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# LEST WE FORGET

To the memory of those representatives of Wealdstone  
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**1914 - 1918**

**PERCY ANDREWS**

DoB 28.04.1889 in Hendon. Royal Air Force Air Mechanic 1st Class S/No 225242  
Died 04/05/1918 Age 29 in Dunkirk, France.

**CHARLES JOHN FRANCIS BELCHAMBERS**

DoB 16.09.1882 in Hendon. Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) 2nd Battalion,  
Private S/No 207213 Died of his wounds 11/10/1917 received in the Battle of Poelcapelle

**CHARLES HENRY BIRD**

Charles Bird S/No 703 joined the 18th Battalion, Royal Australian Infantry.  
Killed in action on 31st August 1918 in Péronne, Somme

**HENRY (HARRY) JAMES BOWELLS**

DoB -.04.1878 Lance Sergeant H.J. Bowells aged 38 Killed in Action 27/09/1915 with 7th Northants.

**RUSSELL WILLIAM BRADBERRY**

DoB -.10.1884 Royal Garrison Artillery 301st Siege Battalion Lance Bombardier Bradberry  
S/No 70878 Died 03/12/1917

**WILLIAM HENRY COZENS**

DoB -09.1877 in Fulham. Private W.H. Cozens S/No G/19948 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed  
in Action 21/03/1918 aged 41 in the Battle of St Quentin at Shepherd's Copse.

**FREDERICK FARMBOROUGH**

S/No TF/265283, 1/9th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. He died 12th October 1916,  
though his death was not confirmed until August 1918.

**GEORGE RICHARD (DICKY) GOODEGE**

DoB -.1888 Middlesex Regiment 9th Battalion later attached to the Norfolk Regiment  
S/No TF/1651 Died 22/11/1915 near Baghdad aged 27.

**WALTER LANGTON HOWMAN**

DoB -.04.1885 Though deaf, a recruit in the 24th and subsequently 16th Middlesex Regiment. Died in Action  
19/08/1916 while serving with the 1st Middlesex in the region of High Wood on The Somme

**FRANK TINGEY MARTIN**

DoB c1890 7th Rifle Brigade Corporal Frank Tingey Martin S/No B/2070  
Killed in Action 30/07/1915 at Hooge, near Ypres, Belgium

**JAMES J ROBERTSON**

DoB c1887 in Belfast. Corporal 58824, 11th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).  
Died of wounds aged 30, 16th August 1918 at Vignacourt, France.

**1939 - 1945**

**KENNETH GEORGE EDWIN BALDWIN**

Dob -.01.1920 S/No 5956838 7th Battalion Royal Hampshire Regiment, died 28/03/1945.

**ROBERT WILLIAM BIDEWELL**

DoB -.09.1919 Lance Serjeant RW Bidewell 4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment,  
S/No 5950925, died 25/09/1944 in Holland.

**CHARLES EDWARD BUNCE**

DoB 1913 1st Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment served in Malaya,  
he was captured and died as a Prisoner of War of the Japanese 25/06/1943.

**WILLIAM AINSLEY BURTON**

DoB 1892 A civilian killed in a bomb raid at Queens Park Station, Kilburn on 03/12/1940.

**WILLIAM WILFRED PARR**

DoB 1916 Sergeant Pilot Parr, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve S/No 1375471.  
A member of 233 Squadron flying a Hudson from Gibraltar, killed in action on 8/03/1942.

**ERNEST WILLIAM WALKER**

DoB 1916 Able Seaman EW Walker S/No P/JX321616 joined the Royal Navy in 1940. Killed on 03/08/1944  
while serving on HMS Quorn part of the Naval support for the Normandy Landings.

**ROBERT WILSON**

Royal Army Service Corps. died 09.01.1943

**THOMAS WILLIAM WINTERBOTTOM**

DoB 1924 Acting Sub Lieutenant TW Winterbottom, Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve,  
serving under the HMS Saker banner when killed in action on 28/03/1944.



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#### LEAGUE TITLES

1951 / 1952 Athenian League  
1973 / 1974 Southern League Division One South  
1981 / 1982 Southern League Southern Division  
1981 / 1982 Southern League Championship  
1984 / 1985 National League Premier (Gola League)  
1996 / 1997 Isthmian League Division Three  
2013 / 2014 Isthmian League Premier Division  
2019 / 2020 National League South

#### NATIONAL CUPS

1985 / 1986 FA Amateur Cup  
1984 / 1985 FA Trophy

#### LEAGUE CUPS

1981 / 1982 Southern League Cup

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY CUPS

1958 / 1959 Senior Cup  
1962 / 1963 Senior Cup  
1964 / 1965 Senior Cup  
1967 / 1968 Senior Cup  
1984 / 1985 Senior Cup  
2003 / 2004 Charity Cup  
2010 / 2011 Charity Cup

#### NON TITLE-WINNING PROMOTIONS

1997 / 1998 Isthmian League Division 2 (3rd)  
1998 / 1999 Isthmian League Division 1 (3rd,annulled)  
2003 / 2004 Isthmian League Premier Division

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1) The club reserves the right to eject from the ground any person who is considered to have committed any of the following acts:

- Entering the ground through any means other than through the turnstiles or entrances
- Entering the field of play before, during or after a game without prior authorisation
- Being drunk, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs • Using violence of any nature
- Carrying items which may be considered a danger to others, including cans, bottles, or glasses containing alcoholic beverages
- Throwing any article onto the field of play • Climbing overhead pylons, fences, stands or any structure or building
- Using obscene or bad language likely to cause offence to others • Hitting the side or back panels of the Bulls stand

2) No spectator ball games.

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4) Vehicles parked on the Grosvenor Vale site are at the owners' risk.

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Wealdstone FC Board of Directors



BY MARK HYDE



2020-21



# Written in Stone

**W**e do many things well at our club and one that makes me and many other fans especially proud is the way we honour our war heroes every November.

We have sponsored seats in their names so that they are always among us and a dedicated memorial in the clubhouse. We have published their stories several times over the years within the programme and we even reverted to our 1919 colours to commemorate them on the Centenary

of the Armistice a few years back.

Today will be a little different from the normal service lead by supporters who are current and former serving personnel but as ever, please keep our heroes names in your thoughts on Remembrance Sunday.

Welcome this afternoon to Phil Parkinson, his staff and the players and officials from Altrincham. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us and have a safe journey home after the game.

Many fans of both teams (of a certain vintage) will recall some of our previous meetings from back in the founding seasons of what is now the National League... We even share a number of titles between us.

#Believe

Mark

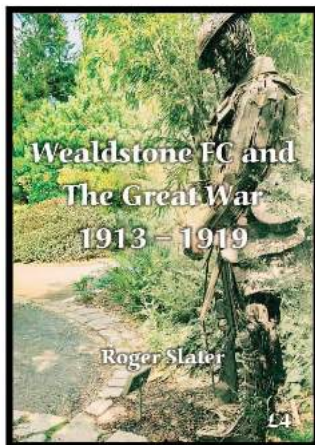
## NEW WW1 BOOKLET

**R**oger Slater has produced a new 48 page booklet covering the history of Wealdstone FC and its representatives in World War One.

This A5 booklet collates the details already known about Wealdstone FC players and officials that gave their lives during the Great War as well as including new and revised details that have recently been uncovered.

In addition, through further research of local papers and Military records it presents a 'War Diary' which adds details of other members of our club who served and survived the conflict and also some local interest developments relevant to the Stones.

It will be available in the next week both from the [Megastore](#) and [greatwar1418@btinternet.com](mailto:greatwar1418@btinternet.com) for just £4 + £1.25 P&P all profits will be donated to Wealdstone FC.



## STONES HISTORY / ARCHIVE UPDATE

Lots of new content has recently been added to the popular Wealdstone FC History / Archive website.

New items include Match Reports from the 1950/51 and 1951/52 seasons along with a number of historical match programmes. The site can be found at -

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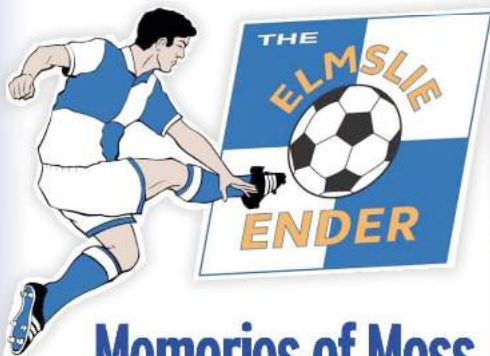


Fighting muscle-wasting conditions

BY SUDHIR RAWAL



# The Elmslie Ender



## Memories of Moss Lane - Good & Bad

**A**ltrincham were the biggest name in non-league football when the Alliance Premier League was formed. Not only did they have the most illustrious FA Cup record going for a non-league team, they then won the first two APL titles and had there been automatic promotion to the Football League, they would have been promoted to the big league. Alty then settled into mid-table before yo-yoing between the Northern Premier League/National League North and the Conference, whilst also enjoying a three consecutive reprieves from relegation from the Conference due to other clubs' financial ineptitude.

Like many traditional non-league teams, once the former Football League sides dropped into the Conference from one end and the nouveau riche sides from the lower leagues started to rise, it became more of a struggle, but they still stand tall as one of the great non-league names. Alty were one of the games I was most looking forward to when the fixture list was announced, especially the trip to Moss Lane. Moss Lane, along with a trip to York Street, Boston, were my two favourite away trips back in the day. You were going the lion's den, the lair of the best side, with a decent gate but without the aggro of so many other grounds in those days. We'd get a 7:30 train from Harrow and Wealdstone, when you could get to



Manager Eddie Presland describes them as "the greatest" pack the stands behind the goal Wealdstone are attacking. Doug Avenit captured them in celebration mood before the final.

almost anywhere in the north west from H&W and arrive at Manchester Piccadilly about three hours later. Neale Harvey would lead us to a back-street boozer behind the station, a world away from anything we'd seen and know down South, as we settled in until kick off. None of this trawling from one micro-pub to another.

Moss Lane brings back memories from two extremes. Back in 1985, our win there as part of an incredible five wins in a week, against near rivals, was when we probably truly believed that we could win the title (Gola League) and at the other end of the scale, when we were relegated from the Conference back in 1987/88, early in the season we were so short of players, that Don Cross started for the Stones (he might have mentioned the story to you), with Phil Jackson on the bench, having been plucked from the supporters' team two days beforehand. The EE main article for the following edition was "Disgrace" and the by line of under a photo was "glory for them, but shame for Wealdstone." We knew we were in trouble and relegation followed.

Altrincham also have an interesting battle for fans on their doorstep after a couple of interloper clubs set themselves in nests near them, with





Supporters in the Southern League. They are the faithful who many of them have travelled to every away match this season, and game of the season on Saturday evenings.

the arrival of FC United of Manchester and the billionaires/millionaires plaything Salford City. Its challenging as it is for a non-league team to keep and retain football fans, without two new entities fighting for the same fans. That Alty have continued to succeed and prosper is a testament to their traditional name and fanbase.

As we move into another lockdown, whether it will last for the stated four weeks or carry on for longer, elite sports, of which the National League is part, will continue. How long for is another matter, as matches are being postponed because of Covid being in the camp at various clubs is now becoming a regular thing, as we saw with our postponement of our game at Halifax. Will those clubs that have had the virus run through some of their squads have any immunity is anyone's idea, but it does seem a matter of time before football will grind to a halt due to Covid-19 infections. It seems rather strange that all non-essential travel is banned, but football continues, despite teams having to go into areas with very high infection rates.

As I write, the first tranche of monies has come in from the National Lottery to cover the loss of match day income. Wealdstone will

receive 84k a month for October/November and December. As the Wealdstone FC press release stated, the monies are a lifeline rather than a windfall for a club like the Stones, but that hasn't stopped eleven clubs from all three National League divisions complaining about the division of the funds. On the face of it, there is some merit in what the complainers are saying but also it would have been also impossible for HMG to factor in all of the variants to come up with a different division of monies. Obviously, our name has come up a few times in why we have been over compensated. Some bright excel spark has calculated we are receiving 55k more than we should based on our crowd from LAST season. The nerd that put together that spreadsheet hadn't factored in our likely increase in gates had last season finished and most certainly that now we would be averaging around 1,750 based on whom we have played to date. As a club that isn't financially bankrolled by a wealthy owner, Wealdstone pretty much relies on monies raised by supporters, commercial income and the vibrancy and profitability of our bars, which have more or less been dormant since March, any compensation of lost income cannot be simply calculated by a numeric based on terrace footfall from three quarters of a season from the previous year.

Different clubs are funded in very different ways and certainly many of the clubs at the higher reaches of the national League, especially the BELTS/PELTS, are very much reliant on a wealthy benefactor. I had a quick look at

Companies House and some of accounts of clubs in this division. One, based on their last filed accounts, made a loss of 2.5m and had debts of 11m! Another club is funded by the facilities owned by the owner on the same site. Their home gates are about the same as ours yet have a playing budget

about 2.5 times the Stones. Different clubs have different funding models and it isn't for me to suggest what is the right way or not, but in the end, HMG have come up with a solution that whilst opaque, seems fairly simple to administer. They have bigger things to worry about after all.

I can't go without mentioning our win at Kings Lynn that took us up the heady heights of sixth place. Sixth. Flipping heck. It was great to come back from twice being pegged back and whilst Danny Parish will rightly get the plaudits for his hat-trick, the boy is an out and out finisher, the work of Ross Lafayette shouldn't be ignored. was superb.

**'Alty were one of the games I was most looking forward to'**

# Jack Cawley

**'It was a tough decision to leave Concord because of the chance to play at Wembley like my Dad... but football's a short career and it's great to have signed for Wealdstone'**

*Big moment for Jack as he prepares to come onto the field at Grosvenor Vale for an early taste of National League action against Wrexham, substituting for Michael Phillips after just 34 mins. Right: He's straight into the thick of it*



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**Y**ou could see Jack Cawley fitting right in with the Wimbledon Crazy Gang back in the day.

Big, uncompromising, intimidating. The "take no prisoners" style of defending with a dollop of style when you were least expecting it.

Well, maybe that's not so surprising because it's pretty much in his genes - the Stones' new summer capture's Dad, Peter Cawley, was part of the Wimbledon crew who took the football world by storm three decades ago, storming into the First Division and lifting the FA Cup on a tide of aggression, determination and an overwhelming never-say-die spirit.

Peter, also a centre-back (pictured below with Jack four years ago) only played twice for the Dons, but what memorable games they were: Once against Arsenal at Highbury and once in the 1988 FA Charity Shield at Wembley against Liverpool.

"Did your Dad fit that mould?" I asked the 28-year-old when

I caught up with him for a chat earlier this week. And a rather sleepy Jack it was too, having just woken from a long shift in his black cab.

"Blimey yes" he answered quickly. "Dad was right in there with that lot but unfortunately he didn't always eye to eye with the manager. But it's some achievement to have played at Wembley against a team Liverpool. He went on to have a good career though, first with Bristol Rovers in the Championship and then six years at Colchester. So I grew up with my dad as a pro, and that's always been my dream - to play in that environment, against full-time teams on a big stage".

**J**ack was in the Concord Rangers side that reached an FA Trophy Final showdown with Harrogate Town last season.

That game is still awaiting a confirmed date after Covid-19 wreaked its destructive power... but what a quandary it must have been when the







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Stones offered him the opportunity to play in the National League.

“Yeah it was a tough decision. Concord were in the semi-finals at that stage so it was really hard, passing up the chance of an appearance at Wembley - like my Dad - to step into a bigger club. But the Trophy Final would always be a one-off and I was happy to sacrifice that for the chance to play at a higher level. Football is a short career and I have no regrets”.

Far from it. Jack made his competitive debut coming on a sub for the last half hour against Stockport - walking into the eye of the storm as County rampaged back to win 5-2 - but then formed a solid alliance with skipper Jerome Okimo as the Stones settled down to beat Wrexham, Chesterfield and Kings Lynn.

“We’re both left-sided but Jerome’s so steady and assured that he could play anywhere.. he talks so well and is so experienced, he’s helped me enormously. And to be honest when you’ve got Connor Smith or Michael Phillips playing in deep midfield, they make our job so much easier”.

“Not quite the old Wimbledon defending, then?” I asked Jack. “Not so much just hitting the channels?”

“No, that’s true” he laughed. “Everyone’s so

comfortable on the ball it rubs off and we try to play the ball out from the back. That’s the gaffer’s mentality. He wouldn’t have us just hitting and hoping”.

So how did Jack end up at Wealdstone? He’s lived all his life in Colchester so it’s not as if Grosvenor Vale is on the doorstep.

“Well, I think I must have been on Dean Brennan’s radar but luckily I have the same football agent as Charlee Hughes. When Wealdstone signed him they were alerted to the fact that I might be available too.. although there was another National League club who wanted to sign me.

“But I knew all about Wealdstone. They have a great reputation as a successful club, and I grew up knowing about Vinnie Jones (through the Wimbledon connections) and Stuart Pearce and I know that my career can progress here. Now us Essex boys meet up at Brentwood for our car club and, to be fair, we’re loving the whole thing at the moment.

“I think, when the season started, other clubs disrespected us. But we surprised them by the quality of our football and now everyone knows we’re not to be taken as mugs”.

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# JACK CAWLEY.. CONTINUED

*Researching Jack Cawley's early career threw up this wonderful story in the Essex County Standard, which appeared three years ago when his then club, Heybridge Swifts, reached the FA Cup first round and were drawn at Exeter City - for whom Jack's dad, Peter, had played 25 years earlier. We reproduce it here...*

**F**OOTBALL has an uncanny knack of creating stories that warm the heart.

And for former Colchester United defender Peter Cawley, the dad of Heybridge Swifts'

Jack, Sunday's FA Cup adventure to Exeter City promises to stir up a host of emotions. From nerves and excitement to nostalgia and poignancy.

Defender Peter played for Exeter and it was during his time with the Grecians that Jack was born, in 1992. However, he has not been back since leaving and had vowed never to return, following the sad passing of his wife Theresa in February 2016 after contracting pneumonia.

"It's quite surreal and very special for our family, when you consider our connections with Exeter," said Peter, who made more than 200 appearances during his six years at Colchester United from 1992 and 1998.

"I was playing down there when I met my wife. I ruptured my Achilles and was sent to Mount Stuart Hospital in Torquay- and that's where I met Theresa.

"We got chatting, went for a drink and the rest is history. I'd always said I wouldn't go back and that it would be too painful, because it holds such a special place in my heart.

"I'm so proud of Jack," said Peter. "He's exceeded expectations in so many ways - not least in terms of passing his Knowledge exams to become a London cabbie. He had to do it at a very tough time, just after losing his mum, and I thought that was outstanding.

"As a footballer, he's doing so well at Hey-

## Mixed emotions for Jack's dad three years ago as Heybridge Swifts are drawn away to Peter's old club Exeter in the FA Cup....

*It's August 1988 and Wimbledon and Liverpool meet up in a Charity Shield re-run of the FA Cup Final. Above, Peter Cawley (in blue) closely marks Peter Beardsley*



bridge and he's got a manager who believes in him, in Jody Brown."

In terms of role models, Jack need look no further than Peter. The 52-year-old had a distinguished professional career and was part of the Wimbledon squad that stunned the football world by beating Liverpool in the 1988 FA Cup final. Although he did not play in that game, he was in the Dons starting line-up that later lost 2-1 to the Anfield giants in the Charity Shield with John Aldridge (who missed a penalty in the Cup Final) scoring both goals.

"So much of that experience was surreal and there are many, many stories - most of which can't be printed in a newspaper.

"But I also had some good days with Colchester and Jack used to come and watch me when I was at Layer Road.

"I think my wife exerted more energy than I did though, chasing him round and keeping up with him!"

● On the day, it was a heroic performance from Jack, in the heart of the Heybridge defence, that kept the Cup tie goalless at half time. But two goals from Jayden Stockley - and a calamitous error from Swifts keeper Sambridge following Liam McAlinden's tame cross - saw Exeter to an eventual 3-1 win. Sam Bantick scored their consolation.



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# From the Gaffer



## Keeping on the front foot

**T**oday we host Altrincham and it is the start of five games in fourteen days which is never easy at National League level so we are going to need every member of our squad to participate to a high level.

To date we have performed really well going forward in every one of our six league games and yes that is our style of play but I would really like us to start getting more clean sheets. Our points return from these half a dozen games has been very strong and we have managed to win three consecutive league games which has given us as a team a lot of confidence.

It's important our mentality is right and that we remember how we have managed to win these three games - in my mind it has come down to us earning the right to do what we are good at.

We are hoping to have the majority of our squad to select from today apart from Charlie Wakefield who is suspended.

There are no easy games in our division & today will be no different, Altrincham are very good defensively as their goals against record shows. Altrincham are coming off the back of a great win down in Dover & I know that sometimes 1-0 victory's especially away from home can breath plenty of belief into a football teams camp.

Our players know what's expected of them and today I expect us to approach the game as always, on the front foot.

Cheers  
**Dean**

## LEE CROSS

# Fan in the Stand

Lee spills the beans on her six-hour journey to see the Stones, going out with Nick Symmons and the extraordinary day husband Don played for the Stones at Altrincham



Lee and Don get over-excited at Southport three years ago. Now THAT was an away trip and a half!

**Your name and age?** Lee Cross. Just turned 63

**Whereabouts do you live, Lee?** Wigmore, Herefordshire

**Have you always lived in that area?** No, my husband Don and I moved here from Wokingham (where we had lived for 26 years) in 2018. I was born in Edgware. Lived in various places (never that far away) before moving to Wokingham from Harrow Weald in 1992.

**Are you working, and where?** Yes I work for a company called Sopra Steria, but am fortunate enough to be able to work from home now, unless on a client site, or working on

a new bid or tender, then I can be working away during the week for months (or years) at a time.

**When was your first Stones game (against whom and any memories)?**

Honestly no idea what my first game was. It would have been around 1971.

**Who introduced you to the Stones?** Nick Symmons. We went to the same school, Nick was a year or two above me. We went out together for several years. Nick lived in Kenton, so a group of us (often including Terry Stern, Mick Fishman, Steve Paull and a few others that no longer go) used to walk



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from Kenton, through Kenton Rec to Lower Mead on Saturday and Tuesday evenings to see the games, or on a Saturday to get the awayday coach.

**Your first Impressions of the club?** The noise and the banter, seeing the floodlights on at night when walking to the ground. We always stood behind the goal, being so short I could see very little! And hearing whom I now know to be Ray Kemp and Laurie Trott giving the ref some constructive criticism. I just fell in love with it.

**Did you follow the club continuously from then?** I had a hiatus from WFC from 1977 for six years. Then in 1983, while I had not been to a game for years, I started work part time behind the bar at WFC. So I got to know a lot of the supporters and players then. It's probably why the older players figure in my memories so well as we mixed, we socialised in the bar, we had Players Discos. Then of course there was SFC Wealdstone, the fans' football team who were all keen and loyal supporters of WFC and we held the supporters club events. We've lost that. Not helped by the wilderness years of 'no fixed abode'.

**Do you wish more women were interested in football? When did you first fall in love with the game?** I can't say I wish more women were interested. I know more women are interested in football now, but there are more opportunities to get into it, there were no avenues for girls to get into football, be it at school or little league - it was a boys' sport.

I had always liked football and any sports really. I suppose the label would have been a Tom boy, playing three and in with the boys in my street because girls were not allowed to play at break time at school. It was the only chance I got.

However I did get to see other random games before supporting WFC properly. I went to the 1970 FA Cup Final at Wembley (Chelsea v Leeds). I often went to see Hendon play through a friend of my mums. I went to the Amateur Cup Final in 1972 v Enfield which Hendon won 2-0. It was a gradual romance with football that grew over many years.

**What was the first football match you**

**ever saw live? Or on TV?** My dad used to take me to Edgware Town when I was probably about five years old for a few years. I don't think he was a supporter as such but my mum and dad were divorced, so I think it was just somewhere to take me on the Saturdays he had me. I remember playing with other kids in the ground more than the football. On TV it would have been the 1966 World Cup Final.

**Do you follow any other team?** Not really, always take an interest in any team one our players has moved up to, but that's more for the player than the team.

**What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen?** The fact I have to think so hard about this means there is no one game. Every game is memorable for a variety of reasons. So Cambridge away, or any game we've won when we've been the underdog falls into the good memorable games. Losing against Hayes & Yeading in the FA Cup is memorable for all the wrong reasons.

**And the best Wealdstone game?** I'd have to say the 1985 Trophy Final (I even managed to get in the photo that was on the programme for the next season!)

**How big a part of your life is the game?** 'The game' itself is not a big part of my life. I don't watch many games on TV. But Wealdstone are a big part of my life, I'm married to Don, how could it not be?!

**How do you fit watching football into your family/working life?** Over the years I have missed more games than Don. In past years I needed to compromise on my priorities with work, golf and home. When Don was doing the matchday operations job I hardly ever went - he had to be there at 1pm and stay after the game. It was dead time to me, especially as I'd been working away all week. I used to follow on Twitter if I was able.

However, once he gave that up I started going again, and since moving to Herefordshire, Saturdays are planned around football. If we ever get back to normal it will be weekends away.

**Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen?** Every player on their

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day. 'Old school' would be... George Duck, Paul Bowgett, Dennis Byatt, Robin Wainwright, the Cordice Brothers, and Terry Dyson. 'New School'. would be... Northy, Wes Parker, Tom Pett, and Danny Green.

## **Could you name a best-ever Stones side?**

I clearly live in the past! Northy Chris Kinnear Stuart Pearce Paul Bowgett Wes Parker Johnny H (Henderson) Robin Wainwright Terry Dyson George Duck Richard Jolly Jermaine Beckford Sub: Don Cross (always there for emergencies)

**Best away trips you can recall?** Cambridge in the trophy. Dulwich in the play offs when we won on penalties. Don jumped the fence (he's not the gazelle he used to be) caught his foot, kicked my hand and sprained two of my fingers. Plus Weymouth last season. Winning, Don swimming in the sea with Dexter (one of our grandchildren) after the game and a fish and chip supper!

**What would be the perfect day for you?** An away weekend trip, good weather, meeting up with fellow supporters for pre match drinks, winning of course. Socialising in the evening, good company, good food and good beer. Laughter.

**What do you think of the bars and catering at the Vale?** We do not often use the bar or eat at the ground, as we share the driving. It would be a rarity for us to drink after the game. As we usually have a three hour drive each way, we have breakfast before we leave and stop for dinner on the way home.

Personally speaking there is nowhere to sit comfortably in the bar. In the kinder weather if we can, we'd sit outside before the game.

**Do you visit the Megastore?** Yes, but also shop online.

**How have you been following the Stones this season, and how do you rate the various live streams you've seen?** Twitter and the live streams. First stream was poor to be honest. They've got better but I cannot get as enthused about the game on TV.

## **What has Don told you about his memorable afternoon at Altrincham in August 1987?**

Don didn't have to tell me anything: I was there! He came home from training on Thursday and told me he was throwing a sickie from his job as a bus driver Saturday to go to football. I was not amused. Then he told me why! Phil Jackson and Don, two of the supporters side had been asked to play and sign for the club as we were short of players. Of course I was sworn to secrecy, but needed to find a way to get to the ground myself. So I phoned Nick asking for a lift, making up some cock and bull story saying Don was working but would try to get to the game later to drive me home. I'd leave the car at the ground so he could pick it up. Being such a memorable occasion I needed a decent camera, so early Saturday morning I dropped Don at the ground to get the coach and made my purchase at Global cameras in Station Road. I had hours to kill. Walked up Station Road and bumped straight into Nick who was coming out of the NatWest Bank. Not sure who was more surprised as I was a good 2/3 hours early. I made another excuse about needing a camera.

I believe Mick F and Steve P were also in the car with us for the drive up. We were about 30 mins from the ground, it was an odd situation and conversation turned to the team, the recent form. Did I think Don would make it in time to see the game.... I could not hold it in anymore (there were no mobiles or social media in those days so breaking the news was pretty safe). I told them.. Don is playing.... and then the amazement, disbelief.

## **Finally, where do you think Wealdstone FC will be in the year 2025?**

It's not what I think, it's what I hope for. I hope we survive in this division. I hope we have not been relegated. I hope we have a better ground and facilities.



**Big player and a big trophy... Lee is pictured with Stuart Pearce and the Southern League shield at a recent players reunion**



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# ALTRINCHAM FC

## 32 years after our last league encounter it's the return of the Robins

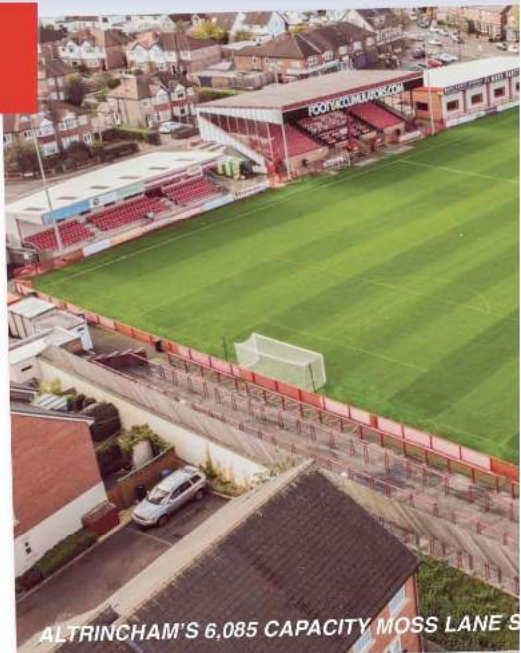
**A**ltrincham was established by a Sunday school around 1891 as Rigby Memorial Club. They soon merged with another local team, Grapplers, to form Broadheath Football Club, and were founder members of the Manchester League in 1893.

After playing at various grounds in Broadheath, Timperley and Altrincham, the club moved to Pollitt's Field in 1903, at which point they changed their name to Altrincham. They won the Cheshire Amateur Cup in their first season under the new name, and went on to win both the Manchester League and the Cheshire Senior Cup the following season. They won the Manchester League again in 1906–07, and moved to their current Moss Lane ground in 1910.

In 1911 the club joined Division Two of the Lancashire Combination. They finished as runners-up in their first season in the division, only missing out on the title on goal average and earning promotion to Division One. They remained in Division One until World War I. When football resumed in 1919, the club were founder members of the Cheshire County League, where they remained until World War II.

After missing out the 1945–46 season, they rejoined the Cheshire County League in 1946. They were then founder members of the Northern Premier League in 1968.

They reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy in 1976–77, losing 2–1 to Scarborough



in a second replay; the season also saw them apply for election to the Football League for the first time, but they received only 12 votes compared to the 27 received by the elected Wimbledon. The following season they went one better in the FA Trophy, reaching the Wembley final, where they beat Leatherhead 3–1. In 1978–79 they finished as runners-up in the Northern Premier League and applied

for election to the Football League again. Although they finished as the top non-League club in the ballot, they received only 13 votes to the 37 received by Halifax Town, the lowest-placed Football League club. Instead, Altrincham became founder members of the Alliance Premier League, the top level of non-League football, the winner of which would be

the sole non-League nomination for future Football League election ballots.

The league's inaugural season saw Altrincham crowned champions. In the subsequent elections to the Football League, the club missing out by a single vote.





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Altrincham retained the APL title the following season, but again failed in the Football League elections. The next two seasons saw the club finish in mid-table, together with another FA Trophy final appearance in 1981–82, this time losing 1–0 to Enfield. This was followed by four consecutive top-five finishes between 1984 and 1987 and a second FA Trophy win in 1985, beating Runcorn 1–0 in the final. The 1985–86 season saw them record one of the biggest FA Cup giant-killings of all time when they defeated top division Birmingham City 2–1 at Birmingham's St Andrew's.

After finishing bottom of the Conference in 1996–97 the club were relegated to the Premier Division of the Northern Premier League. An eighth-place finish in 1997–98 saw them return to the Conference two seasons later as Premier Division champions. However, they

lasted only a single season in the Conference as they finished second-from-bottom and were relegated back to the Northern Premier League.

A twelfth-place finish in 2003–04 saw them qualify for the newly formed Conference North. They finished fifth in the new division in its first season, qualifying for the promotion play-offs where they were promoted to the Conference National.

In 2005–06 Altrincham finished bottom of the Conference National after receiving an 18-point deduction when they were found to have fielded an ineligible player, James Robinson, for 15 matches, during which he scored six goals and Altrincham won 18 points. However, they were reprieved from relegation after Canvey Island resigned from the league and Scarborough were demoted. The following season they again finished in the relegation zone, but were reprieved after Boston United were demoted. A third successive relegation reprieve occurred in 2007–08 when Halifax were liquidated.

After mid-table finishes in 2008–09 and 2009–10 and Ricky Ponting becoming a shareholder of the club in 2009, Altrincham were relegated to the Conference North at the end of the 2010–11 season. However, after finishing fourth the following season, they defeated Guiseley 2–1 in the final to earn promotion back to the Conference National. In 2015–16 the

club finished in the relegation zone and were relegated to the renamed National League North. The following season they finished bottom of the National League North, leading to a second successive relegation to the Premier Division of the Northern Premier League. However, the 2017–18 season saw the club win the Northern Premier League title, earning promotion back to the National League North.

In 2019/20 They finished in sixth-place resulting in another play-off campaign. After defeating Chester 3–2 and York City 2–0, the club beat Boston United 1–0 in the final, earning promotion to the National League.



WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v ALTRINCHAM

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# ALTRINCHAM - WHO'S WHO?



## 1. TONY THOMPSON - GOALKEEPER

Talented young goalkeeper Tony joined Alty in the summer of 2017

## 2. ANDY WHITE - DEFENCE

Most comfortable at left-back, Andy showed his versatility by operating at both centre back and left back for the Robins

## 3. CONNOR HAMPSON - DEFENCE

Left-back Hampson joined from Stockport County, also capable of playing in midfield

## 4. RITCHIE SUTTON - DEFENCE

Joined in the 2019/20 post season after leaving Morecambe. He can operate as a centre-back or a full-back

## 5. TOM HANNIGAN - DEFENCE

Tom is the only remaining Alty player to have been signed by Neil Young. A dependable centre-back.

## 6. JAKE MOULT - MIDFIELD

Central midfielder Jake originally signed for Alty in 2012 & he has filled in at a number of positions

## 7. DAN MOONEY - MIDFIELD

## 8. SEAN WILLIAMS - MIDFIELD

Hard working and tough tackling Midfielder Sean is in his second spell with Alty

## 9. JORDAN HULME - FORWARD

## 10. JOSH HANCOCK - MIDFIELD

Attacking midfielder Josh followed Phil Parkinson to the club from Nantwich

## 11. YUSIFU CEESAY - MIDFIELD

Pacey Ceesay joined Alty on loan from Blackpool in February 2019. Fast, strong and skilful, Barcelona born Ceesay quickly demonstrated his ability to the Alty faithful.

## 12. CURTIS MILLER - FORWARD

## 14. DONTAI GABIDON - MIDFIELD

## 15. MATTY KOSYLO - MIDFIELD

## 16. LEWIS SALMON - FORWARD

## 19. MAX CLAYTON - FORWARD

## 20. SHAUN DENSMORE - DEFENCE

Shaun is the longest serving player on Alty's books, having signed for the Robins all the way back in 2008! He has amassed well over 350 appearances playing mostly at right back, but also at left back and in midfield

## 21. MATTHEW GOULD - GOALKEEPER

## 22. JOEL TORRANCE - GOALKEEPER.

## 23. TOM PEERS - FORWARD

Forward Tom joined Alty in 2017 and established himself as something of a "super sub" often coming off the bench to score. He scored 11 times in his first season and provided an extra option on the wing or up front for the Robins.

## 24. JOEL SENIOR - DEFENCE

## 25. TOBY MULLARKEY - DEFENCE

Toby signed for Altrincham from Nantwich Town in May 2019

## 30. SIMON RICHMAN - MIDFIELD

Simon is a hardworking and powerful midfielder who joined the club in the summer of 2011. Although mainly a central midfielder, he has sometimes been deployed on the right side either in midfield or defence.

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# The World of **Ball** **Sound Affects** - so here's to hearing real football live again

The pandemic has managed to equalise the football viewing experience across all levels and mediums – simply by making all matches sound exactly the same as each other. And that, it turns out, could be a really good thing.

A few weeks back I decided to check out BT Sport's 'no crowd noise' option for some or other Saturday lunchtime Premier League match - and I've been musing on the experience ever since. It's like a magic button that can instantly transport you to Earlsmead; a cold void of silence punctuated randomly by a slew of readily identifiable footballing noises, all of which, I realised, are common to any level of the game.

The fake crowd noise deployed by TV companies is a truly surreal thing. However much they try to personalise it to the clubs involved, it's essentially a form of aural comfort blanket artificially contrived from the noise of people who simply aren't there. Switch off this "crowd" and you get to put even the world's biggest clubs at the same sonic level as park sides, the Etihad suddenly no more intimidating than, or perhaps just as intimidating as, Hackney Marshes.

The absence of crowd noise also reminds you that every game of football has the same essential rhythmic soundscape: barked instructions from coaches echoing off the stands; yelps of pain from players feigning injury; the actual sound of a referee's whistle. Covid-19 has allowed us, through the absence of sound, to appreciate how we are all watching essentially the same thing. And because we can hear even the world's best players trotting out the exact same verbal nonsense you get at an often near-empty non-league ground, suddenly all football gets to sound like non-league football.

This, I've decided, is a good thing. From Project Big Picture and the concept of a European Super League, to the £15 charge to EPL fans on top of existing subscriptions and season tickets,

we've watched the Premier League's venal attitude towards supporters kick up another notch during the pandemic. Taking away crowd sound from broadcast games has helped strip away more of the already wafer-thin veneer of respectability from football's top tier. What you hear is what you get: it's all the same product, people!

OK, so that's rant over. And I'm in no way whatsoever hoping for the current state of affairs to continue. But as the absence of crowds has brought them front of mind, what *are* the Sounds Of Non-League Football? Specifically, the sounds that, in normal times, are smothered at professional level by large crowds, booming PAs and chuntering pundits? I've come up with a list, so, ahem, listen up:

## **The hiss of burgers on a grill**

Sure, you might get this high-pitched fizzing sound for the few minutes you're queueing on one of the London Stadium's windswept concourses, but at non-league you can hear the buzz of a burger sizzling way beyond your purchasing of one. A good 20 per cent of a non-league crowd is often standing within earshot of a burger concession, thus able to hear the constant sizzling throughout the match.

## **The click-clack of boots on concrete as players ready themselves to enter the pitch**

"Come on boys!", shout captains and fans alike as the teams assemble in the tunnel to be followed by a comforting percussive performance, as the rapid fire of hardened plastic stud on concrete steadily dies down as hard surface of the changing room gives way to the damp sidge of grass as players run onto the field of





*Danny Parish hits his penalty at The Walks – but only the sound of colleagues and coaching staff could be heard celebrating the eventual goal*

play. Remember that scene in Game of Thrones where the Dothraki, all fire-lit swords and stallions, whoop away as they go charging into the undead until it all steadily goes dark and silent? Yeah, exactly like that.

### **Balls hitting backs of nets**

A lovely one this, and entirely absent to the soundscape at big crowd clubs. Which is crazy when you consider how elemental it is to the game we all watch. Plastic meets leather in a sudden rasp as balls hit the back of net during the warm-up, or, if you're lucky, during the game itself. The sound itself defies any reasonable simile, but let's go with it being a bit like a snake hissing defensively, or a sped-up salad spinner.

### **Goalkeepers (and others) kicking their boots against the goalpost pending a set-piece**

This is the most gloriously chiming of footballing sounds, as defence and attack congregate in the six yard box, players kicking against the upright in preparation for an in-swing. It's even more special if you get to hear this one when a shot hits the 'woodwork' at pace.

### **A 'futility of advice' from anyone shouting 'away!', 'don't foul!' etc as a ball is swung in from a corner.**

We may as well be shouting 'remember to breathe!', such is the obviousness of the instruction; but when it's echoing around the ground from both management and substitutes on the touchline, there's a certain choral beauty to it.

### **The crank of a turnstile**

OK, so perhaps you can still hear this at larger grounds. But in any event, boy do we all miss it

right now. And when we all return to The Vale, please take the trouble to listen when you hand over your money at the entrance. Stand back and take it in; perhaps record a snippet of it on your phone for posterity. Because as clubs increasingly turn to cashless entry options, it may well be that the wonderfully industrial clanking of a turnstile is finally on its way out. Generation after generation has internalised this glorious machine-like din, which with the general murmur of expectant fans has always been a huge part of match day expectation since the very beginning. Somehow, some bloke in Hi-Viz scanning a QR code off your phone doesn't quite match it.

### **Gloved fists on the metal back of stands**

Again, perhaps not entirely absent further up the footballing food chain, but non-league's use of corrugated metal in stadium stand construction, and fans' propensity to loudly proclaim their ownership of the stand in which it features, leads often to a 'woof-woof' sound as it is beaten as an accompaniment for a particularly popular chant.

### **Us**

Yep, that's you, me or the people behind and to the side of us. With no obligation to occupy Block D Row H Seat 43, us non-league fans tend to cluster in groups, laughing and joking or tearing the linesman a new one. But just now, this is a sound none of us can hear or partake in. Which comes out as absurd whichever side of the lockdown / no lockdown debate you start from. So, here's hoping we get to hear of all of the above as part of our football watching routine as soon as practically possible. The non-league soundscape experienced live again? I'm all ears.

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10 Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	0-1	0,000	19	☉ 8 ☁ 20-c	10m	IST	EFE	MEN	WAK	PHI	OKI
13 STOCKPORT COUNTY	VNL	2-5	0,000	23	☉ 11 ☁ 10-c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	SMI	PHI	OKI
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20 CHESTERFIELD	VNL	3-2	0,000	9	☉ 7 ☁ 15-c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	SMI	OKI	WAK
24 HAYES & YEADING UTD	FAC4Q	0-2	0,000	9	☉ 17 ☁ 15-c	41m	GSM	EFE	MEN	SMI	OKI	WAK
27 King's Lynn Town	VNL	3-2	0,000	6	☉ 10 ☁ 8-c	12m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	OKI	CAW

## NOVEMBER

7 ALTRINCHAM	VNL
10 FC Halifax Town	VNL
14 DOVER ATHLETIC	VNL
17 Eastleigh	VNL
21 SUTTON UNITED	VNL
27 Notts County	VNL

## DECEMBER

1 TORQUAY UNITED	VNL
5 Barnet	VNL
12 WEYMOUTH	VNL
26 Maidenhead United	VNL
28 BOREHAM WOOD	VNL

## JANUARY

2 MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL
9 Hartlepool United	VNL
23 ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL
26 Altrincham	VNL
30 Solihull Moors	VNL

## FEBRUARY

6 WOKING	VNL
7 Torquay United	VNL
13 BROMLEY	VNL
20 Sutton United	VNL
23 EASTLEIGH	VNL
27 Wrexham	VNL

## MARCH

6 FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL
9 KING'S LYNN TOWN	VNL
13 Dover Athletic	VNL
20 Weymouth	VNL
27 NOTTS COUNTY	VNL

## APRIL

2 Bromley	VNL
5 BARNET	VNL
10 Boreham Wood	VNL
17 HARTLEPOOL UNITED	VNL
24 Aldershot Town	VNL

## MAY

1 YEovil TOWN	VNL
3 Stockport County	VNL
8 DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	VNL
15 Chesterfield	VNL
22 SOLIHULL MOORS	VNL
29 Woking	VNL



## PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

22nd August	Bedford Town	A	W	3-1	Parish, Efete, Hughes
25th August	Luton Town	H	L	0-3	
27th August	Southall	A	L	2-3	Emmanuel, Trialist K
29th August	Colchester United	H	L	1-2	Emmanuel
1st September	Northwood	A	W	6-0	Lafayette, Parish 3, Charles, Trialist N

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## KEY TO SYMBOLS

Where possible, the time of each event is contained within the symbol. (Yes, they are a bit small. It's a work in progress.)

- 22 = First substitution
- 22 = Second substitution
- 22 = Third substitution
- 23 = Caution
- 67 = Sending off
- 67 = Straight Red
- 35 = Goal
- 88 = Penalty

Match date in red = Midweek kick-off)

The team order from 01 to 11 and substitutes follows the team sheet supplied by the club to the competition authorities. Note that players use their squad numbers in those positions. EG: Jerome Okimo, Squad No.6 playing position 4, etc.

## KEY TO PLAYER IDS

Squad No.	Player ID	Player Name
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03	GAF	Adel Gafaiti
04	CHA	Ashley Charles
05	STE	Connor Stevens
06	OKI	Jerome Okimo
07	PHI	Michael Phillips
08	SMI	Connor Smith
09	LAF	Ross Lafayette
10	GRE	Danny Green
11	LEW	Dennon Lewis
12	HUG	Charlee Hughes
13	WIS	Dan Wishart
14	PAR	Danny Parish
15	BEN	Kundai Benyu
17	MEN	Jacob Mendy Mendy
18	DYE	Alex Dyer
19	EMM	Moses Emmanuel
20	SLE	Jerome Slew
21	EVE	Lewis Everett
22	WIL	Jay Williams
23	WAK	Charlie Wakefield
34	CAW	Jack Cawley
34	GSM	Grant Smith

bove: Action from our superb 3-2 in against King's Lynn Town last month, featuring Danny Parish's at-trick on his full league debut. Pictures courtesy of **Jon Taffel**

## PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

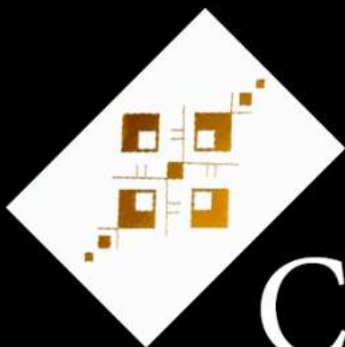
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15th September	St.Albans City	A	L	0-4	
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BY STEVE DUCKER



# 50-year flashback

Marking the 50th anniversary of our step up to professionalism in 2021, we're 'live blogging' our final season as an amateur club using one programme from each of the 92 professional Football League clubs playing in 1970/71. These are matches 17 to 20 - collect the set!

**Saturday 19 September, 3pm, Division 3**

**Rotherham Utd 5** (Dave Watson 3, John Fantham, Lee Brogden)  
**Rochdale 1** (Dennis Butler)

Ref D Smith, Stonehouse | Att 6,579

**Summary:** Rotherham's greatest ever player brings the inevitable big money transfer a step closer.

**Programme highlight:** The front cover photo, which shows Dave Watson towering above Bristol City's defence to attack a set piece in a recent League Cup tie under the Millmoor lights. ①

**Programme lowlight:** Two ludicrously fate tempting mentions that Rochdale hadn't won in Rotherham since 1931 (actually the hoodoo stayed intact until 1999). ②

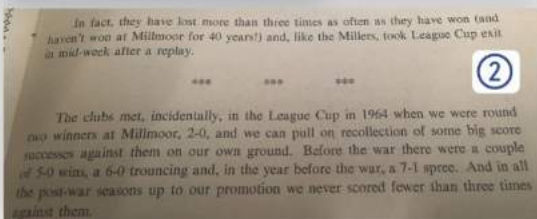
**Programme bingo:** Lengthy article from the development association. It was vital to clubs like Rotherham back then.

**Ahead of their time:** The entire Rotherham team, who produced an identical result against Rochdale the following season.

**Any other business:** Dave Watson left for Sunderland in December. The £100,000 fee was a record for a third division player and the ninth most expensive deal between British clubs at that time. As a centre-half, he won an FA Cup winner's medal in 1973 and the first of 65 England caps the following year. Not bad for a £700 signing from Notts County's reserves.

**Cliche:** 'We're walking in a Watson wonderland'

**Stones:** We best Wembley 2-0 in the FA Cup 1/0.



**Tuesday 22 September, 7.15pm, Division 4**

**Scunthorpe United 1** (Kevin Keegan pen)

**Barrow 1** (Bobby Svarc)

Ref G Hartley, Wakefield | Att 3,030

**Summary:** An essentially meaningless early season draw with a bigger picture that unfolded later in the decade.

**Programme highlight:** Honourable mentions for the FA Cup performances of local non-league sides Winterton Rangers and Ashby Institute.

**Programme lowlight:** Naming the opposition on the front could have worked. ③

**Programme bingo:** The quiz on page 5, including a 'You Are the Ref' question. These were popular in the days before fans automatically assumed they knew more than the match official.

**Ahead of their time:** Ashton House restaurant, offering 'licensed bar facilities and a Wine List to compliment the meal'. Shouldn't broadcast a competitive advantage like that...

**Any other business:** The 7.15 kick off, 15 minutes earlier than most other league teams, was so night shift workers at the local steelworks could see the end of a midweek fixture without being late for work. Kevin Keegan's post-Scunthorpe career is far too well-documented to bother listing it here. ④

**Cliche:** 'I don't want Keegan to go, but if we get a decent sum for him...'

**Stones:** 2-2 vs. Tooting & Mitcham in the league.



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 1 BARNARD  
 2 FOXTON  
 3 BARKER  
 4 LINDSEY  
 5 ATKIN  
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 8 CASSIDY  
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28	Mansfield Town*	5,836H	0
1	Swansea City	7,695A	0
5	Bradford City	6,348A	7
12	Port Vale	5,855H	1
19	Bury	3,605A	1
23	Reading	8,850A	1
23	Tranmere Rovers*	H	2



**Wednesday 23 September, 7.30pm, Division 3**

**Bradford City 1** (Bobby Ham)

**Wrexham 3** (Arfon Griffiths 2, Brian Tinnion)

Ref P Baldwin, Middlesbrough | **Att 6,501**

**Summary:** Bradford, second in the table two games earlier, slide to a second consecutive home defeat as their newly promoted visitors take both points.

**Programme highlight:** The City Gent on the cover, who combines the famous claret and amber stripes with a bowler hat, umbrella, and a briefcase that looks suspiciously like a satchel. **5**

**Programme lowlight:**

For a club that's had such strong ties with its community over the years, was it really necessary to list the board of directors on the cover?

**Programme bingo:** From the Club Comment on page 2: "The lads are anxious, possibly too anxious at times, to prove themselves in front of their own crowd". How many times have we heard that?

**Ahead of their time:** The Fox and Goose Supporters Association in Northbrook Street (off Canal Road) and their 'Forecast the Champions' competition. Name the four divisional first-placers and the FA Cup winners and pocket £100. Not exactly Fantasy Football, but reasonably imaginative nonetheless.

**Any other business:** For the first time since 1908, Bradford had one league club not two.

City's neighbours Park Avenue left the Football League in June 1970 following four successive re-election applications, the last three from 24th place. After winning the derby at Valley Parade in February 1968, Park Avenue failed to take maximum points from their last 56 away games as a league side.

**Cliche:** 'That's me done. I'm not coming again'

**Friday 25 September, 7.30pm, Division 3**

**Shrewsbury 3** (Alf Wood, George Andrews, Gerald Bridgwood)

**Tranmere Rovers 1** (George Yardley)

Ref H New, Bristol | **Att 6,597**

**Summary:** Free scoring Shrews make it 19 in four home games and raise hopes of a first ever promotion to the second division at the start of their third decade in the Football League. **6**

**Programme highlight:** Lovely photo montage on the cover, even if they are all in black and white. **7**

**Programme lowlight:** The fact that none of those photos include the legendary Fred Davies, the man in the coracle who achieved national fame for retrieving balls from the River Severn after they were kicked over the narrow terrace on that side of the ground.

**Programme bingo:** Manager Harry Gregg at his desk signing something significant. Recently retired players like him were always thus photographed, to show they were no longer 'one of the lads'. Older managers who had proved their credentials, like Revie and Shankly, were pictured in tracksuits on the training ground. Brian Clough, of course, did whatever he liked. **8**

**Ahead of their time:** Local journalist Ray Davies referencing an idea to limit back passes to the goalkeeper.

**Any other business:** Shrewsbury's purple scoring patch ended with this game - they managed 18 goals in their remaining 19 home games and finished 13th in the final table.

**Cliche:** 'Don't go to the gents now, you might miss something'

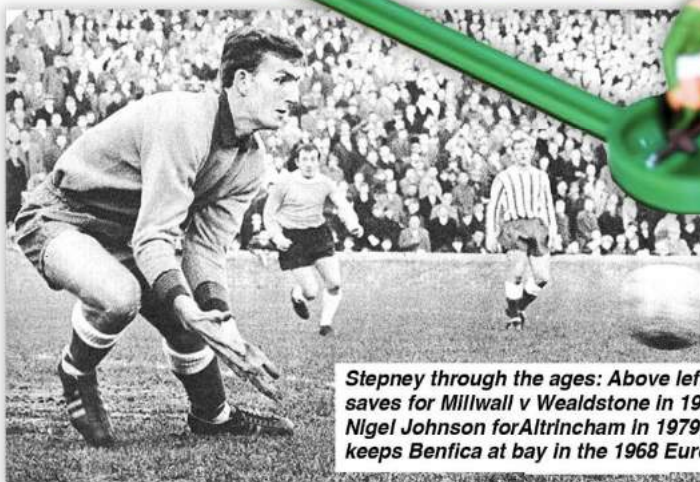
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WE'VE MET BEFORE



BY TIM PARKS

# Altrincham turned up to play was my boyhood hero



*Stepney through the ages: Above left, the keeper saves for Millwall v Wealdstone in 1965; right, he fells Nigel Johnson for Altrincham in 1979; and far right he keeps Benfica at bay in the 1968 European Cup Final*



**Saturday Dec 8, 1979: Alliance Premier League: Wealdstone 1 Altrincham 4**

This week's rewind is not so much about today's opponents, but more about the marvellously unexpected appearance of a European Cup winner at Wealdstone in the very first season of the Alliance Premier League.

Back in the 1970s and 80s it was not unusual to see household names turning out in the autumn of their careers in

non-League circles. Jimmy Greaves (for Barnet), Geoff Hurst (for Telford), Derek Dougan (for Kettering) and even cricket hero Ian Botham (for Yeovil) were commonplace events and of course the Stones fielded famous ex-Spurs Cliff Jones and Terry Dyson along with England's Johnny Haynes soon after we turned professional. These days, for a top-flight player to still want to perform in non-League is more a sign of charming enthusiasm rather than one last (small) payday.

But for me the sight of Manchester United goal-keeping legend Alex Stepney appearing from the tunnel at our old Lower Mead ground was the stuff of dreams.

For I was one of the millions of schoolboys who fell head over heels for football after watching United end the heartache of man-

*One of the great moments in sporting history: Stepney makes his save from Eusebio in the dying moments of normal time at 1-1.. and the Portuguese legend applauds the Manchester Utd keeper*





**WEALDSTONE 2020-21**

# Stones 41 years ago.. and the keeper (and 'Subbuteo man') Alex Stepney!



ager Sir Matt Busby by winning the European Cup night on that balmy night at Wembley in May 1968. The first English club to do so.

It was a night that had everything: Glamour, drama, redemption and breathtaking skill, topped by a terrific save from the man my Grandfather had warned me to watch, United keeper Stepney.

**G**randad lived in Tooting and was a Chelsea fan, and he had seen young Stepney play for Tooting & Mitcham (and then Millwall) before Chelsea snapped him up in 1966. He thought Stepney was better than the Blues' No. 1, Peter Bonetti, and was aghast when United stepped in with a record £55,000 bid to sign him just a few months later.

Stepney went on to wear the United gloves for 12 years, but despite winning leagues and FA Cups with them, this one match against the Portuguese Champions Benfica was the defining moment of his career. I was 11 years old, and totally captivated by the match (accorded

the rarity of live coverage on BBC1) long before the keeper made his dramatic interception. Watching with me was my Subbuteo-playing pal from over the road, Mark, who was a Chelsea fan and who derided Stepney for "being about as agile and flexible as a Subbuteo goalkeeper".

I was about to remark on how Subbuteo goalkeepers were remarkably bendy and covered the goal really well, when he said "No, not the normal goalkeepers, the ones that just stand upright".

I knew what he meant. I had one in my collection and always left him in the box when there was an important match to be played. And Stepney was known for being unflashy and staying on his feet.

But just then, with the match poised at 1-1 and headed for extra time, the Benfica striker Eusebio (the best player in the World Cup just two years earlier) broke into the United box with just the United keeper to beat. Time stood still.

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## WE'VE MET BEFORE CONTD

Would this be further heartbreak for the genial Sir Matt, who had fashioned a team of potential champions before the Munich air crash a decade earlier?

As the crowd held its breath, Eusebio unleashed a shot of venomous power. But fortunately it was straight at the keeper and Stepney, standing tall and upright (just like the Subbuteo goalie) clutched the ball to his chest and, remarkably, clung onto it as the forwards ran to convert any possible rebound.

"Ha ha, Subbuteo keeper, Subbuteo keeper!" I chanted at my friend Mark, rubbing his nose in it. And this continued right through extra time in which, as we all know, United scored three more goals to write their names into the record books and win the hearts of half the schoolboy population of the country.

**E**leven years later, I was all grown up. Alex Stepney was even more grown up, and - finally replaced in the affections of the Old Trafford management after 546 games - had gone to the NLS to play for Dallas Tornados. But he got a bit homesick and returned to his Cheshire home to turn out for Altrincham in the inaugural APL season... with the former Northern Premier League big guns landing the league title in both the 1979-80 and 1980-81 seasons.

In the report of the December 1979 game on this page, Stepney had clearly lost none of his presence and stood firm as Neil Cordice & Co rained shots at the Alty goal. Yet even on the gluepot pitch of Lower Mead he didn't seem to get his knees particularly muddy, and my abiding memory is of the Old Trafford great picking up his glove bag from the Elmslie End goal at half time and smiling as someone called out: "No Eusebio today, Alex". And he replied. "No, no, not quite Wembley is it?"

# On song crush 'S

Wealdstone 1  
Altrincham 4

By Pat

TWO goals each from elegant midfielder Whitbread and flying winger Howard hoisted Alliance Premier League leaders Altrincham to a comfortable and impressive victory over struggling Wealdstone at Lower Mead on Saturday.

The Robins celebrated the choice of manager Tony Sanders as the first winner of the APL Manager of the Month Award with a two goal burst in the opening 15 minutes from the striking firm of Whitbread and Howard.

However, despite their three goal advantage at the end, the Cheshire side didn't have it all their own way, especially in the middle of the first half.

Altrincham can thank their former Manchester United and England goalkeeper Alex Stepney for preserving their two goal cushion.

Veteran Stepney rolled back the years, producing a string of class saves to stop a 'Stones comeback.

Afterwards, Wealdstone manager Ken Payne was understandably disappointed. "Altrincham are not a bad side but I think football

wise, we were not that far behind. We played some good football" he said.

"However, the main difference was the finishing. They were clinical in their finishing while we missed our chances. And Stepney didn't help by making a couple of good saves. Organisation wise they are the best side we have played."

Payne kept his pre-match promise and made changes for this game. He dropped Bobby Moss from the attack, pushed young Stu Pearce up wide on the left, restored player coach Alan Fursdon to the defence and recalled Terry Boyle to midfield.

But changes or no changes, Altrincham proved conclusively they were the better team and one could not really argue with their winning margin at the finish.

The Robins are now six points clear in the Alliance and are many people's tip for the title. In fact, they looked very close to a Football League side on Saturday, turning in a tight and polished performance.

However, it was the 'Stones who opened in the more aggressive mood and

**Above: The Harry O reports on the first-ever meeting between the clubs at Lower Mead in front of an 842 crowd. More press cuttings over page**



# Robins Stones

## Mooney

Stepney was in action early saving from Cordice.

But a mistake by defender Fred Barwick let Whitbread in for Altrincham's first goal after only nine minutes.

## Whipped

Barwick was deceived by the spin of the high ball in the area, missed his kick and Whitbread whipped the ball past Cranstone and into the net.

And six minutes later the Robins were really singing when Howard pounced on another defensive error to steer the ball past Cranstone and in off a post.

But to their credit, Wealdstone hit back strongly and during the next 20 minutes created several good chances. But they floundered on the rock of Stepney.

First he pushed a drive from Watson out for a corner; kidded Cordice to shoot straight into his arms in a one-on-one confrontation; anticipated Nigel H. Johnson's close-in flick and generally frustrated the Stones.

In fact, Altrincham could have snatched a third right

on half-time when another defensive muddle allowed Davison to dispossess Cranstone but he pulled his shot across the face of the open goal.

The second half was barely eight minutes old when Altrincham gave another demonstration of their clinical finishing, Howard breezing through to roll the ball under Cranstone's body and into the net.

Wealdstone came back and Cordice scored the best goal of the match after 60 minutes, digging a blistering drive out of the mud which left Stepney motionless on his line as it arched into the top left corner. A beauty.

And shortly afterwards Wainwright was denied a goal when Stepney pulled off another diving save at the base of a post. The evergreen Fursdon saw a great run and shot fall in the hands of Stepney.

However, the Robins completed the scoring after 76 minutes when Whitbread beat Cranstone from close range following a knock down.

Payne sent on substitute Robinson for Boyle in the last few minutes and Altrincham also took the opportunity to exercise their 12th man, Wilson, but by then it was all over.



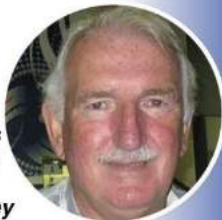
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1 Stepney	Goal	B Coyner
2 Gilchrist	Right back	M Doyle
3 Cripps	Left back	E Dilworth
4 Jones	Right half	C Townsend
5 Snowdon	Centre half	J Ashworth
6 Wilson	Left half	M McKendry
7 Rowan	Right wing	B Allen
8 Julians	Inside right	J Cooley
9 Brown	Centre forward	B Childs
10 Curran	Inside left	H Lindsay
11 Jacks	Leftwing	B Bremer

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Above: Proof that the young Stepney faced the Stones in the FA Cup match at Cold Blow Lane (the Old Den) 55 years ago. Millwall were top of Division Three but Stones gave them a decent game in front of the 11,794 crowd. Right: Alex Stepney today, 78 years old



## WE'VE MET BEFORE CONTD

### Graves buries Robins

#### Altrincham 0 Wealdstone 1

WEALDSTONE made a triumphant return to the Alliance Premier League on Saturday with a goal from new signing Mark Graves giving them their first ever win against Altrincham.

The Stones showed little respect for the current FA Trophy finalists' reputation as they took control of the game from the start.

In fact for the first half-hour it was all one-way traffic with Ray Goddard a spectator in the Wealdstone goal. Graves came close to opening the scoring in the 13th minute when he narrowly shot wide and Neil Cordice saw a fine effort saved after he had jinxed past the home defence.

Wealdstone continued to press forward but had to wait until the second half to see the fruits of their labour. The game had barely restarted when a neat pass from Johnson put through Graves who ran through to clinically slot the ball past the Altrincham keeper.

Minutes later a similar move saw Johnson on the break but the keeper did well to parry his shot. Johnson was again in the thick of the action seeing a powerful header saved from a Cordice cross.

The home side launched a series of counter-attacks in an attempt to avoid defeat, bringing out a string of fine saves from Goddard. His defence held out determinedly until the final whistle earning their side a well-deserved victory.

**Wealdstone:** Goddard, Perkins, Pearce, Byatt, Bowgett, Barwick, Davies, Wainwright, Cordice (N), Graves, Johnson. Sub Churchouse.

# 'I made my Stones debut Allen Batford said: "This and you're the only new

**M**ark Graves is in the commentary box today, contributing to the club's live stream and the former Stones striker has very clear memories of the day he made his club debut... at Altrincham on the opening day of the 1982-83 Conference season.

He was 21, and the club's only new signing that summer with boss Allen Batford putting faith in the team that had won everything on offer in the Southern League the previous season. "I had been a pro at Plymouth Argyle" said Mark, "so was a bit taken aback when the manager told me not to let him down. But I didn't do too badly... I got the only goal in the second half (see report, left) and we had a flying start to life back in the top division".

Mark went on to score 138 goals in 234 games for the Stones but was unlucky to lose his place through injury to talismanic striker Andy Graham in the run-in to the historic 'double season' in '85. He was plagued by a hip injury towards the end of his career and the now-59-year-old is about to have another hip replaced - having had the first one replaced five years ago.

Altrincham must have hated the sight of him though... in September 1983 he scored a hat trick as the Stones won 3-1 at Lower Mead (right).

### Graves' treble strike

#### Wealdstone 3 Altrincham 1

MARK Graves celebrated a hat-trick as Wealdstone became the only unbeaten team left in the Alliance Premier League on Saturday.

It was his second goal from the penalty spot two minutes into the second half that changed the course of the match, writes Paul Jacques.

Altrincham had battled back to level the scores at 1-1 at half-time, but Graves' early strike after the break opened the door for a host of Stones' chances.

And really, Wealdstone should have run up a healthy total. Nigel Johnson was guilty of a catalogue of misses and Alan Cordice missed two golden opportunities that he should have buried.

But team manager Brian Hall was happy enough with the three from Graves, and was particularly satisfied with Stones' second half display — 45 minutes of probably the best football they have played all season.

Stones opened at a gallop, winning three corners in the opening five minutes. Their early pressure was rewarded when Graves found the mark in the 19th minute. Stuart Pearce cut inside from a short corner and his low, near post cross was forced home by Graves.

A rare error from keeper Bob Iles let Altrincham in for an equaliser after 28 minutes. He somehow let the ball bobble from his grasp and grateful Jeff Johnson stabbed home the gift.



# WEALDSTONE 2020-21

at Altrincham and the manager team won me the title last year player. So don't let me down'



**NUMBER THREE ...** Mark Graves is on target with a header to complete his hat-trick at Lower Mead on Saturday. PICTURE: DOUG AVENT.

On the stroke of half-time Altrincham keeper Gareth Smith made a remarkable point blank save to deny Gary Donellan.

The teams had barely drawn breath after the interval when Paul Johnson

tripped Cordice for a penalty. Graves' spot kick was blocked by the keeper but the Wealdstone striker fired home the rebound.

Graves completed his hat-trick in the 66th minute when he met Dennis

Byatt's cross with a powerful header that Smith could only palm into the roof of the net.

Wealdstone: Iles, Perkins, Pearce, Byatt, Bowgett, Price (Wainwright 45), Greenaway, Donellan, A. Cordice, Graves, Johnson.



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# FOOTBALL, COVID-STYLE BY TIM PARKS



## 'This disease is so clever it can differentiate between which level of team you support'



*Tape on the barriers spell out the 'safe distancing' message*

**W**HEN our our first game in the National League was rained off - following a week of crazy anomalies in the Covid-19 laws that were set to allow our fans to watch the Stones' game on big screens in the social club but not in the stadium - I thought I'd cap one of most bizarre weeks in football history by attending a Level 3 FA Cup 2nd qualifying round game.

It was AFC Dunstable v Hemel Hempstead. Level 4 Dunstable v 'Elite' Hemel from Level 2... which meant that Hemel fans were banned from attend-

ing. Anybody else on the planet could pay their £8 to get in, but not the people really interested in going.

So I turned up at AFC Dunstable's Creasey Park ground, just 10 miles up the road from me, at ten to three and joined a long line of dark-coated men of all ages. No colours were showing. No Hemel scarves or hats. Nothing. Who were these mysterious strangers? I was allowed in as a neutral, once I'd checked in using my NHS track & trace app, and then noticed former Stones physio James Smith standing inside the gate. He's now helping out at Dunstable, as he lives locally, and was equally amused.

"It's just crazy" he said. "Why differentiate between fans of Level 1 and 2 clubs, and Levels 3 and 4? They are just football fans."

I took a few pictures and ambled up behind the goal that Hemel - the hot favour-





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rites - were attacking. Hemel's younger fans, the teens and early-20s, were conspicuous by their absence.. until I noticed they were all standing along one touchline trying to look **inconspicuous**. A couple of middle-aged guys were chortling among themselves.

"Who do you support then Dave?"  
"Me, I'm a neutral. never been here before. Who's playing?" They found this very amusing. So did I.

And then Hemel took the lead and there was a muffled explosion of muted cheering all around the ground. It sort of turned into coughing before anybody noticed. It was our former player Jacob Cook who picked out Jake Evans for a fine close-range header.

"Great ball Cookie!" shouted one of the men. "Or whoever you are".

This 'neutral' act continued long into the game as the usually-vociferous Hemel fans were forced to pretend that they were merely half-interested bystanders. These neutrals were remarkably cross when Bernard Christie levelled on the hour mark with a terrific cross-shot.

"Bloody hell Hemel! What are we doing, drawing with this s\*\*t?!" Other fans looked askance and the infuriated supporter hid inside his anorak.

But it's not as if anybody was going to apply the laws. I spoke to another Dunstable official before the final whistle - Hemel

*Queues outside at 2.50 but not a red Hemel scarf or hat in sight*



running out 2-1 winners thanks to a late penalty - and he said:

"The rules are just baffling. It's like Covid-19 is so clever that it can differentiate between which level football team you support.

"We are desperate for any sort of income but we had to say that Hemel fans could not come to watch this game.. there are 218 here today, twice our normal number but under normal conditions there would be 400-odd for a local FA Cup derby.

"How can we police the no-away-fans rule? Well, there are Hemel officials here watching out to see that nobody they recognise is in attendance. All I can say is there are an awful lot of neutrals here today!"

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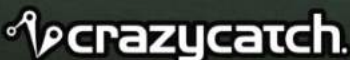
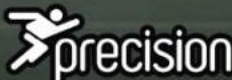
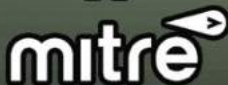
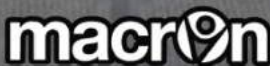


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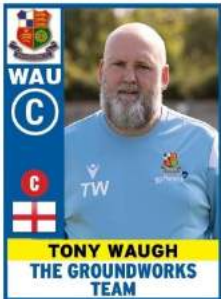


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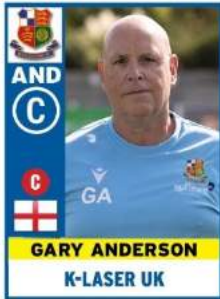
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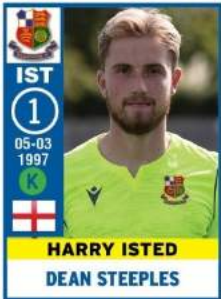
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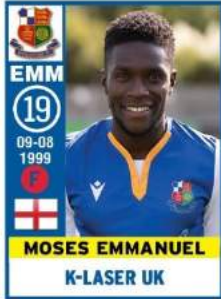
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1 Torquay United	7	6	0	1	17 5	3	3	0	0	5 1	4	3	0	1	12 4	12	18	
2 Stockport County	7	4	1	2	13 7	4	2	1	1	6 3	3	2	0	1	7 4	6	13	2-5
3 Sutton United	5	4	0	1	8 3	2	1	0	1	3 1	3	3	0	0	5 2	5	12	
4 Maidenhead United	7	4	0	3	11 14	4	2	0	2	7 9	3	2	0	1	4 5	-3	12	
5 Eastleigh	6	3	2	1	14 9	3	1	2	0	5 4	3	2	0	1	9 5	5	11	
6 Hartlepool United	6	3	2	1	9 8	4	1	2	1	3 7	2	2	0	0	6 1	1	11	
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16 King's Lynn Town	7	2	1	4	11 19	4	1	1	2	7 10	3	1	0	2	4 9	-8	7	3-2
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- Charlie Wakefield 24**
- Jack Cawley 34**

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- 11 Yusifu Ceesay**
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- 21 Matthew Gould G**
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