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ON THE BALL with BRIAN HALL

HELLO again, after what seems ages. It feels like the beginning of a new season, which might be a good omen, because we seem to play well at the beginning of the season.

Many thanks yet again to the band of volunteers who have been helping with the snow clearing, and trying desperately to get the pitch playable during the last two weeks. Let's hope that we have seen the last of the ice and cold, and get on with what has now become an extremely heavy programme from now until the end of the season. Any more postponements and I think Peter Braxton will tear his small amount of hair out!!

Today we have an opportunity of entering the last eight teams in the F.A. Trophy, but I so not want to spend time commenting on today's game. With any cup competition, I think any team who wins it over 42 games is generally about the best team. The pitch will have changed considerably over the season, players will have been injured or suspended, the Manager and Staff will have had their own ups and downs, and percentages will have evened most things out over the year. This to me, therefore, demonstrates the true depth and stability of a club. Recent Gola League results have opened up a race for the championship again, and I am pleased to say that we are still with the front runners, and intend to stay there.

I cannot let the achievements of Gola colleagues, Telford pass by without comment. Victories over Lincoln City, Bradford, Preston North End and Darlington were no longer acts of giant-killing, nor cup magic, nor lucky. They reflect the fact that the gap between Gola League and Canon League has not only closed, but in some cases over-lapped. Eventually the reality of the situation must be faced by those in control, and surely Non-League set ups must be at least given the opportunity of proving themselves in the Football League.

Welcome back to you, our Supporters, today. Nice to see you again!



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Gola Clubs say "No" to League Proposals by Colin Pope

AT ac recent meeting of all member clubs in Birmingham, it was decided that the Gola League were unable to accept the proposals by the Football League for the future promotion and relegation between the two leagues.

The basis of the decision is that Gola clubs were of the opinion that, in every instance, the proposals – rather than being an improvement on the present situation – would actually legislate

against the possibility of a club gaining promotion to the Football League.

The proposals as set out would not only legislate against current Gola League clubs but would also inhibit the opportunity of a club relegated from the Football League being able to speedily return should it be successful in its first season in the Gola League.

The Gola League still believes that it is in the best interests of football in this country that a system of interchange is established which would remove the annual undignified scramble for votes, allowing successful and ambitious clubs to play their part in the development of senior football as, for example, have Oxford Utd, Shrewsbury, Peterborough and Wimbledon in the past.

A letter has been sent to all First and Second Division clubs' chairmen and secretaries fully explaining the reasons why the Gola League are unable to accept the Associate Members' proposals. It is hoped that further discussions will be held in order that a formula can be agreed to meet the interests of all concerned.

This season's FA Cup has again underlined the stature of the Gola League! Gola clubs have faced Canon League opposition in 28 matches (including replays) this season with the Gola club being at home in only 12 of these games. A summary of the results is as follows: Played 28, Won 9, Drawn 7, Lost 12, Goals for 33, Against 39. We all thrilled at Telford's magnificent performance in reaching the 5th round, and I was delighted to send a telegram to Stan Storton at Goodison Park on behalf of everyone at Wealdstone.

Meanwhile, a hearty welcome back to all our fans after another spell of the Ice Age! And it is with particular pleasure that we greet our old friends from Welling Utd, who are going great guns in the Southern League Premier Division, lying in 5th place but with games in hand and only three points behind the leaders.

They came an unexpected cropper on Tuesday night though, losing 2-1 at Southall in the London Senior Cup on a ground, I understand, which made the result an absolute lottery. I am certain they will give us a tremendous battle today for the right to go into the guarter-finals.

Welling, of course, have an outstanding player well know to us in John Bartley, for whom they paid Maidstone Utd £8,000 just before Christmas. John was originally transferred from Welling to Millwall for a fee of £12,000 after scoring a fantastic total of 400 goals for the Park View Road club. So the wheel has turned full circle.

We go into this vital match without our leading goal scorer Mark Graves, who is still nursing a knock, but are fortunate to have such an able stand-by as Andy Graham, who in his few appearances so far has become a firm favourite. Incidentally, it will be a good idea for supporters now to keep their eyes on future fixtures more or less every day, as it could well be that games will be arranged at short notice and it could be that we shall not have a lot of time to publicise them.

AT EARLSMEAD ON TUESDAY

WE visit our old friends and rivals Harrow Borough at EARLSMEAD on TUESDAY next, FEBRUARY 26th, at 7.30pm in the semi-final of the MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP – assuming of course there is a definite result to today's TROPHY games.

A SAD LOSS

IT is with sadness that we record the recent death of Betty Waterlow, who has been a good friend and supporter of the Club for very many years, as was her husband, Bill, who pre-deceased her some years ago.

Around the Clubs . . .

Barrow have signed former Crewe Alex., Bury and Mossley defender Benny Phillips from Witton Albion, together with midfielder Andy Wharton (ex-Burnley and Chester) and winger Ronnie Goodlass (Ex-Everton and Fulham). Utility man Nigel Keen has re-signed for the club after a spell in South Africa, whilst David Bradford and John Butler have left the club.

Maidstone's Neil Ayrton has moved to Dagenham. A transfer fee has not yet been disclosed. Leaving the club to settle in Western Australia is Matt Stock.

Worcester City, former Arsendal and England winger George Armstrong has taken over as manager of Worcester City following the sacking of Bobby Shinton, who has moved to Weymouth as a player. Armstrong spent 17 years at Highbury, playing a record number of games for Arsenal, since when he has been assistant manager at Fulham (during the time when they gained promotion to the Second Division), a player at Trowbridge Town, assistant to Malcolm Allison at Middlesbrough and, prior to his move to Worcester, coach at Queen's Park Rangers. General manager during his spell with Trowbridge Town was Tony Senter, who now occupies a similar position at St. George's Lame.

Yeavil Town are interested in signing Fareham Town's 22-year-old striker Kevin Bartlett, who is rated by the Southern League club at £10,000. Huish boss Gerry Gow arranged a friendly in midweek to have a look at Bartlett in action and plans to look at him in action again this week. Defender Nigel Jarvis has left the club.

No V.P. Closed Shop Here! by Eric Fletcher

QUITE often, mulling over a pint in the VP bar after a match, the conversation sometimes gets round to discussing the merits of our own, as well as other, Vice Presidents' club.

We, as most of you know, welcome VP's of visiting clubs, and allow them to use our facilities, but unfortunately, this is not always reciprocated when we visit away teams. Places like Worcester, Scarborough, Runcom, Kidderminster, Bath, Dagenham, Barnet, Northwich, Nuneaton, Dartford and Frickley all have Vice Presidents clubs in which we are made more than welcome. The remainder either have no facilities, or if they have, treat them as a 'closed shop'.

To me, the 'closed shop' idea is beyond comprehension, for one of the ideas of our club is to make friends with other Vice Presidents, and so promote a good feeling withing the Gola League; but I fear this can never completely happen while there exists this 'us and them' attitude.

It is nice to have football back again, and it will be good to see the lads back on the winning streak once more. Here's hoping that in May, Wembley Stadium will be unrecognisable under a sea of blue and yellow!

The other teams results in which I look forward to hearing on a Sunday lunchtime are of course, our supporters club SGC Wealdstone who are going great guns at the moment; and stand a very good chance of promotion provided goalkeeper 'Hughie' keeps the 'clean sheet' going, and Justin keeps knocking them in! Incidentally anything nice said by me about these 'monkeys' is in hope that they'll let me travel to Barrow with them! (separately of course).

Players presentation time will be around very soon, and we in the VP Club have to choose our "merit award" player for this season, as well as the Football Supporters Club Player of the year. Thinking back over this season, they are going to be extremely difficult choices.

Incidentally, I have been asked, within future articles, to give pen-pictures of some of our Vice Presidents; but with names like "Skin Ed", "Wobbly", "Pork Pie" and "Sponge", the mind boggles.

REPLAY ON THURSDAY IF ...

WILL all our Supporters please note that if today's tie ends in a draw, the replay will be at Welling on THURSDAY NEXT, February 21st, kick-off 7.30 pm.

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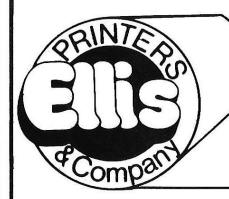
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TERRY JESSOP: Goalkeeper, aged 28, signed from Hastings United a year ago, and was formerly with Maidstone United.

COLIN FORD: Former Gillingham professional, signed 5 years ago at the age of 18, and has now made over 250 appearances for the club.

ADRIAN LEMOINE: Defender, signed from Maidstone shortly after the start of the current season. Had previously been a member of the Stones first team squad having progressed through their youth team.

PAUL SUMMERSBY: Defender, now in his fifth season at Welling, having began in the youth team at the age of 15. Established himself as a first team regular this season following injury to Ian Starkey early in October.

NIGEL RANSOM: Team Captain, long serving central defender, having joined Welling as a 15 year old over 11 years ago. Is now approaching his 500th game for the club.

RAY BURGESS: Midfielder, in his 13th season with the club having progressed through youth, reserve, and Intermediate football with Welling. Club Captain, recently made his 700th appearance. Aged 28.

STUART WHITE: Former Charlton and Gillingham apprentice, now in his 4th season with the club, during which time he has played over 150 games, and scored an average of 10 goals per year from a midfield position.

JOHN PARRY: Young midfielder who recently rejoined the club after a spell at Millwall where he was a regular in their Reserve Team. Aged 19.

TERRY WARREN: Striker, signed 4 years ago from Aveley, and was formerly with Tilbury. Has been a regular scorer since joining, and has netted 12 so far this season.

JOHN BARTLEY: Non-league football's most prolific scorer, signed from Maidstone at the end of november for a club record fee of £8,000. Was originally sold by Welling to Millwall for a £12,000 fee after netting over 400 goals for the Park View Road club. Aged 27.

ADRIAN FOLEY: Versatile player who joined 3 years ago after playing for Maidstone and Sutton united. Is the son of Millwall Ass/Manager Theo.

GARY ABBOTT: Another former youth team product, and a player who has filled in on several occasions this season with considerable success. 19 year old striker.

OUR RECORD AGAINST WELLING UNITED

WE have met Welling United only twice before, both matches taking place during the 1981/82 season in the Southern League (Southern Division).

The first of these encounters took place at Lower Mead on Tuesday 2nd March 1982 and ended all square 1-1. Paul Bowgett scored Wealdstone's goal after 66 minutes and Colin Ford equalised for our visitors seven minutes from time. In the return fixture at Welling's Park View Road Ground on Saturday 3rd April another draw resulted, this time 0-0.

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CLUB SHOP NEWS

MEETING OLD FRIENDS

IT was good to see a few familiar faces from Lower Mead at the Hendon Programme Fair a couple of weeks ago. The cold weather reduced the attendance considerably, but the dealers did α reasonable trade and several happy faces were in evidence as elusive gaps in collections were filled. I attempted to provide some variety with my display of Non-League lapel badges on sale, and even if my major sale of 40 badges was to one of the dealers, the morning was a good opportunity to meet some old friends. A date for your diary, if interested in such things, is Sunday, March 17th, when Harrow Borough hold their first Programme Fair at Earlsmead when six top dealers will be displaying their goods.

In the Club Shop we have the latest issue of "Pyramid Magazine" available. In contrast I must appologise for the temporary lack of both Club and Supporters Club lapel badges which have both sold out. A quote from the respective manufacturers gave a 100% mark-up on the original purchase price which would mean doubling our price to supporters. As a result I am seeking a new manufacturer, so I'm afraid visitors to our shop will have to make do with the other 130 Non-League clubs' badges on offer instead for a while.

There are still a few supporters who are paying instalments to the Kit Sponsorship scheme who have not let me know their intentions with regard to outstanding sums due. Could sponsors who wish to make further payments please call into the Club Shop tonight or on Saturday and see me? Of course I should also be delighted to see any new sponsors who can help us to complete the Sponsorship grid. This really is a useful source of funds for the club – all contributions are very welcome indeed!

TOBY JACKSON

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

GOOD AFTERNOON everyone and a warm welcome to Lower Mead, or should I say The Morritt Stadium? Personally, I think The Morritt Bowl has a certain ring to it. No doubt Welling Utd. supporters will wonder what I'm referring to although regular supporters will of course have read in the local press of plans to redevelop the ground. If, like me, you've read and heard this all before and are somewhat sceptical then I think you could be in for a surprise. Recent conversations with Chairman David Morritt have revealed how serious his intentions are and I understand matters are progressing fast. Obviously exciting times are ahead for us all.

Thanks to Hughie Marshall for his recent enlightening programme article on our F.A. Trophy pedigree – it amazes me that should we be successful today a place in the last 8 of the competition

awaits us. Usually we've had a good run if we make the last 64!

Like the 1st team, the Supporters' side have been experiencing problems with the weather. A friendly was played the other Thursday night against Northwick Park on Astroturf with our lads recording a 4-0 victory. Our back-four were in exceptionally good form notching a goal each. Paul Williams maintained his goal every other season record (at least he's as consistent as Ian Rush), Michael Kane's goal proves he's growing in stature every match, Mark Chamberlain repaid the Managements faith in sponsoring his recent operation and lastly, Brian Kelly proved that you can keep off the grass and still score.

Welling Utd's rise to senior status over the past decade or so makes quite phenomenal reading. Bearing in mind it was not so long ago that they were playing Sunday football the Club deserve full credit for the fact that they are today competing in the Southern League Premier Division and appearing in the last 16 of the F.A. Trophy. Is this a sign of things to come for SFC Wealdstone?

Lastly, The Supporters' Club are pleased to announce another donation of £600 to the parent club. This has only been achieved with your help and brings our total donations this season to £1630. Please continue to support our fund raising activities - thank you.

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When We Last Met....

WELLING United's last visit to Lower Mead was on Tuesday, March 2nd 1982, in a Southern League (South) fixture. At the time we were sitting in second place, five points behind Dorchester Town but with five games in hand. Welling were in ninth position, appearing in their first season of Southern League soccer, and having made great strides for a club formed only in 1963. Neil Cordice returned to the attack in place of injured Alan and Dennis Byatt also reclaimed his place after missing the previous game against Dunstable. After 60 minutes Paul Bowgett gave us the lead with a powerful header from a Stuart Pearce cross after earlier close misses from Roy Davies, then playing on the wing, and Robin Wainwright. Ray Goddard had already had to make a vital save from Welling's flying winger Tony Agana, but in the 82nd minute the visitors grabbed an equaliser when Colin Hardman handled and Colin Ward crashed in the resultant free kick.

Teams that night: Wealdstone: Goddard, Hardman, Pearce, Byatt, Bowgett, Barwick, Davies, Wainwright, Cordice N. Perkins, Knowles. Welling: Rogers, Ford, Leach, Starkey, Ransom,

Burgess, Townsend, Jones, Warre, Hall, Agana.

Wealdstone of course went on to clinch the League title in style from the grasps of Hastings United by a single point, having drawn the return game at Welling (0-0) a month after the game at Lower Mead. Welling were in fact one of only three teams that we failed to beat that season, the others being Dorchester Town and Addlestone, in our march to the title.

TOBY JACKSON

LEADING SCORERS

Gary Hooley (Frickley Athletic) heads the Gola League scorers with 23 goals, followed by Paul Culpin (Nuneaton) on 22, with our own Mark Graves in 4th spot with 19. In third place is Boston Utd's Bob Lee with 20.

Three in England Squad

THREE Wealdstone players, Paul Bowgett, Mark Graves and Alan Cordice have been included in a preliminary squad of 46 players for the England Non-League international side. England will meet Wales on Telford Utd's ground on Tuesday March 26th, 7.30 pm.

Two Newcomers

BRIAN HALL has recently added two more non-contract players to his squad in Hughie Dowe, α defender from Barking, and Jose Marques Ascemsao, from Portugal.

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		HO	ME	GO	GOALS			AWAY		GO	ALS		WEALDSTONE RESULTS	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pis	HOME	AWAY
Altrincham	29	9	2	3	24	10	7	2	6	19	15	43	W1-0	
Bath City	27	10	1	3	21	16	4	6	3	15	15	39	L0-1	L1-3
Kidderminster Harriers	28	7	3	5	29	23	6	3	4	23	21	38	W5-2	
Boston United	28	7	3	4	28	21	5	5	4	19	18	37	L0-1	D1-1
Scarborough	29	8	5	3	31	18	4	4	5	18	24	37		D1-1
WEALDSTONE	24	4	5	3	22	17	7	2	3	23	14	36		
Dartford	29	4	5	6	19	21	6	5	3	21	15	36	D0-0	W3-2
Northwich Victoria	29	5	2	6	13	14	6	6	4	24	20	36		W2-0
Enfield	24	8	5	1	33	18	4	2	4	23	19	35		L0-2
Runcorn	29	3	7	3	15	11	6	4	6	17	21	35		
Telford United	24	7	4	2	24	15	3	3	5	14	18	30	D2-2	L2-4
Kettering Town	27	5	5	3	20	15	4	3	7	23	29	30		
Maidstone United	27	8	3	2	25	14	2	4	8	11	22	29	D1-1	
Frickley Athletic	22	6	1	4	20	14	5	1	5	17	24	29		W2-0
Nuneaton Borough	27	7	6	0	28	12	1	5	8	12	20	28	W3-1	
Weymouth	26	7	1	6	28	24	2	7	3	20	20	28		W3-0
Barrow	27	3	8	3	19	15	3	5	5	13	17	28	D2-2	
Worcester City	28	5	3	7	22	25	3	4	6	19	32	26	D3-3	W4-0
Barnet	25	4	3	5	19	18	4	2	7	17	22	25	L1-2	
Dagenham	23	4	2	3	17	12	3	2	9	13	31	21		W2-1
Yeovil Town	28	3	5	8	20	26	1	1	10	10	33	15		W2-0
Gateshead	26	2	2	6	11	26	0	5	11	14	38	11	W4-2	

WEALDSTONE GOALSCORERS 1984/85

	GL	BLT	FAC	FAT	MSC	GFL	FR	TOTAL
Mark Graves	15		1	3	2	1	3	25
Gary Donnellan	4		2	-	1	2	5	14
Lee Holmes	4	-	3	-	1	3		11
Alan Cordice	7	-	1	1		-	1	10
Neil Cordice	3	4	2	-	1	2	2	10
Brian Greenaway	3	-	1	2	- 4	2	2	8
Paul Bowgett	1	1	1	1	15	-	1	5
Steve McCargo	3	-	1		0.50	-	1051	4
Vince Jones	E-	-		-	15	3	5	3
Nigel Johnson	2	-	100		-	1	181	3
Chris Dibble	2	122	-	-		2	-	2
Robin Wainwright	2	-	-	120	-	-	~	2
Dennis Byatt	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Roy Davies	-	9.7	170	0.50	1	-	-	1
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FIXTURES & RESULTS — SEASON 1984/85

Date		Opponents	Venue	Comp	Result	Scorers
Aug	18	Northwich Victoria	Away	GL	W 2-0	Graves, Holmes
Aug	21	Dartford	Home	GL	D 0-0	
Aug	25	Kidderminster Harriers	Home	GL	W 5-2	Wainwright, Holmes, Graves 3
Aug	27	Dagenham	Away	GL	W 2-1	Graves, Donnellan
Sep	1	Gateshead	Home	GL	W 4-2	Graves 2, Cordice (N), Holmes
Sep	8	Boston United	Away	GL	D 1-1	Greenaway
Sep	11	Nuneaton Borough	Home	GL	W 3-1	McCargo, Graves (pen), Bowgett
Sep	15	Hounslow	Away	FAC	W 5-2	Holmes, Greenaway, Donellan, Cordice (N), Bowgett
Sep	19	Yeovil Town	Away	GL	W 2-0	Graves, Byatt
Sep	22	Worcester City	Away	GL	W 4-0	Donellan, Cordice (A), Graves, Greenaway
Sep	25	Boston United	Home	GL	L 0-1	Cording (N) Holmas 2
Sep	29	Dunstable	Home	FAC	W 6-0	Graves (pen), Donnellan, Cordice (N), Holmes 2,
Oct	2	Dartford	Away	GL	W 3-2	McCargo, Cordice (N), Graves McCargo McCargo, Graves
Oct	6	Telford United	Home	GL	D 2-2	41000000000000000000000000000000000000
Oct	-9	Bath City	Away	GL	L 1-3	Johnson Outdies (A)
Oct	13	Gravs Athletic	Away	FAC	L 1-2	Cordice (A)
0ct	20	Worcester City	Home	GL	D 3-3	Cordice (A) 3 Cordice (A), Donnellan
Oct	27		Home	GL	D 2-2 L 2-4	Graves, Wainwright
Nov	3		Away	GL	L 1-2	9 (00.03 - 00.0000 00.000 00.000 00.000 00.000 00.000 00.000 00.000 00.000 00.0
Nov	6	Enfield	Home	BLT	151 531	Bowgett
Nov	10	Enfield	Away	GL MSC	L 0-2 W 3-2	Graves 2 (1 pen), Donnellan
Nov	17		Away Home	GL	L 0-1	Graves 2 (1 perly, Donnellan
Nov	24		Away	GĹ	W 3-0	Holmes, Graves 2
Dec	1		Away	UL.	W 2-0	Cardice (N), Greenaway
Dec	15	Frickley Athletic	Home	GL	W 1-0	Cordice (A)
Dec	29	William Street St. Comp. Participal	Home	GL	D 1-1	Donnellan
Jan	1	Barnet	Home	GL	L 1-2	Cordice (A)
Jan	5	Scarborough	Away	GL	D 1-1	Johnson
Jan	28	1000 to 1000 -	Away	FAT	D 0-0	
Jan	30	Harlow Town	Home	FAT	W 5-0	Greenaway, Graves 3, Cordice (A)
Feb	2	Wycombe Wanderers	Home	FAT	W 2-1	Bowgett, Greenaway (pen)
Feb	7	Hillingdon Boro	Home	MSC	W 3-2	Cordice (N). Holmes, Davies
Feb	9		Home	GL		2000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000
Feb	12	Enfield	Home	GL		
Feb	16	Kidderminster Harriers	Away	GL		
Feb	19	Frickley Athletic	Home	GL		
Feb	23	Welling United	Home	FAT		
Mar	2	Barrow	Away	GL		
Mar	9	Altrincham	Away	GL		
Mar	16		Home	GL		
Mar	19		Home	GL		
Mar	23		Home	GI		
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Apr	6	Northwich Victoria	Home	GL GL		
Apr	8		Away Away	GL		
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