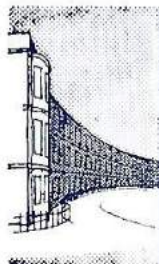


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Another season has begun and for 1968/69 I look ahead with confidence for teamwork from officials, committee, players, coach and training staff in our endeavours to keep at the top in the amateur football world.

During the close season of 1967/68 much hard work has taken place on the ground, the major addition being the alterations to the floodlights, increasing the height and adding four more making twelve on each standard, and our thanks are due to all voluntary helpers. Our social and supporters clubs have also played their parts and, with all of you pulling together, plus the rub of the green, some enjoyable games in our congenial surroundings can be anticipated.

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REVIEW OF SEASON 1967-68

In looking back on the past season, one feels that it must be regarded as a relatively successful one from the club's point of view, although of course clouded by our very early exit from the F.A. Challenge Cup, and the biggest disappointment of all defeat by Chesham United from the Athenian League Division 1 in the semi-final of the F.A. Amateur Cup.

Having recruited John McCormack (54 goals for Kingstonian in season 1966/67) his fellow team mates Denis Montague and Tony Slade, David Swain, Hendon, Tony McGuinness, Maidstone United and Danny Desmond Hitchin Town, to join internationals Charlie Townsend and Hugh Lindsay, and the other players who had remained loyal to the club from the previous season, our coach Vin Burgess had a very experienced squad to call upon and confidence all round was extremely high. However, as so often happens at this time of the season, injuries were soon to deplete the side. Danny Desmond received quite a serious arm injury in a pre-season trial at Southall and could not be considered for the early games.

On 2nd September 1967 we made an unusually early entry into the F.A. Cup, and also a quick exit. Drawn against Wembley, who were to become our bogey team, the match being played at Vale Farm. On this day misfortune really struck hard, no fewer than three players, Lindsay, Slade and Montague all failed fitness tests, and in consequence the far from fit Desmond and other players with little first team experience had to be pressed into service and at no time did the team strike a blend that looked like achieving victory.

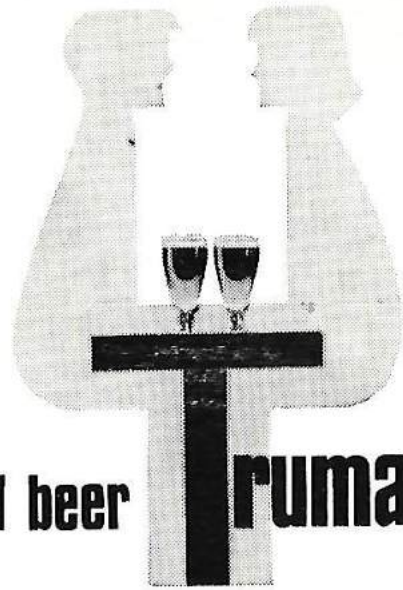
REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

As it turned out this was the darkest hour before the dawn, the club were not to suffer another reverse until the 19th of December, again against Wembley, this time in the Presidents Memorial Trophy, an unprecedented run of 25 games without defeat, a remarkable achievement bearing in mind the present crowded fixture list.

In the Isthmian League we made a promising start and were within challenging distance of the front runners Enfield until going down 3-0 to Woking in December when McGuinness and Montague, who had been extremely reliable in defence, and Swain, were not available, also McCormack who had not recovered from an injury sustained at Hitchin in November. The dropping of two points plus a further three in the traditional Christmas fixtures with Hendon, put paid to our hopes of becoming Isthmian League Champions for the first time, as Enfield were now virtually unbeatable in League games.

On December 5th 1967 we played our first game in the newly formed Bucks Border League, of which we were to become Champions. In this competition we had to call heavily upon our reserve players, due to congestion of fixtures brought about by our Amateur Cup run, and credit must be given to all who filled the breach so successfully against professional and semi-professional opposition.

On the 13th January 1968, our first tie in the F.A. Amateur Cup took us to Cornwall to play Torpoint, who were defeated by 4 goals



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to 2. This was a titanic struggle in the most deplorable conditions, as all who made the journey will recall. It would be unfair to single out any particular player for praise, all were heroes. January also saw Dagenham the most renowned cup fighters of the season visit Lower Mead, fresh from their triumph in the London Challenge Cup, and the F.A. Cup in which they took Reading to a draw before bowing out in the replay. Our match with the Athenian Leaguers resulted in a goal-less draw, a match in which we missed many good chances, and having conceded ground advantage we were soundly beaten in the replay by 4 goals to 1. So ended our hopes of the London Senior Cup.

Another cup-tie in which a replay was necessary was that with Eastwood Town in the F.A. Amateur Cup, we were vastly superior in the first half on the Nottinghamshire clubs ground but were unable to consolidate after gaining an early lead, Eastwood replying immediately after the interval. In the replay the following Saturday we were successful by 4 goals to 1.

WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE

Having beaten Kingstonian and Barking we were again in the Semi-Final of the premier amateur competition for the second time in three years, a wonderful performance, when one considers the inability to survive the first round proper for some ten consecutive seasons. Another trip to Wembley seemed assured, we had drawn the weakest club of the other semi-finalists, at least this is what all and sundry believed. On the day at Fulham apart from the first 15 minutes, Wealdstone were unable to dominate the play or adapt their style to the conditions, a strong blustery wind and a lively ball, a goal down in the first half, one always felt that an equaliser would put heart into our lads, but a tragic defensive error after the interval brought us all to the realisation that another trip to Wembley was not to be. Someone of course has to be losers, but it is always a bitter pill to swallow at this stage of the competition.

Shortly after the Semi-Final our coach Vin Burgess who had achieved more than a fair measure of success during his seven years with the club, decided to move on and tendered his resignation as club coach. Our assistant coach Edgar Francis stepped into the breach as he had done on previous occasions and must take a great deal of credit for the club winning the Middlesex Senior Cup and being joint winners of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup, the latter a magnificent trophy by the way, the club holds for the first six months. History was made in the playing of the semi-final of this competition at Lower Mead on a Sunday.

In conclusion I would like to say that throughout the season I was in fairly close touch with our players and I don't think we have had a more sporting bunch, victory and defeat were taken in the right spirit, no carping criticism of team mates and a wonderful spirit when travelling as a team. To the players who have left us, our grateful thanks for your efforts and to those still with us at Lower Mead may "Dame Fortune" smile upon you, may you have the "Rub of the Green" most of the time and here's to a very successful season for Wealdstone F.C.

J. C. W.

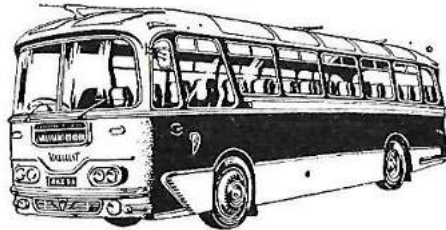
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THE RESERVE SIDE 1967-68

Season 1967/68 commenced well for the reserves — gradually developing into a fine side, and by mid-January strong enough for any player to take over first team duty. In the Bucks. Border League they proved their worth in no mean fashion by beating Wellingborough Town and Bletchley away thus making it possible for Wealdstone to win that trophy above teams such as Watford and Bedford Town. They also had a great run in the London Intermediate Cup, beating some very strong sides such as Leytonstone and Walthamstow on the way to the final, only to lose to Cheshunt at Finchley.

Representative honours went to G. Greenhalgh (Middlesex), J. Hutchinson (London F.A. and Isthmian League) and Bobby Harper (Herts. F.A. and Isthmian League).

Les Boyle the reserve team secretary is very proud to be associated with the reserve squad and also to be working with Edgar Francis. Les has spent many happy years with the club and looks forward to many more.

FOOTBALL INJURIES

Football, being a contact sport, inevitably brings its crop of injuries throughout the heavily booked eight-month season. It is the job of the trainers and physiotherapist, supervised by the club doctor, to deal with all these conditions.

One great asset is the player's fitness. He starts getting rid of his summer "wrinkles" from early July, in preparation for the coming season. These twice-weekly training sessions are progressive in severity, and the stamina-building exercises helps him greatly to overcome the rigours of the mid-winter ground conditions. This gives him that extra quality, known as match-fitness, as opposed to the physical-fitness of the perfectly healthy, though possibly non sports-loving, young man. Only a very small number of "naturals" have this quality, without requiring to force themselves to train after a day's work. Excluding gamesmanship, this is also the reason, why, when a player is floored he can immediately, after the minimum of the trainer's attention, carry on with his game at top speed.

NOW PAPER WEIGHT

By convention, the only area which is protected from injury is the front of the foreleg. The shin-pads used, have been reduced in size and weight throughout the years, until they are now paper-weight. Even so, some young players strongly resent wearing them. As amateur clubs can only advise on such matters, it often requires the player to "sweat it out" on the bench for a couple of games, to convince him that the inconvenience and uncomfortable feel of the pad might be better than nursing a badly scarred leg.

Injuries fall into two main categories. They are, the type which involves the bony-structures, and those known as Soft Tissue injuries. The former can be fractured or chipped and are diagnosed and treated by the Health Service. Only when the unfortunate player has returned

to work, is fairly mobile and anxious to restart training, do we begin the often slow progress of returning him to peak-fitness.

The Soft Tissue group is wholly dealt with by us. This includes sprains and strains of knee and ankle joints mostly, and bruising and over-stretching of the muscles. The resultant swelling and bruising are first dealt with by cold compresses, and ice-packs later the same day, in order to disperse and minimise these conditions as fast as possible. Although certain techniques are used, the miracle cure, despite what one may read on bottle-labels, is not with us yet. Certain forms of heat and muscle-stimulating machines are employed to help the player to get mobility back to normal. Progressive exercises follow and the tone of the muscles are of supreme importance. On occasions the "blitz" technique is used; that is as much concentrated treatment is given over a short period of time. In general the most favoured method is to have a combination of training and treatment.

FITNESS TEST

The final, and often the most anxious part of the programme, is the fitness-test. For this the player has to satisfy himself, the coach and physiotherapist that the condition has cleared up completely, and that he can be declared fit. He is put through a series of test-agility work, half-volleying and volleying and can take a block tackle pain-free. The last part of the test is a very demanding one indeed. He has to take a full-blooded kick when the ball is kept blocked by someone else and experience no reaction. Then, and only then, is he taken off the "list".

The most prevalent injury is to the ankle joint. I feel this, in the vast majority of cases, is the direct result of the continental style of the present-day football boot. The boys like them because of their lightness and they certainly force the player to use the instep for kicking. However they afford no protection whatsoever, and also the player knows no other style. What my views are concerning the importers of these boots to this country quite a few years ago now, cannot be put into "black and white"! I feel that the boot worn by the players who use the other shaped ball, might be the answer. However as certain words are forbidden in the football world, I will leave it like that.

DID NOT BELIEVE IN TREATMENT

During my two seasons in the 'Stones' treatment-room, the players have accepted the treatment available to them even though it has often been hard, time-consuming work. This especially applies to those who do not work and live in the near vicinity. In that time, only one player told me, early in the season, that he did not believe in treatment. He contended that if nature could not cure him in a week, then he was due a rest! As the months passed, he gradually accepted the fact that nature could be assisted to hurry the job along, with a little gentle persuasion from me. On another occasion, we were playing away, I watched an opponent being carried-off in agony, and shortly afterwards, limping past on his way to the stand. I silently commiserated with his "physio", and wondered just how long he could be on the "list". The next training night he limped past me at Lower Mead, eventually became a playing-member, and I knew exactly how long—I treated him!

J.S. (Club Physiotherapist)

EDGAR FRANCIS - NEW LIFE MEMBER



Behind the quiet exterior of Edgar Francis is a football career that goes back to playing for Wales in 1938/39, endless appearances for Middlesex both before and after the war including a county championship semi-final against Worcestershire in 1950. The match, at Worcester City's ground, had three Wealdstone players in the side and Edgar, at left half, got the all-important goal that started the victory march, inside left Dyke also scored and Wealdstone's leader Smith hit two for a convincing win.

When his first team career was over, Edgar continued to play for the club, lending his experience to the reserves and always being ready to help out the first squad if needed.

And it's this quality of being "always ready to help" that has distinguished 50-year-old Edgar's career at Lower Mead and his deserved election as a life member at the end of last season. Coaches may come and go—Edgar must have seen more than Valliant-Cronshaw in his time—but there's always Edgar around for coaching sessions, advice, ideas and if needed, criticism.

With overseas matches—he played for the Athenian League against Holland in 1950—the number of matches he's played in or watched must need a computer to sort out but the reaction is always the same, the quiet chat after the game evaluating what he's seen and liked (and storing it up for future reference) and what he's seen and abhorred. Not that he is an advocate of girls' school soccer. Far from it. "I like players to tackle hard" he says "Like 'em when they tackle hard and get the ball but I cannot stand dirty players. I've seen so many promising youngsters just kicked out of football by that type. One dirty tackle, an injury and you can't expect a kid to admire and continue to play the game."

No one is indispensable to a football club, but it's the ever-willing Edgar Francis's of this world that make that cliché true. J. O'D.

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HISTORY OF THE MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP

"On the evening of Thursday 1st December 1887 a meeting of the Association Clubs in Middlesex was held at the Offices of the Football Association, 51 Holborn Viaduct, for the purpose of receiving an offer of a challenge cup from Mr. C. Colbeck of Harrow School, Mr. Betts presided, the following clubs being present: Corinthians, Old Harrovians, Finchley, Casuals, Oaks, Harrow Rovers, Olympic, Christchurch Rangers, Condors, St. Mary's Hospital, Tottenham Hotspurs, Clapton and Amer St. It was decided that a further meeting to which all Middlesex Clubs be invited, will be held, to commence at a later hour—about 7.30 or 8.00 p.m.—when it will be definitely decided as to the course to pursue, under which Mr. Colbeck's kind gift will be accepted."
11th January, 1888

"It was proposed and seconded that Mr. Colbeck's offer of a challenge cup be accepted conditionally on the resolution being confirmed at the Annual General Meeting next season."
14th September, 1888

"After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, it was carried unanimously that the kind offer of Mr. Colbeck of Harrow School to give a Challenge Cup to be competed for be accepted, and it was decided to refer the rules for the Cup Competition to the Committee and that the first round of the ties should take place on January 12th next."

Thus was born the Middlesex County Football Association Senior Challenge Cup Competition, the very first round in the Competition being drawn as follows:

Harrow Town	v	Clapton	Phoenix	v	Tottenham College
Southall	v	Old St. Marks	Hampstead	v	Grove House
Hanwell	v	Vulcan	West End	v	St. Mary's Hospital
Tottenham Hot	v	Civil Engineers	Olympian	v	Caledonians
Marcians	v	Uxbridge	Hounslow	v	Millwall Rovers

In connection with one of the ties in the Competition, minutes of the 29th January records "A letter was read from Mr. Bell of the Gryhound Hotel, Dulwich offering the use of the ground for half the 'gate', Middlesex to pay all expenses of advertising etc, but should his share of the 'gate' not amount to £1 then that it should be made up to that sum".

It is interesting to note that the Chairman of the meeting at which the Competition was inaugurated, was none other than Mr. F. J. Wall, for very many years the Secretary of the Football Association.

It would, no doubt, be correct to say that apart from the Football Association Amateur Challenge Cup, the County Association Cup is normally looked upon as the next in importance to a senior amateur club and if success can be so measured the achievements of Wealdstone Football Club in the Middlesex Senior Cup points to many successes, having won the trophy on no fewer than ten occasions second only to the record of Southall F.C. who carried off the cup twelve times; however in seasons 1940/41, 1941/42 and 1942/43 Wealdstone F.C. did equal the feat of Southall F.C. by winning the Cup three

seasons in succession, although the latter Club can claim to having done so on two occasions.

Many famous amateur clubs, now unhappily defunct have at one time or another competed in the Middlesex Senior Cup those coming readily to mind include, London Caledonians, New Crusaders (for whom the brothers Farnfield played for so many years), Shepherds Bush, Richmond Association (the fore-runners of the present famous Middlesex Wanderers F.C.) all past winners of the trophy, and Tufnell Park. Likewise many well-known amateur players have taken part in the Competition.

Wealdstone Football Clubs first excursion into the Middlesex Senior Cup came in season 1913/14. Having won the Junior Cup the previous season the Club's application to compete in the Senior Cup was accepted, to be drawn against Pinner F.C. in the First Round of the Qualifying Competition and it was not until season 1923/24 that Wealdstone F.C. was exempted to the Competition Proper being drawn away to Wood Green Town in Round One and away to Cheshunt in Round Two. Having defeated Cheshunt Wealdstone F.C. was drawn against Bush Hill Park in the semi-final and having defeated Bush Hill Park in the semi-final lost to Southall F.C. in the final. This being the first of many appearances in the Final of the Competition.

Meeting held at Holborn Restaurant, 28th November, 1907

"The following resolution was unanimously carried: In Senior Cup Ties (unless both competing Clubs agree not to do so) gate money must be charged the minimum charge for male adults to be 3d. In the event of the club having choice of ground not having a ground where gate money can be charged such club must provide a suitable ground fee of all charge to the visiting club where gate money can be charged or play on their opponents ground, provided gate money can be charged on such opponents ground."

Meeting held at Feathers Hotel, Ealing, 9th April, 1908

"The Honorary Secretary reported . . . That Southall beat Hanwell 3-0 in the Senior Cup Final on the Bush Ground before a record gate of £19 19s. 6d."

Meeting held at the Manchester Hotel, 25th June, 1909

"An application from Brentford F.C. for permission to enter the Senior Cup and Charity Cup Competitions was refused."

Meeting held 14th October, 1909

"Staines Town F.C. applied for permission to make a collection on behalf of a player, who broke his ankle in a cup tie. The application was granted and it being a very sad case the Council voted the poor fellow two guineas."

Meeting 22nd February, 1912

"Brentford F.C. wrote offering their ground for Easter Monday for the Senior Cup Final, Southall v Lotus, for £10 to include gatemen and police. Agree to accept same subject to them advertising the match on their 500 large and small posters."

Meeting 22nd September, 1921

"On a complaint of a Chiswick Town F.C. player it was decided that the medals belong to the actual players in the Final Tie."

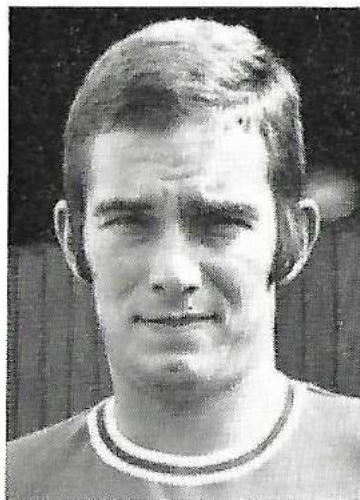
Meeting 9th April, 1923

"The Honorary Secretary reported Southall beat Botwell Mission 2-1 before 8,788 spectators and a record gate of £490."

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1967-68 JOHN HUTCHINSON



The committee's task when considering the award of the "Player of the Year"—The Leadbetter Trophy is not always an easy one to make.

Looking back on season 1967/68, John Hutchinson was in and out of the first team. He went through match after match wearing the number twelve shirt, watching from the bench with never a word of complaint.

He willingly took his place in the reserve side when called upon, and by his presence greatly contributed to their many triumphs. Each time he appeared in the first team he left no doubt in the minds of everyone watching the game of his determination to make his mark—giving his all for the whole ninety minutes!

Players of John's type are the cornerstone of a football club, are few and far between and Wealdstone are fortunate to have him.

John was presented with the Leadbetter Trophy at the club's annual dinner, where later during the evening and much to the pleasure of all assembled it was learned that it was his 21st birthday and also his parents Silver Wedding anniversary—quite a triple event for the family in one day!

John's closest fan is his father from whom most obviously he inherits his character, the bond that exists between the two is indeed a pleasure to witness.

Congratulations John, the committee are unanimous in wishing you well—may all your ambitions for the future be achieved.

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DAVE UNDERWOOD



Dave Underwood towers some six foot three, has an eleven inch hand-span (about the size of an average head) and suffers from an apparently incurable disease. "I'm obsessed by football" he says "and it seems to be hereditary. My son's no better".

For the whole Underwood career was centred round the game. He set off at 17½ with Kingsbury Town and moved to Edgware, Town for nine months two years later before his professional career began. This was at Loftus Road where he spent three years with Queens Park Rangers before moving on to Watford for his first visit of eighteen months. His spell at Vicarage Road shot him into the big time when they sold him to Liverpool for £9,000—this makes him, by the way,

the most expensive coach Wealdstone have ever had—to become the second dearest goalkeeper in the country at the time (1953). After three years he returned to Watford and then went on to Fulham in 1961.

Dave's first venture outside the big league clubs was with Hastings United and his method of training shot the semi-professionals to promotion to the Southern League Premier Division. Oddly he has some regrets on this period when he looks back. "I think I worked them too hard because I didn't give all that much thought to the fact that they had players who were working all day and found it hard to take these intensive sessions at night. That won't happen at Wealdstone because I came round to the view that you've got to help players to make use of their talents rather than try to drive talent into them."

CAN BE REALLY GREAT

And his operating schedule at Lower Mead starts, naturally with the goalkeeper. "I've got great hopes of Andy Williams" he enthuses "because with time and attention he can be really great. To be honest, he's got faults at the moment simply because there's been no one to help him, but what assets. He's got height, reach, he's intelligent and still willing to learn and he's got no nerves." Looking for a moment back into the past, he says quietly "That's the big, the tough thing to realise about the green jersey. If someone's racing through on you, you must realise that at worst it's going to be your skull against his boot as you go down for the ball. At best you fluster him and he shoots wide, at you, or miscues altogether."

He finds his task at Lower Mead simply to pass on the knowhow that professional football has given him to the players. Amateurs with

a professional approach is his aim for the 1968-69 side and he's already delighted with some of the players he's found. "That Hughie Lindsay, he'd be in any side I play for or manage" he insists, then adds "There is terrific potential in the side and I'm here to help them show it."

The Underwood training sessions are an education in themselves. Any sprint he asks, any exercise he ordains, he does himself . . . which isn't bad going for a 40-year-old. But then physical fitness is a fetish with him. Still playing with the Johnny Haynes sides in charity matches, still popping in to Stamford Bridge, Craven Cottage and other grounds for the odd evening match, Dave Underwood's sole hobby is the game of association football . . . and with fourteen stone on a six-foot three frame and Sonny Liston-sized hands, it doesn't pay to knock soccer with Wealdstone's new coach. J.O'D.

THE SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Section of the "Wealdstone Football Club" is known as the "Lower Mead Social Club", appropriately named after the strip of land on which the present Club House stands.

The premises were opened in June 1954 at the time when there were severe building restrictions, hence, because of the acute shortage of bricks we were compelled to build in asbestos. However plans are prepared whereby the Club-house will be extended and ultimately the buildings will consist mostly of brick.

At the time the Club was built a social section in Amateur Football Clubs was a new innovation. In this we can safely say we led the field over most senior clubs, indeed in one football journal we are rated the "Best".

The club-house consists of a large kitchen where up to 150 meals can be prepared; a Dance Hall to accommodate about 250 persons; a Sportsman Bar; a Luxury Lounge Bar, for those who desire a quiet chat away from the music; a T.V. Lounge and a Boardroom.

Among the many activities are: Dances every Saturday and Sunday evenings with occasional Cabaret and Special Carnival evenings; a very lively Theatrical Company which produces its own shows for the benefit of the members, and a strong Darts section. All these combined can assure anyone contemplating becoming a member an enjoyable time in very amiable company.

The show—Palace of Variety—performed this year by the Theatrical Group included some very fine singing by the "Lower Mead Singers", the children of members and a guest artiste "Celia Hunt", from the well-known T.V. show, "Star and Garters".

Along with staging the show three times at the Club, they also paid visits to the Old Peoples' Home at Stanmore for the Mayor of Brent, and one to the Licensee and Victuallers Home at Denham.

Alterations are now in progress in the Sportsman's Bar to make it more comfortable. New furniture has been ordered and alongside the new lighting effects in the Bar and Dance Hall the Club should show an even brighter outlook for its members. K. E. W.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Since joining the Isthmian League in 1964 Wealdstone have enjoyed a remarkably consistent record and in addition to some notable cup successes have only once failed to finish in the top eight of the league.

Top scorer for the club in league matches is Hugh Lindsay with 65 goals to his credit. He is followed at a respectful distance by his "protege" Bernie Bremer with 51. Keith Searle leads the rest of the players still with the club with 28 while Swain has 17 and Townsend 16. However the latter players are perhaps slightly overshadowed by the burly figure of Bobbie Childs who scored 47 league goals in his two and a half year spell at Wealdstone.

Another departed player, Jim Cooley, the darling of the masses, holds the record for most league goals in a single season with a tally of 19 goals. This total includes four hat-tricks which is as many as Lindsay has scored and one more than Bremer.

Since rejoining Wealdstone Hugh Lindsay has only failed to score against Leytonstone in the league but more than compensates for this with a grand total of nine goals against Hitchin in eight matches. Bremer has yet to score against either Oxford City, Hendon or Enfield in league matches but has run up seven against Barking and Wycombe Wanderers.

Statistically speaking Wealdstone's favourite opposition should be Barking from whom they have taken fifteen out of a possible sixteen points and amassed twenty-seven league goals in addition to two Amateur Cup victories. The only point dropped was a goal-less draw at Lower Mead so that Wealdstone have a 100% away record at Barking. In fact The East London side are one of three teams not to have beaten Wealdstone in league encounters, the other two being Ilford and Maidstone.

Perhaps the best record though is the thirteen points and twenty-six goals against somewhat sterner opposition in Wycombe Wanderers. Surely the most outstanding feature here must be the three doubles (Wealdstone have had twenty altogether) against the Wycombe side, one of which being 7-0 and 5-2 in the year that the Wanderers finished third in the final league table.

On the other end of the stick however Wealdstone have yet to beat either Hendon or Enfield in league matches and from a possible total of thirty-two points have only managed to extract three.

I think one of the most interesting facts only recently un-covered is that in the highly successful season 65-66 with a league position of sixth and an unbeaten run in the Amateur Cup Wealdstone mustered four more points in away matches than at Lower Mead and lost only five games away from home.

At the present time of writing Wealdstone's all-time Isthmian League record is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Home	79	46	14	21	207	112	102
Away	80	30	17	33	142	144	77

Up to and including September 7th

If the opening three games of the season produced new milestones

and records for Wealdstone the ensuing three draws have been conspicuous for their maintenance of trends.

The 0-4 defeat at the feet of Walthamstow Avenue was the fourth successive home defeat by the Walthamstow side. The draw at Oxford continued the equality between the two sides whereby the two clubs have identical home and away records with a draw every season. Both sides having now taken seven league points and scored eleven goals against each other. The 1-1 draw at Ilford not only preserved Wealdstone's unbeaten away record but was also the fourth draw out of five matches played at Newbury Park between the two clubs. The draw also kept Ilford as one of the three teams not to have beaten Wealdstone in a league match, the other two being Maidstone and Barking. And if one were so short of copy one could always note that in all of Wealdstone's away matches the half-time scores have been level. Incidentally Ilford's goal was the six-hundredth league goal scored in Wealdstone's Isthmian League games.

M. J. H. W.

THE WILTSHIRES OF WEALDSTONE

DAN sen., BILL, STAN, KEN and DANNY jun.

Many an amateur football club can boast of determined and loyal service by members of a family but in the Wiltshire's of Wealdstone, Lower Mead has a unique band. At one stage there were five Wiltshires, Dan senior, his brother Bill and brothers Stan and Ken and cousin Dan junior all connected with the club. The link in the 1937-38 season when Dan senior joined the committee and Stan Wiltshire joined the club from Barnet. During the war Bill joined his brother on the committee and during the war the brothers ran the club bar under the direction of social secretary Eric Bryant.

The end of the war saw the arrival from the Royal Navy of Ken and his cousin Danny. Fresh from service as physical training instructors, they were running a junior side in Kenton—despite all the Wealdstone connections the Wiltshires are all either Islington or Hackney-born. Ken was the side's player-secretary and Danny played in goal where Arsenal scout Danny Lewis spotted him and invited him to Highbury. Next season he played in the same side as Denis and Leslie Compton before going on to Hendon, then the Arsenal nursery club. He came to Wealdstone in 1948, took over from Rowe the England and Navy goalkeeper. The Wiltshire junior side, Claremont Old Boys, had become a Wealdstone nursery as Danny had an England trial, played for the F.A. XI, Middlesex and the Athenian and Corinthian Leagues and turned out alongside many Lower Mead stalwarts in the championship side. In 1953 however he was off, moving to Maidstone United of which club he became manager last season with the ambition "to take them to the top of amateur football." In the same 1953 Ken joined the main Wealdstone committee but the family connection was weakened three years later when Bill had to retire because of ill health.

Dan Wiltshire senior carried on until 1966 when, having seen

Wealdstone win the Amateur Cup, he decided that at 76 "it was time to give the youngsters a turn" after 28 years with the club.

He still comes to Lower Mead to see matches however and also to see how the youngsters are getting on.

They all have their Wealdstone memories though, and at 78 Danny senior still lists these players to remember, Bunce, Barker, Edmonds, Haydon, Mikrut, Evans, Francis, Wengrzyk, Townsend and Lindsay, names 1952, championship year and of course 1966 as the best years of their life and says firmly "My nephew (Danny) was the best goalkeeper of his time. He was really unlucky to be kept out of the England side as his wife was having a baby at the time of the tour of Scandinavia". He ends firmly "I've enjoyed every minute at Wealdstone".

Bill Wiltshire, a goalkeeper like brother Dan senior, is mainly remembered for his sterling work in packing in the spectators for the Colchester game and naturally his bar service.

Danny junior has one game to recall—and then wish it would go away, the F.A. Amateur Cup match with Corinthian Casuals.

INTO THE HOT SEAT

The last of the Wiltshires on the committee, Ken started his climb to the secretaryship as A team sec. in 1954, then the reserves in 1955-57, assistant secretary 1957-61 and then into the hot seat where he's responsible for the conduct and running of the club, organising the many sub-committees, fixtures, registration of players and the club for the many league and cup competitions and attending league meetings as the club's representative.

What he wants to see—and at 44 he's got 32 years to help it happen on his father's average—is more covered accommodation and better facilities for members and the big dream—a new stand with new dressing rooms and the club administration offices above. This, he feels, would make the final touch to the club's 15-year plan to make the ground one of the finest in Amateur football and an international ground as well.

This writer has his own recollection of meeting Ken Wiltshire for the first time. He had gone down to the ground to see the first pre-season get-together and was standing on the edge of the pitch. "Off you get, that's for footballers" said Ken firmly. J. O'D.

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SUPPORTERS CLUB

Wealdstone Football Club Supporters Club was founded on the 19th February 1958 and in the handbook of 1958/59, Tom Verrall, the club secretary in those days, claimed it was a landmark in the Football Club's history. At the time he wrote that, some people might have thought it presumptuous, but to-day there must be few who would dare argue with that statement.

In the ten years since the club's inception the most notable achievements have been the acquisition of the original floodlights in 1961, the building of the tea-huts scattered around the ground, including the one that serves the market on Thursdays, the concreting in front of the stand and the purchase of several items of horticultural equipment which groundsman Nobby Clarke has put to such good use. During last season the club's efforts provided the tea-hut for the market and a donation of £500 towards the new floodlights. By now you will probably be wondering how we raise the money for such expenditure.

The bulk of our income comes from receipts taken from the tea-huts, into which Tom (Jock) Law, his wife and Mrs. Verrall put so many hours, not to mention the other helpers. Other schemes that help to swell our coffers are the profit made on coach trips to away matches, sale of badges etc., and your membership subscriptions itself. Now, don't think we are lining our own pockets with the money we take from you because every penny of it goes either to the Football Club to make Lower Mead a better place for you supporters or as capital for the Supporters Club to buy stores for the tea-huts and any other equipment we need.

POSITIONAL CHANGES

Since you last read in last year's handbook, about the Supporters' Club officials there have been a few changes. Chairman Jim Brigden, treasurer Bert Simpson and assistant secretary Jack Howland have all resigned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all on behalf of the club for their efforts during the last few years. This has necessitated a few positional changes to be made. Deputy chairman Sam Burrows has taken over the chair until the A.G.M. when a chairman can be formally elected and has been keeping us all in order most ably. Jack Palmer has moved from secretary to treasurer, his place being taken by former assistant secretary Barbara Robson. Her position in turn was taken over by Jack Howland and laterly since his resignation by myself. By the time you have sorted that lot out you should be up to date : at least until this year's A.G.M.!

All these people put in a lot of hard work together with the rest of the committee but none more so than catering manager Tom Law. Not only does he buy our stores, and look after the tea-huts, but he is almost a one man ground committee. Whatever needs to be done, he sets about it, whether it be digging, concreting, bricklaying,

carpentry or anything else you can think of, Tom knows what to do. Speaking personally, I've never particularly enjoyed mixing concrete, digging holes and that sort of thing, yet when one works with Tom, we have a few laughs and set to it and it doesn't seem so bad after all.

Of course it is a great asset to a Supporters' Club like ourselves to have so many good supporters whose loyalty can have few rivals in amateur football. This fact is borne out by the fact that on the Tuesday after we had lost to Chesham at Craven Cottage we had a match away to Oxford City and despite everybody having long faces when last seen on Saturday evening, a full coach-load of happy, singing supporters left Lower Mead at the inconveniently early hour of 5.10 p.m. and we had to turn people away because of lack of coach seats. That brings me to another very important point, if you wish to travel to away matches on the club coaches please let Barbara Robson know in good time so she can arrange the appropriate number of seats, as she can't always book a coach at a moment's notice.

ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED MILES

Talking of away matches, I wonder how many of you realise that in the Amateur Cup in 1965/6, the year we actually got our name engraved on the trophy at last, we travelled only approximately seventy miles in six rounds, yet since then we have covered, by my calculations, something in the order of one thousand seven hundred miles in eleven matches and yet there has always been a strong contingent wearing the blue and white of Wealdstone present.

Last year our cup-run seemed most ill-fated as far as getting you supporters to away matches on time and without trouble. On the long trek to Torpoint one coach hit a spare wheel which had dropped off a lorry travelling in front of us, with the result that the coach had its radiator smashed and its exhaust system modified(?). However, this was overcome by hiring another coach and you arrived on time.

The third round took us to Eastwood and you supporters on a tour round Sherwood Forest and to make things worse you missed Dave Swain's goal through the subsequent late arrival.

The semi-final, and the short trip to Fulham, this time no accidents, no Cook's tours, just one huge traffic jam in Hammersmith which prevented nine of our ten coaches from reaching Craven Cottage on time for the kick-off. So nine coach loads of blue and white draped 'Stones supporters abandoned their coaches and galloped through the streets of Hammersmith to Fulham. It was a great pity their efforts were in vain. However, I'm sure they would volunteer to walk all the way to Wembley Stadium if it insured that Wealdstone had a place in that coveted final.

What are our plans for the future? Firstly to get you to away games on time but more ambitiously we intend to open a club shop selling old programmes, badges, pens, ties, scarves and anything else we can think of. This has been talked about for sometime but at the time of writing we hope it is very near to reality and we hope it will add to our funds so we can further help the Football Club. After all it is the motto of the National Federation of Supporters' Clubs of which we are a member, "To help not to hinder".

Talking of future plans, if anyone has any good ideas that they think will help the club, do put them forward, preferably to a com-



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mittee member, but the people we are really interested in are those with ideas and sufficient conviction to come on to the committee and put their plans into practice. We look forward to hearing from you, both ladies and gentlemen.

In last year's issue of the handbook, Jack Palmer on behalf of the Supporters Club wrote that the strength of the club relied on the strength of its membership and with great supporters like yourselves I see no reason why Wealdstone should not have the biggest and best supporters club in the country, and that is what we are aiming for; so why not join us if you are not already a member.

Then you can really claim to be one of us and join in the well-known cry of "COME ON THE 'STONES!" P. S. F.

FROM THE RECORDS

Did you know that two backs belonging to the same Club both scored for England in the same game. The club concerned was believe it or not WEALDSTONE.

The occasion was an amateur trial, England v The Rest at Plymouth, with Charlie Barker and Fred Haydon on opposing sides. Charlie scored for England from a penalty (did he ever miss?) and Fred had the misfortune to put the ball through his own goal.

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OUR TWO TRAINERS

As a former Hon. Reserve Team Secretary, I was privileged to work with both Bob Croucher, and Fred Welch, who at one time or another were trainers to the reserves. These two men both extremely conscientious and dedicated to their jobs, are as different to football, as chalk and cheese. Whereas Croucher is the excitable, keen, boisterous type who simply hates to be on the losing side, Banger, as Fred is known at Wealdstone, is simply the reverse to Bob, he takes things nice and calmly, quietly encouraging the youngsters, and seeing to their cuts and bruises as best he can. He is really and truly dedicated to the football club, whether deputising for Bob, with the first team, or looking after the reserves. Banger first became associated with Wealdstone in 1927, when he played at wing half until 1934, he then left for Harrow Town for a short spell, but returned, and has been with us ever since. Doubtless he has seen many fine players come and go, but whether it be a raw youngster, or an international, Banger is a friend to everybody.

Bobby Croucher came to us two years ago after being associated with Watford for many years, previous to that he served in the Royal Artillery for 2 years, home and abroad, then was transferred to the A.P.T.C. for 4½ years. It was in 1940-41 that Bob came to the football scene, signing as a goalkeeper for Watford, where he played for both first and second teams, when his service life permitted, and while stationed in England guested for Exeter, Birmingham and Coventry. He continued playing until 1954, and then did some scouting for Watford, and finally being promoted to the training staff, until cuts caused Bob to leave, and join Wealdstone. After one season with the reserves, Bob was promoted to the first team, and last season was selected as trainer for the Middlesex County XI.

Wealdstone are indeed fortunate to have two men on the training staff, of the calibre of Bob Croucher and Fred (Banger) Welch. H. J. B.

GOALS! GOALS! GOALS!

On November 16th 1929, in the fourth qualifying round of the F.A. Cup fourteen goals were scored in all—Dulwich Hamlet 7 Wealdstone 7. In the replay at Lower Mead we were defeated 2-1.

On Christmas Day 1926 18 goals are recorded—we defeated Hertford Town 16-2.

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WEALDSTONE VISIT SPAIN

Just before the end of last season some of the players said that they would like to go on a tour abroad. The necessary permission was obtained and the Hon. Club Secretary set about the hard task of arranging the details. In the meantime some of the players in co-operation with Harry Benjamin made plans for fund raising events, because it costs quite a lot of cash to finance a trip. As a result of this a match was arranged with a Johnny Haynes XI, a dance took place and the Social Club entertainments section put on a Variety Concert and all these functions gave a lot of pleasure to many Wealdstone members and supporters. And so, on Friday night, May 31st a party of 23 people, including 14 players, boarded a coach at Lower Mead for the journey to London Airport. After all formalities had been completed we boarded the plane, and for myself a new adventure was starting because I had never flown before, but all the lads were happy and looking forward to the holiday. After a smooth journey we landed at Gerona Airport where we were met by a charming hostess from the agency and taken to a coach which sped through 68 miles of winding roads to Lloret de Mar and our hotel.

CAUGHT UP ON OUR SLEEP

And so we were in Spain and for the first day we caught up on our sleep and then took a look at our surroundings. The lads were very impressed by the swimming pool at the hotel and made good use of it. One of the highlights was a run down the water chute by George Harrison complete in sailor's uniform. Tuesday was market day in the town, we all walked round looking for gifts, offering half the number of pesetas asked for and always managing to get a reduction in price.

At night we played the match against the combined team from the Costa Brava and this lacked organisation as the start was put back from 5.00 o'clock until 10.00 o'clock, but it was turned 10.30 before our opponents took the field and then the bull-fight began. We lost by two-nil but luckily none of our lads suffered any injury. In fact

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later on in the week some of the party went to a mock bull-fight where spectators are invited to fight the young bulls and I did hear that Mick Clary didn't lose the toss. And so the week of glorious weather went on with time spent between the beach, swimming pool and night jaunts to the many and various drinking spots where we were able to thoroughly relax. Many friends were made amongst the visitors from Newcastle and surrounding areas and if we are drawn against any northern teams next season many people will be making an effort to renew friendships. When the time came to leave Spain we left many people with the name of Wealdstone impressed on their memories and we had an uneventful flight home and arrived back at London Airport at 7.30 on Sunday morning.

My most outstanding thoughts on the tour was the enormous amount of administrative work done by the Hon. Secretary in arranging the tour and keeping things moving during the stay abroad. My most pleasing impression was the wonderful spirit that exists amongst the players and officials and I will conclude by saying that personally I was proud to be associated with such great company, I am certain that this spirit will continue through the coming season and feel that although our supporters suffered a few disappointments during the season they must realise that all of our players are 100% Wealdstone and feel that it is a great club to belong to. They are proud of your support.

T. F. V.

LOWER MEAD'S GROUNDSMAN

William John Clark, horticulturist and groundsman extraordinary, alias 'Nobby' was born in Inverness some 40 years ago and is a man typical of those hardy Northerners. Like all true Scotsmen, Nobby served his spell with the Seaforth Highlanders where his travels took him among other places, to Germany. Whilst with his regiment he became their swimming instructor, a sport that he still pursues whenever possible.

Returning home and discarding his kilt for lawn mowers and gardening forks, he quickly made his mark as a professional groundsman eventually becoming head groundsman to a large American manufacturing concern.

Apart from his extensive knowledge of sports grounds, Nobby is also a proficient arboriculturist, having passed his Forestry courses at Lord Lauders Estate in the Lake District, if one couples this with his knowledge of horticulture, we may consider that we are fortunate to have him as the clubs groundsman.

A married man, he lives with his charming wife and two children in Northwood among his beloved flowers. This is the man who is always so cheerful and popular with all he comes in contact with, but behind that perpetual smile is also the man who is dedicated to his work, continually striving to make our playing pitch the best in the League.

His genuine interest in both our club and players augers well for the clubs future and we wish him a successful future as "The Groundsman".

R. D. G.

WEALDSTONE PLAYERS 1968-69

- BARNARD, MIKE** (Full Back) Aged 21, single, lives at Carpenders Park. An engineer by trade. Started football with Bristol Siddeley. Joined Wealdstone in January 1968.
- BREMER, BERNIE** (Forward or Linkman) Married Born Dulwich, age 22. Market Research Officer. He is a one club player, has played for London F.A. Middlesex F.A. Isthmian League and F.A. Amateur XI. Soccer is his only hobby. Member of the cup winning side in 1965/66.
- BROMLEY, DAVE** (Centre Half) Born Abbots Langley, where he still lives. Age 29 years. Married with one child. Started his career with Leavesden Hospital, previous club being St. Albans City where he gained representative honours for Hertfordshire.
- BULLOCK, DAVE** (Half Back) Aged 22, a Rates Clerk, married, lives at Kilburn. Previous club Watford, joined us this season. Likes a round of golf, cricket and dancing.
- CARTER, SYD** (Forward) Aged 23, married. A packaging materials planner living at Rickmansworth. Joined this season from Hampton where he scored 49 goals last season. Likes a hard clean game and the social side of club life.
- DOYLE, MICKY** (Full Back) Single. Born Barrow-in-Furness, age 22, lives at Stanmore. Electrical Draughtsman by trade. Returned to Wealdstone after one season with St. Albans City. Also a member of the Cup winning side 1965/66.
- FRANKS, COLIN** (Half Back) Age 17. Born Kingsbury, now living at Neasden. A lithographic platemaker, joined this season, previous clubs Borehamwood and Watford. Has represented Middlesex Association of Boys Clubs.
- HUTCHINSON, JOHN** (Forward) Single. Born Park Royal, age 21, lives South Ruislip. Only previous club Ruislip St. Mary's. Joined Wealdstone 1966/67 season, has played for Isthmian League Reserves and London F.A. Juniors. His hobby is collecting records.
- LEONARD, DAVE** (Full Back) Married Age 29 years, is a printing sales executive. Started Senior career with Wimbledon. Joined Wealdstone 1966/67. Previous clubs Sutton United, Charlton Athletic and Maidstone United, Has toured with Middlesex Wanderers to East Africa, Iceland and Holland and has represented Kent and London F.A.'s. His hobbies are golf, squash and philately. He says he admires the loyal Wealdstone fans who travel anywhere to support the team.
- LINDSAY, HUGH** (Forward) Born Ickenham, age 30. Lives Hampton Hill. Married with two children, he is a schoolteacher. Joined Wealdstone 1958/59 season, played with Kingstonian 1959/62, when he rejoined Wealdstone and has been with the club ever since. Another player to gain a cup winners medal 1965/66. Represented Great Britain Olympic XI and England. His hobbies, cricket and golf.
- McGUINNESS, TONY** (Centre Half) Married, age 26. Now lives at Maidstone, Kent. He is a tobacco representative. Started his career with Arsenal, joined Wealdstone 1967/68. Previous clubs Wimbledon, Sutton United and Maidstone United. He has repre-



Sid Carter scores the second of six goals against Bromley Sep.: 7th, 1968



Sid Carter scores the second of six goals against Bromley Sept. 7th, 1968

sented the F.A., Kent, Surrey and Middlesex. Another golf enthusiast. He says he is very impressed with the following and enthusiasm of Wealdstone supporters.

MONTAGUE, DENNIS (Half Back) Age 26. Lives at Virginia Water. Married with two children. Bricklayer by trade. Joined Wealdstone 1967. Previous club Kingstonian where he represented Surrey F.A. Very keen on darts.

PERRETT, GERALD (Full Back) Married Born Edmonton, age 23. Joined this season, previous clubs Highfield, Cheshunt and Hertford. Has also played for Middlesex school boys and Middlesex intermediate XI. Works as a correspondence clerk. His hobbies, golf and tennis.

PETTIT, DOUG (Full Back) Joined us in September 1967. Previous clubs Wembley and Leytonstone. Aged 29, married with one daughter. Technical Clerk by profession. Gave an outstanding performance against Torpoint in the first round of the Amateur Cup last season.

PRAIDE, MIKE (Half Back) Aged 23, born at Fulham, now living at Watford. Works in the printing industry. Joined Wealdstone at the close of 1965.

ROEBUCK, BERT (Forward) Single Born Edmonton, age 25. He is a Chartered Accountant by profession. Has previously played for Cheshunt, Edmonton and Hertford. Scored five goals in his first Senior game at the age of eighteen.

SAYERS, RICHARD (Inside Forward) An engineers apprentice, aged 19, living at Kilburn. Represented Willesden Schools for a period of three years. Boxing is one of his hobbies.

SEARLE, KEITH (Forward) Born Hammersmith, now lives in Harrow. 21 years old, and single. Returned to Wealdstone after a season with Barnet. Has played for Middlesex and London youth. Likes swimming and all sports. Scored 31 goals for Wealdstone in 1966/67. Is superstitious and likes to change on the same peg in the dressing room.

SMITH, BRIAN (Inside Forward) Single Born at Watford where he still lives. Age 18. Started football at school, has been on St. Albans books. Joined us this season, is an engineering apprentice.

SMITH, TERRY (Half Back) Age 21. Born Waltham Cross, lives at Enfield. Came to us from Cheshunt where he spent two seasons. Represented Middlesex Boys Clubs and London F.A.

SWAIN, DAVE (Forward) Born Kilburn, age 26, married with one child. Joined Wealdstone from Hendon is 1967/68. Played for Middlesex and London F.A. XI's, F.A. Amateur XI and Middlesex youth. Scored six goals for Hendon in an Isthmian League game against Woking. His ambition is to win an Amateur Cup winners medal. His hobbies are horse riding and golf.

TOWNSEND, CHARLIE (Half Back) Married. Born at Bushey, now lives in Harrow. A wonderful servant to Wealdstone F.C., his only senior club which he joined in 1956/57. Has a string of representative honours, including Great Britain and England, and of course possessor of an Amateur Cup winners medal. Hobbies, golf and tennis.

WILLIAMS, ANDY (Goalkeeper) Born Ealing where he still lives, age 23 years. He is a schoolmaster. Joined Wealdstone 1967/68. Previously with Loughborough College and Crystal Palace, and has also had games with Leeds United and Corby Town. Has represented the English Universities, Leicestershire F.A. and played for an F.A. XI. Other interests are cricket and golf. Says he enjoys the atmosphere at Wealdstone on match days.

WILLIAMS, BOB Brother of Andy also born at Ealing, age 21. A bank clerk. Recently married. Started football with Lloyd's Bank F.C., joined Wealdstone in September 1967.

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1945-46	1st Round	Hayes	3	Wealdstone	0
1946-47	1st Round	Houslow	3	Wealdstone	1
1947-48	3rd Round	Wealdstone	0	Leytonstone	1
1948-49	4th Round	Wealdstone	0	Leytonstone	4
1949-50	1st Round	Salisbury	4	Wealdstone	1
1950-51	1st Round	Wealdstone	1	Leytonstone	4
1951-52	Qual Round	Wealdstone	0	C. Casuals	1
1952-53	2nd Round	Southall	3	Wealdstone	0
1953-54	1st Round	Wealdstone	1	Hendon	3
1954-55	1st Round	Wealdstone	1	Wycombe W.	2
1955-56	Qual Round	Wealdstone	0	Yiewsley	1
1956-57	" Round	Yiewsley	3	Wealdstone	2
1957-58	" Round	Wealdstone	1	Uxbridge	2
1958-59	" Round	Wealdstone	2	Harrow Town	3
1959-60	1st Round	Bromley	5	Wealdstone	1
1960-61	1st Round	Wealdstone	1	Enfield	2
1961-62	1st Round	Maidenhead U.	3	Wealdstone	1
1962-63	Qual Round	Letchworth T.	2	Wealdstone	1
1963-64	1st Round	Carshalton	3	Wealdstone	1
1964-65	3rd Round	Alvechurch	4	Wealdstone	1
1965-66	Final	Hendon	1	Wealdstone	3
1966-67	3rd Round	Skelmersdale	1	Wealdstone	0
1967-68	Semi Finals	Chesham Utd.	2	Wealdstone	0

FINAL FACTS

Headed four goals: In the 1963 Amateur Cup Final Eddie Reynolds headed all four of Wimbledon's goals (4-2) against Sutton United.

Old Carthusians won the F.A. Cup 1881 and the F.A. Amateur Cup in 1894 and 1897.

Highest number of goals scored in a F.A. Amateur Cup Final in normal time.

8—Northern Nomads	7	Stockport	1 (1926)
8—Dulwich Hamlet	7	Marine (Liverpool)	1 (1932)
6—Bishop Auckland	5	Lowestoft Town	1 (1900)
6—Old Malvernians	5	Bishop Auckland	1 (1902)

Bishop Auckland hold a F.A. Amateur Cup record in that they have appeared in the final eighteen times, won it ten times, and achieved the remarkable feat of being winners for three consecutive seasons 1955-1956-1957. Total goals scored by the Bishops in Finals—39.

Clapton and Crook Town have each won the trophy five times.

Crook Town scored 31 goals in all — against Romford 7; Walton and Hershaw 5; Hitchin Town 10; Walthamstow Avenue 4; and 5 against Bishop Auckland to win the Amateur Cup in 1953/54.

100,000 spectators watched Pegasus defeat Harwich at Wembley in the 1952/53 Final.

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

	IL	FAC	FAAC	MSC	MCC	Others	Total	Goals
Peter Anderson	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Mike Barnard	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
Micky Blythe	12	1	—	2	—	8	21	—
Bernie Bremer	35	1	6	5	4	11	62	26
Micky Clary	4	—	—	1	—	5	10	4
Roy Day	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—
Danny Desmond	2	1	—	—	—	—	3	—
Graham Greenhalgh	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	—
Brian Gill	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
Bobby Harper	4	—	—	1	—	3	8	1
John Hutchinson	15	—	—	1	1	11	28	2
Davy Jones	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
Peter Jordan	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
Dave Leonard	29	1	6	5	4	10	55	2
Hugh Lindsay	33	—	6	3	2	11	55	33
John McCormack	21	—	3	3	3	6	36	13
Frank McCoy	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—
Tony McGuinness	36	1	6	5	4	11	63	—
Eddie McKenzie	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	1
Denis Montague	27	—	6	5	4	12	54	4
Doug Pettitt	11	—	2	1	—	5	19	—
Alan Phillips	11	—	—	1	3	5	20	1
Micky Praide	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	1
Tony Quick	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
Cliff Rapley	1	—	—	—	—	5	6	—
Tony Slade	30	—	6	4	3	11	54	7
Derek Smart	12	1	—	1	—	8	22	8
Peter Snell	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Kiernon Somers	7	—	3	2	1	6	19	5
Dave Swain	35	1	6	5	4	8	59	26
Terry Thomas	2	1	—	—	—	2	5	—
Charlie Townsend	30	1	5	4	4	10	54	10
Bobby Warman	29	1	5	2	1	10	48	—
Andy Williams	26	—	6	3	4	12	51	—
Bob Williams	4	—	—	1	2	4	11	1

Opponents O.G. 2

Possible Appearances and Goals Scored 38 1 6 5 4 18 72 147

IL Isthmian League
FAC F.A. Cup
FAAC F.A. Amateur Cup
MSC Middx. Senior Cup

MCC Middx. Charity Cup
OTHERS: Bucks Border League
London Senior Cup
East Anglian Cup

PROFESSIONAL CLUBS WE HAVE MET

Chelsea (H); Tottenham (H); Q.P.R. (H); Clapton Orient (H); Notts. County (H); Watford (H); Arsenal (H); Gillingham (H); Colchester (Southern League) (H); Fulham (H); Crystal Palace (H); Luton Town (H); Millwall (H); West Ham (H); Port Vale (A); Tonbridge (S.L.) (A); Millwall (A); Arsenal (A); Dunstable (S.L.) (H); Banbury (S.L.) (H).

HOLDERS OF THE FREEHOLD

Wealdstone F.C. are the owners of Lower Mead, having purchased the freehold in 1924 by raising the sum of £1,700 on mortgage. The land on which the High Mead flats and Dominion cinema now stand was sold by the club in 1933 for £3,000.