

# STONES

# THE SAINTS

## WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v BRACKLEY TOWN

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**B**rackley is a small but growing Northamptonshire market town of around 15000 inhabitants situated between Northampton, Milton Keynes and Oxford. The nearest point of reference for most people would be the Silverstone motor racing circuit and Formula One has a big presence in the town as base for the world champion Mercedes team.

### THE EARLY YEARS

The first records of Brackley Town Football Club can be traced back to 1890 and around the turn of the century they were a prominent side in the South Northants / North Oxfordshire area. At one time the name of Tottenham Hotspur appeared on the fixture list, London being a short journey away on the newly opened Great Central Railway.

The Club then slipped into relative obscurity, competing mainly at a very junior level. Most of the time before the war was spent in the

Oxfordshire League, games being played in Manor Road, before they transferred to the North Bucks League in the post-war years. Here they stayed until 1968 when they took what appeared to be a step down the ladder by joining the Banbury & District League. During this time they had moved their ground to the Buckingham Road with the changing facilities and headquarters situated in The Plough public house.

### THE MOVE TO ST JAMES PARK

In 1974 they moved back to the North Bucks League and this coincided with a move to the current St James Park ground. A small clubhouse and changing rooms were built and within 3 years the major step up into the Hellenic League was made. They stayed in Division One until 1983, winning the Knock-Out Cup in their final season before moving into the United Counties League, winning the Division One title at the first attempt and gaining promotion into the Premier Division.

After finishing in the bottom half of the league for the first few seasons, they then experienced their most successful season ever in 1988/89 finishing as runners up and also reaching the final of the Northamptonshire Senior Cup. On the way to the final they had beaten Conference side Kettering Town under the newly erected floodlights.

### TROUBLED TIMES

After this success the side then broke up and there followed several years of real struggle around the foot of the table with even the very survival of the club in doubt. The 1992/93 season ended with the ignominious distinction of having the worst playing record of any senior side in the country. It was only the fact that others did not have the required facilities for promotion that they were spared relegation.

Drastic action was needed and accordingly the club was restructured and became a limited company. In 1994 they moved back across the pyramid into the Hellenic League and, after a mediocre first season, things improved dramatically during the 1995/96 campaign.

Phil Lines, who had been manager of the successful side in the late 'eighties, took charge again and a runners-up position was achieved in his first season. 1996/97 saw them go one better and win the Premier Division title. Minor miracles were then performed in order to make the ground suitable for elevation into Southern League.

The nucleus of the title-winning side together with some astute signings saw the side finish a respectable 13th in the Midland Division at the first attempt. The job now was to consolidate and build on what had been achieved in such a short space of time. However, events then seemed to conspire against them



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during the close season with the resignation of Lines and the departure of almost all of the side he had assembled. A move to the Southern Section was not a success and joint managers Bob Rayner and Jon Blencowe found it impossible to field a side capable of competing at this level with the finances available to them.

## LAST MINUTE SALVATION

With finances at full stretch, the club was forced into voluntary liquidation in February 1999. It was saved at the last minute as Mike Boshier and Ray Styles stepped in to buy the assets and ensure that the season was completed. The "new" club finished bottom of the Southern Section and were therefore demoted back into the Hellenic League.

Former player Terry Muckleberg was appointed Manager for the 1999/2000 season and he was succeeded by the experienced Peter Foley who took over during the 2000/2001 season and under his astute guidance the club finished in runners-up position. The 2001/02 season proved to be a bit of a damp squib with Foley leaving in mysterious circumstances and the reins were taken until the end of the campaign by coach Matty Haycocks who then left to take up a similar role at Hook Norton. Tim Fowler, the ex-Middle Barton manager was appointed during the close season and he guided the team to a top half finish in his first season and a place in the Floodlit Cup.

## REVIVAL

The 2003/04 season saw the return of Phil Lines as director of football to work alongside

Tim. After an indifferent start the team worked their way up the table and in an exciting run in, lifted the championship shield on the last day of the season and with it promotion back to the Southern League.

Mike Ford took over as manager in October 2004, guiding the team to the fringes of the play-off positions. Ford departed in February 2006 with the club again just outside the promotion frame. Phil Lines and his Assistant Andy Sinnott took over and guided the club to a third place finish culminating in the heartbreak of losing in the last few minutes of the play off final.

The 2006/07 season finally saw the team fulfil its potential. Leading the table from early December, the league was won at a canter. Lines then stepped aside and the club appointed the experienced Roger Ashby as they took the step into unknown territory at Step 3. A first season in the Southern League Premier Division brought a creditable eighth place finish and second appearance in the Northants Hillier Senior Cup final.

Ashby had been succeeded by former player David Oldfield in the November. Oldfield had top flight playing experience at Man City among others and at the end of the season moved on to a coaching role at Peterborough United with Phil Lines again taking up the reins for the start of a second Premier Division campaign.

An eleventh-placed finish in 2008/09 consolidated Premier Division status and the club's growing ambitions and proceeds from a successful FA Cup run, reaching the first round proper for the first time, brought a new all-seater stand behind one goal to match the newly constructed covered

terrace at the cricket ground end. The sparkling FA Cup run that ended at Eastwood Town was matched by a first appearance in the first round proper of the FA Trophy. Cup success was topped off by a third appearance in the Senior Cup Final. In April a new era was ushered in by the appointment from the playing staff of former Kettering Town and Rushden and Diamonds player, Aussie Jon Brady as Lines' managerial successor.

## THE BRADY BUNCH

The 2009/10 season saw the side in the top three for nearly the whole campaign and an eventual 5th-placed finish and defeat in the end of season play-off semi final, while 2010/11 ended in a 9th-placed finish but a first ever Senior Cup win which was followed by victory in the County Maunsell Cup, defeating Northampton Town in early July.

2011/12 saw arguably the most successful season in the club's history culminating in winning the Southern League Premier Division and a second Senior Cup victory. The team lifted the Southern League shield at a jubilant St James Park after a 6-0 thrashing of St Albans City.

## INTO THE CONFERENCE NORTH

The new season had seen the start of major ground improvements including new changing rooms, terracing, improved parking and the upgrading of the floodlights. The first season in the Football Conference began with a 4-1 at Altrincham to announce the arrival of Brackley Town at Step 2 and saw the side make it all the way to the play-off final losing by a single goal to FC Halifax Town at St James Park.

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The 2013/14 season brought a 7th-placed finish and FA Cup success beating Division One Gillingham at St James Park in a 1st round replay on live TV. The addition of an artificial grass pitch was a further big boost to the club as it expanded its community programme.

The last two seasons have ended in fairy-tale escapes at the wrong of the table with last day wins. In April 2015 only three wins from three could save the Saints and, with two wins in the bag, a 1-0 home win over Hednesford on the final day of the season courtesy of Ryan Rowe's stunning late strike saved the

day against all odds.

Jon Brady's time in charge ended in October 2015 with ex-Chelsea defender Frank Sinclair taking temporary charge before former Cobblers striker and Nuneaton and Wrexham manager Kevin Wilkin was appointed to the hot seat. Wilkin led an FA Cup charge to the first round, losing only in a replay at league side Newport County, but the team laboured at the wrong end of the table until only a last day combination of a Brackley win at home against Tamworth and results elsewhere going their way would be enough to maintain National League status.

For a second successive season the remarkable happened and Glenn Walker's goal allied to Lowestoft's inability to beat Gloucester City brought another heart-stopping afternoon that ultimately saw the Saints survive on goal difference only.

Last season was one to remember with an FA Cup run that saw the Saints beat Gillingham 4-3 in a televised tie and play Blackpool away. In the Trophy Brackley progressed to the quarter finals where they were narrowly beaten 1-0 by eventual winners York City.

The League saw us finish 1 point off the play-offs with a finish of seventh.



**BRACKLEY TOWN**  
2017/18

# MEET THE PLAYERS

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## **GARETH DEAN**

### **Defender**

Central Defender and club captain Gareth ("Gaz") Dean was signed from Solihull Moors in the close season ahead of 2016-17 and was ever present at St James Park in his first season here making 56 appearances and scoring on four occasions.

At Solihull he was a member of the successful title winning side of 2015-16. He signed for Solihull from Nuneaton, the club where he had spent his previous career, making his debut for the club as an 18 year old in 2008. He made almost 300 appearances, earning three promotions in his first four seasons at Liberty Way, as the club climbed swiftly to the Conference Premier. A former Player of the Year, Gareth was captain of Nuneaton and played under Kevin Wilkin in his time as manager.

He was included in the England "C" squad to play against Latvia Under-23s in September 2013. "Gaz" was named in the Conference North team of the year for 2015/16 and 2016/17

## **ALEX GUDGER**

### **Defender**

Alex signed from Worcester City ahead of the 2016-17 season. At City he played 46 games winning the Sponsors' Player of the Year award.

Alex progressed through the youth ranks at Nuneaton Town and featured fleetingly in their first team as they won promotion to the Blue Square Premier. Alex signed for Rugby Town as a 19-year-old and rapidly made an impact playing 111 games as a centre half having originally played as a full back in his youth career.

Alex brings pace and ability on the ball to the back line. At Rugby he collected three Player of the

Season awards in his first season with the club and was made the Club Captain for the 2013/14 season. He signed for Worcester in the summer 2015 before joining up with his former manager Kevin Wilkin at Brackley and was ever present in his first season at St James Park making 55 appearances and scoring seven times

## **JAMES ARMSON**

### **Midfield**

James was another player who gained promotion with Solihull Moors in 2015-16 before joining Brackley. James had progressed through Nuneaton Town's youth set-up and gained an England "C" cap in 2013 against Latvia. Originally a Coventry City Academy player. In his five year stint with Nuneaton James amassed over 100 games scoring 17 times. He brought valuable experience to Kevin Wilkin's Saints squad and scored an incredible 25 goals from midfield including a famous hat-trick in the FA Cup defeat of League One Gillingham.

He is the personification of versatility having played for Nuneaton in every position on the pitch, including goalkeeper. However James favours an attacking midfield role. He is a former 'Boro Player of the Year and immediately became a fans' favourite at SJP

## **ADAM WALKER**

### **Midfield**

Adam was another to make the move from Solihull Moors joining Kevin Wilkin's side in pre-season 2016.

Prior to joining Moors Adam had been an ever-present at the heart of the Nuneaton Town side since his debut during the 2010/11 season. He was released by Coventry City in 2010 having

played for City in the Championship making his debut against Sheffield Wednesday and was then picked up by Nuneaton. He turned down a move in 2012 to Luton Town.

Adam made over 200 appearances for Nuneaton, scoring 23 goals in the process and helping the club gain promotion to the Conference Premier in 2012. Adam studied Sports and Exercise Science at Coventry University. In his first season at SJP Adam made 56 appearances and spent more game minutes on the pitch than any other player.

## **ELLIS MYLES**

### **Defender**

Right-back Ellis Myles, who featured at SJP in the 2011-12 season, signed again for the Saints after spending the 2015-16 season at from Corby Town.

Ellis started his career as a trainee at Leicester City, before spells at Brackley Town and Rugby Town. He later joined Stamford, where he was a consistent performer in the Daniels' side before moving to Steel Park. Before the start of this season Ellis had already played 80 times for Saints scoring twice.

## **MATT LOWE**

### **Midfield**

Kevin Wilkin secured Matt as one of his first signings having come in as manager in September 2015. Matt played a big part whilst on loan in our successful fight against the drop in 2015/16 and has already appeared 69 times scoring eight times.

The midfielder, who came through Cambridge United's youth ranks, spent the latter part of 2014/15 season on loan with Evo-Stik League Southern Premier Division neighbours Cambridge City and had earlier spent a month with City's neighbours Histon. Prior to joining Saints on loan, Matty also spent time with National League South side **Waldstone**.

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### STEVE DIGGIN

#### Forward

Steve started out on Aston Villa's books and has spent time at Corby Town. He returned to SJP for the 2016-17 season after a spell at Hednesford. He had been top scorer in each of his previous three seasons at Brackley. A real fans' favourite, it was no surprise that 29 year old striker Steve was included in the recent Saints' "All time XI". Steve had 217 appearances and 87 goals to his name before the start of this season.

### GLENN WALKER

#### Midfield

Glenn re-joined Saints for the 2015-16 season after one season at Hednesford. Glenn is another club legend who, like Steve Diggin, made it into the club's "All time XI" when it was announced in 2016. Perhaps most famously remembered for his FA Cup goal against Gillingham in 2013, he has made 211 appearances and scored 32 goals for Saints.

### LUKE GRAHAM

#### Forward

Luke joined Brackley in the 2015-16 close season from Alfreton Town where he was captain. Previous clubs include Hereford United and Luton Town. Luke has amassed 86 appearances and five goals in his time at St James Park. Aside from his Brackley Town commitments he currently works at Kettering Town in the Southern League club's academy.

### SHANE BYRNE

#### Midfield

Shane Byrne signed for the 2016-17 season from Nuneaton Town where he enjoyed a successful spell.

Shane started his career in Dublin before a loan to Bury FC where he made his debut against Sheffield United in September

2011. He later returned to Ireland to join Bray Wanderers for an undisclosed fee.

Shane joined Corby Town in 2014 and was a member of the Southern Premier League Championship winning side.

Shane has represented the Republic of Ireland both at U17 and U19.

### LEE NDLOVU

#### Forward

Lee is a striker formerly with Ilkeston and Grantham Town. Lee joined Brackley in February 2016 and had made 66 appearances scoring 15 goals by the start of this season.

### JACK BYRNE

#### Midfield

Jack is one of four players signed from Solihull Moors in the 2017 close season. Vice-captain at Moors, he was Players' Player of the Season. Jack joined Moors after five seasons at Kidderminster Harriers (164 appearances and 28 goals) and previously he had a spell at Redditch having started out at Solihull Borough. At 28 Jack is highly regarded, technically gifted and hard working, and his addition to Kevin Wilkin's squad marked a key moment in pre-season preparations.

### CONNOR FRANKLIN

#### Defender

Connor is another player signed from Solihull Moors ahead of the 2017-18 season. Connor is a talented player providing options for Kevin Wilkin. He had spells at Hinckley United and Alfreton Town before two seasons at Solihull Moors. Connor is renowned for his long throw.

### ANDY BROWN

#### Forward

Andy signed from Solihull Moors in pre-season. He is a proven goal-

scorer.

Andy started at Telford United before having spells at Nuneaton and then latterly Solihull Moors, where he made 26 appearances last season.

### DANNY LEWIS

#### Goalkeeper

Danny brings huge experience to the goal-keeping jersey. Danny enjoyed two spells at Kidderminster Harriers making 185 appearances including a league debut against Northampton Town. He has also had spells at Redditch United and Moor Green and most recently played two seasons at Solihull Moors.

### DAN FARRELL

#### Goalkeeper

Dan was with Brackley Town Saints last season in the Hellenic league. He also featured three times in the league for Kevin Wilkin's side and played for Corby Town.

### JORDAN WILLIAMS

#### Defender

Jordan was brought in by Kevin Wilkin in the 2016/17 close season from Cambridge United. He had been on loan last season at Cambridge City where he played 43 times and won their Player of the Season award.

### GREG KAZIBONI

#### Midfield

Greg returns to Brackley after a lengthy period side-lined with injury. He has previously played over 40 games for the club scoring six times, his attacking wing play making him a firm favourite with supporters. Greg started his career at Northampton Town where he made five first team appearances before spending time at Corby Town.

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WEALDSTONE v BRACKLEY TOWN  
TROPHY REWIND SPECIAL

## SEMI-FINAL ACTION



Vince Jones heads clear for Wealdstone in the second leg watched by team-mates Dennis Byatt (left) and Neil Cordice.



Neil Cordice threatens the Enfield goal in the first leg. (pictures by Harrow Observer)

	
First Leg: ▶	
Altrincham .....	0
Boston United .....	0
Second Leg:	
Boston United .....	3
Altrincham .....	2
◀ First Leg:	
Enfield .....	0
Wealdstone .....	2
Second Leg	
Wealdstone .....	0
Enfield .....	1



Action from the first leg as United 'keeper Kevin Blackwell catches with confidence.



An anxious moment as Altrincham attack at York Street but the ball goes wide. (pictures by John Rooney)

# Won one, lost one: The joy and despair of Wealdstone in the semis...

OUR PREVIOUS  
FA TROPHY  
SEMI-FINALS



BY GORDON  
MCKAY

**W**e have reached this stage twice before, winning one and losing one so are fully aware of the joy and despair that comes from appearing in an FA Trophy semi-final.

Back in 1984/85 we were on our way to becoming Conference (National League) Champions with a side built on durability and resilience. We were not the easiest on the eye but we knew how to win when it wasn't our day and our physicality made us a side that people loved to hate.

Standing in our way of a Wembley appearance were our arch rivals Enfield, a true non league powerhouse and serial collector of cups and championships. A tough draw... but I'm reliably informed they wanted to avoid us at all costs so not great from their perspective either.

We also had the advantage of playing away first, and we set ourselves up not to lose which of course we were very good at.

As expected Enfield came at us from the off at Southbury Road and we needed to be at our very best to keep them at bay. We weathered the storm, gradually getting a foothold in the game and were rewarded around the half hour mark

when a long distance **Neil Cordice** strike took a wicked deflection leaving the less-than-mobile John Jacobs in the Enfield scampering across his goal in vain as the ball trickled over the line. Cue mass celebrations from the Wealdstone hoardes behind the goal as "Wembley, Wembley" rang out around the stadium.

We held on until half time, and as the game was segregated we had a close-up view of our rear-guard action in the 2nd half as Enfield threw everything at us. They started to create chances but fortunately for us they were not on their game - and our joy became utter delirium with about 20 minutes to go when the mercurial **Andy Graham** swivelled in the box to smash home and put us 2-0 ahead.

That knocked the stuffing out of Enfield and we

possibly could have had a few more before the end... but the final scoreline of 2-0 was a simply magnificent result.

**E**xcitement reached fever pitch as we whiled away the seven days to the second leg at Lower Mead, but as the game neared a few doubts set in. We knew Enfield were a good side and the tie was far from over and if anyone could turn it around it was probably them.

Wealdstone set themselves up in a defensive formation with the lead to hang onto, whereas Enfield had absolutely nothing to lose and played a very attacking team. The game itself was played in a very strong wind going straight down the pitch which made it difficult to clear your lines at times. We were subjected to unreal

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Left: The prize for beating Enfield was a place at Wembley, and the Final programme (right) featured pictures from both our semi-final win over the Es and Boston United's 3-2 aggregate beating of Altrincham. Of course, Saturday May 11 ended with a famous 2-1 Stones victory courtesy of Andy Graham and Lee Holmes

pressure as Enfield gave it their all. They were rewarded with a Nicky Ironton goal to take a 1-0 advantage into the 2nd half but of course we still held the overall lead. We seemed to drop deeper and deeper as the game went on until it became basically attack versus defence - which is definitely not good for your blood pressure with the prize of Wembley within reach. But we held on and eventually and not surprisingly they started to run out of steam a bit and their intensity dropped

off. It was starting to look like our day and that was confirmed with a few minutes to go when Alan Cordice latched onto a clearance 30 yards from goal and was brutally taken out by the lumbering Jacobs as he tried to go round him (no easy feat) just outside the box.

Jacobs saw the red card and players from both sides engaged in a bit of 'handbags' - Enfield because they knew the game was up and us because we were so professional it was a good way to waste a bit of time!

A few minutes later our place at Wembley was confirmed and most of the 2,000-plus crowd flooded the pitch to begin celebrations that went on well into the night. We were going to Wembley!

One of the great days in our history.

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## WEALDSTONE v BRACKLEY TOWN TROPHY REWIND SPECIAL

**W**e were not to grace the semis again until the 2011/12 season when a remarkable (and unlikely) run saw us beat three teams from a higher level: Barrow and Cambridge United from the Conference National, and Dartford from the Conference South.

Remarkable, because we were in the third tier of non league football (the Ryman Premier League) and we took our place in the semis alongside three teams from the top flight namely Luton, York and Newport.

We got our wish and drew Newport and again with the advantage of playing away first. We had played the Welshmen the year before in the FA Trophy, drawing 0-0 at their place before an unlucky 1-0 extra-time defeat in the replay. They were struggling in the league and in hindsight perhaps we went into the tie a bit too confident.

Somewhere between 550-600 Stones fans journeyed to South Wales for the first leg with expectation levels disproportionately high but it was a game played out in a fantastic atmosphere.

Nerves seemed to get the better of us early on and within 20 minutes we found ourselves 2-0 down before we even got going. Looking back we lost the tie in that period and it was all uphill from that point.

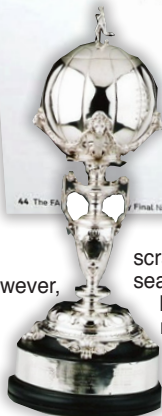
**W**e managed to ride the storm, however, and got back into the game and reduced the arrears early in the second half when the predatory Richard Jolly pounced from close range.

As they say nowadays "absolutely scenes", and I still look at that moment from time to time on You Tube with great fondness. Suddenly we were back in the game and for the next 20 minutes we pushed them back... but the equaliser just wouldn't come. During this spell came possibly one of the defining moments in the tie when Peter Dean hammered a 25 yarder that was arrowing into the bottom right corner before the Newport keeper appeared from nowhere to



# ...And then there were two

Only Newport County AFC and York City remain in another vintage season of The FA Carlsberg Trophy



**T**he 43rd FA Trophy competition began on 8 October 2011 with 54 ties in the Preliminary Round. Stamford edged Coalville Town, both former FA Vase Finalists, in a nine-goal thriller at Vic Couzens Stadium and Redbridge, who later had an exciting run through to The FA Cup's Second Round Proper, won their local derby 3-2 at Ilford. The attendances ranged from 344 at Bognor Regis Town v Mangotsfield United, to 45 at Cammell Laird v Bamber Bridge.

On 10 December, the 24 Conference Premier clubs entered at the First Round Proper with 32 ties being played, and some big names fell at the first hurdle. Both of last season's Finalists were beaten, with the holders

Darlington going down 3-0 at Grimsby Town and runners-up Mansfield Town beaten 2-1 at Droylsden. The Conference Premier passersby, Fleetwood Town and Wroxham, also crashed out. The Cod Army were beaten 3-1 at Northwich Victoria, former Trophy winners themselves, and goals from Sam Belcher and Andre Gray for Hinckley United clinched a surprise 2-1 win in Wales. The best crowd of the round was in Tameside, where 1,690 saw Stalybridge Celtic of the Conference North battle to a 2-2 draw at Stockport County, the Conference Premier side playing in their first-ever Trophy tie. Four more Conference Premier sides were eliminated in the next round, with Lincoln City, playing their

scramble it away. Soon after they broke away to seal the game, 3-1, and that was that.

For me personally, we wasted a great opportunity that day. We had beaten three teams better than Newport on our way to the semis but the occasion got to us and we really didn't do ourselves justice.

It was a very deflated Stones party on the way home, most felt our chance had gone but the team had spirit and we would certainly give them a game at our place.

As it transpired Newport came with a game plan at The Vale and just snuffed us out. They were of course a full time outfit and it really showed as we struggled to create anything. They were well organised and disciplined and just knew too much for us.



Newport beat Wealdstone to make The Final and York overcame Luton (below)

### "Luton suffered Trophy heartache again, beaten in the Semi-Final for the second time"

First Trophy match for 24 years, surprisingly losing in a replay to Carlisle United in the 1st Round Proper. AFC Telford, Barrow and Ebbsfleet also went out, but Grimsby Town continued their run, putting their first AFC Hornchurch in front of a healthy crowd of 2,415. Ten Conference Premier sides were still competing in the Third Round. Eight of them were playing each other

and that led to Trophy exits for Alfreton, Ebbsfleet, Kidderminster and Bath. Anthony Elding was on target in Grimsby's win at Bath City. Newport County AFC ended Carlisle's impressive run 4-0 and Stuart Fleetwood notched Luton Town's clincher at Kidderminster Harriers. Grimsby's Trophy story came to an end at Bundeil Park in the Fourth Round. A crowd of 3,662 saw a solitary goal from York City's Scott Kerr knock out the Mariners in a battle between two former Football League sides. Goals in the last four minutes from Jake Harris and Nat Jarvis took Newport through 3-2 at Northwich and Luton made the Semi-Finals for the second year running after beating Gateshead 2-0 at home. Isthmian

Premier team Wealdstone, the first club to achieve an FA Trophy and Conference "Double" back in 1985, jolly netted both for the Stones. Luton Town once again had to suffer Trophy heartache as they were knocked out in the Semi-Final for the second consecutive year. A last-minute equaliser for York in the second leg at Kenilworth Road made it 2-1 to the Minstermen on aggregate and booked their place in The Final. Justin Edinburgh's Newport made their way to their first ever Trophy Final after a tight 0-0 draw following a convincing 3-1 win over plucky Wealdstone. Goals from Elliott Buchanan, Nat Jarvis and Danny Knights gave Newport their day in the sun at Wembley.

### SEMI-FINAL, FIRST LEG 10.03.12 NEWPORT COUNTY 3-1 WEALDSTONE

A surprise howler from the Stones 'keeper gave Newport a dream start in the first leg at Spytty Park, Buchanan taking advantage of a headed clearance that went straight to him. Nat Jarvis lashed home a second after Gary Warren's header had hit the bar, but the prolific Richard Jolly put the Isthmian League visitors back in the picture four minutes after the break. The Exiles grabbed a crucial third through Knights with 12 minutes left. "We had a fantastic start, but it was a classic game of two halves," said manager Justin Edinburgh after the first-leg victory.

### SEMI-FINAL, SECOND LEG 17.03.12 WEALDSTONE 0-0 NEWPORT COUNTY

Newport produced a very professional performance in a goal-less second leg before more than 2,000 fans at Grosvenor Vale a week later. Credit went to wily boss Justin Edinburgh and his backroom team, none more so than player-coach Wayne Hatswell who came in from the cold for his first game since December after an early injury to Ismail Yakubu. He turned in a masterful defensive display alongside the equally dominant Gary Warren, sealing County's place in The FA Trophy Final. In truth, they never looked like surrendering their two-goal advantage and were now on their way to Wembley!



Pages from the 2012 Trophy final programme when York City took on (and beat) our conquerors Newport County at Wembley. It should have been us...

We had a few moments but it never really looked like happening - and in fact they missed several good opportunities on the break as we became more and more desperate as the game wore on.

It was a great occasion for the club with a full house and our moment in the spotlight but we ended up feeling like unwanted guests at a party as Newport fans celebrated literally on our turf.

The higher the stakes I suppose you are more likely to experience these kind of situations but it's not one I'm in a hurry to witness again.

So we come into the 2nd leg today with a one goal deficit and the tie still very much alive. Conditions at Brackley were poor for both sides and as a spectacle it was a non event with 0-0 written all over it until their late winner. I suspect

today will be another cagey affair but we'll have a better pitch to play on and surely the weather will have improved - a better game in prospect for sure.

No away goal rule in the FA Trophy so always the possibility of a penalty shoot out to decide the winners. I think if that happened it would be impossible to watch but for that to be a possibility we have to win. **COME ON YOU STONES!**

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## Watford

15TH JULY • PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY  
• Nick DuGard



## Faversham Town

16TH SEPTEMBER • FA CUP 2ND QUALIFYING ROUND  
• Peter and Pauline Worby



## Concord Rangers

5TH AUGUST • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Nick Woolford  
• In memory of Dennis Mills, aka Papa Smurf



## Whitehawk

7TH OCTOBER • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Steve Counsel  
• Mike Pullin



## Havant & Waterlooville

14TH AUGUST • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
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## Truro City

21ST OCTOBER • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Alan Couch



## Chelmsford City

19TH AUGUST • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
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## Hungerford Town

11TH NOVEMBER • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Toby Jackson  
• Peter Smallwood & Jack Foran



## Hemel Hempstead Town

28TH AUGUST • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
• Your name and details here



## Chelmsford City

25th NOVEMBER • FA TROPHY 3RD QUALIFYING ROUND  
• Alan Hill & Roge Slater



## Bognor Regis Town

9TH SEPTEMBER • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Frank Funnell  
• Your name and details here



## Braintree Town

2ND DECEMBER • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Tony & Peter Drew  
• Your name and details here



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## Dartford

17TH FEBRUARY • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• In memory of Jim Klarfeld  
• Terry Hissey



## Wingate & Finchley

16TH DECEMBER • FA TROPHY 1ST ROUND PROPER  
• Dominic Whyley & Friends  
• Alan Hill & Roger Slater



## Oxford City

3RD MARCH • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
• Your name and details here



## St Albans City

23RD DECEMBER • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• In memory of Roy Couch  
• Your name and details here



## Welling United

5TH MARCH • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• The Epic Golf Society  
• John Young



## Hampton & Richmond

1ST JANUARY • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
• Your name and details here



## Brackley Town

24TH MARCH • FA TROPHY SEMI FINAL 2ND LEG  
• Alan Hill  
• Roge Slater



## Hereford

13th JANUARY • FA TROPHY 2ND ROUND  
• Graham Clark  
• Your name and details here



## Eastbourne Borough

26TH MARCH • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Brian Smith  
• Your name and details here



## Gloucester City

5TH FEBRUARY • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
• Your name and details here



## East Thurrock United

31ST MARCH • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Alan Couch  
• Your name and details here



## Weston-super-Mare

27TH JANUARY • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Mike Vincent  
• Your name and details here



## Bath City

7TH APRIL • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Toby Jackson  
• Your name and details here



## Warrington Town

3RD FEBRUARY • FA TROPHY 3RD ROUND PROPER  
• The Epic Golf Society • John Young  
• Alan Hill & Roger Slater • Graham Clark & Mike Pullin



## Chippenham Town

21ST APRIL • VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Ron Moore - "In memory of all fans who have passed away"



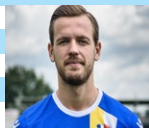


# WEALDSTONE FC

## FIRST TEAM, SEASON 2017/18 as at 23rd March 2018

A = STARTING APPEARANCES • S = APPEARANCE AS SUBSTITUTE • G = GOALS SCORED \* = HAS NOW LEFT CLUB

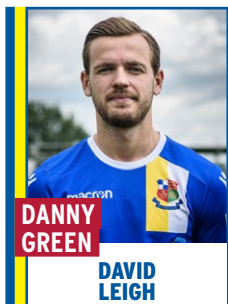
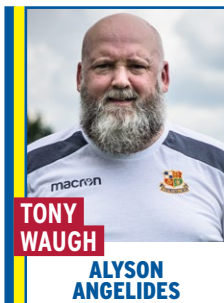
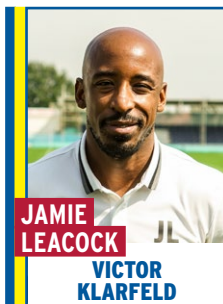
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	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
Allen, Iffy	4	1	1							2					6	1	1	6	1	1	
Artwell, Ashleigh							1			1					2			2			
Benyon, Elliot *	7	3	3	1	1			1		1					9	5	3	41	16	25	
Brown, Ciaron *	16	2	1	1			3			1					21	2	1	62	6	3	
Bubb, Bradley	2	1					2	3							4	1	3	4	1	3	
Constable, Ravan	1														1			1			
Cox, Sam	22	1		1			7			3					33	1		72	5		
Day, Matthew	17			2			2	1		1	1				22	2		22	2		
Eisa, Abobaker *	22	2	12	1			4	1		1	1				28	2	14	28	2	14	
Fitchett, Dan	16	11	6	1	1	1	1	3		2	1	1			20	16	8	29	16	12	
Gayle, Ian	8		1							2					10	1		10		1	
Godfrey, Elliott *		1								1					2			171	20	10	
Goodger, Harry		10					1	3							1	13		1	13		
Green, Danny	30		8	2	2		7	3		3	1				42	14		89	7	24	
Harwood, Liam *										1					1			1			
Hill, Josh *	10		1	1						1					12	1		14		1	
Hippolyte-Patrick, Shaquille	13	3				1									13	4		13	4		
Hunt, David *	2									1					3			23	5		
Ijaha, David *	2	1													2	1		2	1		
Johnson-Schuster, Marcus	6									2					8			8			
Kearney, Dylan	4														4			4			
Mohamed, Kaid *	1	1													1	1		1	1		
Ngamvoulou, Stephane	4	5		1	1			1							5	7		5	7		
North, Jonathan	31			2			7			4					44			333	1		
O'Brien, Alan	1	3		1	1					1					2	6		2	6		
Ogle, Reagan	2						1								3			3			
Okimo, Jerome	31	1		2			6			3					42	1		86	5	1	
Okojie, Shaun *	1									1	1				2	1		2	1		
Olomowewe, Taofiq	8		1				4			1	1				13	1	1	13	1	1	
Osei, Jermaine		1													1			1			
Osei-Bonsu, Andrew *		1													1			1			
Oshodi, Eddie	27		3	1			7			3	1				38	4		88	1	10	
Otudeko, Joseph *										1					1			1			
Pollock, Aron *	3														3			3			
Pratt, David	10	1	2							2	1				12	1	3	12	1	3	
Sellers, Ryan	15	4	2	1			4			2	1				22	4	3	35	4	3	
Sheppard, Jake	1						1								2			2			
Tiryaki, Mustafa	4	5					5	1	1		3				9	9	1	9	9	1	
Wellard, Ricky	13	5	1	2			5	1	2	2					22	6	3	61	15	8	
Whicelow, Matt	11	6	4	1		1	3		1	2	1				17	7	6	56	12	13	
Williams, Luke	6	2		1	1		1			1					9	3		9	3		
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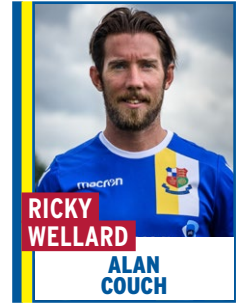
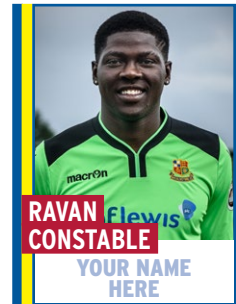


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# STONES FIXTURES



## HOME

### Eastbourne Borough

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Monday, 26th March, 7:45pm

HALF PRICE ADMISSION FOR PREMIER / FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

### East Thurrock United

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Saturday, 31st March, 3:00pm

HALF PRICE ADMISSION FOR PREMIER / FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

### Bath City

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Saturday, 7th April, 3:00pm

HALF PRICE ADMISSION FOR PREMIER / FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

### Oxford City

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Wednesday, 11th April, 7:45pm

HALF PRICE ADMISSION FOR PREMIER / FOOTBALL LEAGUE SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

## AWAY

### Hemel Hempstead Town

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Monday, 2nd April, 3:00pm

[www.hemeffc.com](http://www.hemeffc.com)

### Hungerford Town

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Monday, 9th April, 7:45pm

[www.hungerfordtown.com](http://www.hungerfordtown.com)

### Poole Town

BUILDBASE FA TROPHY, SEMI FINAL, FIRST LEG

Saturday, 14th April, 3:00pm

[www.pooletownfc.co.uk](http://www.pooletownfc.co.uk)

### Chelmsford City

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Monday, 16th April, 7:45pm

[www.chelmsfordcityfc.com](http://www.chelmsfordcityfc.com)

## Vanarama National League South 2017/2018 @ 18th March 2018

Opposition	All						Home						Away						+/-	Pts	Results	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A				
1 Havant & Waterlooville	33	18	10	5	52	24	17	7	7	3	27	16	16	11	3	2	25	8	28	64	0-1	0-1
2 Dartford	34	18	8	8	68	42	18	12	3	3	45	19	16	6	5	5	23	23	26	62	1-2	3-3
3 Hampton & Richmond	33	15	14	4	47	29	16	8	7	1	23	11	17	7	7	3	24	18	18	59	0-3	1-1
4 St Albans City	33	15	8	10	57	43	17	9	4	4	35	20	16	6	4	6	22	23	14	53	1-3	1-2
5 Chelmsford City	34	14	11	9	50	38	16	6	6	4	27	19	18	8	5	5	23	19	12	53	0-2	---
6 Truro City	32	15	7	10	55	43	15	7	3	5	29	21	17	8	4	5	26	22	12	52	2-1	3-1
7 Hemel Hempstead Town	33	14	10	9	53	41	16	8	4	4	26	17	17	6	6	5	27	24	12	52	1-1	---
8 Braintree Town	33	13	11	9	57	46	17	8	5	4	31	19	16	5	6	5	26	27	11	50	3-1	---
9 Bath City	34	13	11	10	47	39	17	5	7	5	18	16	17	8	4	5	29	23	8	50	---	0-0
10 Welling United	33	14	8	11	56	49	17	7	3	7	33	27	16	7	5	4	23	22	7	50	1-0	2-1
11 Weston-super-Mare	33	13	7	13	56	56	15	8	2	5	30	21	18	5	5	8	26	35	0	46	2-1	1-5
12 Gloucester City	34	13	7	14	46	50	17	6	3	8	20	23	17	7	4	6	26	27	-4	46	1-2	2-2
13 Wealdstone	32	12	9	11	47	46	16	9	1	6	24	20	16	3	8	5	23	26	1	45	---	---
14 East Thurrock United	32	11	10	11	56	60	16	5	5	6	28	22	16	6	5	5	28	38	-4	43	---	1-1
15 Oxford City	34	11	8	15	51	58	17	5	6	6	28	26	17	6	2	9	23	32	-7	41	---	2-3
16 Eastbourne Borough	34	11	7	16	49	62	17	4	4	9	25	33	17	7	3	7	24	29	-13	40	---	1-1
17 Chippenham Town	34	10	8	16	48	61	17	7	3	3	30	23	17	3	1	13	18	38	-13	38	---	0-0
18 Hungerford Town	32	10	7	15	36	48	16	5	4	7	20	20	16	5	3	8	16	28	-12	37	1-0	---
19 Concord Rangers	31	8	10	13	36	45	16	6	5	5	21	20	15	2	5	8	15	25	-9	34	2-1	1-3
20 Poole Town	33	8	7	18	37	60	17	2	3	12	16	38	16	6	4	6	21	22	-23	31	4-1	---
21 Bognor Regis Town	32	4	12	16	32	55	16	3	4	9	19	29	16	1	8	7	13	26	-23	24	3-0	3-0
22 Whitehawk	33	4	8	21	37	78	17	2	6	9	20	38	16	2	2	12	17	40	-41	20	2-1	---