

# Opposition in focus



**F**ounded in 1938 it is fair to say that the history of Chelmsford City Football Club has been a roller coaster ride that has seen the Club at the very height of the non-league game whilst also 'enjoying' spells when the very future of the Club was at risk.

Immediately joining the Southern League, then the strongest competition outside the Football League, the club enjoyed an F.A. Cup run in its first season that saw them start at the Preliminary Round before losing 6-0 at Birmingham in the Fourth Round, in front of a crowd of 44,494. On the way City accounted for League clubs Darlington and Southampton.

The outbreak of the Second World War brought the fledgling club's progress to a halt, but the 1945-1946 season saw the Club win both the Southern League and the Southern League Cup.

The late 1940's found the Club at the forefront of non-league football as they along with Colchester United, Gillingham and Merthyr Tydfil dominated the Southern League during the period up until 1950. Players such

as Frank Soo, Cecil MacCormack and Syd Plunkett were attracted to New Writtle Street, and it was during this period that the record home crowd of 16,807 was established when Colchester United visited for a league match in September 1949.

When the Football League expanded from 88 clubs to 92 in 1950 the two southern clubs that got the nod were Colchester United and Gillingham, and it started a period of decline for City. So much so that by 1955 the club's finances were in such a parlous state that there was even talk of withdrawing from the Southern League.

The establishment of a Supporters Club Pool that brought in much needed funds and the appointment of John Coward as Chairman in 1960 heralded another golden era in the history of the Club. So strong were the finances that the Club owned a string of club houses around the town, an attraction that enabled the Club to bring quality players to the Club.

On the pitch it was not so good a story though, as the only honour to come the clubs way was the Southern League Cup in 1959-1960. The signing of Bobby Mason, on Wolves transfer list, without paying the required transfer fee, forced Football League clubs to look at the whole question of player registrations and City were retrospectively banned from applying for Football League membership for five years. A blow to the Club as it was, arguably, their best chance of gaining election to the elite competition.

The Southern League championship was won in 1967-1968, whilst the same season Oxford United were knocked out of the F.A. Cup, City's first win against a Football League club since 1938-1939. It was to be the end of this golden era though because by 1970 the Club was again in dire straits, saved only by a 'merger' with Brentwood Town.

The Southern League championship was won again in 1971-1972, but this proved to be a false dawn and with finances once again an issue relegation was suffered for the first time

in 1976-1977, despite Jimmy Greaves being signed and topping the goalscoring charts. The pendulum swung again when the original Company was wound up in 1980 and a new relatively debt free Company was established to take its place. This led to another period when the Club progressed although the elusive goal of reaching what is now the Football Conference could never be attained. After a brief period of consolidation things turned downwards again and by 1994 a new low was reached. Ownership of the New Writtle Street stadium was lost and the Club was on the point of going out of existence before a group of supporters led by Trevor Wright took over the running of the Club, another Company being formed to do this. In 1997 the Club was relegated for the third time and was also evicted from the Stadium which began a period of nearly nine years playing firstly at Maldon Town and then at Billericay Town. This was not an ideal situation with only gate income to keep the Club alive, but in 2006 the opportunity arose to return to Chelmsford at a newly refurbished Melbourne Park.

The opening game against Billericay Town on 2nd January 2006 saw a massive crowd watch City beat their near neighbours 2-1. In March 2008 a record crowd of 3,201 saw City beat their rivals AFC Wimbledon 3-2, the biggest crowd at a home league game since 1974. This win virtually sealed the Isthmian League championship and promotion to the Football Conference South.

## CHELMSFORD FACTS

**GROUND** - Melbourne Stadium  
**CAPACITY** - 3,000 (1,300 seated)  
**MANAGER** - Rod Stringer  
**2017/18** - National League South 3rd

The last few seasons have seen City as regular play off contestants but they have been unable to achieve the aim of promotion to the level just outside the Football League. The 2012-2013 season saw them beat Colchester United in the F.A. Cup, the fourth time they have beaten a Football League club in that competition.

Dean Holdsworth was appointed Manager in the summer of 2013 but things didn't work out and he left the role in November, eventually being replaced by former Heybridge Swifts Manager Mark Hawkes who, along with his assistant Steve Smith, enjoyed a two year spell in charge. They were replaced temporarily by coach Kevin Maher but in the summer of 2016 former Braintree Town and Bishop's Stortford Manager Rod Stringer was appointed to the Melbourne Community Stadium hot seat. The 2016-2017 saw the Club reach the National League South Play Off Final and win the Essex Senior Cup.

The 2017-2018 season was also successful as the Club reached the National League South play offs and also the final of the Essex Senior Cup where they were beaten by local



# CHELMSFORD CITY

## OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

### THE CLARETS WHO'S WHO..

#### ROSS WORNER

A former Woking youngster, Worner started his career with the Cards before moving to Charlton Athletic and Aldershot Town. Temporary loan spells at Eastbourne Borough and Farnborough followed before a move to AFC Wimbledon. Making 50 appearances for the Dons, Worner returned to his first Club, Woking, on two occasions before signing for Sutton United in 2015. Worner joined the Clarets in June 2018 on a season-long loan.

#### JOE ANDERSON

Having begun his career in the youth systems of Chelsea and Fulham, the defender tasted first team football for the first time while on-loan at Woking before signing for Lincoln City in 2010. Spells at AFC Hornchurch, Billericay Town and Cambridge United followed before Anderson settled at Bromley – where he made 165 appearances for the London outfit. After four seasons at Bromley, Anderson moved to Maidstone United where he made over 50 appearances before signing for the Clarets.

#### ELLIOTT OMOZUSI

Omozusi, an England U16, U17, U18 and U19 representative, began his career with Fulham before making his name with Leyton Orient in 2010. The London-born defender appeared over 120 times in the League for the O's over five-years. Following his time at E10, Omozusi joined Cambridge United for two seasons before signing for Whitehawk in 2017.

#### JAZZI BARNUM-BOBB

Following his release by Newport County signed for City in March 2018. After joining the Watford Academy he was released and signed for Cardiff City in 2014. Following his departure from Cardiff he signed for Newport, having earlier spent time there on loan. Spent time on loan at Torquay United earlier this season.

#### MARK HAINES

Tall central defender who made a number of appearances for Northampton Town's Reserve Team after spells with West Ham United and Southend United in their younger youth age groups. This preceded a move to Grays Athletic He impressed City's

management sufficiently during the 2009/10 pre-season to earn a place in the squad, subsequently becoming the club's Young Player of the Year. Mark is currently the club's longest serving player having made nearly 250 appearances.

#### MICHAEL SPILLANE

A former Norwich City youngster, Spillane has vast amounts of Football League experience having appeared for Brentford, Southend United and Cambridge United. A spell at Lowestoft Town preceded his move to the Melbourn Community Stadium, becoming a regular fixture in the side in the early months of 2017.

#### ROB SWAINE

Basildon-born defender Swaine began his career in the National League South with Thurrock, where he featured over three seasons before joining Chelmsford City. A move to Billericay Town preceded a four-season stay at Bromley before Swaine returned to the Melbourn Community Stadium.

#### TOM WRAIGHT

Following on from two prolific seasons at East Thurrock United, Wraight moved to Maidstone United. At the end of a season which saw the Stones narrowly survive the fight against relegation, Wraight was released from Maidstone and joined the Clarets.

#### JONATHAN GILES

Spent spells on loan at Southport and Aldershot whilst with his first club Oxford United who released him in the summer of 2017. He joined Chelmsford shortly after his release by Oxford

#### TAYLOR MILES

Signed by City in January 2018 from Hemel Hempstead Town. Originally in the West Ham United set up he played for Concord Rangers, Braintree Town and Lincoln City before being released in the summer of 2017. Whilst at Lincoln City he was loaned out to Boston United.

#### MAX PORTER

After starting his professional career with Cambridge United he later played for Bishop's Stortford, Barnet Rushden and

Diamonds, AFC Wimbledon and Newport County. Capped three times by England 'C' he signed for National League side Bromley in 2015 before moving to Chelmsford in October 2016. Is currently on loan at Bostik League Maldon and Tiptree.

#### AMOS NASHER

Having begun his career with the West Ham youth set-up, Amos made four appearances in Europa League qualifying matches for the first team before departing Upton Park. Also counting Dover and Concord Rangers as his former employers, Amos has a vast experience in non-league football and became Rod Stringer's first signing of the summer when he joined in May 2018.

#### ANTHONY CHURCH

Central midfielder who had a short spell with City at the start of the 2012-2013 season making six appearances before moving on to Bishop's Stortford. Re-joined City in the summer of 2016.

#### JORDAN CIEDOZIE

Having begun his career in the Bournemouth youth set-up, Jordan spent time on-loan at Dorchester Town, AFC Totton and Poole Town before joining Concord Rangers in 2014. Moves elsewhere to Cambridge United, Dartford, Braintree Town and Boreham Wood followed before a successful season at Margate – where he scored 29 goals in 39 appearances – led to a move to Chelmsford City.

#### JAI REASON

Born in Southend, Jai progressed through the Ipswich Town youth set-up before moving to Cambridge United, Crawley Town, Braintree Town and Eastleigh. Following a season at Boreham Wood, Reason moved

to Maidstone United before a switch to Chelmsford City.

#### RHYS MURPHY

After starting his career at the Arsenal youth set-up, Rhys enjoyed loan spells at Brentford and Preston North End before then signing for Telstar permanently. The following years saw Murphy feature for a number of clubs including Dagenham & Redbridge, Oldham Athletic, York City and Gillingham before the England under-16, under-17 and under-19 representative joined the Clarets in July 2018.

#### SHAUN BATT

A former Stevenage striker, Batt began his career with the London side before joining

Peterborough, Millwall and Leyton Orient. The heavily experienced striker is not known for his scoring record but makes up for that with his physical presence and chance creation for his team mates.

#### SCOTT FENWICK

Signed for Chelmsford in March 2018 having previously been with Maltese side Naxxar Lions. After playing for several northern non-League sides he signed

for Hartlepool United in November 2014 scoring 10 goals in 42 appearances whilst with the County Durham side. He later played for York City and Darlington before moving to Malta.

#### ALEX AKROFI

Alex began his career with Brentwood Town before signing for Maidstone United. The winger was distributed on-loan to Concord Rangers before being released and joining Tonbridge Angels prior to a move to Chelmsford City.



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# TREVOR FRANKLIN

## The Clarets' View

'Melbourne Park facilities are good, but nothing could compare to the atmosphere at New Writtle Street under the lights'

Today we have pleasure in re-introducing our 'away supporter' feature, thanks largely to this recommendation by regular Stones fan David Leigh. City fanatic Trevor says: "I count David as a friend, but know him originally as a business contact - our mutual interests in non-league football and cockerpoo ownership brought us together!"

Trevor, 55, lives in Chelmsford, half an hour's walk from Melbourne Stadium "or a 5 minute drive with my Dad if he's going and picks me up on the way".

*We sent Trevor some probing questions...*

**After six play off campaigns in the 11 years since climbing into the National League South, are the fans despairing of ever making it?** It's easy to be a pessimist, as I find many non-league supporters are! We've been there or thereabouts for quite a while without the financial clout, luck or whatever the magic formula is. Arguably a more frustrating run saw 17 unsuccessful attempts at election into the Football League between 1947 and 1976.

I wouldn't say the Clarets fans are in despair but last season was definitely an opportunity missed, especially with the league this season looking much stronger. There must be at least a dozen clubs with valid play off ambitions.

**Which season was the best clarets team in your opinion. Or was it before the NLS days?**

Standing out in my memory is 1988-89, the season after we had been relegated from the Southern League Premier Division. The season began with seven appearances from Alan Brazil - I particularly remember him netting with a spectacular scissor-kicked volley. The side that season played a lot of entertaining football, winning the league easily with 106 goals scored and 95 points amassed.

**Who are your four favourite all time Clarets players (one keeper, one defender, one midfielder, one striker)?** Now that's a tricky one from over 30 years of being a supporter! But for **keeper**, I'd go for Paul Nicholls - from about 15 years ago, used to take penalties and selected by John Terry in his all time XI of players played with. **Defender** would be Andy Duncan (circa 10 years ago) - signed after 10 years with Cambridge United. Whilst not that tall for a centre back, he was a colossus in defence and at corners/set pieces. **Midfielder** has



Great selfie, Trev!

to be Ricky Holmes - scored spectacular long rangers for fun - and still does in the Football League. **Striker** is a tricky one but I'll go for Ian Brown from the early 90s, sold to Bristol City in 1993 - he was pacey and a good finisher, and always had a smile on his face.

**When was your first Clarets game?** First game was in 1973, a rather key fixture in Chelmsford's history. It was the third round of the FA Cup against Ipswich Town. The memory is a bit of a blur as I was only nine but I can recall being squeezed in with 15,000 others. We lost 3-1.

**Can Melbourne Park ever compare to New Writtle street?** No! Whilst facilities are good at the Gulag (aka Melbourne Park), nothing could match the atmosphere at NWS, especially a Monday night under the lights! At our present home, two games stick in my mind; beating Colchester United 3-1 in the FA Cup a few seasons ago and hosting our former landlords, Billericay Town, in our first game back in the borough, in January 2006 - a 2-1 win in front of 3,000.

**How could MP be improved as a football stadium?** Remove the running track!! The new ownership (not quite in place yet) is talking about a new ground - we shall see. When we lost narrowly to Ebbsfleet

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in the play off final season before last, many felt promotion then would have been too soon - including the new ownership. But if we did it this season, I believe the infrastructure is there.

**Is Rod Stringer the club's best ever manager?**

Rod (and his management team) is very popular with the fans - his heart is on his sleeve, is very passionate - all the qualities fans like to see in their manager. Before the current ownership was tabled in early 2017, the sudden demise of a previous take-over saw a cashflow crisis - Rod loaned in a not immaterial amount of cash to meet players' wages. If anyone can achieve success at Chelmsford, Rod can.

**Who are the Chelmsford players to watch today?** Rob Swaine - Mr Dependable in defence and a threat at corners/set pieces. Jonny

Giles - like many of the squad, spent pre-season and the first month or so on the injured list - he's on the comeback trail having made a couple of substitute appearances - was instrumental in our victory at Hemel a few weeks back when coming on as sub.

**And who should Clarets be fearing today?** Bradley Bubb - a seasoned performer at this level. Loved it when he netted a few against Billericay on his debut last season. Poor Glenn! (Sadly, Bradders is likely to be out injured today - Ed). And Jeffrey Monakana - I like the look of him.

**How do you think each team will fare this season?** Good to see things falling into place finally for the Stones after a couple of disappointing seasons. If we can get over our less than ideal start (pre season was pretty much a write off with about 10 injured for virtually all the friendlies and into the league campaign), then we should have the quality to see us pushing for yet another play off spot (we may have got the hang of them by now). Equally, the Stones appear to have started well. So it would be good to see us meeting in the play-offs.

**And finally... where will each club be in five years time?** Would like to think that clubs with our respective traditions/histories will be at the pinnacle of non-league football - if not in the Football League!



Trevor's first game, the sell-out FA Cup 3rd round tie with Ipswich in 1973 was marred by the violence prevalent in the 70s. There were 18 arrests and I think that's Trevor being escorted out of the ground (right). Only joking!





# Social Club Scene

It's been a busy Summer at Ruislip Social club and there's plenty still going on. England's success in the World Cup resulted in some great afternoons and evenings at the club as the bars were packed out with both familiar faces and a good number of new faces. Ensuring the club is well used over the Summer and we keep earning revenue outside of the football season is critical to our financial success.

Don't forget that we have Sky and BT Sports and endeavour to show all the live games at the club so if you fancy catching a game with a pint, pop down and make use of the club house.

Last year was a record year for bar takings with a number of successful visits from fans on their way to Wembley (Man City, Southampton, Aston Villa and Shrewsbury) as well as the sell-out FA Trophy semi-final against Brackley. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who help make the Wembley visits such a success for both us and our visitors. We never fail to get positive feedback and it's a great way show this great club in a positive light.

In the next few weeks, we're embarking on some major refurbishments as we look to improve the Aquarium Bar and main hall. Thanks to our always supportive sponsors GPF Lewis, the Aquarium bar will be transformed into a facility that will hopefully impress sponsors and investors as we seek ways to grow our income streams.

Matchday's remain hugely important to us and we've taken the bold decision of avoiding bookings on a Saturday night when we have a home fixture to ensure there's enough space for matchday users. As always, try and support the bar on matchdays and enjoy the televised football before and after the game. As well as supporting infrastructure improvements, we're trying to divert more and more funds towards the playing budget as we seek to grow the club on and off the pitch. Your custom is hugely appreciated.

Live Music

Ruislip Social Club continues to build its reputation as one of the best live music venues in the area and Tropic at Ruislip have been hosting tribute bands on every Friday

and Saturday in August. These are cracking nights so if you get a chance to go along you won't be disappointed. Some forthcoming gigs are listed below;

**Friday 21 September**

**ACDC UK**

**Friday 28 September**

**Absolute Bowie**

Tickets for all of the above gigs are available from [www.tropicatruislip.co.uk](http://www.tropicatruislip.co.uk) or on the door (subject to availability)

**CLUB FUND RAISER -**

**TONIGHT**

**Legend** – The Bob Marley Experience After today's game versus Chelmsford we have our first club fundraiser of the season when we see the return of Legend – The **Bob Marley Experience**. Tickets are priced at **£15** and it would be great to see as many Wealdstone fans as possible support this event. The proceeds go directly to the playing budget and we have a pretty stretching target for fundraising this season so please help us get off to a good start.

**POP UP BAR**

The success of the pop up bar continues to grow and for those not familiar with the concept you can buy a programme or match ticket in the bar before the game as well as pre-ordering your half time drink. Not only that, you're more than likely to be served by one of our high profile celebrity supporters such as Clive Leaper, so make sure you give this great service a try.

**TWITTER**

You can follow Ruislip Social Club on Twitter at **@RuislipSC**. We have over 2,000 followers now so if you want to keep in touch with events then join our followers.

Enjoy the game and if you have any views on how we can improve the social club experience, let us know.

**Dom**



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## Bromley

28th JULY - PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY  
• Alan Couch



## Weston-super-Mare

4th AUGUST - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Alan Hill  
• Simon Stephens



## Woking

13th AUGUST - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
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## Concord Rangers

25th AUGUST - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Barry O'Sullivan



## Truro City

1st SEPTEMBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Alan Couch  
• Mike & Val Weston



## Chelmsford City

15th SEPTEMBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Toby Jackson (Lapel Badges)



## Great Wakering Rovers

22nd SEPTEMBER - FA CUP 2ND QUALIFYING ROUND  
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## Hampton & Richmond

13th OCTOBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Toby Jackson (Lapel Badges)



## Torquay United

27th OCTOBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
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## Gloucester City

29th OCTOBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
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## Bath City

10th NOVEMBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
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## Eastbourne Borough

1st DECEMBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Tony & Peter Drew



## Slough Town

26th DECEMBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Sentinel7  
• Your name and details here



## Oxford City

29th DECEMBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
• Your name and details here



## Dartford

5th JANUARY - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Terry Hissey



## Hungerford Town

19th JANUARY - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
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## Billericay Town

2nd FEBRUARY - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
• Your name and details here



## St.Albans City

16th FEBRUARY - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• In memory of Jim Klarfeld  
• Anthony Rickman



## Welling United

9th MARCH - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
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## Chippenham Town

23rd MARCH - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
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## East Thurrock United

6th APRIL - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
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## Dulwich Hamlet

20th APRIL - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• 'In memory of Wealdstone Fans no longer with us': Ron Moore, Dave Edwards, Tony & Peter Drew



## Hemel Hempstead Town

27th APRIL - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
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# ACTION REPLAY

Words - Nick DuGard

Monday 3rd September 2018 - Grosvenor Vale  
V Potters Bar Town - Friendly - Attendance 70



# 2

## LINE-UP

Thomas Sheppard  
Demuria  
Wilson  
Mambo  
Clark  
Mitchell  
Lench  
Brown  
Slew  
Monekana  
Subs used:  
White



Bobby Wilkinson took the opportunity to use his squad players for a timely friendly match on Monday night with the majority of his regular starting playing staff also present but engaged in a pre-match light training and using a new recovery ice bath following Saturday's hard fought win over Truro City.

The friendly was a high tempo and competitive affair throughout and will have provided a good test for those players that have not been able to feature regularly in recent National League matches.

Stones started strongly against ninth placed Bostick Premier side Potters Bar Town and soon raced into a two goal lead. Both goals came via deflections on powerful strikes from Jeffrey Monakana and at one point it looked as though the home side would over-run The Scholars but that wasn't to be the case as the away side picked up their intensity and pulled a goal back very smartly before half-time from winger Leo Pedro after a good following move.

Both sides had chances to add to their tallies after the break with Stones dominating possession but the score-line remained at 2-1.

Bobby Wilkinson would have been pleased with a very useful work-out for the squad with the opposition providing a good, physical test. One or two players caught the eye with Jake Sheppard working particularly hard and he provided a real handful for the Potters Bar defence all evening.



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## LINE-UP

Taylor  
Murray  
Sota  
Doyle  
Grace  
Forde  
Pedro  
Nicholas  
Casey  
Costa  
Sach  
Ogunlola  
Mifanda  
Lomas





# 44 years of epic clashes between Stones & Clarets.. here we present the first, the last and the very best

**Monday October 7, 1974  
Southern league cup 2nd  
round: Chelmsford City 2  
Wealdstone 0**

**W**E had joined the big boys. By winning the Southern League Div One South the previous season (the club's first 'proper' promotion in its 75 year history) the Stones were elevated to the land of teams we'd only read about in the 'Southern League Monthly' magazine ... clubs that averaged crowds of 2,000 and more every week, that played in decent stadiums and were professional in more than just name.

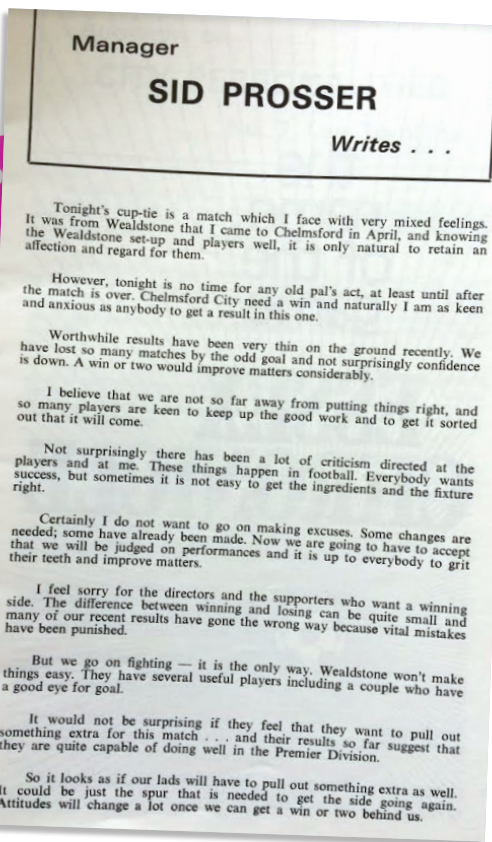
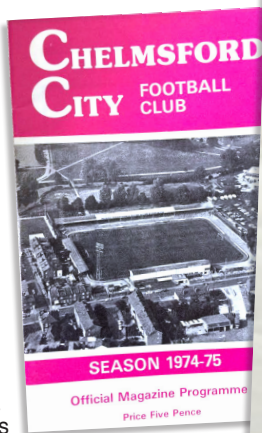
This trip to face Southern Prem big guns Chelmsford was an early taste of our new status. We'd beaten Bury Town 9-2 on aggregate to qualify for this League Cup clash and in truth it was a low key affair as City won comfortably enough, 2-0 in front of a 1,600 crowd. The main talking point was that Stones were facing the man who had transformed our team into a promotion outfit: Manager Sid Prosser,

**Right: Chelmsford manager Sid Prosser pontificates on this first meeting between our sides... he certainly knew all about Wealdstone!**

The first..

who had surprisingly left Lower Mead for Chelmsford just as we were poised to win the Southern Division. Tactically, he outwitted our new boss Eddie Presland on this occasion but as the season wore on the Clarets star began to dim and Prosser was eventually sacked soon after Christmas.

Having already seen us win 3-2 at



The last..

**Monday April 16 2018,  
Vanarama National  
league South:  
Chelmsford 3  
Wealdstone 0**

**T**he most recent meeting between the club's was a forgettable (in Wealdstone eyes anyway) 3-0 defeat at City's Melbourne Park Stadium at the end of last season. They were chasing their regular play off place (and the possibility even of the title) while the Stones had just lost 2-1 at Poole Town on the Saturday, effectively extinguishing our own hopes.

Bobby Wilkinson had reshuffled his side but some interpassing in the Stones area (and a slip by Eddie Oshodi) resulted in Bagasan Graham firing the Clarets ahead (pictured above). Ryan Sellers then headed a clearance straight to Scott



Fenwick, who set up Chris Dickson for a simple second goal on the half hour. Remember that amazing save by Sam Beasant from Glenn Wilson? His tip onto the crossbar prevented Stones from getting back into the game, and Dickson sealed the win when he cut in and fired across Jonathan North into the far corner in the second half.

The best..

**Tuesday April 27 1982,  
Southern League South Division:  
Wealdstone 1 Chelmsford City 0**

**A**narrow 1-0 win over an indifferent Chelmsford on a Tuesday night at Lower Mead in the Southern League South? How can this be better than our clashes in the Conference South and Southern Prem, I hear you ask.

Well, to put this match in context you have to know that it was our 20th game in just 41 days as we desperately chased the single promotion spot back into the Conference National (or Alliance Premier League as it was known 37 years ago).

Allan Batsford 's terrific side had had

a hiccup in March, losing two games out of three and suddenly Hastings United were on our heels like a Jack Russell with the scent of freshly fried sausages.

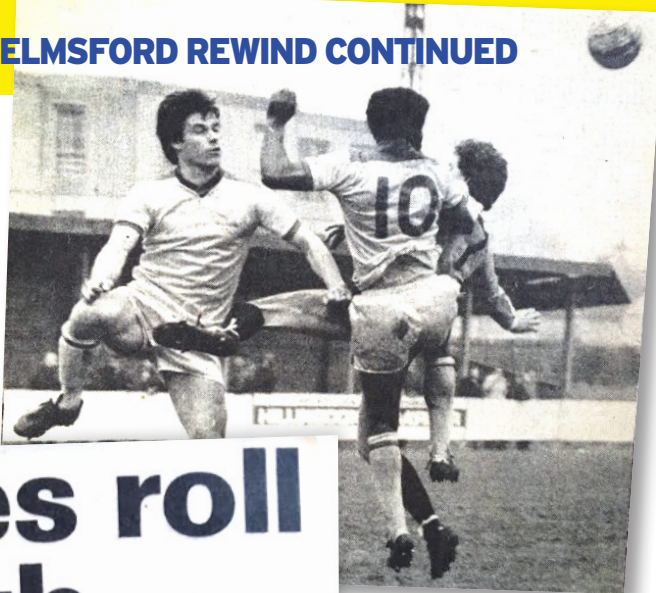
We had won 14 of our last 16 games, but so had they. We were due to meet them in a winner-takes-all showdown on the Thursday night, just two days after this Chelmsford clash, but it was imperative we beat the Clarets first.

City had started the season poorly (we had beaten them 9-3 on aggregate in the League Cup and outclassed them 2-0 in the League at New Writtle Street) but they were tough opposition and fielded the always combative ex-Stones and Orient star Bobby Moss in midfield.

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## CHELMSFORD REWIND CONTINUED



Above: Ray Knowles (left) in action with Neil Cordice (No.10) at Hillingdon Boro the week before the big game with Chelmsford. Left: The match report

# 'Stones roll on with late delivery

Wealdstone 1, Chelmsford 0  
**TUESDAY** night's late, if not great, win over Chelmsford City at Lower Mead set up a nerve-jangling finale to Wealdstone's season.

'Stones fans were reaching for their Valium when Ray Knowles finally broke the deadlock after 80 minutes to set the scene for the titanic struggle with fellow Championship-chasers Hastings on Thursday, the result leaving 'Stones a point behind the leaders but with a game in hand.

Knowles and Alan Cordice should have given 'Stones a half-time lead after early pressure.

First, the unmarked Knowles headed well wide from Stuart Pearce's excellent cross; then Cordice, moving onto Paul Waites' cross, directed another header over the bar from just four yards out.



Hoping to make the collection complete 'Stones skipper Paul Bowgett and manager Allen Batsford are looking for the championship trophy to add to the Southern League Cup (pictured above), won earlier in April.

That duo were again guilty of misses after the break as 'Stones pushed forward. Chelmsford goalkeeper Willie Carrick was booked for time-wasting in the 59th minute but he must have been regretting those tactics 20 minutes later when Wealdstone finally scored.

Wainwright made the opening on the left with a delicate touch to Pearce's long throw, and when Carrick could only turn Ray Davies' shot onto the post Roy Knowles fired home.

Wealdstone: Goddard, Perkins, Pearce, Ryan, Bowgett, Barwick, Waites, Wainwright, A. Cordice, Knowles, Davies. Sub: Churchouse.

But hallelujah! Ray Knowles (The Goals) popped up with the only score, burying a rebound off the post at the Cinema End to send the 1,025 crowd crazy, and our title-winning hopes were still flickering.

A famous 2-0 win over Hastings United 48 hours later turned that flicker into an inferno... and of course the legendary 1981-82 campaign finished with the Stones winning EVERY trophy on offer in the Southern League (League, League Cup, Championship Shield and Merit Shield) as we rampaged back to non-League's top flight in a flurry of beautiful, powerful and efficient football.

## ON THIS DAY

BY GORDON MCKAY



**Saturday Sept 15, 1928: Leavesden Mental Hospital (away) Won 2-1**

Following the popularity of the article in the last programme concerning the above opponents I am able to bring you a little bonus game to this week's Rewind article. This was an FA Cup Preliminary Round match and we were successful by 2-1 with our scorers being Clark and Hannam. Again, no details as to whether any of our visiting fans were allowed home. The big question now is will they make it to three Rewinds in a row?

**Saturday Sept 15 1979 (APL) Weymouth (away) lost 0-4 Att 1,043**

The first season of the Alliance Premier League and after a somewhat indifferent start we journeyed down to Weymouth to face one of the divisions big guns. They were a powerful side in those days and featured the likes of Anniello Iannone and Graham Roberts who later went on to play hundreds of games for Tottenham and England.

It was a very early start for the Stones supporters team who set off at 7am to play against their Weymouth counterparts that morning and were rewarded with a convincing 4-0 win - but come 3pm the hospitality ended as we were well and truly stuffed by four clear goals by a side who were

far better than us. I suppose you could say honours ended up even that day but it was clear the side we had were not up to the top flight of non league football. A week later manager Alan Fogarty was sacked and we just managed to stay up under Ken Payne.

**Tuesday September 15, 1987 (APL) Enfield (H) won 1-0 Att: 983**

After a poor start to the season we entertained rivals Enfield under the Lower Mead lights still searching for our first win. We had been on the slide for a few years now and Enfield were also not the force of old. Free-flowing football was out and both sides played with fear, meaning excitement was in short supply and I remember thinking at the time it was as dour a game as I'd ever witnessed



between the two clubs. The game appeared to be heading for a 0-0 when with barely 10 minutes left the ball broke loose on the edge of the box for Byron Walton (pictured on the programme cover, left) to hammer low into the corner at the Elmslie End. Despite both clubs being a pale shadow of their former selves there was still a great rivalry and real dislike for each other and the goal was wildly celebrated by the majority of the near-1,000 crowd.

It was all rather calamitous at Weymouth on Saturday. The 'Stones looked good for a point for half an hour—until the roof fell in. They must have been seeing stars in Neil Cordice when it needed three goals—at least—to put us back in the game.

However, the supporters made a day of it by taking on Weymouth Supporters in a challenge match on Saturday morning. The Weymouth side will be playing in the Supporters Combination League this year, but they were well beaten by an understrength S.F.C. Wealdstone who make their debut tomorrow (Sunday) in the Marathon League. Result: **Weymouth 0, Wealdstone 4** with Donald Cross (who scored twice) the architect of the victory. Kevin Bright put the ball in the right net, for once, and Gordon McKay netted another with a close-range volley.

The sponsored walk, held a week last Sunday, was supported by just nine walkers with everybody completing at least one three-mile lap. Congratulations to those who took part, so now how about the sponsors forking out? Every penny counts.

Our next away trip is to Lincolnshire next Saturday, where the 'Stones take on Boston United and their three-year unbeaten home record in the League Cup. But who knows? The 'Stones have bearded such lions in their own den before, so here's to a good following on Saturday and a place in the third round.

UP THE 'STONES.

Tim Parks



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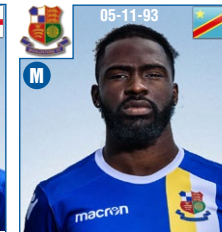
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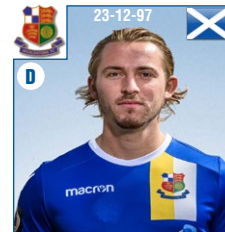
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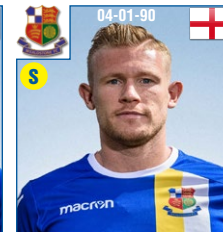
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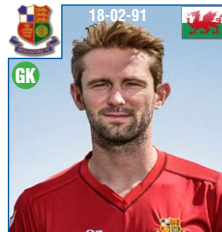
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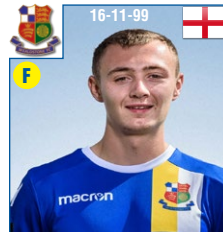
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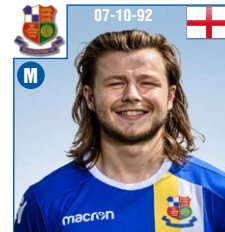
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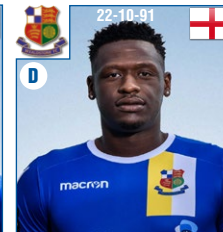
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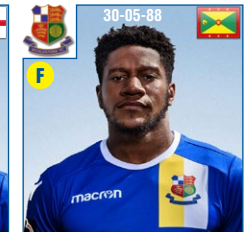
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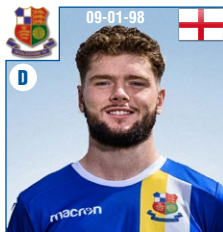
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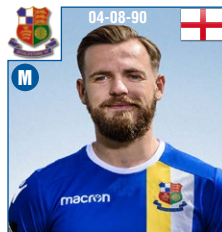
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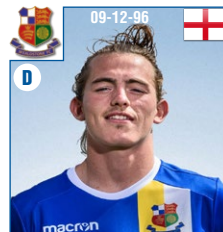
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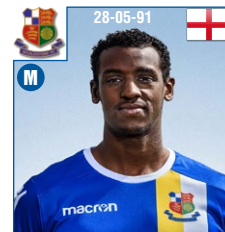
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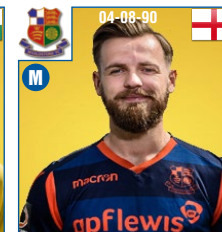
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Opposition	All						Home						Away						+/-	Pts	Results
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A			
1 Woking	9	7	1	1	16	8	4	4	0	0	10	5	5	3	1	1	6	3	8	22	1-0
2 Billericay Town	9	6	1	2	19	9	4	3	1	0	9	5	5	3	0	2	10	4	10	19	0-1
3 Hampton & Richmond	9	5	2	2	15	9	5	2	1	2	7	6	4	3	1	0	8	3	6	17	
4 Eastbourne Borough	9	4	4	1	11	8	4	2	1	1	6	5	5	2	3	0	5	3	3	16	
5 Welling United	9	4	3	2	17	10	4	2	1	1	6	6	5	2	2	1	11	4	7	15	
6 Wealdstone	9	4	3	2	14	8	4	3	1	0	9	2	5	1	2	2	5	6	6	15	-- --
7 Bath City	9	5	0	4	13	7	5	4	0	1	12	4	4	1	0	3	1	3	6	15	
8 Chippenham Town	9	5	0	4	15	14	4	3	0	1	8	5	5	2	0	3	7	9	1	15	
9 Concord Rangers	9	4	3	2	13	12	5	3	1	1	9	6	4	1	2	1	4	6	1	15	1-1
10 Slough Town	9	4	2	3	9	7	5	2	2	1	6	4	4	2	0	2	3	3	2	14	
11 Chelmsford City	9	3	4	2	15	8	5	1	3	1	3	3	4	2	1	1	12	5	7	13	
12 St Albans City	9	4	1	4	19	17	4	2	1	1	8	6	5	2	0	3	11	11	2	13	
13 Gloucester City	9	4	1	4	6	10	5	2	1	2	3	4	4	2	0	2	3	6	-4	13	
14 Torquay United	9	3	3	3	5	4	5	3	0	2	5	3	4	0	3	1	0	1	1	12	
15 Oxford City	9	3	2	4	11	11	4	3	1	0	6	1	5	0	1	4	5	10	0	11	0-3
16 Dartford	9	3	2	4	7	11	5	2	2	1	5	5	4	1	0	3	2	6	-4	11	3-0
17 Hemel Hempstead Town	9	2	3	4	10	15	5	1	1	3	7	11	4	1	2	1	3	4	-5	9	
18 Dulwich Hamlet	9	2	2	5	8	13	5	1	1	3	3	6	4	1	1	2	5	7	-5	8	1-1
19 Hungerford Town	9	2	2	5	9	22	4	1	1	2	3	9	5	1	1	3	6	13	-13	8	1-1
20 East Thurrock United	9	2	0	7	5	13	5	2	0	3	4	6	4	0	0	4	1	7	-8	6	
21 Truro City	9	1	3	5	11	20	4	0	1	3	5	11	5	1	2	2	6	9	-9	6	3-0
22 Weston-super-Mare	9	0	2	7	9	21	4	0	2	2	4	6	5	0	0	5	5	15	-12	2	4-1