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EDITORIAL

A magazine for supporters' of Wycombe Wanderers F C has been in the pipeline for several months, and now it's finally appeared. Last season in the Gola League we came across a number of clubs who produced such efforts for their own supporters. In some cases these publications were an improvement on their matchday programme but in every case offered a genuine supporters view of the game.

As one of the best supported non-League sides in this area it seems only natural that we should have our own magazine. In the past, in addition to the matchday programme, the supporter has been able to buy various publications, ranging from Rothmans Football News and Around Football to the excellent Non-League Digest. Sadly all these have ceased to function for varying reasons. The situation was complicated even further in the close season as 'Pyramid' magazine decided to cease sales to Club Shops and continue on a subscription only basis at a highly inflated price. It is not the intention of this magazine to try and match these publications for non-League news but to provide a blend of views, news and statistics from the Club with the latest news from the 'big four' leagues. In addition a complete results service has been provided for the Premier Division of the Vauxhall Opel League with the forthcoming fixtures also listed on the back page.

As with any publication of this nature its success is largely dependant on the response from the reader. This debut issue is in effect only a pilot issue, its format may well change in future issues depending on the contributions received and sales achieved. If you have any thoughts please drop a line to the above address. Remember this magazine is for supporters by supporters - A club can't survive without them.

Well thankfully that's the preaching over with and now on to the serious stuff. Paul Lewis

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FROM THE TERRACES

by Simon Burrage.

Sitting down to write an assessment of WWFC's first couple of months of the new season, it is difficult to express anything other than sheer admiration and appreciation for the way the Club responded to its potentially disastrous drop back into the Isthmian League. Quite honestly, ever since that horrific Sunday afternoon at Runcorn last May, and even up until seeing a Wycombe side lose 3-1 to Buckingham Town in a pre season practice game at Bisham Abbey in August, the prospect of watching Vauxhall-Opel League football for 9 months was not particularly appealing. By experiencing a season in the Gola League (no I'm not going to keep apologising for referring to leagues by their old names!) we inevitably came to regard the Isthmian as being, frankly, second rate. I had visions of us playing home VOL games this season in front of crowds in the region of 300 with the Club making only a half-hearted attempt to regain promotion, perhaps hanging around 6th to 8th place in the table during the season. Indeed, we may well have had those kind of attendances, but WWFC suddenly began to display the kind of aggressive ambition that had arguably, been conspicuously absent during the latter stages of the last campaign (though admittedly it must be very difficult to attract new, quality players to a struggling club in the last months of a season). Not only was the team purposefully and ambitiously re-constructed during the season, but shortly after the season started the Club launched 'LeagueLine', its new promotional scheme. Those of us who were present at the launch at the Town Hall (a very impressive 'do' that was too) just after the eighth consecutive league win could not help but feel the Club was riding on a crest of a wave - a quite remarkable transformation from how we all felt last May.

Of the players that left during the close season, Anton Vircavs was undoubtedly the biggest loss. He was not just a good centre-half, he was a popular Club Captain as well; he always cared about the team's performance as much as his own, and led by example on the field. But his reasons for leaving were understandable, and we did at least get a nice, fat fee for him, even if Cheltenham and a certain local paper tried to imply that he'd been flogged as some kind of special offer with a free glass tumbler thrown in. Bob Dell also pulled in a fair sized cheque from our friends at Harrow; he always had his critics around Loakes Park, and perhaps with some justification at times, but he did more than enough in his time for Wycombe Wanderers to deserve a good deal of respect from Blues fans. It was interesting, and quite amusing, that WWFC refused to reveal the sum that Harrow paid - only for the figure to be slapped onto everyone's TV screens on Oracle teletext. £1500, Oracle said (that will do nicely sir) but the figure had increased to £1750 by the time the Harrow Observer reported on Borough's star acquisition. (Age-old question - does a football club's supporters have the right to know kind of details about their financial dealings?). We were all sorry to see Simon Read leave but this was inevitable with his moving home to Farnborough; despite all our jokes about his sleeping habits, he was (and still is) a very sharp, skillful and

intelligent striker, (What a relief he didn't score against us for Farnborough though),

A legion of new faces began the new season in Blue shirts, some of whom established themselves in the team immediately, some of whom who have yet to establish themselves fully, and some of who perhaps will never establish themselves and will move on to other clubs in due course. Belonging to the first category, of course, are Barrett & Ashford, the 'star' signings from Enfield. I suspect that I was not alone in being impressed, not to mention surprised that WWFC had forked out the readies (£8,000 for the pair was reported in one national paper) and captured the services of two such well known and successful non-League footballers. England semi-professional internationals! Not the least surprising element was that two players of their reputation should even want to leave Enfield for Wycombe! Both live in Essex, which obviously means they have further to travel for home games than they do for most of our away games; apparently they do not travel to Wycombe for training sessions, which is understandable, though one wonders if it may at some stage cause a little resentment amongst other members, (do they feel like 'outsiders' just turning up for matches?) In any case, Keith Barrett has proved a more than adequate replacement for Anton, though you couldn't find two more contrasting central defenders. If Anton could be described as a non-League Terry Butcher, is Keith our Franz Beckenbauer?! (No I don't mean he speaks with a German accent and wears funny trousers), As for Noel Ashford, ask Andy (a.k.a 'Tannoy Man') what Blues fans think of him. Incidentally, does anyone actually listen when he reads the teams out before a match? When our No.10 was recently announced simply as 'God' not one of more senior clientelle that populate the 'cowshed' so much as raised an eyebrow! The only surprise with Noel has been that he hasn't (yet) been scoring many goals, though I would hasten to add that this is no criticism in itself as he has been directly responsible for setting up so many of the goals the team has scored, as I'm sure Mark West would testify. Noel's ability to beat defenders and cross the ball from the goal-line looks almost effortless, and the accuracy of his crosses is quite astounding. He flights the ball onto 'Westie's head as frequently as Roy Fairchild used to slice it onto the terraces - and no, I probably wouldn't make that remark if Roy wasn't on the other side of the world,

Kevin Durham has looked a very useful signing from Oxford City. Strong and difficult to dispossess, he beats opponents with a deceptive turn of pace and gives our midfield a very welcome creative edge (or did, until his injury). Obviously there is not enough time or space for me to comment on every player here (who's interested in what I think anyway?) but I can't finish this particular section without mentioning Byron Walton. Our Byron! I don't think it would be unkind to suggest that he probably isn't the world's most skilful striker but at our level he can certainly be effective. Whether or not GMVC defences would be troubled by his style is a different matter, but he has posed quite a few problems for VOL sides, and anyone who puts as much effort into each 90 minutes for the cause of Wycombe Wanderers as Byron is OK by me!

As for the matches themselves, everything was plain sailing - up until Farnborough and Yeovil spoilt the fun. Winning all three pre-season friendlies against GMVC opposition was nice; winning the first eight league games was quite superb. The first two wins, over Croydon and Kingstonian, didn't (in my opinion) give much indication of the success which was to follow. I was pleased with the victory at Walthamstow though - many a talented Wycombe side has fallen there in the past but, having conceded an early goal, the team fought hard and played some decent football to earn the points. Byron's winner was a gem, inevitably created by Noel's perfect cross. It was also satisfying to exact some revenge on Windsor for the two defeats they dished out to us in our last Isthmian season. Bognor Regis, though appearing to be a fair side, were quite miserable in their failure to take advantage of Gary Lester's injury and even scored our winning goal!

A September Tuesday evening at Hayes always used to be an annual date with boredom and defeat, but Byron's own personal victory over his old team-mates gave us a very enjoyable evening, and capped a good team performance. Four days later the 4-nil win at Bromley was simply a joy for any Blues fan to behold. How gratifying to leave an away ground after seeing Wycombe trounce the opposition and overhearing home supporters murmuring phrases like "men against boys" and "outclassed". Even Bromley's local paper headlined their match report "WONDERFUL WYCOMBE" and suggested that not even the mighty Yeovil would catch us in the race for promotion. (Just wait till we hit a bad patch and all the usual moaning and groaning will start again and wondering why we're not playing like we did in August and September).

The visit of St. Albans drew a 1,000 plus crowd, most of whom went away happy with a 3-nil victory. Some who weren't happy however were various Wycombe players who ended the evening on the injured list - notably Kevin Durham who suffered as a result of a very clumsy tackle (polite football language) and hasn't played since. To what extent these injuries were factors in our downfall against Farnborough is difficult to assess from the terraces, but none of the casualties who returned to the side the day seemed anywhere near their best, although it was good to see Dave Burgess back after his knee operation.

And so to Yeovil, "the one we had been waiting for" (likewise Yeovil). Was that really a Vauxhall-Opel League game we were at? It all seemed rather unreal - a crowd in excess of 3,000, strictly segregated by police, in a stadium which really should have been entertaining 3rd or 4th Division football years ago, three (official) coachloads of Wycombe supporters and one (very unofficial) coachload of Chelsea ('Wycombe') hooligans. I don't remember it ever being like that at Leytonstone or Walthamstow! As for the match itself, I was disappointed (of course) with the result but encouraged in other respects. Quite frankly, I had gone there expecting Yeovil's super-expensive, massively-supported team to scare the daylights out of me, but I felt our lads matched them in every department and that they were very fortunate to take all 3 points. Having said that, I can't see many VOL sides taking points off them this season - the question is, can Wycombe Wanderers keep up with them over the next seven months.



With results beginning to even themselves out at the top of the Premier Division at the other end of the table Walthamstow Avenue, with new manager Trevor Harvey, have seen their problems escalate. Having lost all their opening nine league games as well as losing 4-0 to Leytonstone/Ilford (tenants of their Green Pond Lane ground) in the A C Delco Cup and losing 4-1 at Harwich & Parkeston in the F A Cup they had the indignity of having their ground closed by the League following an inspection of the playing surface that revealed heavy rutting and several deep holes. The ground has now been re-opened following extensive work although on the playing side considerably more extensive work is necessary to halt the slide of this once famous club. The club has recently reverted to amateur status to try and curb debts totalling £50,000.

At the other end of the scale, free spending Yeovil Town announced they had taken £11,000 in season ticket sales. Manager Gerry Gow, who spent £22,000 on transfers last season to ensure second place in the league, has been busy again spending £4,000 on Ricky Chandler from Bath & £2,000 on Carl Zachhau from Walthamstow to compliment former Charlton defender Phil Ferns and former Bristol City team mate Don Gilles, who were both obtained on free transfers.

Other transfer news includes the sale of Paul Williams of Dulwich Hamlet to Enfield for £3,000 while Sutton United have paid Croydon £5,000 for central defender Stuart Hemsley. Part of the money from this latter deal has gone to improve the floodlights at the Croydon Sports Arena.

On the subject of floodlights both Windsor and Worthing had their lights declared inadequate by the league at the start of the season. Windsor managed to brighten theirs without much delay but Worthing, also with seating problems, have still to play a midweek game at Woodside Road - using Brighton's ground on one occasion and Bognor's on others.

Moving on to other clubs who are improving their grounds this season, Carshalton Athletic have carried out extensive work on their Colston Avenue ground. Included in the work is a new stand, improved pitch, new pathways, improved clubhouse facilities and additional carparking. Behind all this work is Chairman Trevor Cripps who recently bought the ground. Hitchin Town have also been at work modernising their ground with work carried out in the dressing rooms and in the stand. Also on show is a new Café and a new concrete walkway.

The VAUXHALL-OPEL



League

Tables

PREMIER DIVISION:

	Pl.	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Yeovil Town	10	8	2	0	16	5	26
Wycombe Wanderers	10	8	0	2	23	8	24
Farnborough Town	11	7	1	3	27	19	22
Bognor Regis Town	10	5	4	1	21	12	19
Barking	10	5	3	2	21	11	18
Slough Town	9	5	2	2	19	9	17
Hendon	9	5	2	2	13	11	17
Bishop's Stortford	10	4	3	3	15	14	15
Windsor & Eton	11	4	3	4	10	13	15
Croydon	10	4	2	4	13	16	14
Harrow Borough	9	3	3	3	13	8	12
Hayes	9	3	3	3	11	13	12
Carshalton Athletic	9	3	3	3	8	10	12
Tooting & Mitcham U.	11	3	2	6	11	9	11
Dulwich Hamlet	8	3	1	4	12	12	10
Kingstonian	9	3	1	5	9	11	10
Hitchin Town	10	3	1	6	12	18	10
Wokingham Town	10	3	1	6	10	16	10
Worthing	9	2	2	5	14	20	8
Bromley	9	2	2	5	10	20	8
St. Albans City	10	2	1	7	10	19	7
Walthamstow Avenue	9	0	0	9	3	27	0

DIVISION ONE:

	Pl.	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Bracknell Town	9	6	2	1	22	7	20
Uxbridge	8	5	2	1	14	6	17
Basildon United	9	5	1	3	17	11	16
Grays Athletic	8	5	1	2	15	11	16
Leatherhead	9	4	3	2	12	9	15
Wembley	9	4	3	2	12	9	15
Kingsbury Town	7	4	2	1	14	7	14
Finchley	9	4	2	3	10	10	14
Boreham Wood	8	4	2	2	7	7	14
Southwick	8	4	1	3	16	11	13
Leytonstone Ilford	8	4	1	3	14	9	13
Staines Town	9	3	4	2	12	9	13
Oxford City	10	3	3	4	13	15	12
Leyton Wingate	7	2	5	0	5	2	11
Billericay Town	10	3	2	5	11	12	11
Hampton	9	3	2	4	7	8	11
Tilbury	8	3	0	5	10	13	9
Lewes	9	2	2	5	8	17	8
Stevenage Borough	5	2	0	3	11	13	6
Walton & Her sham	8	1	2	5	8	12	5
Epsom & Ewell	10	0	3	7	5	24	3
Maidenhead United	9	0	1	8	7	28	1

DIVISION TWO NORTH:

	Pl.	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Chaesham United	8	6	1	1	16	7	19
Aveley	9	4	4	1	16	12	16
Vauxhall Motors	9	5	1	3	15	11	16
Heybridge Swifts	8	4	2	2	14	8	14
Saffron Walden Tn.	6	4	1	1	12	5	13
Berkhamsted Town	8	3	4	1	14	12	13
Wivenhoe Town	11	3	3	5	19	17	12
Haringey Borough	6	3	2	1	16	7	11
Ware	6	3	2	1	9	6	11
Hornchurch	7	2	5	0	10	8	11
Harlow Town	6	3	1	2	9	7	10
Wolverton Town	5	3	1	1	5	3	10
Barton Rovers	7	2	3	2	9	7	9
Collier Row	8	2	2	4	8	10	8
Hertford Town	8	2	2	4	9	12	8
Tring Town	8	2	2	4	9	13	8
Royston Town	7	1	4	2	7	15	7
Hemel Hempstead	6	1	3	2	10	10	6
Rainham Town	6	1	2	3	7	12	5
Clapton	8	0	4	4	4	10	4
Letchworth G.C.	7	0	3	4	7	15	3
Cheshunt	8	0	2	6	5	23	2

DIVISION TWO SOUTH:

	Pl.	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts.
Marlow	8	8	0	0	22	5	24
Hungerford Town	8	6	1	1	12	4	19
Woking	8	5	1	2	18	8	16
Chalfont St. Peter	8	5	1	2	17	15	16
Egham Town	9	4	3	2	14	12	15
Harefield Utd.	7	4	2	1	16	6	14
Ruislip Manor	7	4	1	2	17	11	13
Feltham	6	4	0	2	13	3	12
Banstead Athletic	7	3	3	1	9	4	12
Camberley Town	9	4	0	5	16	17	12
Dorking	6	3	2	1	11	5	11
Whyteleafe	8	2	3	3	12	13	9
Metropolitan Police	8	2	2	4	18	18	8
Southall	9	2	2	5	8	14	8
Chertsey Town	6	1	4	1	4	3	7
Newbury Town	7	1	3	3	7	10	6
Flackwell Heath	7	1	3	3	5	10	6
Horsham	7	1	2	4	10	9	5
Petersfield Utd.	8	1	1	6	10	31	4
Eastbourne Utd.	7	0	1	6	4	14	1
Molesey	8	0	1	7	3	34	1

LEADING GOALSCORERS

(League & League Cup)

- 11.. Mark West (Wycombe)
- 8.. Jimmy Brown (Slough)
- Micky Edmonds (Worthing)
- 7.. Paul Morris (Harrow)
- Colin Tate (Hendon)
- Carl Zachhau (Yeovil)

LEADING ATTENDANCES

(at each club - top six)

- 3169 YEOVIL v Wycombe
- 1161 WYCOMBE v Farnborough
- 830 FARNBOROUGH v Yeovil
- 757 WINDSOR v Slough
- 757 ST ALBANS v Yeovil
- 633 HAYES v Wycombe

SEASON BY SEASON

1976-7

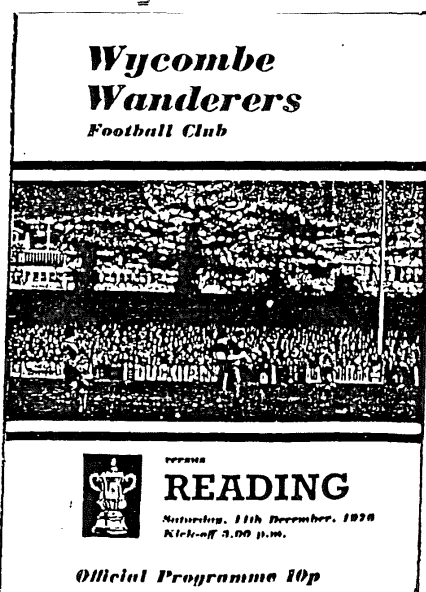
1976/77 saw Ted Powell in his first season as manager at Loakes Park having taken over from present chairman Brian Lee. The usual turnover of players included the departure of John Delaney and Geoff Anthony, who both joined Hayes, and Terry Reardon to Slough. The new faces included Bobby Davies and Ian Pearson who soon became a firm favourite with the crowd and by the end of the season had 46 goals to his credit.

After a quiet start to the season (despite a Pearson hat-trick in his first game) fortunes improved when striker Howard Kettleborough was signed. A run of 16 games with just one defeat took us to the top of the league and also into the 2nd Round Proper of the F A Cup. Also during this period a testimonial game for Tony Horseman and John Maskell against a Past XI saw 3000 people witness the current side winning by the odd goal in nine.

In the F A Cup, after two tough games against Southern League opposition we earned ourselves a tie with 3rd Division neighbours Reading. On the day, however, the frozen pitch was not to our liking and we bowed out in front of a crowd of 7747. At the turn of the year we were still in the title race but after a win at Barnet our F A Trophy hopes were ended at Runcorn, despite a brilliant display by 'keeper, John Maskell.

We progressed to the 4th Round of the League Cup before losing at Staines after extra time meanwhile in the County Cup there was a major upset when we lost at Hungerford. There was another surprise when Ted Powell was sacked after applying for a coaching job overseas. John Reardon took over for the remainder of the season but had the disappointment of seeing the Club finish runners-up to Enfield for the second year running.

Ian Pearson (later to sign for Millwall) was leading scorer, followed by Howard Kettleborough (21) and Mick Holifield (13). Pearson (65), Keith Mead (62) and Bobby Davies (60) made the most appearances and the average home attendance at league matches was 1270.



PROGRAMME:

20 glossy pages/10 adverts for 10p. A large format programme was issued for the Past v Present game - 16 glossy pages/20p.

1976-77

Division I	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Enfield	42	24	12	6	63	34	84
Wycombe Wanderers	42	25	8	9	71	34	83
Dagenham	42	23	10	9	80	39	79
Hendon	42	19	10	13	60	48	67
Tilbury	42	18	13	11	57	49	67
Tooting & Mitcham	42	18	10	14	85	72	64
Walthamstow Avenue	42	19	7	16	61	55	64
Slough Town	42	18	9	15	51	46	63
Hitchin Town	42	19	6	17	60	66	63
Leatherhead	42	18	7	17	61	47	61
Staines Town	42	16	13	13	52	48	61
Leytonstone	42	16	11	15	59	57	59
Barking	42	16	9	17	63	61	57
Southall & Ealing Borough	42	15	8	19	52	64	53
Croydon	42	13	10	19	38	52	49
Sutton United	42	14	7	21	40	55	49
Kingstonian	42	13	7	22	45	60	46
Hayes	42	12	10	20	49	69	46
Woking	42	11	12	19	47	61	45
Bishop's Stortford	42	11	11	20	51	71	44
Dulwich Hamlet	42	11	8	23	52	68	41
Ilford	42	10	8	24	32	73	38

RESULTS FOR SEASON 1976-1977

07/08/76	Derby County	Fr	H	L	0-2	28/12/76	Croydon	RIL	H	W	3-0
10/08/76	Wimbledon	Fr	H	W	2-1	01/01/77	Dagenham	RIL	A	L	1-2
13/08/76	Spennymoor United	Fr	H	W	2-1	08/01/77	Enfield	RIL	H	D	0-0
14/08/76	Redditch United	Fr	H	W	5-2	15/01/77	Barnet	FAT 1	A	W	1-0
17/08/76	Dunstable Town	Fr	H	W	5-1	18/01/77	Wokingham Town	Fr	H	W	5-0
21/08/76	Tooting & Mitcham Unit	RIL	H	W	4-2	22/01/77	Chesham United	B&B 3	A	W	2-1
24/08/76	Hayes	RIL	H	L	0-1	25/01/77	R.A.F.	Fr	H	W	4-0
28/08/76	Dulwich Hamlet	RIL	A	W	1-0	29/01/77	Molesey	Fr	H	W	3-0
31/08/76	Hendon	RIL	A	L	0-3	05/02/77	Runcorn	FAT 2	A	L	1-2
04/09/76	Dagenham	RIL	H	L	1-2	08/02/77	Leatherhead	RIL	H	D	1-1
06/09/76	Southall & Ealing Boro	RIL	A	W	2-1	12/02/77	Barking	RIL	A	W	2-0
11/09/76	Enfield	RIL	A	W	2-0	19/02/77	Tilbury	RIL	H	D	0-0
14/09/76	Staines Town	RIL	H	W	3-2	22/02/77	Carshalton Athletic	Fr	H	L	1-3
18/09/76	Hitchin Town	RIL	H	L	0-1	26/02/77	Leytonstone	RIL	A	W	3-1
21/09/76	Kingstonian	RIL	A	W	3-1	05/03/77	Hungerford Town	B&B 5/F	A	L	1-2
23/09/76	Burnham	Fr	H	W	2-1	08/03/77	Marlow	Fr	H	W	3-0
25/09/76	Bishops Stortford	RIL	H	D	2-2	12/03/77	Woking	RIL	A	W	3-0
28/09/76	Kingstonian	RIL	H	W	2-0	15/03/77	Kingstonian	RSC 3	H	W	3-0
02/10/76	Walthamstow Avenue	RIL	H	W	4-0	19/03/77	Bishops Stortford	RIL	A	D	1-1
06/10/76	Hayes	RIL	A	W	1-0	26/03/77	Sutton United	RIL	H	W	3-0
09/10/76	Ilford	RIL	A	D	1-1	29/03/77	Ilford	RIL	H	W	4-0
12/10/76	Hendon	RIL	H	W	1-0	02/04/77	Croydon	RIL	A	L	0-1
16/10/76	Slough Town	RIL	A	L	2-3	09/04/77	Hitchin Town	RIL	A	W	2-1
23/10/76	Tilbury	RIL	A	W	2-0	16/04/77	Leytonstone	RIL	H	W	1-0
26/10/76	Staines Town	RIL	A	D	1-1	18/04/77	Staines Town	RSC 4	A	L	1-3
28/10/76	Oxford University	Fr	H	W	4-0	21/04/77	Slough Town	RIL	H	W	1-0
30/10/76	Leatherhead	RIL	A	D	0-0	23/04/77	Barking	RIL	H	W	3-0
06/11/76	Merthyr Tydfil	FAC 40	H	W	3-1	26/04/77	Walthamstow Ave	RIL	A	L	2-3
09/11/76	Leatherhead	RSC 2	H	W	1-0	30/04/77	Tooting & Mitcham	RIL	A	W	3-2
13/11/76	Woking	RIL	H	W	1-0	07/05/77	Dulwich Hamlet	RIL	H	W	3-1
15/11/76	Wycombe Wanderers Past	Fr	H	W	5-4	09/05/77	Maltese Falcons	Fr	H	W	10-0
20/11/76	Waterlooville	FAC 1	A	W	2-1	13/05/77	Altrincham	Fr	H	W	2-1
27/11/76	Sutton United	RIL	A	L	0-1	17/05/77	Oxford United	Fr	H	L	0-1
04/12/76	Southall & Ealing Boro	RIL	H	W	2-0	20/05/77	Gateshead	Fr	H	D	1-1
11/12/76	Reading	FAC 2	H	L	1-2	09/06/77	Rimini (Italy)	Tour	A	L	2-4
21/12/76	Watford	Fr	H	W	2-0						

SEASON SUMMARY 1976-1977

COMPETITION	PLAY	WON	DRAW	LOST	FOR	AGA
Rothmans Isthmian League	42	25	8	9	71	34
F.A. Challenge Cup	3	2	0	1	6	4
F.A. Challenge Trophy	2	1	0	1	2	2
Berks & Bucks F.A. Cup	2	1	0	1	3	3
R.I.L. Subsidiary Cup	3	2	0	1	5	3
Friendly	18	14	1	3	56	18
Tour	1	0	0	1	2	4



The battle for the title in the GMVC looks like being one of the closest fought contests for many seasons. Just five points separate the top six clubs in the quest for a place in the Fourth Division next season. Surprise package this season are Barnet who currently lead the table with 26 points ahead of a pack of four clubs on 24 points. Amongst those chasing clubs

are Enfield who are many peoples choice for the promotion spot, indeed in an early season poll of the twenty two Conference manger's, ten chose Enfield - those at Altrincham, Barnet, Boston, Cheltenham, Kettering, Kidderminster, Northwich, Nuneaton, Scarborough and Stafford. Nine went for Altrincham - those at Bath, Dagenham, Enfield, Frickley, Gateshead, Sutton, Telford, Wealdstone and Weymouth. Two chose Weymouth (Runcorn and Maidstone) and Welling went for Scarborough.

Another poll, conducted amongst Fourth Division managers, proved slightly less conclusive. Once again Enfield were favourites with six votes, Altrincham second choice with four, Maidstone and Kidderminster with two, and one a piece for Boston, Kettering and Scarborough. Of the remaining votes sought, four managers were 'unavailable', one 'hadn't thought about it', another chose not to commit himself, and one was honest enough to state that he didn't know which clubs were involved. Three managers added that they hoped that the Conference club would not replace their own.

At the other of the table the three newcomers to the league, Sutton United, Welling United and Gateshead, have made slow starts to the season. Gateshead, managed by former Newcastle, Leeds and Birmingham player, Terry Hibbit are one place off the bottom and have attracted just over 300 fans to each of their home games. Welling's gates on the other hand have doubled since last season to around the 750 mark but have just one win to their credit this season (beating Weymouth 5-0 at home). United have recently sold their top scorer John Bartley to his old club Maidstone United for a record five figure fee. Ex-Isthmians, Sutton United have improved in recent games and should be strengthened by the return of striker Paul McKinnon after his spell playing football in Sweden.

Still at the wrong of the table, Wealdstone had a nightmare start to the season with just two points taken from their first five games. The opening day of the season saw 'The Stones' lose 3-0 at home to Stafford (all the goals coming in the last 15 minutes). The after match reaction from the Wealdstone manager, Brian Hall, must surely be the quote of the month "At the end of the day I would have settled for a point before the game".



Up to and including Wednesday 1st October 1986

TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Barnet	12	9	2	1	31	10	29
2 Maidstone United	14	8	3	3	24	13	27
3 Altrincham	13	7	4	2	20	15	25
4 Enfield	13	7	3	3	21	14	24
5 Scarborough	12	7	2	3	15	11	23
6 Bath City	14	6	4	4	21	19	22
7 Telford United	12	5	4	3	19	20	19
8 Weymouth	13	6	1	6	20	22	19
9 Cheltenham Town	12	5	3	4	18	14	18
10 Boston United	14	5	3	6	24	25	18
11 Runcorn	13	5	3	5	24	25	18
12 Frickley Athletic	14	4	5	5	21	25	17
13 Sutton United	11	4	4	3	16	13	16
14 Stafford Rangers	10	4	3	3	18	12	15
15 Kidderminster Harr	12	5	0	7	26	29	15
16 Nuneaton Borough	14	3	5	6	15	23	14
17 Kettering Town	12	3	4	5	16	19	13
18 Dagenham	14	3	3	8	18	24	12
19 Wealdstone	14	2	5	7	11	20	11
20 Gateshead	12	3	2	7	16	30	11
21 Northwich Victoria	12	1	6	5	14	18	9
22 Welling United	11	1	3	7	18	25	6

LEADING GOALSCORERS

(League only)

- 16..Kim Casey (Kidderminster)
- 8..Paul Bodin (Bath)
- Steve Butler (Maidstone)
- 7..Mark Carter (Runcorn)
- Mark Golley (Sutton)
- Steve Mahoney (Barnet)
- Chris Townsend (Cheltenham)

LEADING ATTENDANCES

(at each club - top six)

- 2140 BARNET v Maidstone
- 1474 ALTRINCHAM v Scarborough
- 1451 STAFFORD v Kidderminster
- 1353 TELFORD v Cheltenham
- 1302 BOSTON v Enfield
- 1295 MAIDSTONE v Wealdstone



SOUTHERN LEAGUE NEWS

Aylesbury United have been fined another £1,000 by the Southern League for failing to have their new stadium, in the Buckingham Road, open in time for their first home match of the season. Last October 'The Ducks' were fined £5,000 for failing to meet an earlier deadline. Floodlighting problems caused the new delay, however, they did make it for their second game and have since made an impressive start to the season with 4 wins and 3 draws from their opening eight games. Their only defeat so far was in their first game at ex-Gola Leaguers, Dartford, who themselves began well under the guidance of new manager Peter Taylor but have slipped in recent games to allow Fisher Athletic to take over at the top spot.

Returning to Aylesbury, their first ever game under the Buckingham Road lights took place in front of a gate of 645 who saw 'The Ducks' defeat Corby 2-0. Another large gate (740) also saw a 4-1 victory over Chelmsford City. A ground record gate of 897 saw a 2-0 victory over Harefield Utd in a midweek F A Cup replay - in the first game at Harefield, Aylesbury had fifteen year old Jason Edworthy in goal in place of Keith Baker who was attending a wedding. Aylesbury drew 2-2 after leading 2-0 at half-time.

Buckingham Town, who beat Wycombe 3-1 in a pre-season friendly at Bisham Abbey, have found the move from the United Counties League to the Midland Division of the Southern League a hard transition. Manager Gary Knibbs is hoping to make a couple of signings to halt his side's slide. Buckingham have won only one of their opening seven league games.

PREMIER DIVISION

up to and including Saturday 27th September 1986

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fisher Athletic	8	6	1	1	17	4	19
Dartford	10	6	1	3	16	11	19
Chelmsford City	9	5	3	1	11	8	18
Alvechurch	9	5	1	3	16	10	16
Bromsgrove Rovers	8	4	3	1	21	9	15
Crawley Town	8	4	3	1	20	12	15
Aylesbury United	8	4	3	1	16	9	15
Witney Town	9	4	2	3	9	7	14
Basingstoke Town	9	3	4	2	9	11	13
Fareham Town	7	3	3	1	20	12	12
Worcester City	9	3	2	4	10	11	11
Shephed Charterhouse ...	8	3	2	3	6	10	11
King's Lynn	9	2	4	3	9	10	10
Cambridge City	7	2	3	2	7	6	9
Folkestone	8	2	2	4	6	9	8
Redditch United	7	2	2	3	9	13	8
Corby Town	8	2	2	4	6	11	8
Bedworth United	8	2	1	5	11	13	7
Gosport Borough	7	1	2	4	5	9	5
Willenhall Town	8	1	2	5	6	15	5
Dudley Town	8	1	2	5	5	19	5
Salisbury	8	0	2	6	5	21	2

Worcester City, another club desperate to return to the GMVC have a new manager in the form of George Rooney who was assistant to John King at Altrincham for the past two years and started the season at Rhyl.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

(League & League Cup)
 8, P Hercules (Aylesbury)
 6, G Julians (Crawley)
 5, C Botterill (Aylesbury)
 W Cameron (Basingstoke)
 C Hanks (Bromsgrove)

THE MULTIPART LEAGUE

The Multipart League has now received 18 applications for membership of the new 2nd Division to commence in season 1987/88. League Chairman, Ken Marsden, states that "he is pleased with the support demonstrated and with automatic promotion and relegation between the two divisions, coupled with the offer of automatic promotion and relegation between the 2nd Division and the North West Counties and Northern Counties Leagues, the pyramid of senior non-League football in the North of England should finally be completed."

The clubs from whom applications have been received are - Accrington Stanley, Ashton Utd, Curzon Ashton, Droylsden, Eastwood Town, Irlam Town, Lancaster City, Leek Town, Netherfield, Penrith, Stalybridge Celtic and Winsford Utd (all from the North West Counties) plus Alfreton Town, Belper Town, Harrogate Town and Sutton Town (all from the Northern Counties East).

On the playing side this season last season's European Cup Winners Cup heroes, Bangor City, are currently heading the Multipart League with ten wins and two draws from their opening thirteen games. The Welsh club recently ended Rhyl's unbeaten league record, winning 1-0 in front of a 1,000 plus home gate. Leading the scoring for Bangor and the Multipart League is Carl Dale, with 10 goals. Also near the top of the table are South Liverpool, who themselves have been in the news with their Holly Park ground being featured in recent episodes of Channel 4's 'Brookside'.

Barrow, relegated from the Gola League last season are finding the going tough with four wins and seven defeats from their first eleven games. They also had no luck in the F A Cup as they crashed at home to Northern Leaguers, Eastington Colliery 3-0 in the 1st Qualifying Round.

LEAGUE TABLE UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 1986

<u>POS.</u>	<u>CLUB.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>P</u>
1	Bangor City	13	10	2	1	27	11	32
2	Macclesfield Town	13	8	3	2	26	17	27
3	Marine	12	7	2	3	23	13	23
4	South Liverpool	12	6	5	1	16	6	23
5	Morecambe	11	5	5	1	17	12	20
6	Caernarfon Town	10	5	3	2	15	8	18
7	Rhyl	11	4	5	2	15	11	17
8	Matlock Town	12	5	1	6	18	23	16
9	Goole Town	10	4	3	3	14	14	15
10	Southport	9	4	2	3	12	8	14
11	Gainsborough Trinity	10	4	2	4	16	13	14
12	Oswestry Town	11	4	2	5	9	12	14
13	Mossley	9	3	4	2	12	8	13
14	Chorley	11	3	3	5	13	19	12
15	Barrow	11	4	0	7	13	20	12
16	Worksop Town	10	3	2	5	10	18	11
17	Hyde United	9	3	1	5	14	18	10
18	Witton Albion	12	3	1	8	16	26	10
19	Burton Albion	9	2	3	4	7	11	9
20	Buxton	9	1	3	5	8	9	6
21	Horwich	12	1	3	8	10	23	6
22	Workington	10	0	3	7	5	16	3

CUP FIXTURES

F A Trophy 1st Qual(selection)

Saturday 4 October 1986

Aylesbury U	v	Billericay
BOGNOR R	v	Ashford T
Chesham Utd	v	Erith & B
Harlow T	v	HENDON
HAYES	v	Canterbury
KINGSTONIAN	v	Finchley
Maidenh'd U	v	Clandown
ST ALBANS	v	Banbury Utd
Tilbury	v	HITCHIN T
WALTHAMSTOW	v	Wembley
Woking	v	TOOTING

F A Trophy 2nd Qual

Saturday 1 November 1986

F A Trophy 3rd Qual

Saturday 22 November 1986

F A Cup 3rd Qual(selection)

Saturday 11 Oct 1986

HENDON	v	Welling Utd
Haringey B	v	Buckingham T
Dover A	v	CARSHALTON A
Woking	v	Crawley Town

Staines T	v	Wembley
Hampton	v	Fisher Ath

Kings Lynn	v	Cambridge City
Boreham W	v	Aylesbury Utd
Malvern	v	Kidderminster
Wolverton	v	Stafford Rang
Kettering T	v	Corby T
Stevenage	v	Halesowen
Skelmersdale	v	Northwich V

F A Cup 4th Qual

Saturday 25 October 1986

exemptions

Bath City	Maidstone U
B STORTFORD	Nuneaton B
BOGNOR REGIS	SLOUGH TOWN
Boston United	V S Rugby
Chelmsford C	Wealdstone
Dagenham	Weymouth
Dartford	Whitby Town
Enfield	WINDSOR & E
FARNBOROUGH	WYCOMBE W
Macclesfield	YEOVIL TOWN

F A Cup 1st Round Proper

Saturday 15 November 1986

non-League exemptions

Altrincham	Runcorn
Frickley Ath	Telford Utd

GMAC Prelim Round (VOL Clubs)

w/e 24 October 1986

Windsor	v	Walthamstow
Kingstonian	v	Worthing
Bognor R	v	Barking
Tooting	v	St Albans
Hayes	v	Hendon
B Stortford	v	Wokingham
Bromley	v	Dulwich
Carshalton	v	Hitchin

byes	Wycombe
	Yeovil
	Farnborough
	Croydon
	Harrow
	Slough

First Round Proper

w/e 14 November 1986

22 GMVC Clubs
14 VOL Premier Clubs
14 Southern Premier Clubs
14 Multipart League Clubs

The ties are played on a one leg basis. If the scores are level after 90 minutes a replay will take place on the away club's ground with extra time if necessary. If the scores are still level then away goals will count double - if still no result the match will be decided on penalties.

A C DELCO CUP 2nd Round

Tuesday 18 November

Wycombe v Worthing



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Premier Division

Results

Saturday 16 August 1986

Barking	2	Wokingham	0
Carshalton	1	Hayes	2
Dulwich H	3	St Albans	1
Farnborough	2	Bognor	4
Harrow	0	Kingstonian	0
Hitchin	1	Bromley	2
Slough	1	Walthamstow	0
Tooting	3	Windsor	0
Worthing	2	B Stortford	6
Wycombe W	3	Croydon	1
Yeovil	2	Hendon	1

Monday 18 August 1986

Croydon	0	Yeovil	1
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Tuesday 19 August 1986

Barking	1	Dulwich	0
Hayes	1	Harrow	1
Kingstonian	0	Wycombe	1
St Albans	1	B Stortford	2
Slough	3	Hitchin	0
Tooting	0	Carshalton	0
Windsor	0	Hendon	1
Wokingham	1	Farnborough	0

Saturday 23 August 1986

B Stortford	2	Slough	1
Bognor	1	Hitchin	1
Bromley	0	Harrow	1
Croydon	0	Farnborough	3
Hayes	2	Dulwich	1
Hendon	1	Carshalton	0
Kingstonian	0	Barking	3
St Albans	0	Yeovil	0
Walthamstow	1	Wycombe	2
Windsor	1	Worthing	0
Wokingham	3	Tooting	1

Monday 25 August 1986

Bognor	1	Worthing	1
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Tuesday 26 August 1986

Barking	6	Walthamstow	0
Carshalton	1	Bromley	1
Hayes	2	Farnborough	2
Hendon	2	St Albans	1
Hitchin	2	B Stortford	0
Kingstonian	1	Tooting	0
Slough	5	Wokingham	2
Wycombe	4	Windsor	1

Saturday 30 August 1986

Barking	0	Windsor	0
Carshalton	2	Walthamstow	1
Dulwich	1	Hendon	4
Farnborough	6	Bromley	3
Harrow	1	Croydon	2
Wycombe	2	Bognor	1
Hitchin	1	Wokingham	3
Slough	2	Kingstonian	0
Tooting	3	Hayes	0
Worthing	4	St Albans	2
Yeovil	2	B Stortford	0

Monday 1 September 1986

Bognor	3	Dulwich	2
Croydon	2	Walthamstow	0

Tuesday 2 September 1986

B Stortford	3	Barking	2
Bromley	1	Tooting	0
Farnborough	3	Worthing	2
Hayes	0	Wycombe	2
Hendon	2	Hitchin	1
Kingstonian	0	Carshalton	1
St Albans	2	Harrow	1
Windsor	3	Slough	1
Wokingham	1	Yeovil	1

Saturday 6 September 1986

B Stortford	0	Harrow	0
Bognor	3	Carshalton	0
Bromley	0	Wycombe	4
Croydon	1	Slough	1
Hayes	3	Barking	0
Hendon	0	Tooting	0
Kingstonian	0	Yeovil	1
St Albans	0	Farnborough	1
Walthamstow	0	Worthing	2
Windsor	2	Hitchin	0
Wokingham	0	Dulwich	2

Monday 8 September 1986

Dulwich	2	Bromley	0
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Tuesday 9 September 1986

Barking	2	Hendon	2
Carshalton	2	Croydon	2
Harrow	2	Wokingham	0
Hitchin	3	Hayes	1
Tooting	3	Walthamstow	0
Wycombe	3	St Albans	0

Wednesday 10 September 1986

Worthing	1	Kingstonian	4
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Saturday 13 September 1986

Farnborough	4	B Stortford	2
Slough	1	Bognor	1
Yeovil	3	Windsor	1

Tuesday 16 September 1986

Farnborough	1	Yeovil	2
Tooting	0	Croydon	1
Windsor	1	Wokingham	1

Saturday 20 September 1986

Barking	1	Bognor	1
B Stortford	0	Hayes	0
Carshalton	1	Tooting	0
Dulwich	1	Windsor	1
Harrow	5	Walthamstow	0
Hendon	0	Slough	4
Hitchin	0	Yeovil	2
Kingstonian	4	Croydon	2
Wokingham	0	St Albans	1
Worthing	1	Bromley	1
Wycombe	1	Farnborough	2

Saturday 27 September 1986

Bognor	2	Tooting	1
Bromley	2	Barking	4
Croydon	2	Worthing	1
Farnborough	3	Harrow	2
St Albans	2	Hitchin	3
Windsor	0	B Stortford	0
Yeovil	2	Wycombe	1



**Premier
Division
Fixtures**

Tuesday 30 September 1986

Carshalton	2	Barking	1
Harrow	2	Hitchin	0
Hayes	2	Windsor	1

Saturday 4 October 1986

Barking	Farnborough
Carshalton	Windsor
Dulwich	Slough
Wokingham	Croydon
Worthing	Yeovil
Wycombe	B Stortford

Tuesday 7 October 1986

Bromley	Croydon	
Harrow	Wycombe	
Hitchin	Slough	*
Kingstonian	Hayes	*

Wednesday 8 October 1986

Yeovil	Farnborough
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Saturday 11 October 1986

Bromley	Hayes
Croydon	Barking
Farnborough	Dulwich
Slough	Wycombe
Tooting	Hitchin
Walthamstow	Wokingham
Windsor	Kingstonian
Worthing	Harrow
Yeovil	Bognor

Saturday 18 October 1986

Barking	Yeovil
Bognor	B Stortford
Carshalton	Farnborough
Dulwich	Walthamstow
Harrow	Windsor
Hayes	Slough
Hendon	Worthing
Hitchin	Croydon
Kingstonian	St Albans
Wokingham	Bromley
Wycombe	Tooting

Saturday 25 October 1986

Bromley	Hendon	*
Croydon	Hayes	
Hitchin	Harrow	
St Albans	Barking	
Wokingham	Carshalton	*
Walthamstow	Kingstonian	
Worthing	Dulwich	

Saturday 1 November 1986

Barking	Harrow	
Bognor	Croydon	*
Carshalton	B Stortford	
Dulwich	Hitchin	*
Farnborough	Windsor	
Hayes	Hendon	*
Kingstonian	Wokingham	*
Slough	Tooting	*
Walthamstow	St Albans	*
Wycombe	Worthing	
Yeovil	Bromley	

Monday 3 November 1986

Dulwich	Bognor	*
Walthamstow	Croydon	*

Tuesday 4 November 1986

Barking	B Stortford	
Carshalton	Kingstonian	*
Harrow	St Albans	*
Hitchin	Hendon	*
Slough	Windsor	
Tooting	Bromley	*
Worthing	Farnborough	
Wycombe	Hayes	*

Wednesday 5 November 1986

Yeovil	Wokingham
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Saturday 8 November 1986

B Stortford	Dulwich
Bromley	Walthamstow
Croydon	Kingstonian
Farnborough	Hitchin
Harrow	Carshalton
Hendon	Bognor
St Albans	Slough
Tooting	Yeovil
Windsor	Hayes
Wokingham	Wycombe
Worthing	Barking

Saturday 15 November 1986

Barking	Tooting
Bognor	Wokingham
Carshalton	Dulwich
Croydon	Bromley
Hayes	St Albans
Hitchin	Worthing
Kingstonian	B Stortford
Slough	Farnborough
Windsor	Walthamstow
Wycombe	Hendon
Yeovil	Harrow

Saturday 22 November 1986

B Stortford	St Albans
Hendon	Kingstonian
Tooting	Bognor
Walthamstow	Yeovil
Worthing	Hayes
Wycombe	Hitchin

All fixtures correct at time of going to press

Fixtures marked * are provisional due to cup involvement