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Southern League
Premier Division

WEALDSTONE

v.

WEYMOUTH

WEALDSTONE (Royal Blue & White)	v	WEYMOUTH (White)
Ian Cranstone	1	Bob Iles
James McVeigh	2	Brian Lawrence
Alan Fursdon	3	Ray Tumbidge
John Watson	4	Steve Mills <i>PECKIN</i>
Dave Parratt	5	Steve Dyer
Fred Barwick	6	Anny Iannone
Bobby Moss	7	James McCafferty
Steve Brinkman	8	Derek Courtney
Steve Hockham	9	Tom Henderson
George Duck	10	Kevin Dove
Stephen Briscoe	11	Peter Hawkins
Paul Thomas <i>WAYMARK</i>	12	Colin Guy

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Congratulations to the Team and Alan Fogarty

Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the officials, players and supporters of Weymouth F.C.

Weymouth are having a tremendous season and look certain to be at least runners-up in the League to Bath City, and by this evening we will know the result of their Southern League Cup Final second leg game against Gravesend on Saturday, and whether they won or lost it is certainly an achievement to reach the final, and for this and their league performances this season they are certainly to be congratulated.

On the subject of congratulations they are certainly due to Alan Fogarty and the team for such a wonderful run recently now going unbeaten for 14 league games, a club record in the Southern League, obtaining 23 points from a possible 28.

Since writing the last programme notes we have played three games, against Yeovil at Lower Mead and away to Bedford and Barnet.

Against Yeovil we had the worst of the exchanges in the first half not least of which consisted of Steve Brinkman being forced to leave the field after a particularly vigorous tackle.

In the second half we got on top and when George was clear through it looked like a goal, but Duminey the Yeovil centre-half had other ideas, and a "professional" foul just on the edge of the penalty box halted George and Duminey was shown the yellow card, we failed to make anything from the free kick and soon afterwards Yeovil scored a soft goal.

Dave Parratt was injured trying to stop the goal and later two Yeovil players collided and needed attention, these stoppages plus add-ons for Yeovil time wasting led to five minutes being added by the referee and it was in the fifth minute of this added time that we were awarded a penalty for a foul on George which he duly converted, poetic justice.

I did not see the game against Bedford but fellow Director Robin Blanchflower tells me I missed one of our best performances all season, albeit against a poor side.

EVERY SHOT A WINNER

on Kodak FILM

Two fine goals from full back Alan Fursdon plus a superb volleyed goal from George Duck and a well taken Steve Briscoe goal gave us four goals to Bedford's single one from player manager Barry Fry.

Against Barnet last Tuesday we had a 2—1 defeat at Lower Mead on Boxing Day to avenge, which we duly did by the same score, but not before some Barnet players had found their way into the referee's book, which just about calmed things down. Jimmy Greaves (who else) opened the scoring for Barnet, soon afterwards George Duck was laid out by Underwood (son of Barnet chairman and ex-Wealdstone manager Dave Underwood) in a bad off the ball attack. Happily George's answer came in the most appropriate manner, he scored both our goals one in each half to give us a well deserved victory.

This evening is the last time we shall be at home and therefore I must pay tribute to the whole team for such a wonderful cup run which has made history for Wealdstone Football Club, and also for their fine league performance (and I hope by the season's end we could finish as high as sixth) and finally to Alan Fogarty who has worked so hard in his first full season as Manager and who has laid fine foundations for next season.

On Wednesday 26th Deanes F.C. the youth team which will be our youth team next year will be playing Poplar Boys F.C. one of the top youth teams in London, so come along at 7.30 p.m. to see the possible Wealdstone players of the future.

In closing I would like to thank all those, too numerous to mention, who have contributed so much to Wealdstone Football Club this season and look forward to their, and your, continued support. Thank you.

DAVID MARTLE, Chairman

Record Breaking Win at Barnet

"Records are made to be broken" would appear to be Wealdstone's motto as one record after another has tumbled during this amazing season. The latest to go was set up during our championship season of 1973/74 when we had a run of 13 successive league matches without defeat. Now as a result of our splendid win at Barnet on Tuesday we have remained unbeaten in our last 14 **Premier Division** matches (9 wins, 5 draws) to establish a new club record. Earlier this season we completed 14 **league and cup** matches without defeat for the first time when we drew at Kettering, and in November George Duck broke Viv Evans all-time club goal scoring record of 216 goals. In the F.A. Cup several records were broken as we recorded our first ever victories over Football League opposition whilst proceeding to the 2nd and 3rd Rounds of the competition for the first time in the club's history. Unfortunately another record was established in January when we lost eight consecutive **league and cup** matches, our longest run of defeats since turning professional in 1971.

In one of last season's programmes Tim Parks supplied statistics showing that the majority of goals scored at Lower Mead since we joined the Southern League have been at the cinema end of the ground. Now Bill Cowan, a supporter for the past 30

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years, has come up with some more interesting facts about the 80 goals scored during the 34 First XI matches played here this season. During the first half of these games Wealdstone and their opponents have hit 33 goals with a further 47 coming after the break and once again the cinema end has come out ahead, 45 of the 80 goals being scored that end. Out of this total of 80 the 'Stones have scored 49 goals, 29 at the Cinema End and 20 at the Elmslie End. Breaking these figures down still further we find that our lads have hit the target 19 times in the first half (Cinema 6, Elmslie 13) and scored another 30 after half-time (Cinema 23, Elmslie 7). One other statistic Bill has provided which again favours the cinema end concerns the first goal to be scored in each half. In the opening 45 minutes the first goal has been scored at the Cinema end on 17 occasions and at the Elmslie end 11 times, with the first goal of the second half arriving at the Cinema end 21 times and only 4 times at the Elmslie end.

This evening we wind up our home fixtures with a visit from Weymouth, Southern League Cup finalists and most likely runners-up in the league this season. Since losing 7-2 at home to leaders Bath City on Boxing Day Weymouth have been beaten only once in their last 21 league games. As our only defeat in our last 16 games was against Italian club Udinese this evenings clash should be a keenly contested encounter.

In the league this season our visitors have won at Dover (1-0), Minehead (2-0), Dartford (2-1), Maidstone (2-1), Yeovil (3-1), A.P. Leamington (3-1), Grantham (1-0) and Atherstone (2-1), and drawn at Hastings, Cheltenham, Worcester, Hillingdon, Bath, Nuneaton and Telford.

Previous Results to date:-

Southern League Premier Division			Summary of League Encounters							
Season	Home	Away		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1974/75	2-1	0-4	Home	3	3	0	0	7	3	6
1975/76	3-1	2-0	Away	4	1	0	3	3	8	2
1976/77	2-1	0-2	Total	7	4	0	3	10	11	8
1977/78	Today	1-2								

(Wealdstone's score given first)
Friendly 1971: Weymouth won 2-0 (at Wealdstone)

ROY COUCH

Weymouth Pen Pictures

Brian Lawrence. Now in his sixth season with the Club, very consistent, one of the best full backs in the Southern League.

Derek Courtney. Now in his fifth season with the Club. Local lad came through the Youth Team. Proved a more than useful S.L. Player.

Jimmy McCafferty. Boy with a bright future, signed from Hereford last close season, also played with Bristol City.

Steve Dyer. Close season signing from Southend after a loan period last season. Could have a good future in Southern League football.

Anny Iannone. Joined Weymouth in October '76 from Dunstable. Very strong midfield player, hope to see this boy live up to his true potential this season.

Bob Iles. Close season signing from Poole Town. Very consistent goal keeper ex-Bournemouth.

Ray Tumbridge. Starts his second season in the Southern League after joining us from Charlton Athletic.

Tommy Henderson. Starts his second season with Weymouth after joining the Terra's from Dartford. Very prolific goal scorer with his previous clubs York, Bradford P.A., Dartford, Gainsborough. Sure he will score the goals with the same consistency this season.

Colin Guy. Close season signing from Salisbury for a small fee. Has been a regular scorer over the past four seasons in the 1st Division of the Southern League.

Steve Mills. Former England under 23 international, only 24, signed from Southampton.

Peter Hawkins. Signed in the close season from Bedford ex-Northampton, Welsh schoolboy international.

Kevin Dove. Another ex-Bedford player, signed in the close season for a substantial fee.

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Supporters Club Notes

Well here we are at again at the end of another season, how time flies. We had our moments of glory also our usual nail biting period at the bottom of the table, once again the lads have pulled through. Maybe next season will be our year for winning the league.

I would like to thank our loyal supporters for their behaviour at home and away, it's a pity we still have a few drop-outs who try to get us a bad name, perhaps we could exterminate them some how.

On behalf of you the supporters I give thanks to all the committee who have worked very hard to make our club a success, we could do with help during the close season to help the main club with jobs around the ground.

This is our last home match but we still have three away at Dover (26th), Gravesend (29th) and Grantham at Kettering (1st May). There is the sponsored walk on Sunday 7th May at 2.00 (get your form from the office) and lastly the A.G.M. on Tuesday 9th May at 8.00 in the main hall.

Roll on August and we can start all over again.

To the lads who are going to Italy, have a good trip, who knows I might see you there.

Now for tonight's match, let us show Weymouth we should be up the top of the table with them. Cheerio until next season (14 weeks?).

BARBARA ROBSON

Reserves

With the two encounters against Harrow Borough resulting in the sharing of the points and Southall & Ealing Borough winning their last three matches means that the Suburban League section 'B' title has now been almost decided. The position of the top clubs up to 18th April is now:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southall & E.B.	26	17	6	3	57	21	40
Wealdstone	25	15	6	4	55	20	36
Harrow Boro'	25	15	5	5	47	21	35
Wembley	23	14	3	6	41	28	31
Farnborough	22	12	6	4	42	18	30

(N.B. each club plays 28 matches)

The first match at Lower Mead against our local rivals resulting in a 0—0 draw can be summarised in one word "stalemate". The large number of our supporters who travelled to Earlsmead last Monday to see the 1—1 draw must have been pleased with their evening's entertainment. The play in the first half was monopolised by the Borough who deserved their one goal lead. Our lads came into the game during the second half and Matt Waymark scored a good goal midway through. The climax came in the closing minutes when a great shot from Pat Dennison could only be knocked down by the Harrow goalkeeper but unfortunately no player was on hand to slide the ball into an empty net.

Although the championship has now almost disappeared from our grasp the prospects of finishing "runners-up" is well within our powers. With home games against Hounslow (April 29th), Farnborough Town (May 1st) and a visit to Wembley (May 3rd) it is hoped that these three games will prove to be popular with our supporters.

Manager Tony Caruana has done an excellent job with these lads, providing good results, and providing players for the Southern League side. Seamus Horgan, up to the time of his injury, had established himself in the senior side and both Matt Waymark and Terry Boyle have made useful debuts. Tony is always on the lookout for new players of the right type as can be shown by the fact that no fewer than 61 players have signed Suburban League forms.

Lastly to all those friends who have seen reserve team matches, many thanks for your support, and we look forward to your continued support next season.

KEN JONES

SOUTHERN LEAGUE — PREMIER DIVISION (Up to and including Saturday, 22nd April, 1978)

	Home Goals					Away Goals					Wealdstone Results		
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	Home	Away	
Bath City	39	12	9	0	44 17 9 8	1	37	14	59		D 2—2	L 1—3	
Weymouth	37	12	5	1	32 13 8 7	4	24	19	52			L 1—2	
Gravesend & Northfleet	39	11	4	3	32 16 8 7	6	23	21	49		D 0—0		
Barnet	40	10	3	6	27 24 8 7	6	34	31	46		L 1—2	W 2—1	
Maidstone United	37	9	8	2	34 14 9 1	8	19	23	45		W 1—0	D 2—2	
Worcester City	36	9	4	4	28 20 7 7	5	26	24	43		W 2—1	W 2—1	
Telford United	39	13	3	4	34 16 3 8	8	16	25	43		D 1—1	L 1—3	
Nuneaton Borough	39	10	4	4	25 14 5 8	8	12	20	42		D 0—0	L 0—1	
Kettering Town	37	11	4	4	31 15 5 5	8	23	30	41		W 1—0	D 1—1	
Wealdstone	38	10	7	3	27 16 4 5	9	21	29	40				
Dartford	39	10	6	5	31 21 3 8	7	23	36	40		L 0—2	L 1—2	
Yeovil Town	39	9	6	6	33 22 4 7	7	17	21	39		D 1—1	W 2—1	
Cheltenham Town	41	7	8	5	26 27 4 6	11	17	26	36		D 0—0	D 1—1	
Hastings United	39	8	5	6	23 22 6 3	11	23	37	36		W 2—0	D 0—0	
Hillingdon Borough	41	9	6	5	25 18 4 3	14	19	33	35		W 2—1	L 2—3	
Minchhead	37	9	5	6	31 21 1 6	10	9	19	31		W 1—0	L 1—4	
Atherstone Town	39	4	8	7	20 25 5 5	10	17	30	31		W 4—0	D 0—0	
A. P. Leamington	38	7	6	6	21 21 2 7	10	10	31	31		D 0—0	L 0—2	
Dover	39	7	6	6	22 22 2 5	13	17	35	29		L 1—3		
Redditch United	37	8	3	7	17 17 4 0	15	13	33	27		W 2—1	L 0—1	
Bedford Town	40	5	7	8	23 30 2 6	12	24	39	27		W 3—2	W 4—1	
Grantham	38	5	4	10	22 29 5 2	12	16	32	26		W 3—0		

Goalscorers:

League — Duck 18 (3 pens), Moss 10, Ferry 4, Furphy 3 (1 pen), Briscoe 3, Fursdon 2, Griffiths 1, Parratt 1, Watson 1, Barwick 1, Horgan 1, McVeigh 1, Own Goals 2 — Total 48.

League Cup — Duck 4 (3 pens), Ferry 2, Brinkman 1, Parratt 1, Watson 1. — Total 9.

F.A. Cup — Duck 3 (1 pen), Ferry 2, Moss 1, Furphy 1. — Total 7.

F.A. Trophy — Furphy 3, Duck 2, Ferry 2. — Total 7.

Middx. Senior Cup — Webster 1. — Total 1.

Anglo-Italian Tournament — Briscoe 1, Parratt 1, Moss 1, Waymark 1. — Total 4.

Friendlies — Duck 2 (1 pen), O'Kane 1, Dennison 1, Byrne 1, Moss 1. — Total 6.

(compiled by Roy Couch)

Remaining Fixtures

April 26th (Wednesday), Southern League, Dover (Away), Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

April 29th, Southern League, Gravesend & Northfleet (Away), 3 p.m. Suburban League, Hounslow (Home), Kick-off to be arranged.

May 1st (Bank Holiday Monday), Southern League, Grantham (at Kettering), Kick-off 3 p.m. Suburban League, Farnborough Town (Home), 3 p.m.

May 3rd (Wednesday), Suburban League, Wembley (Away), 7.30 p.m.

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