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Eoin McKeown (left) came off the bench to sweep home the late equaliser against Dartford on Saturday - and rarely has a goal been so rapturously received! PICTURE: Dan Finill @dfinillphotography

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**BY TIM PARKS** 

Dan Finill captures the moment Eoin McKeown set the Vale crowd celebrating with his late equaliser on Saturday... and then his team mates joined in! (right)

# An emotional afternoon that made everyone proud of Wealdstone FC

big Wealdstone welcome to the Brentford 'B' side tonight for this attractive Middlesex Senior Cup last eight clash. The Bees squeezed past Oxford United 1-0 at Griffin Park on Saturday in the FA Cup Third Round, taking a chance by resting a few of their Championship squad which had the home fans apparently scratching their heads. But we know why don't we?

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Brentford are clearly prioritising the County Cup!

Seriously though, it will also be interesting to see the side that Bobby Wilkinson puts out for the Stones tonight. There will be minutes for those squad members who've not played recently, and hopefully we'll keep our unbeaten run going in 2019 after the dramatic fightback against Dartford here on Saturday.

It was an emotional afternoon with the Stones saying farewell to two notable names in our history who passed away at the end of the year - former kitman Les Bull. and supporter and Guardian Journalist Simon Ricketts who instigated the club's twitter account a dozen years ago. Their friends and relatives were in

attendance as first an impeccable minute's silence was observed for Les before kick-off and then on the 50 minute mark. 60 seconds' 'banging out' reverberated around the Vale - the traditonal send-off for journalists. Simon was just 50 years old when he succumbed to cancer just before Christmas.

Club President Paul Rumens later tweeted: "The measure of a man when he shuffles off this mortal coil is the indelible imprint of the love and memories he leaves behind and vesterday Wealdstone FC epitomised all that was good about Simon... and I think he would



have enjoyed that late leveller too!"

And our 'Elmlie Ender' columnist Sudhir Rawal summed it up by tweeting: "There are days when you genuinely LOVE your football club. Wealdstone FC do certain things so well Once again, immensely proud of MY team My club today".

Despite the bitter weather, the crowd certainly left the Vale with a warm feeling after substitute Eoin McKeown swept in the equaliser in the second minute of injury time... poetic justice for a Darts side who were grimly hanging on for most of the game.

I wish we had 'Opta' stats at this level for it seemed we had 15 corners during the game and certainly hit the crossbar three times - and passed up half a dozen good chances until young Eoin struck.

It was another impressive display. following up the 1-0 win at Slough and showed the spirit among this group of players. Now we must keep it going into the difficult National League South clash at high-flying Concord Rangers on Saturday - we all remember the thrilling 3-2 FA Trophy win there earlier in the season and a repeat would be magnificent. Then It's Hungerford visiting the Vale on January 19 before we go to Woking (looking for a league double) on January 26.

Enjoy the game and see you on Canvey island!

## Introducing.... the Brentford 'B' team

he Brentford B Team was formed in the summer of 2016, ending the academy programme at Griffin Park. A decision that wasn't taken lightly, Brentford opted to make the switch in favour of what was seen as a more sustainable model for the development of elite talent.

Recent graduates of the two-squad system include Chris Mepham, who now holds a starting place in the First Team. Justin Shaibu, Mads Bech Sorensen and Ellery Balcombe have all stepped up in the past couple of years as well.

Originally in charge was Flemming Pedersen, now Technical Director at FC Nordsjaelland, until former Brentford FC club captain Kevin O'Connor succeeded him in November 2016. The team won their first silverware in January 2017, capturing the Kai Thor Cup in Odense, Denmark after victories over Hamburger SV U19 and SK Brann U19.

The squad's debut season included high-profile fixtures against Villarreal, Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur and Bavern Munich. The following season, Brentford B managed to complete tours of Hungary, Germany, Italy, Republic of Ireland and Portugal. Under O'Connor's guidance, they went from beating Benfica 6-0 in the bay of Lisbon, to snatching a 4-3 victory under a torrent of rain at Everton's Finch Farm.

٠ his season started with the team in a bad run of form, losing several matches in pre-season before notching their first win against AFC Bournemouth at Griffin Park. Their first tour of the vear saw the team travel to Switzerland, where they played youth sides from SC Freiburg and Grasshopper Zurich.

Since then, the Bees have lost just once in 11 games and that was when they lost 3-2 conceding last-minute goal to strong Glasgow Rangers team at Ibrox at the start of November.

They have reached this stage of the Middlesex Cup by beating CB Hounslow United 4-0 away in the second round. Brentford B are also contesting the London Senior Cup this season and they chalked up a good 3-0 win at Met Police at the end of November

Their most recent result was a 3-1 win over Queens Park Rangers Under-23s just before Christmas, the first game under new Head Coach Lars Friis. The Dane took over from O'Connor after he stepped into the First Team coaching staff this December.

#### **RESULTS & FIXTURES 2018/2019**

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ABOVE: Pictures from our battling draw against Dartford here at the Vale on Saturday. Pictures courtesy @DFinill Photography

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Wealdstone Goalscorers 1990/91 Gipp 2, Olaleye, Robinson, Har

# ...and there were always goals galore!

onight is the first time we've faced the Bees in a 'first team' game since October 1961 (when we were beaten 6-3 at Griffin Park in a London Senior Cup clash) although of course Brentford weren't fielding their full 1st XI that night, and neither will be they be doing so tonight.

Can you count the Stones' Capital League clashes with the Bees in the 1980s and 90s? I think you can, as appearances in that competition (set up to provide game time for squad players) counts in the official WFC records - and personally you will be robbing me of two very proud appearances for Wealdstone!

Yes, strangely enough my Sunday League colleagues at SFC Wealdstone (the Supporters Club team) famously stood in for the Stones first team twice in the mid-1980s, and one of those was against tonight's opponents. And, cruelly enough, we found ourselves facing the full might of the Bees' Third Division side.

Would you like to know what happened? Well, to give you the background, a year earlier in April 1985 Stones boss Allen Batsford had asked for our help in fielding a side for the Capital League game at fellow Conference outfit Dagenham as the first team was in the middle of a hectic spell chasing the non-League double.

Second choice keeper Paul Cotter, reserve striker Lance Pedlar and (coming back from injury) midfielder Lee Holmes were the only

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The night of shame for Wealdstone stand-ins

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GOOD EVENING Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Lower Mead for

enjoy their visit and have a safe journey home afterwards. We

to the Second Division at the end of this season. I saw many

in the First Division attracting crowds of around 30,000. Crozier, Gorman, Hopkins and McAloon are just four of the players

I recall wearing the red & white stripes at the time.

matches at Griffin Park just after the war when Brentford were

In the Capital League this season our visitors are unbeaten at

Sutton (7-1) plus a 2-2 draw with Colchester. Away from home they were beaten 3-0 at Southend but last Wednesday they shatter-

ed Slough's 100% home record with an astonishing 8-2 victory,

their goals coming from Cadette 3, Cash 2, Fleming, Cockram and

Wealdstone v. Brentford Capital League fixtures usually produce

something out of the ordinary. In 1984/85 we won here 10-0 and

the followingseason Brentford gained sweet revenge winning 11-1

recognised Stones players in a line-up of Sunday League 'stars'.... and amazingly we

matched the Daggers full first team for 80

minutes, finally losing 3-2 to a breakaway

That's why we weren't too fazed about

playing Brentford in another Capital League

game a year later. After all, hadn't the Stones

Unfortunately there were three big factors

The first problem was that it was

being played on a Monday night at

Lower Mead - and we had played a

tough Marathon League game only

problem was that Brentford had been

beaten 3-1 at Chesterfield in Division

Three (today's League One) two days

earlier and manager Frank McLintock

ordered the same team to turned out

the previous day. The second

1st XI slaughtered a youthful Brentford XI

10-0 in the very first Capital League game

that would make this a very uncomfortable

goal from Robert Codner.

that previous season?

evening ...

Programme scans courtesy of Graham Smith

Griffin Park with wins over Aldershot (3-0), Cambridge (5-1) and

also wish Brentford every success in their bid to gain promotion

tonight's Capital League fixture against BRENTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB. We hope the players, officials and supporters of the Bees

## **BY TIM PARK**

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#### on this ground. Last season a Glen Price hat-trick helped us to a 4-0 win over the Bees here at Lower Mead.

This coming Saturday 17th November 1990 our First XI have a tough Beazer Homes League fixture at second placed Bromsgrove Rovers, kick-off 3pm. Our Reserves are at home to Ruislip Manor in the 2nd Round of the Suburban League Cup, kick-off 3pm and on Wednesday 21st November we entertain Colchester United in the Capital League

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again as penance. And the third problem was that Brentford were hell bent on revenge for that embarrassing 10-goal defeat - and while they fielded a team of full time professionals we just had triallist goalkeeper Andy Haxton (or was it Andy Williams?) to help our rag, tag and bobtail Sunday Leaguers.

Thank goodness we did. Poor Andy was diving hither and thither from the first minute to the last, but even he couldn't prevent Brentford

inflicting what is officially Wealdstone FC's heaviest-ever defeat. The 11-1 pasting earned us a place in history ... but not one we like to talk about.

Probably the worst thing about the evening was the way we couldn't even get stuck in to unsettle superior opposition the way you might in a Sunday dame - these duvs were pros and any attempt at rough stuff would have just been embarrassing.

#### **DARTFORD REWIND 05/01/2019**

The best thing was the tirade aimed at the Brentford keeper by coach John Docherty when our only shot on target (or any shot full stop in fact) from lightweight striker Nick Hall somehow squirmed under his body and into the net at the Cinema End for our solitary goal. That was the Bees' only glitch of the evening however as they kept piling on the pressure throughout the 90 minute...we couldn't get near them and it was a relief when the final whistle went.

hose double-figure games set the trend for Stones-Brentford clashes over the next half dozen years, as mentioned in the 1990 programme illustrated above. It mentions the two goal gluts... and then the fans got to enjoy another feast with the Bees winning 6-4. And notice that a certain Fergus Moore was wearing No.5 for the Bees!

The Capital League ran for eight seasons between 1984 and 1993, with the Stones withdrawing halfway through our second season of groundsharing at Vicarage Road. After we'd moved in with Watford we played our home Capital League games at Earlsmead to protect the Vicarage pitch.

The competition variously comprised non-Leaguers in ourselves, Wycombe, Enfield, Dagenham, Aylesbury, Slough, Wokingham and Welling plus League outfits Orient, Barnet, Gillingham, Colchester, Southend, Cambridge Utd. Aldershot and Brentford.

After SFC Wealdstone had stood in for the game at Dagenham, we also fulfilled the next fixture against Barnet at Lower Mead (four days before the FA Trophy Final) and won 5-0 with a hat-trick from Lance Pedlar and goals from Gordon McKay and Martin Allen. But (it has to be said) the Barnet side was made up of their own supporters!

Below: The SFC Wealdstone line-up that night at Lower Mead. Tight shorts!



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