

# WIMBLEDON FOOTBALL CLUB

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**SATURDAY, 24th AUGUST, 1963**

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## CLUB NOTES

### GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYBODY . . . .

. . . . and it's "Hello again" as we all meet once more after the summer recess to "ring up the curtain" on soccer season 1963-1964. Only when May, 1964, comes around will we know what sort of season it will have been, but we will all be, at least, very satisfied if it provides as much entertainment, excitement and enjoyment as 1962-1963. And, may we hope, as many successes.

And—continuing the theatrical metaphor—in the atmosphere of "overture and beginners please", for the second consecutive season, we extend a cordial welcome to the representatives of the other Isthmian League clubs who visit us today. And, as the reigning champions, today is also an opportunity of greeting not only the players but also the Officers of the League and of the other clubs. We hope that all our guests this afternoon will really enjoy their few hours at Plough Lane, and that all present will enjoy the game.

### FLASHBACK TO 1962-63!

The last issue of our programme was published at a time when the destination of the Senior League Championship was still in doubt. (On that day the only League honour of which we were certain was the reserve section). But by virtue of the points collected during the last week of the extended season, our first team ensured that their particular League honour also remained at Plough Lane.

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## CLUB NOTES continued

Not to be outdone by their seniors, our Third Eleven emulated the performances of our first and second teams by retaining the championship of their own competition, The Surrey Combination League. It must be agreed, of course, that five of the competing clubs did not complete their fixtures, but a study of the final League table appearing elsewhere in these columns will show that even if those missing games had been played the championship would still have been ours.

Where our fourth or junior team were concerned, The Wimbledon and District organisation did not issue final tables of their various divisions. According to our records, however, our team finished third in their section—Division I. True, they did not complete the quartet of League Championships as in 1961-62, but the

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### Next Home Game

**Tuesday, August 27th—WIMBLEDON v. ENFIELD**  
**Isthmian League, Senior Section**  
**Kick-off 7.30 p.m.**



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## ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SENIOR SECTION

SEASON 1962/63

	HOME				AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WIMBLEDON	30	19	8	3	0	0	0	0	84	33	46
Kingstonian	30	18	8	4	0	0	0	0	79	37	44
Tooting & Mitcham	30	17	8	5	0	0	0	0	65	37	42
Ilford	30	19	7	8	0	0	0	0	70	44	41
Walthamstow Avenue	30	14	7	9	0	0	0	0	51	44	35
Maidstone United	30	13	8	9	0	0	0	0	56	45	34
Bromley	30	12	10	8	0	0	0	0	47	51	31
Wycombe Wanderers	30	12	7	11	0	0	0	0	54	51	30
St Albans City	30	11	5	14	0	0	0	0	56	61	30
Barking	30	8	10	12	0	0	0	0	39	52	26
Oxford City	30	8	9	13	0	0	0	0	55	64	25
Woking	30	7	4	16	0	0	0	0	42	66	22
Clapton	30	7	4	19	0	0	0	0	30	71	18
Dulwich Hamlet	30	4	4	21	0	0	0	0	28	71	13
Corinthian-Casuals	30	4	4	22	0	0	0	0	28	71	12

Saturday, 24th August

K.O. 3.00 p.m.

## WIMBLEDON

Colours: Blue Shirts, White Shorts

Left

J. MARTIN  
M. KELLY

D. WILLIS  
E. MURPHY

L. BROWN  
B. MARTIN  
J. WALLIS  
M. MOORE  
B. KEATS

Referee: Mr. G. REED

Linesmen: Messrs. J. McCULLOCH  
(Centre)  
and C. S. COLVILLE. (Yellow)

B. HARVEY  
A. McDONNELL  
A. CHRISTMAS  
K. GRAY  
M. CANDY

R. HAIDER  
J. FISHER  
B. KING

J. ROBERTSON  
J. BECK

J. HARWOOD

Left  
Colours: Green & White Stripes  
Right

## REST OF THE LEAGUE

## ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

RESERVE SECTION

SEASON 1962/63

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WIMBLEDON	30	23	4	3	105	31	50
Walthamstow Avenue	30	19	4	7	70	40	42
Ilford	30	14	7	9	65	45	35
Kingstonian	30	15	5	10	66	51	35
Maidstone United	30	15	3	12	73	46	33
St. Albans City	30	15	3	12	65	57	33
Oxford City	30	15	3	12	50	50	33
Tooting & Mitcham	30	13	5	12	47	44	31
Barking	30	12	6	12	40	33	30
Bromley	30	12	6	12	40	33	30
Wycombe Wanderers	30	12	5	13	42	51	29
Corinthian-Casuals	30	11	3	16	58	77	25
Dulwich Hamlet	30	9	5	16	38	64	23
Clapton	30	4	5	21	30	79	13
Woking	30	4	5	21	33	91	13

(Up to and including 18th May, 1963)

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## SURREY COMBINATION LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>WIMBLEDON</b>	28	20	3	5	79	36	43
Met. Police Cadets	28	18	5	5	98	52	41
Kingstonian	28	18	3	7	79	58	39
Sutton United*	27	17	2	8	94	44	36
Wotton & Hertham	28	15	6	7	65	55	36
Croydon Athletic	28	13	7	9	70	60	31
Met. Police Res.*	27	13	4	10	34	40	30
Wokingham	28	11	4	11	58	57	28
Leatherhead Youth	28	7	7	14	62	75	21
Woking	28	9	3	16	61	85	21
Tooting & Mitcham*	27	8	4	15	53	74	20
Croydon Amateurs	27	6	4	17	44	71	18
Dennis Athletic*	27	6	2	19	52	90	14
Hawthorn Athletic	28	3	2	23	33	119	8

★ Fixtures not completed

**Wednesday**  
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## **CLUB NOTES—continued**

success of our fourth team in that season meant their promotion to a higher and stronger division of their League. And so, where their League commitments were concerned, all four of our elevens put up wonderful performances. Our congratulations are extended to all concerned !

It is also worthy of note and worthy, too, of our congratulations that during 1962-63, between them, six of our players earned twenty-six International honours for themselves and our club. In addition, four of those players earned national honours by taking part in the England Amateur XI versus England Professional Youth XI game staged here at Plough Lane.

During the summer, our enclosure has not, by any means, been an oasis of quietness or idleness. On the contrary—although the work of renovation and improvement which has been carried out may not be apparent to many of our supporters. The roof of our headquarters, which was thirty years old, has been completely replaced, and the car park and other areas behind the North Stand have been resurfaced with tarmac. This latter work entailed the removal of the old surface to a depth of over 12 inches and the installation of an improved drainage system. This, we hope, will avoid the appearance of the miniature lakes and consequent hectic water-splashes hitherto inevitable with rainy weather.

The Headquarters building has also been given a new look by the replacement of the old windows with those of a more modern design and by building a more imposing main door and portico. The Club Room, too, has been redecorated.

At the time of going to Press, work is in full swing on all these projects, and we hope they will have been completed in time for our first game. Should our hopes be not entirely realised, however, we trust our friends will excuse any temporary inconveniences which may arise.

## **WEDDING BELLS**

**George Coote has forsaken his state of single blessedness and has "taken unto himself a wife". Our sincere congratulations are his, and to both George and Mrs. Coote we extend our best wishes for a long and happy married life.**

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Tony McGuiness, our reserve centre-half, decided during the close season to seek "fresh fields". Tony played many dependable games for our Second Eleven, and played a large part in the run of success maintained by that team over the past three seasons. Moreover he proved an able deputy when International and other representative games depleted our first team. Naturally enough, Tony would like regular first team football, and he has sought his future soccer career with our friendly rivals, Sutton United. "Best of luck, Tony—we'll be seeing you and your new colleagues, soon".

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## **CLUB NOTES—continued**

### **CASUALTY CORNER—1962-63**

We ended last season with two players out of action because of injury. Rodney Brookes, who had an operation for the removal of a cartilage, has now completely recovered. He has been training regularly throughout the summer and is eagerly looking forward to playing again.

Alvin Leonard, who sustained a really serious fracture of a leg, is progressing steadily but still needs plenty of exercise before he will be ready to play again.

Eddie Reynolds who was injured in a recent Olympic Trial Game is recovering successfully from his operation for the removal of yet another cartilage and hopes to be here at Plough Lane for the Enfield match—subject to his Doctor's approval, of course.

And now we come to this season—a season in which League soccer will play a much larger part than in previous seasons. With the increase in membership of The Isthmian League from sixteen to twenty clubs, thirty-eight League games, home and away, will be played by each of our first and second teams. Including today and up to and including May 2 next, there are thirty-seven Saturdays which, added to Boxing Day, Good Friday and Easter Monday, totals only forty opportunities of staging afternoon games.

Taking into consideration possible runs in the major cup competitions, it is evident that our floodlights will be in regular use.

### **Forthcoming First Team Fixtures**

**Saturday August 31st**

**AWAY v. Barking. IL. Kick off 3.00 p.m.**

**Tuesday September 3rd**

**AWAY v. Enfield. IL. „ 7.30 p.m.**

**Saturday September 7th**

**HOME v. Cor-Casuals IL. „ 3.00 p.m.**

**Tuesday September 10th**

**HOME v. Sutton United STC. (1962-3)**

**Kick off 7.30 p.m.**

**Saturday September 14th**

**AWAY v. St. Albans City IL.**

**Kick off 3.00 p.m.**



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**SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES**

For the first game of the new season we stage once more the annual fixture of Wimbledon (the League Champions) versus the Rest of the League. We extend a cordial welcome to the players and officials of our visitors.

Those of you who are already familiar with our ground at Plough Lane, will notice a number of structural innovations this season. We owe the improvements in our facilities to the long-term planning on the part of the Football Club Management Committee. There are still a number of projects in hand, which it is hoped will be undertaken shortly. Further improvements in Supporters' Club facilities are also being planned.

You are reminded that your subscription for membership of the Supporters' Club are now due, and should be paid at the club office.

We shall again be holding our popular JACKPOT Competition throughout the coming season, so please buy your tickets from the sellers before the kick-off.

**BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS.**

There are still a few places available for the visit to Blackpool Illuminations, on October 25th. We shall be leaving here on Friday evening at 11 o'clock and returning on Sunday. Hotel accommodation has been booked. For further details please apply to the Supporters' Club Office.

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