, why don't you give it a go? There is good music, good companionship, and they tell me the beer's not bad, either! Secretary Jack Howland or treasurer Frank Ryder will be delighted to greet you . . .

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