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Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

This evening we are very pleased to extend a warm welcome to the Directors, Officials, Players and Supporters of the Chelmsford City Football Club for our first home Southern League game of the season.

Last Saturday Boro opened their Southern League programme with a visit to the league champions, Yeovil Town. At the time of these notes the result was not known, but Nick Andrews will broadcast the result and scorers.

Boro played three public practice games and held Gillingham and Ipswich Town elezens to 0—0 and 1—1 draws respectively at Brooklands, and defeated Bexley United away by two goals to nil (Tapping Penalty and Chandler scoring the goals). Roy Sanders netted the equaliser against the Ipswich Town eleven.

After the tough start at Yeovil and tonight's game with Chelmsford City, Boro have further difficult games to follow! Next Saturday, 21st August, 1971 Folkestone visit Brooklands for a Southern League fixture, kick-off 3.00 p.m. and this is followed by four away league games in succession against Chelmsford City, Weymouth, Telford United and Merthyr Tydfil. For good measure, Boro have a home F.A. Challenge Cup Tie against St. Albans City, sandwiched in the middle of these games!

Cheerio for now,

JOHN HALEY.

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Saturday, 21st August, 1971

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FIXTURES 1971-72

1971	Opponents	Goals	Grnd For Agst
Aug. 2	Gillingham (F) ... Home	0 - 0	
7	Bexley U. (F) ... Away	2 - 0	
9	Ipswich Tn. XI (F) Home	1 - 1	
14	Yeovil Tn. ... Away	0 - 0	
16	Chelmsford C. ... Home	1 - 1	
21	Folkestone ... Home	1 - 1	
23	Chelmsford C. ... Away	2 - 1	
28	Weymouth ... Away	0 - 2	
Sept. 4	St. Albans City ... Home	3 - 0	
6	Telford U. ... Away	2 - 0	
11	Merthyr Tydfil ... Away	2 - 0	
13	Weymouth ... Home	2 - 1	
F.A. 18	(F.A. Cup) Letchworth ... Home	0 - 1	
25	Cambridge C. ... Away	0 - 0	
	(S.L. Cup) ...		
Oct. 2	Yeovil T. ... Home	1 - 1	
4	Yeovil T. (F.A. Cup) ... Home	1 - 1	
	(E.P.F.F.C.) ...		
F.A. 9	Bath C. (S.L. Cup) ... Away	1 - 0	
16	Worcester C. ... Home	3 - 1	
18	Chelmsford C. ... Away	2 - 1	
	(E.P.F.F.C.) ... Home		
F.A. 23	Hillingdon Boro (F.A. Cup) ... Home	2 - 0	
27	Bexley U. ... Away		
	(E.P.F.F.C.) ...		
30	Barnet ... Home	3 - 0	
F.A. Nov. 6	Barnet (F.A. Cup) ... Home	2 - 0	
9	Cambridge C. ... Away		
	(E.P.F.F.C.) ...		
13	Wimbledon ... Home	3 - 1	
F.A. 20	Barnet (F.A. Cup) ... Away	3 - 0	
22	Hereford U. ... Home	2 - 0	
27	Dartford ... Home	2 - 0	
Dec. 4	Bedford T. ... Away	1 - 1	
6	Chelmsford C. ... Home	0 - 2	
	(E.P.F.F.C.) ...		
F.A. 11	Gillingham (F.A. Cup) ... Home	0 - 1	
13	Cambridge C. ... Home		
	(E.P.F.F.C.) ...		
18	Worcester C. ... Away		
27	Gravesend & N. ... Home	0 - 0	
1972			
Jan. 1	Gravesend & N. ... Away	3 - 1	
8	Cambridge C. ... Home		
15	Hereford U. ... Away		
22	(Chall. Trophy) ...		
29	Folkestone ... Away		
Feb. 5	Bath C. ... Home		
12	Hillingdon B. ... Home		
19	Barnet ... Away		
26	Margate ... Home		
Mar. 4	Wimbledon ... Away	1 - 3	
11	Dover ... Home	0 - 1	
18	Dartford ... Away	1 - 3	
25	Bedford T. ... Home		
Apr. 1	Guildford C. ... Home	3 - 2	
3	Nuneaton B. ... Home		
4	Nuneaton B. ... Away	2 - 2	
8	Merthyr Tydfil ... Home	3 - 2	

FIXTURES 1971-72 continued

Apr. 15	Poole T. ... Away	
22	Poole T. ... Home	2 - 2
24	Margate ... Away	
29	F.A. Challenge Trophy Final	
May 6	F.A. Challenge Cup Final	

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

FINAL TABLE 1970-71

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Yeovil T.	42	25	7	10	66	31	57
Cambridge C.	42	22	11	9	67	38	55
Romford	42	33	9	10	63	42	55
Hereford U.	42	23	8	11	71	53	54
Chelmsford C.	42	20	11	11	61	32	51
Barnet	42	18	14	10	69	49	50
Bedford T.	42	20	10	12	62	46	50
Worcester C.	42	20	8	14	61	46	48
Wimbledon	42	20	8	14	72	54	48
Weymouth	42	14	16	12	64	47	44
Dartford	42	15	12	15	53	51	42
Dover	42	16	9	17	63	59	41
Margate	42	15	10	17	64	69	40
Hillingdon Boro	42	17	6	19	61	68	40
Bath C.	42	13	12	17	48	63	38
Nuneaton B.	42	12	12	18	43	66	36
Telford U.	42	13	8	21	64	70	34
Poole T.	42	14	6	22	57	75	34
King's Lynn	42	11	7	24	44	67	29
Ashford T.	42	8	13	21	52	86	29
Kettering T.	42	8	11	23	48	84	27
Gloucester C.	42	6	10	26	34	81	22

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Final Table — 1970-71

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Epping Town	22	14	5	3	58	36	33
Bury Town	22	13	4	5	45	30	30
Bletchley	22	13	3	6	49	21	29
Cray Wanderers	22	12	3	7	45	36	27
Metropolitan Police	22	9	7	6	44	27	25
Chelmsford City	22	9	7	6	55	38	25
Woodford Town	22	8	7	7	30	32	23
Sheppey United	22	8	3	11	33	37	19
West Ham United	22	6	4	12	22	37	16
Bedford Town	22	4	5	13	26	49	13
Romford	22	2	9	11	24	49	13
Hatfield Town	22	4	3	15	32	71	11

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Final Table — 1970-71

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedford Town	16	9	4	3	36	19	22
King's Lynn	16	7	6	3	30	19	20
Boston United	16	7	6	3	28	19	20
Cambridge Utd.	16	8	4	4	38	26	20
Southend Utd.	16	7	2	7	26	25	16
Chelmsford City	16	6	3	7	24	25	15
Cambridge City	16	6	3	7	22	34	15
Romford	16	4	3	9	23	30	11
Stevenage Ath.	16	2	1	13	14	45	5

ROMFORD F.C. SUPPORTERS and SOCIAL CLUB NOTES

Hello Again,

Once again a new season stares us in the face, and how fitting that our first Southern League home fixture should be against our old rivals Chelmsford City. We shall be looking for points tonight to consolidate our early rise to the top of the table. Obviously at the time of writing I don't know how the game at Yeovil went but I hope that we came away from the famed "Huish Slope" with our first ever win there, a good omen for the season. We finished third in the league last season and this year we want to do two better. Harry Clarke has done extremely well in securing the services of Peter Brabrook, Dave Hollins, Hugh Cochrane and Phil Manning and has promised us some entertaining and attacking soccer for the coming season, so let's wish Harry and the team success for the season and welcome those who wear Blue and Gold for the first time. Welcome also to our visitors from Chelmsford, the Officials, Players and Supporters, and last but by no means least, to our own following who have returned to us after the summer break.

The Annual General Meeting of the Supporters and Social Club, held almost a month ago was well supported again this year, over a hundred members attended, which goes to show that we do have a lot of supporters who really care about their club, and this in holiday period too! I would like to thank everybody who attended for doing so. The Officials who were elected to serve you for the coming season are as follows. The new President is Mr. L. Blome, the Vice-Presidents, unchanged from last year are Messrs. Poel, Montford, McGuinness and "Johnny" Johnson (whom you'll remember for his efforts on this page in the past). Chairman is Mr. Chamberlain; Secretary, Mr. Boorman, and Treasurer, Mr. Redwin. The Section Officials were Chris Hussey, Transport (transportation would be a better idea!) Shaddy Ingle as Bar-Steward, Mick Steele as the "Membership Man", Dale Sharp reinstated once again as Club Shop Manager; Hugh Bolton, Entertainments; Big Matt Shuttlewood was a popular choice as Young Members Secretary; and myself Publicity Officer. I am very pleased to be in this position once again (where have I heard that before?) Seriously though it does give me a chance to communicate with our members and I really enjoy compiling this page (was this how Charles Dickens started perhaps?)

In future programme notes I do hope to be able to tell you a little bit more about the positions mentioned above and of the gentlemen who fill them, as we are all here, as I stated before, to provide a service for you, the member, and we would hope that you will make use of the facilities that the Supporters and Social Club provides. You see, you get more than just a little book when you join the club. I need hardly remind you that membership fees are now payable, and many members have already renewed. The fee remains unchanged again this year (not much that you can still say that about) at 25p and only 12½p for juniors. This is outstanding value.

The Club Shop is still functioning merrily, and by the way this isn't just a place for the younger members to swap programmes as a lot of people think. For instance, Dale and his assistants have available ties, car-stickers, pens, enamel badges, key rings, scarves, etc. Also of course the new Southern League review magazine that must be of great interest to us all. The cost of this paper in only 5p. Why not go in and see what Dale's got to interest you.

Finally, an appeal for more supporters for the away games this season. The man(?) to see regarding travel procedures is Chris Hussey. As we have no Metropolitan League now I expect that a lot more of you will want to see THE Romford team on a Saturday afternoon. We'd also like to know what impression of the standard of support for other Southern League clubs you form. We're always saying that we're the best, it'll be most interesting to know who's second best.

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