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Good afternoon everybody,

We are at the commencement of a new, and we hope a successful season, and it gives us great pleasure in welcoming to Wealdstone, our friends from Maidstone United. We trust that they will enjoy their short stay with us, and a safe journey back this evening.

Our visitors were a very much improved side last season, but unfortunately their king-pin of the defence Jeff Riddy, has moved out of the Maidstone area, and that will probably mean more rebuilding for this season, but with our former player Danny Wiltshire to guide them along, we feel sure that the Kent side will maintain their improved form, and really give us a testing time to-day.

Last season's results:

Wealdstone 1 Maidstone 1

Scorer Searle

Maidstone 0 Wealdstone 2

Scorers Swain, Ritchie

Our team who played Maidstone at home on 26th April was, Williams, Doyle, Barnard, Bullock, McGuin-

ness, Montague, Smith, Lindsay, Swain, Searle, Hutchinson. Sub, Ritchie.

Here are a few pen pictures of Maidstone players.

Goal—Mick Trice: Joined from Deal Town at the beginning of last season, and has Kent County honours.

R.B.—Dan McAllister Club Captain: experienced player who joined from Bromley, played for Kent County and represented F.A. XI last year.

L.B.—Bobby Evans: Former Chelsea junior, who played for England's Youth side, saw Amateur service with Barking, and signed on for his present club two seasons ago, Kent County honours.

R.H.—Stan Wladyslaw, Polish by birth, has been with Maidstone for a number of seasons, previous club Woking. Also a Kent County player.

C.H.—John Miles: Joined this season from Croydon Amateurs (with his brother Mick) John, was formerly with Herne Bay and Tonbridge in the Southern League, while Mick

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saw service with Crystal Palace.

L.H.—Phil Debnam: Former Kingstonian player, who had the misfortune to break a leg at the beginning of last season, but has defied everybody, and is now probably the hardest tackler in the side. Another Kent County Player.

O.R.—Geoff Osbourne: Tiny, but fast and tricky, joined from Swanley last season, and has also represented Kent County.

I.R.—John Jenkins: Joined this season, from our local rivals Hendon.

C.F.—Tony Coppin: Joined two years ago, but left for a short spell with Bromley. Rejoined the stones at the end of last season. Very dangerous in the air, and another with county honours.

I.L.—John Perrett: Like Jenkins, signed on this season, having played in the Surrey, Senior Combination.

O.L.—Paul Walton: Former team mate of Osborne at Swanley, just returned from Australia, having

had two years of football experience there.

I.F.—Danny Lakey: Joined from Ramsgate last season, has represented the F.A. and won a cup winners medal with Hendon. Experienced senior player.

Next Tuesday evening K.O. 7.30 p.m. we are away to Wycombe, and next Saturday sees us at Bromley K.O. 3 p.m. Our reserves do not start their fixtures until next Saturday.

Players who have gone to join other clubs—Tony McGuinness, Dave Bromley, Gerry Perrott, Bill Fowler, Cliff Rapley, Frank McCoy. To those

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men, we wish to thank them for their service to Wealdstone, and wish them the best of luck with their new teams.

Our new signings—Dave Underwood has worked very hard this summer in trying to get only the best for Wealdstone, and has signed on many useful youngsters from league clubs, and given time and experience, some of these lads will certainly make the grade in senior Amateur football. Also added to the playing staff, Gordon Sedgley returning to us after two successful seasons with Enfield, Gordon you may remember, was a member of our cup winning side, and disappointed many of us when he decided to go to Enfield immediately after, but so far, judging by the public and private trial games that we have had, he is sure to bolster up our defence, and also set the attack moving with his runs down the wing. One lad who gave us a lot of trouble in those hectic cup ties with Hertford, Johnny Draper, has joined us, and has also shown in the trials what an asset he will be to us. Tough tackler, and

quick mover of the ball, John has been playing as if he has been with us for many seasons. A young goalkeeper from Fulham, Alan Thomas has been signed, and will probably be making his debut next week, as Andy Williams goes on holiday, immediately after today's match. Brendon (Bogey) Mitchell, a youngster from Luton, is certain to get a first team place very shortly, judging by his sterling performances against Paget, and Dagenham. Mitchell is slightly built, but shows abounding energy, and the aptitude to lay on perfect passes to his colleagues. He hurt his nose against Dagenham, and may have to wait for his chance. Also rejoining us is Alan Phillips the former Barry and Welsh International half-back. At present Alan is on holiday, but no doubt will be fighting for a place when he returns. Robb Williams, has come back after his short stay with Slough, and another former youth player with Luton Town, Alan Jackett, scorer of many goals with Luton, has also been snapped up by Underwood. Micky Smith a regular with Willesden last year, will be

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striving hard for the centre half position, and another youngster formerly with Willesden, Dave Thompson, has shown up very well at right half for the reserves. Another youngster signed is Richard Meeney from Bedford, while Alan Yewer who has seen service with Oxford has applied to join the club.

There is sure to be much competition for first team places this year, and judging by the trial games for the first XI and the reserves, we should have a successful season.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Galvin, who have taken over the bar duties in the club, while Ron and Mary have been on holiday.

We hope you will all like the new all blue kit. Our Treasurer tells us that the cost of it is around £55 while match balls now cost £9. Also in addition to the endless increases we are having to meet for almost all our needs there is the re-building of the wall on the High Mead side which is going to cost about £2,000. We have not made any increases in subscriptions or admission charges so if any Members or Supporters would care to make a small donation to Club Funds our Treasurer Dennis Lyons will be delighted and it will be a great help.

H. J. B.

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This afternoon we have the pleasure to welcome players, officials and supporters of Maidstone United. We hope they enjoy their brief stay and journey home safely afterwards.

With the start of the new season perhaps I should remind all Supporters Club members that your subscriptions for the year are due and that you should renew them at the club office.

You will need an up-to-date membership card if you wish to travel by coach to our away games as only members can be carried.

While you are in the club office getting "signed-on" for the current season how about booking your seat for Wycombe on Tuesday evening.

Of course Barbara Robson will take coach bookings by telephone (422 0799) should it be inconvenient to reach the office.

Now to the business in hand, that is picking up our first two points of the season. I am sure I will be expressing the views of all Stones supporters when I wish the team every success and all the luck that's going, not only for to-day but for all the season.

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