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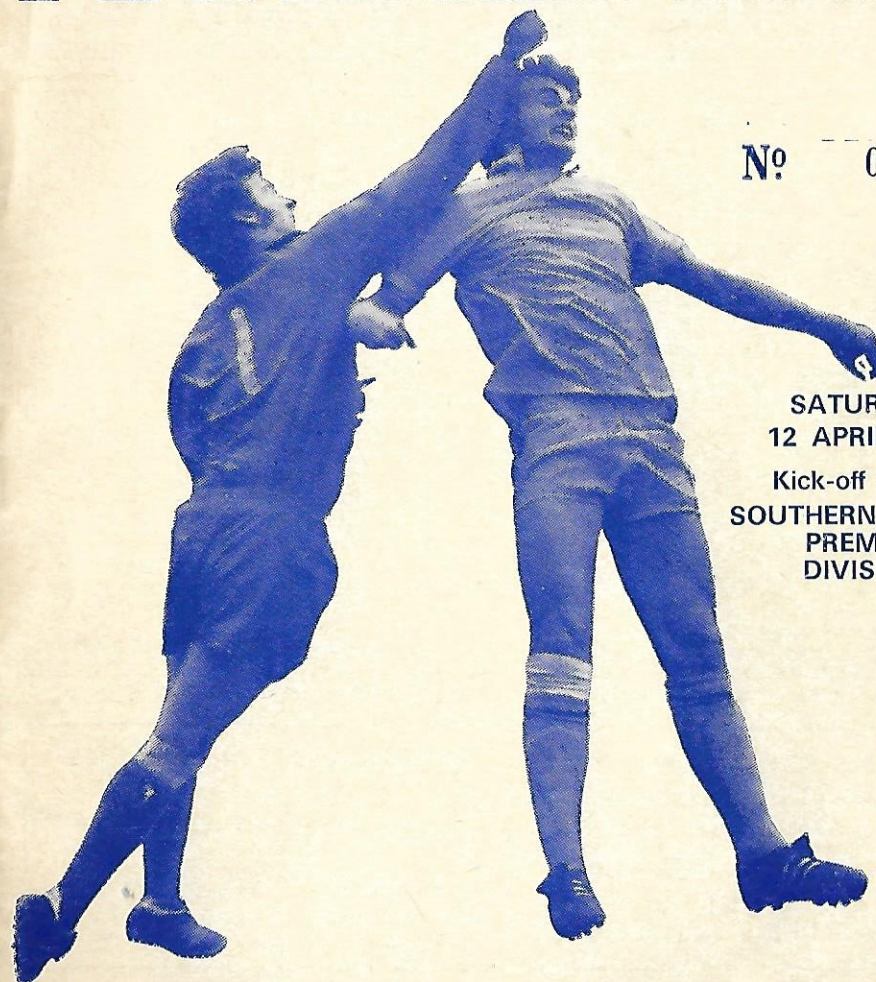
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THE wheel has once again turned full circle, and here we are today facing our final home Southern League match of this, our first season in the Premier Division. How fitting that we should have such illustrious visitors as Nuneaton Borough for our finale, as they have been front runners for the championship virtually all season and are ideally placed to collect this honour. Mind you, they have dropped some unexpected points recently, but then again, so have we.

After such a superb performance against Wimbledon it was certainly an anti-climax to be beaten so soundly at Dartford last Saturday, especially as the Kent club will be relegated. We can have no complaints, though, for most of our boys were off-colour form-wise, and no doubt the strain of playing four games in seven days was a telling factor.

We were beaten 2—1 at Hillingdon on Monday in the Mid Surrey Floodlight League but of course, never pull out the stops in this competition, and that result will have no bearing on today's match. Indeed, we always seem to shine against top-class opposition, and as Nuneaton are certainly that, we should see some exciting exchanges. They won 2—0 in the first match at Manor Park, an occasion we shall always remember as the night we lost John Murray, our dressing room attendant.

It is the wish of manager Eddie Presland and the entire squad that I make special mention in this last league programme of the part played by our fantastic Supporters. They think you are quite unbelievable and frankly, are often amazed at the tremendous vocal support you give them. We as club officials also do sincerely appreciate you, so grateful thanks to you all . . .

I am asked by our Shares Administrator Ken Jones to remind you that you can still obtain £5 "A" shares, and £1 "B" shares in our Limited Company and we do look for your support to those who have not yet bought any. Please see Ken or any official this afternoon for the necessary application form.

A reminder too about the Club's 75th Anniversary Dinner at the Centre Hotel, London Airport on Friday May 30th. This is open to everyone, and tickets, at £5 are reasonably priced, as this includes a four-course dinner, top-class cabaret and dancing to 1 a.m. Again, any official will be pleased to take your order. If the demand is sufficient, coaches will be run from the ground for the benefit of those without their own transport.

Good news about our star defender Paul Fairclough. Paul has had his cartilage operation and there have been no complications whatever, and he is making spectacular progress. He will be fit for the start of next season and in fact, will resume training with the other lads, which is expected to be around mid-July.

Remember Tuesday night's great attraction when we shall be at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers (7.30) in Eric Burgess's testimonial match. Wolves have promised to send their full First Division side, and Wealdstone too, will include star guest players. Please come early and avoid congestion at the gates for this gala occasion. Special programmes, with pictures, will be on sale at 10p.

Then next Thursday we are at home again to Southall in the semi-final of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup (7.30). So we've still got a bit of good football to come yet!

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Bob Knight (Goalkeeper). Signed from Worcester City in the close season after ten seasons with them, other clubs include Wolves and Telford.

Kirk Stephens (Full Back). Progressed from the Youth team, voted "Clubman of the Year" last season, signed for Nuneaton three seasons ago.

Dave Lewis (Mid-Field). His fifth season with the club, signed from Atherstone Town, he is club captain.

Deitmar Bruck (Mid-Field). Signed for Nuneaton during the close season from Northampton, other clubs include Coventry City and Charlton.

Bill Baxter (Centre Half). Signed for Nuneaton in September of 1973 from Dunfermline. Joined Ipswich Town in June 1960, gaining one first and two second Division Championship medals in 459 appearances with the club. In 1970 he joined Hull City.

Dennis Oakes (Mid Field). Signed for Nuneaton from Chelmsford City during the close season with competition from other clubs. He is a very experienced player.

Ian Goodwin (Mid Field). Plays in the back four, he is a very strong player, signed for Boro' last season. Has had League experience with Coventry City and Brighton.

Bobby Mackay (Mid Field). Signed from Atherstone Town last season with team mate Bobby Vincent, happy going forward or back, he is the instigator of many Boro' attacks.

Gary Fleet (Mid Field). A "busy" midfield player signed earlier this season from Redditch United. Interested Crystal Palace and Walsall last year.

Neil Matthams (Forward). A recent signing from Enderby Town. Natural left winger who has quickly settled to Premier Division standard.

Gary Holbrooke (Forward). 20-years-old striker signed recently from Worcester City and who has been drafted into the side quickly in view of the Club's long injury list.

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This being one of the last programmes of the season I would like now to thank Derek Mappley, Alan Barrat, Derek Garraway and other members who have helped out on many of our busy times.

We had to, unfortunately, close our membership early in the year and now with members bringing more guests in we are now looking for an early start to the next part of our plan on enlarging the back bar. Until that time however we may have to reluctantly cut down the number of guests at weekends.

The renewal date of Social Club membership is 1st June 1975. Present members will have one month to renew. New applications will then be accepted for membership, **where vacancies occur.**

On May 9th we have a three hour floor show from the West End. Tickets for this are now available at £1.00 each.

Friday June 6th is our 21st Anniversary and a Special Party is being laid on for that date.

Don't forget the Wealdstone Football Club's 75th Anniversary Dinner at the Centre Airport Hotel on May 30th.

Finally, on behalf of the committee and members of the Lower Mead Social Club, Good Luck to Eric Burgess on Tuesday evening. May the weather be fine and the crowd big.

Jack Howland, Hon. Sec.

Editor's Footnote. Unknown to Jack, I would like to add the following: At last Saturday's Middlesex Senior Cup final between Hendon and Staines Middlesex County officials were quite overcome by the incredible buffet laid on by Mrs. Eileen Howland. Quite honestly it would have graced a top West End Hotel, and little wonder that Wealdstone's hospitality has been a major talking point wherever we go in the Southern League. I certainly take off my hat to Eileen for giving the Club such a wonderful name.

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Nuneaton Borough	40	15	3	2	37	14	7	4	9	16	22	51		L 0-2
Kettering Town	38	12	4	3	44	13	7	5	7	22	21	47	W2-1	W3-2
Yeovil Town	37	16	2	1	46	8	4	5	9	14	24	47	L 1-2	L 1-4
Wealdstone	39	11	5	4	34	21	6	5	8	26	35	44		
Wimbledon	32	11	2	4	27	13	9	1	5	19	11	43	W1-0	W2-1
Bath City	37	10	5	3	35	20	8	2	9	22	21	43	D 0-0	L 0-2
Margate	36	9	6	2	29	14	6	4	9	23	38	40	L 0-3	
Atherstone Town	38	10	7	2	33	18	3	7	9	13	28	40	W2-0	W2-1
Grantham	38	11	7	1	40	15	3	4	12	21	40	39	W1-0	D 1-1
Maidstone United	36	10	3	5	26	16	3	8	7	20	26	37	D 1-1	L 1-3
Burton Albion	34	7	5	3	18	13	6	6	7	22	28	37	L 1-2	
Telford United	37	8	5	5	25	17	5	6	8	20	37	37	W2-0	W2-0
Stourbridge	39	8	8	4	32	25	5	2	12	19	38	36	W3-0	D 1-1
Dover	37	7	4	7	16	15	5	8	6	21	34	36	D 0-0	W2-0
Weymouth	37	10	4	3	35	17	2	7	11	25	35	35	W2-1	L 0-4
Chelmsford City	36	9	4	7	37	25	3	6	7	14	22	34	W2-1	D 3-3
Cambridge City	38	6	6	7	26	23	4	5	10	20	31	31	W4-1	L 1-2
Romford	39	7	7	6	27	24	3	4	12	19	35	31	W3-2	D 3-3
Dartford	40	6	6	8	26	24	3	5	12	20	40	29	W4-1	L 1-3
Tonbridge	35	6	5	6	21	18	4	4	10	17	37	29	W4-1	L 0-1
Barnet	37	8	3	7	25	23	2	4	13	15	43	27	D 1-1	D 1-1
Guildford & Dorking	36	8	3	9	35	38	1	2	13	6	28	23	D 1-1	W2-1

Goalscorers:

League—G. Duck 16, A. Eglite 9, B. Moss 9, J. Godfrey 6, J. Henderson 6, W. Byrne 5, R. Fulton 2, W. Kitchener 2, T. Evans 1, P. Fairclough 1, J. McCormick 1, J. Watson 1, Own Goal 1.—Total 60.

League Cup—G. Duck 2, T. Evans 2, P. Fairclough 2, J. Godfrey 1, J. Henderson 1, Own Goal 1.—Total 9.

F.A. Cup—G. Duck 2, W. Byrne 1, P. Fairclough 1, R. Fulton 1, Own Goal 1.—Total 6.

Middx. Charity Cup—G. Duck 2.—Total 2.

Mid Surrey League—G. Duck 6, W. Byrne 3, T. Evans 2, T. Dyson 1, A. Eglite 1, J. Henderson 1, J. McCormick 1, Own Goals 2.—Total 17.

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