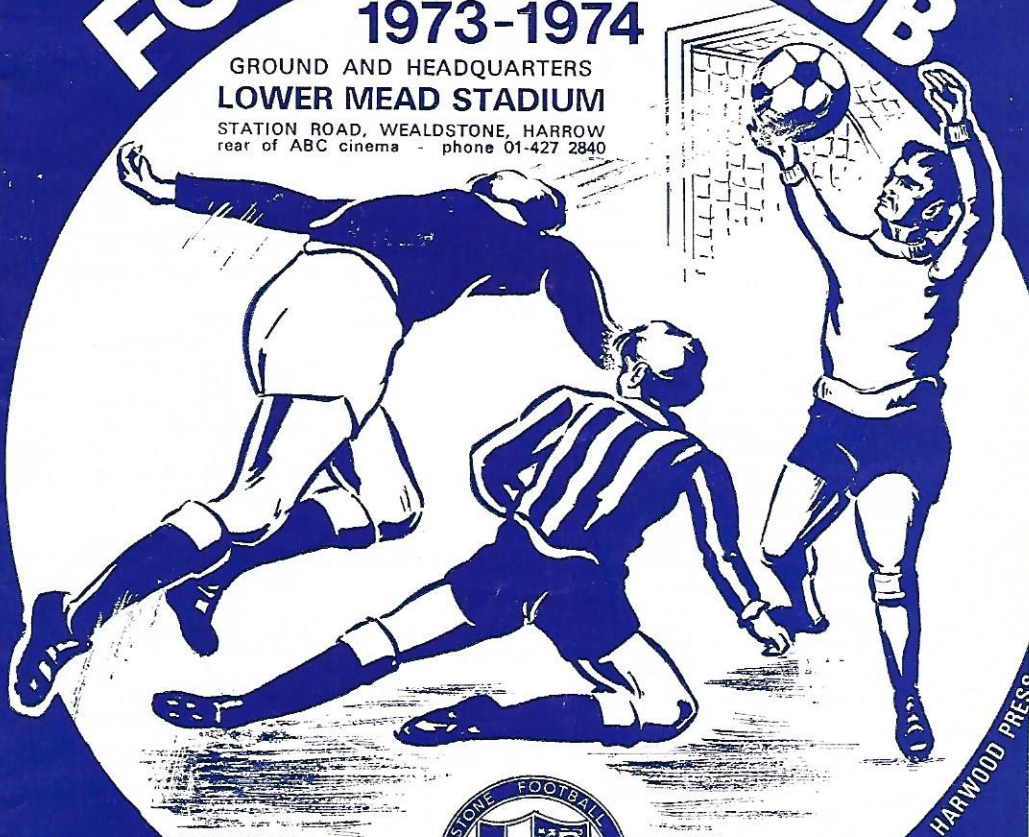


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### One From Eddie Presland's Text-Book

Good afternoon, everybody, and another big welcome to Lower Mead Stadium for the visit of our Kentish seaside visitors, Ramsgate, in another vital Southern League clash. Well, we're certainly riding high on the crest of a wave at the moment, and had another splendid win at Wimbledon last Saturday in the F.A. Challenge Trophy, reaching the second round for the first time ever through a magnificent goal from Eddie Presland in the 42nd minute. Eddie is one of the finest strikers of the ball in the Southern League—real text-book stuff, hitting it with the instep and the toe pointed firmly to the ground—and the way he hammered that ball past Dickie Guy at Plough Lane was a joy to watch. Being confined to bed with 'flu, I had to miss the match, but I am told our defence was magnificent, with John McCormick and Eric Burgess never putting a foot wrong.

As most of you will know, we are at home to Hastings Utd in the next round on February 2nd. Hastings beat Barnet in last Saturday's round and it will be no push-over. Indeed they gave us a tremendous battle in the league here recently before we won 2-1 but what we have done once we can do again. Incidentally, the February 2nd winners will have reached the last 16, so all of a sudden the twin towers of Wembley aren't the specks on the horizon they appeared some weeks ago! But enough of talk like that . . .

Well, we've now gone no fewer than nine matches unbeaten, and because we have so many games in hand, as you can see, we could hardly be better placed. Week after week other results continue to favour us, and Ramsgate officials told us this week that it was impossible to get a bet on for the 'Stones to win the championship! While we wouldn't go that far, we don't mind being quoted as saying we're in with a chance!! We have an old score to settle with Ramsgate, for they beat us 3-2 earlier in the season after having led 3-0 at the interval. But we're a lot tighter now, and look to consolidate our position today.

Quite apart from our results, what is delighting us all of course, is the magnificent support we are getting, and our experiment of playing Bognor Regis a week last Sunday resulted in a gate of 1,300 despite the early start. Everyone is rallying round magnificently and underlines what many of us have always felt, namely that a successful team, playing attractive football, will bring in the fans.

Happily, we're at the stage now when a gate under 1000 is poor, and there is little doubt that if we are still going for promotion when the better weather comes, and the national emergency is over, we shall be approaching the 2000 mark. And as we need less than 1500 to be self-supporting the signs are most encouraging. We have the best attendances in either the North or South sections, by far, and better than the majority of Premier Division clubs.

For the statistically-minded, we last lost on November 24th, when Andover came here in that gale and thrashed us 5-1 for the freak result of the season!

In the meantime, thanks a lot for this tremendous support, which is playing a very big part in our success. Keep it up, and let's lift the boys again today . . .

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The Club's Executive Committee will be meeting a young and prominent Harrow businessman at their meeting on Monday. If all goes well, an official statement will be made on Tuesday naming the person concerned, and his appointment as chairman of the Club in succession to Mr. Don Brown.

The Articles of Association for turning the Club into a Public Limited Company have now been completed by our Solicitors, and Monday's meeting is also expected to announce the date of the extraordinary general meeting of members, who will be asked to approve the Articles and therefore clear the way for the official launch of the Company in the very near future.

It is felt that with the Club in such excellent standing at present, now is the ideal time to float the new venture and gain maximum support from local businessmen and traders.

## Our Future Programme

Our forthcoming programme is as follows: Saturday January 26th: Southern League: Waterlooville v Wealdstone, 2.15 p.m. Saturday February 2nd F.A. Challenge Trophy, 2nd Round: Wealdstone v Hastings Utd., 2.15 p.m. Saturday February 9th: Southern League: Wealdstone v Bexley Utd., kick-off to be announced. Saturday February 16th: Southern League: Hastings v Wealdstone, kick-off to be announced; and Saturday February 23rd: Southern League: Wealdstone v Canterbury City, kick-off to be announced.

If the Challenge Trophy match is drawn on February 2nd, then the replay would be at Hastings the following Saturday, meaning that we would meet the Sussex side on three consecutive Saturdays!

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Two coach loads of fans travelled to Wimbledon for last week's F.A. Trophy game and as usual in our games with the Dons we had a nail-biting finish with the lads just hanging on to a single goal magnificently hammered home by Eddie Presland just before the break.

The Supporters Club Committee have now handed to the Football Club £6000 in the last 4 months, but we still want to improve upon this and we urge you fans who are not members to join TODAY, it only costs 10p (5p for Juniors and Senior Citizens) and just by laying out such a modest sum YOU are directly helping Wealdstone Football Club.

We have on sale still at the club office, Handbooks, Badges, Scarves, Pens and for those who collect old programmes we have quite a selection, both of the 'Stones and other Non-League and Amateur clubs. If you want to know whats going on in the Southern League then get January's Non League soccer.

Barbara Robson will be only to pleased to take your bookings for the journey to Waterlooville at the club office or on 422 0799.

Come on you fans, and follow the example of the Boys and Girls behind the goal. We want to hear everyone cheering as they do, right round the ground. So come on everyone.

UP THE STONES

Phillip J. Tricker (Publicity Officer)

### Thanks for Your Letters

Our programme continues to earn kind remarks, for which we are very grateful. Latest correspondents include Mr. Tony Harman of Northwood, and Mr. Iain Taylor, of Stanmore, to whom our thanks for excellent and constructive letters, and they will be receiving personal replies. This sense of involvement with our Supporters is precisely what I have been trying to achieve, and in this respect considerable progress is being achieved. Keep it up!

Incidentally, Iain says his player of the season so far must be John Henderson, and he ends saying, 'What a winger'. So say all of us., Iain!

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