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BY MARK HYDE



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Written in Stone



Good afternoon or evening depending on which of our featured fixtures you are reading this before.

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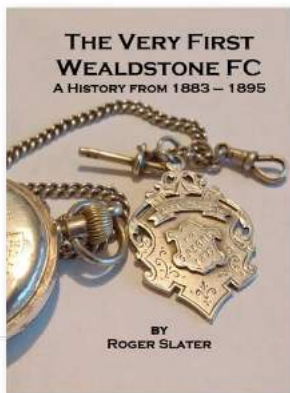
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THE VERY FIRST WEALDSTONE

Reading the Wealdstone FC Jubilee Handbook, it was apparent that 1899-1900 wasn't the formation date of the club but a step on the way. The first match report mentioned that "the club wore the same colours" The question was: same as what? And when? It started a long process reading backwards in time establishing the facts as they were then available. Some pieces of the jigsaw were missing, so the date of formation remained the same. In an effort to build as complete a record of the club as possible, research continued and, as more information has been found over twenty years later, gaps have been filled and we can now tell the story of two Wealdstone Football Clubs.

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BY SUDHIR RAWAL



The Elmslie Ender



EE asks for a sense of perspective please

I don't bother with the Stonesnet forum very much now, certainly don't post on there. In its day it was a vibrant, feisty, sometimes funny and often silly place to talk about Wealdstone and football in general. Far less post on there now and of those that do, some seem to harbor a grudge. It's full of angst now. It gets my goat when you see people hiding behind multiple identities and pseudonyms that give you no clue to their identity. Twitter, for all of it's fault, and especially as I am writing this when there is a media blackout on various platforms, from a Wealdstone perspective, you more or less know who someone is. You can argue, you can debate and be rather silly with someone you know, not a faceless keyboard warrior.

That said, and in a rather roundabout way of me getting there, there was a valid point made on the forum recently about the fact that, after the Weymouth game, the club came out with a statement that said that we, whilst conserving funds, would be putting out competitive teams as far as we can for the rest of the season. We haven't really. I have no problem in us cutting our cloth to deal with the lack of money coming in



We're on our way to Loftus Road! Wealdstone's Kop, the supporters at the Elmslie Stand, salute Keith Furphy's first goal direct from a corner during Saturday's F.A. Cup match against Reading.

from any source. It makes absolute sense, and something you'd expect from a sensible board which we have, but the statement suggested otherwise. This then set a level of expectation from some supporters and when things have gone over the cliff as they did against Hartlepool and Maidenhead, perspective has been lost by some. It has given those who hold a grudge, a stick to beat the club. I even read on twitter a claim that our current predicament was worse than the first year at Yeading, a time when we were at our lowest ebb as a football club. A time when the SFC side I played for on a Sunday morning was probably better than the Wealdstone side that I watched on a Saturday. That's right, our supporters' team was probably better than the first team and someone had the gall to say it was worse now, in the National League, playing against the likes of Notts County, Stockport County and Wrexham. As I said, perspective has been totally lost by some, a vocal few.

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Anyone that is a shareholder would have seen our financial statements for 2020. A loss was recorded last season of 113k, down by half from the previous season. Our wage bill approximated at 7.6k per week, down by 2k from the previous season and a third lower than the season before that. Success was achieved on a prudent out lay in the NLS. There were far better resourced clubs than us in the Southern division. This season it probably went up a notch or two, but way below almost everyone else and not even in the same universe as many. Just looking at who is playing now, where they are from, we are probably now operating on fifty percent of what we started the season on, and yet there are some wanting to judge the current management team on the basis of a wage bill that is probably Isthmian League midtable. Get real. I suspect the duo know what needs to happen next season, where our recruitment should be and the type of player that needs to be brought in. The

management duo can-not be properly judged in any fairness until they bring their own players in, have a proper pre-season and then a run of games into the new season, not during an attempt to guide the team across very choppy waters to a calmer shore on the other side, where the only thing that matters is that you reach the other side in one piece. Unharmd and ready for the challenges that the other shore brings.

The European Super League farrago was rightfully condemned but when some of the condemnation was coming from those working for Sky TV, it is difficult not to view it as something that was being said because their employers were unlikely to get a piece of the action themselves. Gary Neville was leading the backlash on TV. He was most certainly passionate about what he was saying, but his Salford City side, a club owned by billionaires and millionaires, have a wage bill in League Two massively higher than their competitors, who signed a player on 4k per week to get them out of the National League and then sacked a manager within five months of employing him, despite criticising PL clubs for sacking their managers too soon. It's hard not to see the hypocrisy in all of the media output. Supporters resisted the advances of the ESL, firstly outside Stamford Bridge, where Chelsea's owner was already said to have been hesitant in joining and then the house of cards fell as one by one, the other English clubs pulled out too, though you wondered how Arsenal and Spurs had even managed to pull the ace from the pack and been included in such gilded company. Spurs, as the saying goes, won the First division in black and white. The much-hated Daniel Levy had pulled off a blinder to get Spurs even included. I did feel, though, that there were some great advantages and positives to be taken for forward thinking non-league clubs. There would be more disgruntled football fans who would be looking for their football fix elsewhere, something that Wealdstone have cultivated so well since our move to the Vale. In every so-called crisis, there is an opportunity for others to make a success and that disillusionment with football hasn't gone away just because the ESL has been taken off the table for the moment and we should strike whilst the iron is hot and get even more former Premier and Football league fans into the Vale.

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STONES INTERVIEW

Alex Dyer

Our midfield star on what he's been up to since leaving Ruislip for the delights of Sweden eight years ago

Alex Dyer is one of the classiest midfielders to have ever pulled on a Wealdstone shirt. He was with the Stones for two years - playing below his level, to be honest, with Gordon Bartlett's Ryman League side almost a decade ago - before moving on up to Welling in the Conference National and then on to establish a career in the top flight of Swedish football with Ostersunds and Elfsborg.


Back in London we watched enviously. Yes, we managed to wring a stellar season out of the similarly-influential Glen Little, to win promotion to the National South, and repeated the trick with Billy Clifford last season to spark another promotion... but when Billy left last summer he cry again went up: Who could replace him? Who could be as effective, pulling the midfield strings, at this higher level? Who could be the new Alex Dyer?

Well of course, it turned out it be the old Alex Dyer! In fact, a smoother, more sophisticated Alex Dyer with ten years' experience of working his midfield magic in Scandinavia.

Was it good to be back?

"Well, we've not had the easiest of times recently with missing players, furloughing and injuries but overall, yes it's been really good to be back" he said when I managed to catch up with the now-30 year old over the Easter break.

"I had a real connection with the club in my first spell - I was young and naive and raw, really, and had just been released by Northampton, feeling a bit angry with the world, so now I am actually really proud of Wealdstone for what has been achieved in the ten years I've been away... the two promotions and the stadium - much bigger and better - and the pitch is now first class. And the people are still the



That's one hell of a dummy! Alex sends the Gloucester midfielder the wrong way in the FA Trophy match earlier this year.. and he also scored Stones' first goal in the 3-1 win

same! It feels like a family here. Warm and welcoming and I'm just enjoying being back in England and playing".

Alex was just out of his teens when his career seemed to have stalled back in 2010.

"I live in Edmonton, North London and was just playing for Cheshunt after leaving Northampton when Gordon got in touch. It took me a while to settle but in my second season we reached the Ryman play-offs only to lose at Lowestoft. Really disappointing, with two sent off.

"That second season I decided I'd try to score more goals because I knew then I'd get noticed... I ran more, got up with the strikers into the box and the goals came. And although we missed out on promotion I got the move to Welling United two levels higher. It was *sad though because I wanted to win promotion with Wealdstone*".

Alex has a Swedish mother and a Montenegrain father (an "interesting mix" he calls it!) and was always open to playing abroad, so when Ostersund came calling in 2014 he was intrigued by the possibilities. The Swedish side had won two promotions to the second level in domestic football - The Superettan - under the young

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the salary tax-free and with accommodation provided, but it's not life-changing. After six years in Scandinavia I wanted to immerse myself in a new culture and experience new things. Although football-wise it was a step down... the game just isn't that important in the Far East. Society isn't centred around football the way it is in Europe, and I had to adjust to that. I learned a lot."

So what happened to bring you back to London? "Well, I had a contract with my club, Al Tadhamon, right through to the summer but with the pandemic they were closing the borders and the Kuwait League was cancelled. I need to be playing so put out a few feelers in England - and when Dean Brennan responded it was a natural move back to the Stones.

"I'm quite relaxed about where my career goes from here" he says. "I'm living in Edmonton with my partner Karlaina, and working with my cousin in property development, hoping that will go places. I'm really enjoying it.

"As for football, it's just a matter of preparing for next season really... we've got some good players here and I think we'll push on after the summer."

English coach Graham Potter - and with Alex in goalscoring form in midfield (19 goals in 85 appearances) Ostersunds made it to the top flight, The Allsvenskan (pictured right).

"We were creating history in every game so there was no pressure" says Alex. "And the football over there is much more technical... less physical with fewer duels, headers and fighting for second balls so it suited me a lot better. It was a different challenge. I like the culture too - plus the fact that I have grandparents, aunts and cousins over there who I saw a lot of. A good place to live".

But as Alex says, he didn't want to out-grow his surroundings. "I didn't want to get too comfortable there, so when I had the chance to play for Elfsborg I took it. They are an established Prem club in Sweden and I wanted to challenge myself and prove I could succeed there".

And succeed he did, playing 40 games across two 30-game seasons for the club that has won the League title six times in its history.

Then it was off to the Norwegian side Lillestrom on loan before Alex decided on doing (as Monty Python would say) 'something completely different'. He went to play in Kuwait!

"And it wasn't just for the money" he quickly interjects. "Obviously that's an attraction, with

And you've got some World Cup qualifiers to play! I reminded him. Alex is a regular in the Montserrat national side that pulled off a great 1-1 draw with El Salvador in the last round of qualifiers.

"We've come close to a draw against them before but that was great performance... though it's still a tall order to qualify. We have to win our remaining games and El Salvador have to lose. To be honest we're focussing on the Gold Cup and if we can qualify for that we'll face America, Peru and Cuba and the bigger Caribbean countries.

"Montserrat is a volcanic island with a population of just 5,000 so to win any game is an achievement! Nearly all our side are with National League clubs-it's a great atmosphere with the boys, a good community and just a couple of good results has seen football take off on the island.

"There are now youth teams and I get to see some of my distant relatives on my Dad's side... they're all claiming to know me now that we're doing well!"



CLASSIC FAN IN THE STAND

It's Mark Lloyd!

NO.4 OF THIS OUTSTANDINGLY MEDIOCRE SERIES...



▲ **WELSH AND, ER, PROUD OF IT** Mark Lloyd hastily puts his burger down and smiles enigmatically for our photographer

THE FAN IN THE STAND

This week we fire the questions at one of our naturalised Welsh fans. Who's the best-looking of the brothers? **MARK LLOYD** tells all..

Where you live: Eastcote

Where you work (and occupation): BP, Stockley Park. Numbers.

First Stones game attended: Think it was Frickley in the Conference circa 82. We lost 2-0.

Why you came to be watching Wealdstone: I suppose I must thank my brother Dave for getting me involved. As he never tires of telling people I was a Watford fan as a teenager. An impressionable lad. I was introduced to the champagne football (ok, the hoofs) of the Keen and then Taylor years which led to promotions from the 4th Division to the 1st. In the meantime time David got into watching The Stones after witnessing the near riot that was the West Ham game in 1980. In time I was watching both sides and gradually realised that it was much more fun at Lower Mead than at Watford. The crowd was what really did it. The wit, the banter, the malevolence.

What are the advantages, and joys, of non-League football? I think Wealdstone is

far removed from "non-league". We take things seriously. Outside people cannot believe that we can be so passionate about our club. We wouldn't all be here otherwise. But if you're talking non-league generally, people are friendly - and genuine fans. No hangers-on.

Any disadvantages? Not enough numbers. We need more hangers-on.

Have you regularly watched other clubs? See above. I also have the misery of following Wales.

Most memorable Stones game you've seen? Dulwich play-off. There are loads really but the memory is sketchy. Many games meld into one. Like when we beat Boston 6-0 at home when Samson ended up in the railings and Dennis missed a penalty and Jolly scored the winning one and we all ended up on the pitch and Greg scored a hat-trick and the game was snowed off at half time when we were 3-0 down. See what I mean?

Who's the best-looking Lloyd brother? It

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In the latest of the supporter profiles, dipping back into the Stones programme archives and updating thoughts from a decade ago, we alighted on the head of the Wealdstone 'Taffia',

Mark Lloyd. Oldest of the three Lloyd brothers, and allegedly (when this was printed in 2009 anyway) father of the best-looking of the family, Mark tells us what he's been up to since then.

Read on overpage.....

used to be Dave. Now it's probably my son Ryan (sorry Adam).

How are you enjoying your work with the youth football set-up? It's an absolute bind. Sorry, I mean, I'm enjoying it immensely.

What do you think the long-term advantages may be? None whatsoever. Ah, I mean, (puts official hat on)...This is the future of the club. We need to encourage these kids and their parents that coming to watch the Stones is a worthwhile experience. We are missing a generation of fans. The relationships we've built with other local junior clubs as well as Ruislip High School will bear fruit in years to come.

Best live football match you've ever seen? Tricky. Probably Spain 4-3 Yugoslavia at Euro 2000.

Any suggestions to improve your Stones watching experience? More singing. New singing. More cover.

Favourite all-time Wealdstone line-up: Bob Iles, Stuart Pearce, Dennis Byatt, Paul Bowgett, Dominic Sterling, Robin Wainright, Tony Lynch, Chris Walton, Steve Browne, Andy Graham, Richard Jolly.

Best current Stones line-up, in your opinion? Thomas, McCoy, Massey, Locke, Chappell, Ashe, Forbes, Spendlove, O'Leary, Ngoyi, Charlie MP.

Favourite all-time Wealdstone strip? Used to be the quarters but now like the new blue. But I change like the wind.

Favourite current Stones strip? Blue but they're all good.

What are your expectations for the coming season? If we don't win the league by 20 points the whole board and management need to decide whether or not they see it as a re-signing issue. I'm happy to advise on this.

Is Cardew the Cad your favourite Stones celebrity fan? I just love the tale of his last visit to see us before he popped off. For those that don't know, Cardew was an Ealing Studios film star of the 1940s and 50s who supported Wealdstone. The story being, he came on his own to see us play Wivenhoe in the FAC 1st round at Lower Mead. The blues scored the only goal of the game after 87 minutes. He was seen wildly cheering in the main stand as it was scored. Unfortunately nobody had told him that we were playing in a white kit that season.



▲ **CARDEW THE SAD** Great, and late blues fan Cardew Robinson (pictured in his Ealing Comedy heyday) was an inspiration to Mark. Though even Mark knows what colours we play in. PS: Is that a megastore Stones hat?

The bloke that's taken his name on the Stones' forum is a bit of an idiot though.

How does Grosvenor Vale compare to our other grounds? Well, it's clearly homely. It is hand built by the supporters and therefore far better than anything else. Worth noting that we have the best supporters around. You can keep your Princes Park thanks.

What do you think of our programme? Currently it retains the high standard that Stones programmes have always had. Always lots to read. Superb.

Have you any ideas for improvements? There should be even more input from supporters and players. Also, I'd like more stats - can't get enough.

and finally... Where, and at what level of football, do you think we'll be playing in five years' time? I hope we'll be here. This is home for us now. Playing wise, I think we'll be in the Ryman's Prem still. But you never know.

Would you like to be a Fan in the Stand? Send an email to fm.parks@gmail.com. The Series began 18 years ago, for one season, and was resurrected in 2010... and has continued ever since with around 300 supporters being featured in that time. Go and join in!

**Up next? It's more than my job's worth to disclose
Geordie Stones' real identity. All will be revealed...**

CLASSIC FiS: MARK LLOYD CONTD

The 'Fan in the Stand' article replicated on the previous pages appeared in September 2009 - only the fourth in the series which has continued uninterrupted ever since and must now total around 300 supporters!

Mark has been involved in the Wealdstone Youth set-up and various money-raising ventures over the years that make him one of the most readily-recognised Stones fans... and, of course, his overseas trips with fellow Taffia members Mickey Kane, Sean Cronin and his siblings following his adopted country Wales have been eagerly followed on a number of social media platforms. (I can now hear Mark bellowing 'Adopted?.. adopted?!')

Anyway, we asked Mark to update his 2009 responses with a whole raft of interrogative questions, most of which he failed to answer. Although he did admit to now living in Pinner and still working 'in numbers'.

Did you imagine back in those Ryman League days that we'd EVER be back at the top level?

When we were in the Ryman League I thought our natural level was between there and Conference South. The years of very slow progress to that 2009 high point of competitive Ryman Prem outfit had coloured my opinion that any higher league was beyond us.

What can I say? I was wrong and I humbly apologise for that. The work done in galvanising all the enthusiasm and skills that our fanbase could offer in those first years at Ruislip was exceptional and game-changing. In truth I still struggle to believe we're back at the top level now. Even laughing at presenters mangling our name rather than getting irritated by it.

Would any of the players since 2009 gatecrash your all-time Stones team?

Always very difficult to compare across decades of football. I guess Oxborough might edge out Iles, Okimo instead of



Lloyds John (left) and Mark (right) flank ex-Stones star Sean Cronin following Wales in Europe two years ago. The disguise got the irlo into the Croatia end!

Byatt, Mendy instead of Dom Sterling. Most of this season's and last season's team are in consideration, as they are playing (this season) the highest standard of opposition that a Stones team has ever competed against.

Does the standard of the NL seem similar/better/worse than back in the mid 80s glory days? I think I've answered that in previous question. It's clearly a higher standard than we've ever seen. Doesn't necessarily make it more exciting but modern football is scientific in a way unthought-of in the 80s.

How are you coping with the streaming experience compared with being in the ground? Are your Saturdays simplified? It's such an incredibly second-rate experience to watching it live. No criticism

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of the streams that do their best, but football watched on a screen is soulless, and football watched on a screen where there are no fans present doubly so. It's heart-breaking really that we've spent over 30 years getting back to the top-table of NL football and we, as fans can't make an impression. You can see on opponents' forums and social media that supporters of these ex FL clubs see us as a tinpot outfit. Now, there may be some truth in that as regards our facilities at this level but we all know their opinion would radically alter when they encounter our supporters. Roll on next season!

Are you seeing less of your brothers? Is

this a good thing? Yes. No

What do you think of the Stones performances so far this season? It's just so tough. This league is relentless and more so in a truncated season. We were always up against it resource-wise, and we needed players to stay fit - almost impossible with that schedule. Everyone is disappointed in the more recent performances, but these six points against Dag & Red and Bromley mean we'll win our mini-league of the bottom seven clubs.

Have you seen any games live apart from the Weymouth one? What makes you think I saw the Weymouth one? How presumptuous. Anyhow, yes I did and, in answer to your question, no I haven't.

Do you think the Stones have a future at Grosvenor Vale? I did. I see the constant year-on-year developments and the ground and marvel at the incremental transformation. Attic's 2009 video on You Tube is a

Those lovely Lloyd boys single-handedly sold an extra three STs with this advert four years ago (right)

brilliant reference point for this. Recent communications though from the chairman suggest we may need to seek alternatives due to fairly well documented reasons. It's a great site with fabulous communication links and in the heart of its community. But that's a minus as well as a plus. I'd be sad to go. I'm not going!

Where do you currently rank in the 'best looking of the Lloyd brothers' ranking as instigated by Dave 12 years ago? Not for me to say. I could, as many do, compare myself to a fine wine... Dave, shone brightly early but is like the winger who's lost a yard of pace. A sad demise. Anyhow, it's all about the character, which where John wins comfortably. Proof that looks are secondary.

And finally... Where do you think the Stones will be in the football pyramid in five years time? As we've established I'm hopeless at this. I think we'll be a Conference South side in Ruislip, with occasional dabbings into the Conference National and regular proper FA Cup exploits. Like a spikier version of Maidstone, but with less beer-throwing.

Either that or League One side playing in super-duper soulless stadium on top of Ruislip Lido. I'll be there either way. Up the Stones!

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Welcome to The Vale our East London Neighbours The Daggers

Despite only being in existence for 28 years, Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club have had their fair share of highs and lows their highest being promotion to League One following a 3-2 play off final victory over Rotherham United at Wembley Stadium.

The Club came about following a series of mergers which saw Leytonstone, Ilford and Walthamstow Avenue form Redbridge Forest who in turn merged with Dagenham FC in 1992 to form the current Club. All four had proud histories as amateur clubs in the past but due to dwindling attendances, had fallen on hard times.

The first season of Dagenham & Redbridge FC saw them finish third behind Wycombe Wanderers in the GM Vauxhall Conference and reach the 1st Round proper of the FA Cup, where they were defeated 5-4 in a thrilling game against Leyton Orient.

Unfortunately after this things began to go downhill for the club especially off the pitch when a Trustee of the Club illegally removing half a million pounds which he was later convicted of. Money was now tight and the 1995/6 season saw the Daggers finish bottom of the GM Vauxhall Conference and suffer relegation to the Isthmian League.



DAGENHAM'S 6,078 CAPACITY VICTORIA ROAD

To ensure the Club didn't continue a downward trend Ted Hardy was appointed to stabilise it. and against all odds took the team to Wembley in the FA Trophy final unfortunately losing 0-1 in extra time to Woking having played for an hour with only 10 men.

League finishes of fourth, fourth and third meant that Ted had achieved the target of stability and on 1st March 1999 he announced his resignation.

The Daggers installed Garry Hill into the hot seat and in his first season they returned to the Conference having romped to the Isthmian League title recording 20 victories and a draw from their 21 home league games and an outstanding 101 points. The success story continued into the 2000/01 season as the Club achieved

third place. The 2001/2 season saw the Conference championship turned into a two-horse race with Boston United and the Daggers heartbreakingly missing out on promotion to the Football League on goal difference. The disappointment was made even worse when



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the Lincolnshire side were found guilty of illegal payments to players but the points deduction was carried into the following season. The following season saw the Club miss out on promotion to the football league for the second season running again by the closest of margins.

Garry Hill departed at the end of the following season and the Club turned to John Still for a second spell in charge. At the end of October the Club were ten points behind hot favourites Oxford United and a play-off place was seen as the best they could hope for, instead they kept up the pressure on the leaders and on the last day of 2006 they took top spot in the League, a position they wouldn't relinquish. On 7th April 2007, a 2-1 home win over Aldershot Town gave them the Championship and with it a place in the Football League they had been so close to achieving in the past.

The 2009/10 season saw the Club reach the end of season play off's by virtue of a seventh place finish. In the semi-final first leg they broke all previous play-off records with a

six goal rout of Morecambe and despite losing the second leg 1-2, went through to the final at Wembley 7-2 on aggregate. 32,054 attended the final on 20th May and saw goals from Paul Benson, Danny Green give the Daggers the lead on two occasions only for the Millers to equalise on both occasions. Barbados international Jon Nurse struck the winner after 69 minutes as the Essex side continued their amazing climb through the football pyramid.

The size of the task facing the squad in League One was evident & despite all the odds the club went in to the last day of the season with fate in their own hands but with over 1,000 Daggers making the trip to London Road Peterborough ran out easy winner to condemn the Daggers to relegation.

Wayne Burnett signed a two-year contract as manager in May 2013 and in his first full season in charge led the team to a ninth place finish in League Two, playing a more attractive style of football in the process however a poor start to the 2015/16 led to his departure and the return to management of John Still.

The Daggers' 2016/17 season was an eventful season both on and off the pitch for Dagenham & Redbridge, with the Essex side almost returning to the Football League at the first time of asking only narrowly missing out in the promotion Semi-final to Forest Green Rovers. Daggers captain Scott Doe reached 300 appearances for the Club in March as well as the Daggers finishing fourth after being hit with a number of first team injuries.

In 2019/20 The Daggers embarked on their 4th successive season in the National League, looking to build on the solid foundations that have been put in place by the club's investors, Trinity Sports Holdings. Peter Taylor departed the club after a run of poor form at the start of 2020. Daryl McMahon joined as Manager in early January, with Terry Harris and Steve Gritt his joint-Assistant Managers, and Dave Jupp arriving as Strength and Conditioning and First Team Coach. The Daggers secured safety before the season was cut short and Daryl will be hoping for a push at promotion during the 2020/21 campaign.

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

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DAGGENHAM & REDBRIDGE



1. ELLIOT JUSTHAM - GOALKEEPER

Elliot joined the Daggers after being released by Luton at the end of the 2015/16 season. He joined Luton Town in May 2013 having played previously for Waltham Forest, Leyton, Redbridge, Brentwood Town and East Thurrock United. He made his Football League debut for the Hatters at AFC Wimbledon in February 2014 and kept his place for the remainder of that season having been a regular on the bench during Town's Conference title campaign the previous season.

2. CALLUM REYNOLDS - DEFENCE

Reynolds joined the Daggers on the 1st July 2020 after leaving London neighbours Barnet at the end of June, having made 65 appearances for the Bees over the past two seasons. The 30-year-old central defender has also had previous National League experience with Aldershot Town and Boreham Wood, amassing 177 appearances in total in the National League.

3. ELLIOTT JOHNSON - DEFENCE

Elliott joined the Daggers in early August having spent the entirety of his professional career at Barnet, before leaving at the end of July after his contract expired. Johnson is experienced in both the Football League and the National League, amassing 105 appearances in League Two, as well as 129 National League caps.

4. DEAN RANCE - MIDFIELD

The 28-year-old midfielder was the Daggers' second signing ahead of the 2020/21 Vanarama National League Season. Rance is a player that manager Daryl McMahon knows well, having played in central midfield with the 28-year-old at Dover and more recently at Ebbsfleet United. He arrives at the Chigwell Construction Stadium after spending the season with Aldershot Town, where he was captain of the Shots.

5. LUKE CROLL - DEFENCE

Luke joined the Daggers in early July 2019, having been released by League Two side Exeter City during the off-season. The left-footed centre half came through Crystal Palace's academy and went on to win the U21 League 2 South in 2014/15. Croll, who can also cover at left-back went on to enjoy loan spells at Harrow Borough, Plymouth Argyle, and Exeter City. Upon the end

of his contract at Palace, the defender made the permanent move to Exeter.

6. KENNY CLARK - DEFENCE

Kenny joined the Daggers towards the end of November 2018. The central defender began his career at the Daggers, as a youth player, but joined Thurrock after his release from the club in 2006. Clark became club captain at a young age at Ship Lane in a four-year spell before Chelmsford fought off competition for his signature in the summer of 2011. After two seasons with Chelmsford, he was snapped up by Dartford. The 30-year-old then joined Ebbsfleet United in July 2014.

7. SAM DEERING - MIDFIELD

Deering comes from a background of youth spells with Chelsea, Charlton Athletic and Oxford United. In recent years Deering has enjoyed spells with Ebbsfleet United and Billericay Town.

8. MITCH BRUNDLE - MIDFIELD

Mitch joined the Daggers in June 2019 from National League side Dover Athletic. Brundle started his career in Yeovil Town's youth ranks, before moving on to Bristol City in 2013. While at Bristol, he went out on loan to Cheltenham Town, after which he signed permanently for Braintree Town in 2014. In recent years, Brundle has enjoyed spells at Gateshead and Dover.

9. PAUL MCCALLUM - FORWARD

McCallum joined the Daggers in August 2020, after leaving Solihull Moors. He started his career as a youth product at West Ham United before featuring for the likes of Portsmouth, Aldershot, Leyton Orient and Eastleigh

10. ANGELO BALANTA - FORWARD

Angelo joined the Daggers for an undisclosed fee from Boreham Wood. The Columbian born forward started his career in the QPR youth system, & In that time Angelo went on loan at several Football League clubs including Wycombe, MK Dons and Yeovil Town. After leaving the Championship outfit in 2014, he spent a year with Bristol Rovers & in 2015 Carlisle.

11. MYLES WESTON - DEFENCE

Myles joined the Daggers in February 2020 from Ebbsfleet United. Weston began his career in the academies of Arsenal and Charlton Athletic, and has featured more the 320 times at Football League level. Myles has represented England at U16, U17, U18, and U19 level, and has also been capped by Antigua & Barbuda.

12. MATT ROBINSON - MIDFIELD

Matt began his career as a youth player in the Leicester City academy before joining Luton Town in 2012. Matt has also had spells at Kidderminster Harriers, Grimsby Town and Woking.

13. JOSH STRIZOVIC - GOALKEEPER

The 19-year-old is a product of Braintree Town's youth system, where he featured on the bench for the Iron as a 16-year-old before joining Burnham Ramblers. He was then picked up by Billericay Town in the 2018 close season, before linking up with Harry Wheeler once again when he signed for Maidstone United in September 2018.

14. GEORGE SAUNDERS - MIDFIELD

George Saunders was the Daggers' first signing of the summer of 2020 after two fantastic seasons for Hornchurch.

15. ANDREW ELEFTHERIOU -

DEFENCE Andrew joined the Daggers in early July 2019 after his release by Premier League side Watford. The full-back came through the youth system at Watford, and captained the U23 side, as well as making one Premier League appearance in 2017.

16. HARRY PHIPPS - MIDFIELD

Phipps joined the Daggers the week before the opening game of the 2018/19 season, the young holding midfielder joined the club having been released by Maidstone United.

17. DARREN MCQUEEN - FORWARD

Darren McQueen joins the Daggers from Dartford, following his most impressive campaign to date last season with The Darts

where he notched 20 goals in 36 appearances. McQueen started his career in the Spurs Academy before spending a season with Ipswich in the Championship. Further spells followed at Maldon & Tiptree, four seasons with Ebbsfleet United and a short spell with Sutton before his spell with former side Dartford.

19. TOM SMITH - MIDFIELD

Smith is currently on loan from National League South side Bath. The goal-scoring midfielder joined the Daggers in February after the divisions below ceased playing. Smith won the National League South player of the season award last season, and now looks to test himself at the level above.

20. WILL WRIGHT - DEFENCE

The 22-year-old defender joined the Daggers for the third time in August after initially being released at the end of last season and spending a season on loan from Colchester United. Will started his career with the Luton Town academy before joining Hitchin Town

21. ADRIAN CLIFTON - FORWARD

The former Bromley man joined the east London side after a successful period on trial. Clifton bagged 14 goals for Maidenhead United during the 2018-19 season, which saw him earn a move to Bromley, but the Montserrat international found his playing time limited at Hayes Lane. He also has 100 appearances in the National League, having worked his way up through the non-league pyramid playing for the likes of Romford, Waltham Forest and East Thurrock United.

25. SCOTT WILSON - FORWARD

Wilson joined the Daggers after injuries to Adrian Clifton and Paul McCallum left the east London side short upfront. The striker had previously been with Notts County before the coronavirus pandemic.

26. JOEY JONES - MIDFIELD

Jones joined the Daggers in November 2020, having left League Two side Salford City. Jones is a versatile player who is comfortable at both centre back and central midfield and has played over 200 matches in the National League with the likes of Woking and Eastleigh.

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 FC HALIFAX TOWN Saturday, 6th March Vanarama National League	Megafone, Roge, Sudhir, Mark Mc & Jez	Norman Goldsmith's 80th
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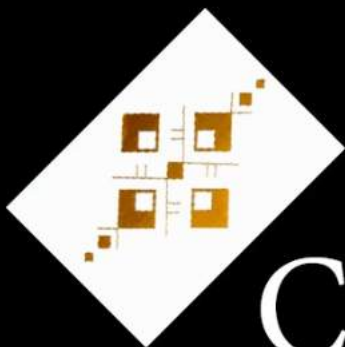
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OCTOBER													
6 Yeovil Town	VNL	2-2	0,000	15	⊙ 11	☁ 11c	87m	IST	EFE	MEN	OKI	PHI	BEN
10 Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	0-1	0,000	19	⊙ 8	☁ 20c	10m	IST	EFE	MEN	SMI	PHI	OKI
13 STOCKPORT COUNTY	VNL	2-5	0,000	23	⊙ 11	☁ 10c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	SMI	PHI	OKI
17 WREXHAM	VNL	4-3	0,000	18	⊙ 4	☁ 12c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	OKI	BEN
20 CHESTERFIELD	VNL	3-2	0,000	9	⊙ 7	☁ 15c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	SMI	OKI	WAK
24 HAYES & YEADING UTD	FAC40	0-2	0,000	9	⊙ 17	☁ 15c	41m	GSM	EFE	MEN	SMI	OKI	STE
27 King's Lynn Town	VNL	3-2	0,000	6	⊙ 10	☁ 8c	12m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	OKI	CAW
NOVEMBER													
7 ALTRINCHAM	VNL	1-0	0,000	3	⊙ 4	☁ 20c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	CAW	OKI	PHI
10 FC Halifax Town	VNL	1-0	0,000	2	⊙ 7	☁ 11c	190m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	CAW	OKI
17 Eastleigh	VNL	0-2	0,000	3	- 0	☁ 13c	12m	IST	EFE	MEN	CAW	PHI	OKI
21 SUTTON UNITED	VNL	3-3	0,000	4	⊙ 11	☁ 11c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	OKI	SMI
27 Notts County	VNL	0-3	0,000	9	⊙ 4	☁ 3c	29m	IST	EFE	MEN	CAW	PHI	OKI
DECEMBER													
1 TORQUAY UNITED	VNL	1-2	0,000	9	⊙ 4	☁ 3c	41m	MOO	EFE	MEN	PHI	CAW	OKI
5 Barnet	VNL	0-0	717	7	⊙ 11	☁ 9c	57m	MOO	EFE	CAW	PHI	OKI	DYE
12 WEYMOUTH	VNL	2-1	772	4	⊙ 10	☁ 8c	41m	MOO	EFE	MEN	PHI	DYE	OKI
19 EASTLEIGH	FAT3	4-3	0,000	6	⊙ 14	☁ 9c	41m	MOO	EFE	MEN	CAW	DYE	OKI
26 Maidenhead United	VNL	0-4	0,000	11	⊙ 14	☁ 5c	27m	MOO	EFE	MEN	CAW	DYE	OKI
JANUARY													
9 Hartlepool United	VNL	1-3	0,000	14	⊙ 13	☁ 12c	10m	MOO	EFE	MEN	WIS	PHI	OKI
18 GLOUCESTER CITY	FAT4	3-1	0,000	15	⊙ 12	☁ 8c	41m	MOO	EFE	MEN	MEE	PHI	OKI
23 ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL	3-4	0,000	17	⊙ 8	☁ 3c	41m	MOO	EFE	MEN	PHI	MEE	OKI
26 Altrincham	VNL	0-2	0,000	18	⊙ 4	☁ 5c	38m	MOO	EFE	MEN	CAW	PHI	OKI
FEBRUARY													
6 Darlington	FAT5	1-4	0,000	18	⊙ 24	☁ 3c	40m	IST	EFE	MEN	OKI	LAN	PHI
9 Torquay United	VNL	1-1	0,000	18	⊙ 18	☁ 0c	80m	IST	OLO	MEN	CAW	LAN	OKI
20 Sutton United	VNL	1-4	0,000	18	⊙ 20	☁ 13c	42m	IST	OLO	MEN	CAW	CHA	OKI
23 EASTLEIGH	VNL	0-0	0,000	18	⊙ 15	☁ 12c	41m	IST	OLO	OKI	CAW	MEE	MEN
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MARCH													
2 BOREHAM WOOD	VNL	1-0	0,000	19	⊙ 6	☁ 4c	41m	IST	EFE	OKI	CAW	CHA	MEN
6 FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL	1-2	0,000	19	⊙ 6	☁ 4c	41m	IST	WIS	OKI	CAW	CHA	MEN
9 KING'S LYNN TOWN	VNL	3-1	0,000	19	⊙ 13	☁ 7c	41m	IST	EFE	OKI	CAW	CHA	MEN
13 NOTTS COUNTY	VNL	0-1	0,000	19	⊙ 21	☁ 8c	41m	IST	EFE	OKI	CAW	CHA	MEN
20 Weymouth	VNL	0-4	0,000	19	⊙ 9	☁ 9c	3m	IST	MEN	OKI	CAW	HAR	CHA
23 WOKING	VNL	0-1	0,000	19	⊙ 9	☁ 7c	41m	IST	BOW	OKI	CAW	CHA	MEN
30 Solihull Moors	VNL	0-3	0,000	19	⊙ 2	☁ 12c	124m	IST	TAV	MEN	CAW	HAR	CHA
APRIL													
2 Bromley	VNL	2-2	0,000	20	⊙ 15	☁ 9c	55m	IST	HAR	MEN	CAW	OKI	CHA
5 BARNET	VNL	5-1	0,000	18	⊙ 16	☁ 6c	41m	ASK	HAR	OKI	CAW	MEN	GON
10 Boreham Wood	VNL	1-3	0,000	18	⊙ 9	☁ 5c	87m	SHE	MEN	OKI	CAW	HAR	PHI
17 HARTLEPOOL UNITED	VNL	2-7	0,000	18	⊙ 8	☁ 12c	41m	SHE	OLO	OKI	CAW	MEN	GON
20 MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL	0-6	0,000	18	⊙ 5	☁ 12c	41m	ASK	OLO	OKI	CAW	MEN	GON
24 Aldershot Town	VNL	0-2	0,000	18	⊙ 15	☁ 16c	91m	ASK	CHA	DYE	GRE	LEW	MEN
MAY													
1 YEOVIL TOWN	VNL	0-2	0,000	19	⊙ 10	☁ 11c	41m	ASK	OLO	OKI	PHI	WIS	CHA
3 Stockport County	VNL	0-4	0,000	19	⊙ 12	☁ 7c	73m	ASK	PHI	MEN	OLO	OKI	CHA
8 DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	VNL												
11 BROMLEY	VNL												
15 Chesterfield	VNL												
22 SOLIHULL MOORS	VNL												
29 Woking	VNL												

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- Caution
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- Red Card
- Straight Red
- Goal
- Penalty

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Team order from 01 to 11 and substitutes follows the order on the team sheet supplied by the club to the competition authorities.

KEY TO PLAYER IDS

ID	Player	Number
ASK	Jake Askew	25
BEN	Kundai Benyu	15
BOW	Daniel Bowry	16
BRO	Rhys Browne	27
CAW	Jack Cawley	25
CHA	Ashley Charles	4
DAL	Deshane Dalling	27
DEB	Joshua Debayo	3
DIA	Mohammad Diallo	26

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BROMLEY FC

Welcome back to The Vale our South East London Neighbours The Ravens

Established in 1892, Bromley initially played in the South London League, before becoming founder members of the Southern League in 1894, joining Division Two. However, after finishing bottom of Division Two in 1895–96 they left to become founder members of the London League, also joining Division Two. They won the division at the first attempt, and were promoted to Division One. They switched to the Kent League for the 1898–99 season, but after finishing bottom of the league, they returned to Division One of the London League. During the 1899–1900 season the club withdrew from Division One, taking over their reserves' fixtures in Division Two. They withdrew from Division Two at the end of the 1900–01 season.

In 1907 the club were founder members of the Spartan League and went on to become its inaugural champions. They joined the Isthmian League for the following season, and won back-to-back titles in 1908–09 and 1909–10. In 1910–11 the club won the FA Amateur Cup, beating Bishop Auckland 1–0 in the final. The season also saw them finish seventh in 1910–11, the club returned to the Kent League and were placed in Division One. They remained in the league until World War I, but joined the Athenian League when football



resumed in 1919. The club were Athenian League champions in 1922–23. In 1937–38 they reached the first round of the FA Cup for the first time. After beating King's Lynn in the first round, they lost 4–1 at Scarborough in the second. They also reached the final of the

FA Amateur Cup again, beating Erith & Belvedere 1–0. The club repeated the feat the following season, this time playing Football League opposition for the first time as they lost 8–1 at Lincoln City in the second round. In 1945–46 another second round appearance resulted in a 4–2 aggregate defeat to Watford. In 1947–48 they held Reading to a 1–1 draw in the first round, before losing the replay at Elm Park 3–0.

The club won another Athenian League title and the FA Amateur Cup in 1948–49, with the following season seeing another FA first round defeat, this time 2–1 to Watford. In 1950–51 the club won their third Athenian League title; the season also saw them lose 1–0 to Aldershot in the FA Cup first



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were beaten 3–1 at home by Enfield.

Bromley were relegated to Division One again at the end of the 1998–99 season. A fourth-place finish in 2004–05 saw them qualify for the promotion play-offs, and after defeating Metropolitan Police on penalties in the semi-finals, they beat Horsham 3–1 in the final to earn promotion to the Premier Division. In 2006–07 they finished as runners-up in the Premier Division, again qualifying for the promotion play-offs. A 1–0 win over AFC Wimbledon in the semi-finals and a victory against Billericay Town on penalties in the final saw them promoted to the Conference South. The season had also seen them reach the FA Cup first round again, eventually losing 4–1 at Gillingham. Further appearances in the first round were achieved in 2009–10 (against Colchester United), 2011–12 (Leyton Orient), 2012–13 (Fleetwood Town) and 2014–15 (Dartford), but they were beaten on each occasion.

In 2014–15 Bromley won the Conference South, earning promotion to the renamed National League, where they have remained since. Another FA Cup first round appearance in 2017–18 saw them defeated by Rochdale. The season also saw them reach the final of the FA Trophy, where they lost 5–4 on penalties to Brackley Town after the match had ended in a 1–1 draw.

Ground

The club initially played at the Queensmead Recreation Ground, before moving to Glebe Road. Seven years later they moved to the Plaistow Cricket Club ground when Glebe Road was bought for use as housing. However, the crickets club's ground was also obtained for housing in 1904, leading to the football club (and the other sports club using the ground) to move to a site on Hayes Lane. The new ground was opened on 3 September 1904.

In 1938 the club moved to the current Hayes Lane ground. The record attendance of 10,798 was set during a game against a Nigeria XI in September 1948. The ground currently has a capacity of 5,000, of which 1,300 is seated and 2,500 is covered.

round. Going straight into the first round the following season, they lost 3–2 at Torquay United. In 1952 they rejoined the Isthmian League, and after finishing as runners-up in their first season back in the league, they were champions in 1953–54. They won the league for a fourth time in 1960–61.

After finishing bottom of Division One in the 1974–75 season Bromley were relegated to Division Two. In 1976–77 the club appeared in the FA Cup first round for the first time in over twenty years, losing 7–0 at Swindon Town. Division Two became Division One in 1977, and the club were promoted to the Premier Division after finishing as runners-up in 1979–80. They were relegated to Division One again in 1984–85, but returned to the Premier Division as Division One runners-up in 1985–86. Another relegation followed in 1989–90, but was followed by an immediate return to the Premier Division as Division One runners-up in 1990–91. In 1996–97 they qualified for the FA Cup first round again, but

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BROMLEY FC - WHO'S WHO?



1. MARK COUSINS - GOALKEEPER

The 34 year old shot stopper signed for Bromley in June 2019. He spent his youth with Fulham and Colchester United. Previous clubs include Dagenham & Redbridge and Barnet.

2. JOE KIZZI - DEFENCE

The former Billericay Town man, 27, was named in the National League South Team of the year during the 2018-19 season.

3. CHARLIE FOX - DEFENCE

4. BILLY BINGHAM - DEFENCE

Billy joined the Ravens after leaving the EFL League one side Gillingham earlier this month, and has also represented Crystal Palace, Dagenham & Redbridge and Crewe Alexandra in the Football League.

5. CHRIS BUSH - DEFENCE

The versatile defender, who signed for the Club in May, can play at Right-Back and Left-Back, but is most comfortable in central defence. Previous clubs include Brentford, AFC Wimbledon, Gateshead, Hereford United, Welling United and Lincoln City.

6. JACK HOLLAND (C) - DEFENCE

Fan favourite Jack Holland, started his footballing career with Bromley Youth Section before being scouted by Crystal Palace, where he went on to spend four years with the Eagles. Holland returned to Bromley permanently in 2013 and since then has gone on to make over 200 appearances for The Ravens.

7. LUKE COULSON- MIDFIELD

As a youth player, Coulson spent ten years at Manchester City, before enrolling as a student at the University of Michigan, playing for the Michigan Wolverines. After just a month, however, Coulson made the move back to the UK after interest from Championship and Premier League Clubs. Following this, he signed for Cardiff City, making his debut against Macclesfield Town in January 2013. Previous clubs include Oxford City, Eastleigh, Barnet & Ebbsfleet.

8. FRANKIE RAYMOND - MIDFIELD

Raymond began his career at Reading in the

youth set up, and following his release in 2012 went on to sign for Gillingham on a short term basis before joining Eastbourne Borough. In 2014 he was signed by Dagenham & Redbridge. Frankie went on to make over forty eight appearances for the club until his release at the end of the 16/17 season.

9. MICHAEL CHEEK - FORWARD

Michael made his name at Heybridge Swifts, before moving on to Chelmsford City, then made the move to Braintree Town. Cheek remained with the Iron for two seasons, scoring 42 goals in 98 games. His prolific spell earned him a move to Dagenham & Redbridge, where he spent a single season. In the Summer of 2018, Cheek signed for Ebbsfleet United.

10. JAMES ALABI - FORWARD

The former Leyton Orient man has plenty of National League experience with the Os, as well as Forest Green Rovers, Grimsby Town, Tranmere Rovers, Chester, Eastleigh and Dover Athletic. James started his career in the youth ranks of Stoke City, before joining Celtic's academy, has also represented Ipswich Town.

11. COURTNEY DUFFUS - FORWARD

Duffus joins from Yeovil Town, having scored 21 goals during his two year spell at Huish Park. Standing at 6ft 2" the 25 year old began his career at Everton spending five years at Goodison Park progressing through the ranks, and then going onto sign first-team forms. Previous clubs include Bury, Oldham & Waterford

12. TOM PURRINGTON - MIDFIELD

Tom came through the academy at Plymouth Argyle, signing his first professional deal in 2018. He also spent time on loan at Dorchester Town during the 2019-20 season, making 20 appearances and contributing three goals.

13. TAREK NAJIA - GOALKEEPER

The 19 year old Lebanon U19 international goalkeeper began his footballing journey at Dagenham & Redbridge, before joining the Ravens on work experience in 2018. Following his departure from the Daggers, he joined the Bromley on a non-contract deal, before

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signing his first professional contract during the 2019/20 season.

14. KORY ROBERTS - DEFENCE

Roberts, 23, had been at Walsall having joined their Academy aged 16. He made his Football League debut in December 2016 and went on to make 20 League One appearances in the 2017-18 season. Following a spell on the sidelines due to injury, Roberts made his return to first team football in the 2019-20 season.

15. TAYLOR MALONEY - MIDFIELD

Having started out in the youth ranks at Charlton Athletic back in 2012, Maloney went on to spend eight years with the Addicks. He also enjoyed loan spells at Concord Rangers on two occasions, as well as time in League Two with Newport County.

16. LIAM TROTTER - MIDFIELD

Having started his career at Ipswich Town, Trotter made his first team breakthrough with the Tractor Boys, before enjoying loan spells with Millwall, Grimsby Town and Scunthorpe United. He then earned a permanent move to the Lions in 2010. Trotter had a short loan spell with Bolton Wanderers, for whom he would sign permanently in 2014. After a short loan stint at Nottingham Forest, Trotter returned south and signed for AFC Wimbledon. He remained with Wimbledon until 2019, where he made the move across the pond to sign for Orange County in the USA.

17. BYRON WEBSTER - DEFENCE

The 33 year old centre back arrives at Hayes Lane having played for Carlisle United last season, and brings a wealth of Football League experience with him. Previous clubs include York City, Harrogate, Whitby, FK Banik Most, Doncaster, Hereford, Doncaster, Millwall and Scunthorpe.

18. BEN WILLIAMSON - FORWARD

The Lambeth born front man featured for the Ravens in pre-season back in the summer of 2017. Since then, Williamson has represented fellow National League side Eastleigh, helping them into the playoffs last season. He 30 year old has a wealth of Football League experience. Having started his career with

Worthing, before spells with AFC Bournemouth, Hyde, Port Vale, Gillingham and Cambridge United

20. JUDE ARTHURS - MIDFIELD Arthurs, another ex-Gills man, will be known to some supporters, and has featured in Bromley's U23 side, as well as enjoying a spell with Ramsgate last season.

21. OLLIE TANNER - MIDFIELD

18 year old Ollie Tanner has come through the Club's academy. After some eye catching performances for Danny Mills' U23 side, the former Arsenal youth player was brought into the first team squad by manager Neil Smith during the 2019/20 pre-season campaign

22. LIAM VINCENT - DEFENCE

The talented 17 year old has been a part of the Club's successful Academy in conjunction with The Ravensbourne School for the past year, and has featured in the Professional Development U23 side.

23. CHARLIE WAKEFIELD - MIDFIELD

The 22 year old winger joined the Ravens in January 2021, having spent the first half of this season plying his trade in the Vanarama National League with Wealdstone. Charlie had previously been part of the Chelsea youth set up. He then spent time at Stevenage before joining up with Coventry City at the back end of the 2019/20 season.

24. JACK BRIDGE - MIDFIELD

Bridge spent his early career at his home town club Southend United. The 25 year old also featured in the Football League for Northampton Town and Carlisle United. And it was at Brunton Park where Bridge linked up with Byron Webster, with the two now reuniting at Hayes Lane.

26. ALEX MITCHELL - DEFENCE

On Loan from Millwall

27. TATE CAMPBELL - MIDFIELD

On loan from Birmingham City

ANDY WOODMAN - MANAGER

ON THIS DAY ◀◀ REWIND



BY TIM PARKS

May 8th and 11th.. one of those date sounds awfully familiar, the other less so

'T'was on the 11th of May back in 1985, the famous Wealdstone FC went to Wem-ber-lee, and when we went to Wem-ber-lee we really shook 'em up, 'cos we did what Boston couldn't do....we won the Trophy cup!

Yes, when you trawl through the 'On This Day' section of the wonderful Stones History website (curated by Alan Hill) there is, not surprisingly, a dearth of games played in this month. And of course, the Stones are only playing now because of the unnatural extension of the National League season. So while it would be remiss not to mention the club's glorious win over Boston Utd at Wembley 36 years ago, which coincides with the Bromley match on Tuesday evening, there is another couple of intriguing end-of-season matches that have occurred on these dates. Have a look and be amazed at what was occurring back in this merry month, back in the day...



MAY 11 1985
FA TROPHY FINAL
WEALDSTONE 2
BOSTON UTD 1

Six years ago, Wealdstone staged a sit-down lunch for close to 200 guests to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the epic win over Boston United at Wembley.. which of course sealed a historic 'first-ever' non-League double for Brian Hall's side. Videos and photographs of the day all failed to sum up the brilliance, for me, of Andy Graham's sensational swivel and hook shot that opened the scoring in the first few minutes... until we laid hands on the *Local Advertiser's* report on the game with its marvellous picture (above) of Graham

netting that audacious goal. A great summing up by reporter Andrew Wilson who sported the 'Willie Watson' hairdo of the day (left)!

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It's the double! Wealdstone make history

FA CHALLENGE TROPHY FINAL
WEMBLEY STADIUM

Graham gamble pays off

ANDREW WILSON at Wembley

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**MAY 11 1982
SL CHAMPIONSHIP
WEALDSTONE 2
NUNEATON 1
(3-2 ON PENS)**

Has there ever been a more trophy-laden season? Even Pep Guardiola must be envious of Wealdstone manager Allen Batsford's amazing haul in the 1981-82 season when the Stones - relegated from the Conference on a heart-breaking final day in May 1981 - bounced straight back after a gruelling season in the Southern League's Southern section, playing 46 games and with only one promotion place up for grabs. Well, not only did Batsford's side win the title by a single point from Hastings United, they also lifted the Southern League Cup for good measure and then the historic Southern League shield by beating Northern Section winners Nuneaton Borough in the two-legged Championship decider on this day 39 years ago. Unbelievable drama at Lower Mead in the second leg after Nuneaton had won the first game 1-0 at Manor Park on May 8.. with a sensational overhead volley by Gary Churchouse taking the game to extra time. It might have been a quadruple had not Dagenham knocked us out of the FA Trophy....



Wealdstone 2 Nuneaton Borough 1
(Aggregate score 2-2.
Wealdstone win 3-2 on penalties)

WHEN you're hot you're hot!

Wealdstone added the Southern League Shield for a clean sweep of Southern League titles this season when beating Midland Division winners Nuneaton Borough in the 'champion of champions' clash at Lower Mead this week.

With a lot of pride at stake and a healthy contingent of away support, a small police presence flanked the touchlines on Monday.

But the only arrest that ever looked likely was of the cardiac variety as 'Stones' and Borough combined to provide a game that was as entertaining as it was constantly unpredictable.

In the end, with aggregate scores level at 2-2 after extra time, it needed a sudden death penalty shoot out to decide whose name would be added on the shield to join such names as Tottenham and Southampton.

But there was more than enough going on before all that.

Missing key figures in attack (Ray Knowles) and defence (Dennis Byatt), both injured, Wealdstone set off at a cracking pace.

Neither Steve Perkins, who went against doctors' orders (and, I understand, his wife's!) and played despite being ill with flu, nor late replacements Gary Churchouse and Colin Hardman, showed any signs of falling to slot in as Nuneaton had their backs to the wall early on.

Churchouse was denied by the woodwork after an early corner, and Nuneaton's less than delicate defence adopted a 'take no prisoners' stance that was most strikingly illustrated by Richard Dixey's booking for a 21st minute flooring of Alan Cordice that almost had the 'Stones' striker in the car park.

But, strong arm tactics aside, the Midland ch...

by Ron Smithson

own, and provided an early warning, as if any was necessary, that next season things will be a lot tougher in the Alliance.

Still, 'Stones' reshuffled line up kept on pushing. When another foul on Cor-kick, Pearce shaved the near post, but half time arrived with Nuneaton still holding a 1-0 aggregate lead from Saturday's first leg at Manor Park.

When Wainwright's header from close range within five minutes of the restart was disallowed for a foul on as if 'Stones', it looked going to break through.

But Gary Churchouse changed all that with a 54th minute overhead kick out the blue to give 'Stones' the lead that seemed to catch

everybody — none more so than Dulleston — by surprise.

With 'Stones' level on aggregate they enjoyed their best spell of the night, Cordice and Davies threatening to overrun the visiting defence.

Wainwright's effort produced the save of the night — perhaps the season — after a glorious rising shot that Dulleston somehow not only managed to stop high to his right at full length, but hold as well.

With 'Stones' 1-0 at 90 minutes, extra time came into operation and it was then that Nuneaton showed their mettle.

They seemed to step up a gear and when McFarlane went charging down the right his first time cross was met with a fine diving header

from Dale to restore Nuneaton's aggregate lead with two minutes of the first period left.

Yet astonishingly 'Stones' were level before the team changed round. Alan Cordice's cross was looking for the lurking Churchouse, and in trying to clear Dixey headed the ball past the hapless Dulleston.

Dulleston brought off one more superb save before the Davies' point blank shot round the post, and at the locked together.

In the drama that followed both sides took five alternate penalties each. 'Stones' got off to a nightmare start when Bowgett was denied by Dulleston, and Wainwright also missed, and Pearce and Davies being on target.

But Ray Goddard stole the show with two splendid shots to deny Nuneaton, and with Hobson's effort bouncing off the woodwork Nuneaton scored only twice.

With Colin Hardman needing to score with the last of 'Stones' five penalties to secure victory some couldn't bear to look. Those that did saw Hardman hit the ball straight at Dulleston and so it was all on sudden death penalties.

The action was short but sweet after that for 'Stones'.

As Goddard produced a third penalty stop to deny Dale, it was left to Alan Cordice to fittingly close 'Stones' Southern League campaign with a perfect spot kick to win the match.

Manager Allen Batsford's after game comment summed it all up: "Just about the only thing we haven't won this season is the Midland Division" he said.

Wealdstone: Goddard, Hardman, Pearce, Perkins, Bowgett, Bewick, Churchouse, Davies, Cordice.



Top scorer Alan Cordice — on target with penalty.

The Harry O's report with that great picture of all the Southern League trophies

...a crowd...Wealdstone director Michael and chairman David Morrill hoist up manager to celebrate 'Stones' Southern League sweep — section trophy and league cup.

Winding Up The Season at High Wycombe

Wealdstone Beaten in Hospital Match

Wycombe W. 2 Wealdstone 1

WEALDSTONE wound up the season at High Wycombe on Saturday by competing for the Wycombe Memorial Hospital Cup against Wycombe Wanderers, who won 3-2. A large contingent in six coaches travelled from Lower Mead, and there was an attendance of 3572 at the match, the receipts for the local hospital amounting to £162.

Rowe arrived too late to play, but fortunately Wiltshire was on

MAY 8 1949
HOSPITAL CUP
WYCOMBE W 3
WEALDSTONE 2

Above: Stones play their part for Charity in the one-off Wycombe Hospital Cup watched by 3,572

Football

EAST ANGLIAN CUP DEFEAT

Kings Lynn 3, Wealdstone 2

ALTHOUGH level at the interval Wealdstone never really looked like beating Kings Lynn in the final of the East Anglian Cup at Kings Lynn on Thursday and the Southern League Premier Division club duly won 3-2.

Finalists for the first time, whereas the home side were the holders, Wealdstone generally had a fair share of the exchanges, but their goals, scored by Harper and Bremer, were quickly answered by the professionals, who seldom had to raise the standard of their game.

This was Wealdstone's last competitive game of the season. But tomorrow (Friday) they travel to Uxerhill to meet another successful Southern League club, their old rivals, Barnet.

The kick-off is at 7.30 p.m. but there will be no supporters' coaches as the supporters' club is holding a dance the same evening.

MAY 11 1967
EAST ANGLIAN CUP
KINGS LYNN 3
WEALDSTONE 2

Wealdstone in East Anglia? Strange goings on in 1967....

Tommy steals the show

WEALDSTONE (1) 2

WEMBLEY (1) 1

Approx. att: 400

AN INDIVIDUAL flash by a certain Mr. Steele and a late goal by Hughie Lindsay not only gave Wealdstone possession of the President's Memorial Trophy but also a prestigious 2-1 victory over neighbours Wembley at Lower Mead on Sunday morning.

Youngster Gary Hand was the first to make any impact, brushing aside two tackles before crossing to Ken Searle whose header was blocked. It was the same formula again in the tenth minute but Johnny Lavin was slow to capitalize when Bob Ellison failed to clear decisively from Searle.

Then Swain sent a powerful drive inches too high and a mazy run past four defenders by Hughie Lindsay only produced a fruitless corner.

The visitors, with manager George Taylor for the kernel of the defence in more senses than one, retaliated and Johnny Bucke squandered a golden opportunity by shooting wide of an open goal.

Alan Hale banged a shot against the outside of the upright and Ellison, soon afterwards, shot narrowly wide of the air borne Bill Fowler.

INSPIRED

An inspired piece of play by Tommy Steele ended this ascendency and gave Wealdstone the lead. Receiving a return pass from Swain, the hirsute winger sprinted down the right



Keith Searle and John Ritchie (centre) loose ball on the edge of the

flank, turned on half a siapence and floated over a glorious centre which Messer couldn't quite reach and LAVIN, chesting the ball down, successfully pierced the red shirted ranks on the goal line.

Seven minutes later Steele repeated the trick with a succinct through ball to Swain but the centre-forward stumbled and the move ended with Lind say blasting over the bar.

The rest of the half was remarkable only for the number of off side decisions although Wembley equalised in the thirty ninth minute. Hale hooking the ball home from close range.

Hale nearly scored again immediately after the interval but he could only slide the ball into the side netting after Fowler had blocked his first attempt.

The makeshift Wealdstone side were finding concerted movements difficult but as both

the full-backs started to overextend enthusiastically, Wembley went steadily pushed back.

TOO WIDE

On the hour Searle finally managed to beat the off side trap but placed his shot wide of the advancing Messer and of the far post. Berne Bremer, in a perfect imitation of the player whose shirt he had donned, made a strong sortie upfield to force a corner and then the adventurous Hand tested Messer with a couple of swirring centres with Swain challenging vigorously.

The keeper, on his debut, next held a scorching 20-yard effort from Searle and when a centre from the same player eluded him, veteran Taylor was positioned to knee Swain's angled shot off the line.

With five minutes left and thought beginning to turn to the

MAY 11 1969
PRESIDENT'S CUP
WEALDSTONE 2
WEMBLEY 1

An interesting trio of games that illustrate out their season in days gone by. Most we fielded singer and actor Tommy Steele Wembley shown above.. like Justin Timberlake

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HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

It's five years since that great FA Cup following saw Stones KO'd at Dagenham

Johnny Wright, Wright, Wright (right) puts the pressure on the Dag & Red defence five years ago

OCT 15 2016
FA CUP 4TH QUAL
DAG & RED 3
WEALDSTONE 1



We all know the history of Dagenham & Redbridge, formed in 1992 through a merger of Dagenham and Redbridge Forest, with the latter merged from the demise of Ilford FC, Leytonstone FC and Walthamstow Avenue FC.

So "Dag & Red" are literally five clubs rolled into one. With those unfair odds it's no wonder we've never beaten them in a competitive game! Before you even begin to wonder how much money was derived from the sale of those club's grounds

East Enders twice in pre-season friendlies here at the Vale, 2-1 in 2014 and 3-1 the following summer, but been crushed in all three cup meetings. Dag & Red beat us 6-1 in the FA Cup during our temporary residence at Vicarage Road in 1992, and then 5-1 in an FA Trophy replay at the White Lion ground in 1998 (after a 1-1 draw).. but the best remembered is the 3-1 FA Cup 4th Qual Red defeat against the high-flying Conference side at Victoria Road six years ago. Over 300 Stones fans (pictured below)

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tre) blast off after a Wembley area

grim prospects of extra-time, Lindsay finally broke the dead lock. A precision pass from Bremer found his captain unmarked in the penalty-area and although Messer parried the fierce drive, Lindsay quickly regained his balance to stab the killer shot into the net.

In the very last minute Hastings handled a shot from Dave Underwood but the penalty, taken by Steele, a lad with a bright future, was pushed away to safety by the goalkeeper from the bottom of the left-hand post.

The raffle, incidentally, was won by Mr. Barnard, father of Wealdstone defender, Mick Barnard.

Walthamstow: B. Fowler, B. Bremer, G. Hamd, T. Smith, M. Murphy, D. Underwood jun., T. Steele, R. Lindsay, D. Swan, K. Scarle, J. Lewis, Sub. J. Ritchie.

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how the Stones padded interesting is the fact that in the game against turning out today!

over the years, you must remember that they did make it all the way to League One by 2010, although the club lasted just one season at that exalted level. Not surprisingly the Stones have not met the Daggers in the league since that 1992 re-formation... we've beaten the

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shattered the local peace when Matty Whichelow rifled in an equaliser from 15 yards in the first half. It was a frustrating day though, with Stones handicapped by the loss of key defenders Wes Parker and Tom Hamblin through injury, and then losing Jonathan North with suspected concussion after just 30 minutes play. While Northy was still suffering, Fejiri Okenabirhie raced through to score the opener - but Johnny Wright and Danny Green both went close before Whichelow's stunner. We had Greek Futsal International Paschalis Xanthos on the bench as back-up keeper but he probably should have prevented Dagggers' second goal a few minutes later. He was slow off his line and the menacing Ollie Hawkins had the simplest of headers for 2-1.

Stones rallied and Danny Green was frustratingly guilty of missed chances - and he then struck a free kick that caused mayhem in the Dagggers box with the ball coming back into play off the upright with keeper Scott Cousins nowhere

The contest was sadly killed off with 15 minutes to go as the talented Jordan Maguire-Drew cut inside past Sam Cox and dinked the ball expertly over Xanthos, the young Brighton loanee incensing the away support with provocative gestures that were completely unnecessary.. a tasteless end to an afternoon that could have gone either way.

Wealdstone: North, Urquhart, Brown, Cox, Oshodi, Hunt, Wellard, Green, Benyon, Whichelow, Wright. Subs used: Xanthos, Kabba, Koroma. Not used: Williams, Hutchinson, Godfrey, McGleish.

● The most recent clash between the sides was this season, of course, when Dagenham & Redbridge snatched the points in early October thanks to a single Angelo Balanta goal just after half time, in front of the live BT Sport cameras... the first time a Stones match has been shown live on national TV since the FA Cup clash (BBC1) with Colchester in 1949

It was only our second game in the NL - the first a 2-2 draw at Yeovil after our opening game against Chesterfield was rained off - and the Stones looked more positive until good work between Paul McCallum and Balanta ended with the latter finding Harry Isted's bottom corner. Dean Brennan threw on Jerome Slew, debutant Alex Dyer and Ross Lafayette after the goal and there was a late chance had a late chance for a leveller when Connor Smith's cross found Lafayette at the back post.... his header was saved by Elliot Justham before Slew came steaming in and fired over.

Wealdstone: Isted, Efete, Phillips, Okimo, Mendy, Smith, Green, Benyu (Dyer, 69), Wakefield (Slew, 65), Lewis, Emmanuel (Lafayette, 71). Subs not used: Stevens, Parish.



46 years since Mossy the Dagggers defence

Dagenham was a famous old amateur club in its own right, and many long-term supporters were furious when it merged with Redbridge Forest 29 years ago. They were afraid its rich history would disappear - history that included Wembley appearances in the FA Amateur Cup in successive seasons (1970 and 71, both defeats to Enfield and Skelmersdale Utd) and then to Scarborough in the FA Trophy final of 1977 (lost 1-2) until, thanks to a magnificent George Duck header, the Dagggers beat Mossley to win the Trophy three years later.

It was, of course, George's first season in Dagenham red after seven record-breaking seasons (and 250 goals) in a Stones shirt.

But George was wearing Wealdstone blue in this most memorable of the Stones-Dagggers clashes in that era: The FA Cup 3rd qualifying round clash in October 1975 when Eddie Presland's side was smashing all-comers at Lower Mead and yet,

At last 'Stones turn on a great FA Cup show

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 2, Dagenham 0



Bobby Moss (right) steers the opening goal past Ian Huttley

& George unzipped in rip-roaring clash

bizarrely, unable to buy a victory away from home (that sole win came at Weymouth in April, by which time Presland had been sacked).

Dagenham, riding high in the Isthmian League while the Stones were sixth in the Southern League Prem, had a great cup pedigree but just couldn't live with Stones' intensity that glorious autumn... what I most clearly remember was the 1400 crowd wedged into the Elmslie stand in the first half, and then the Cinema End after the break, out-singing the five coachloads of Daggers fans. When Duck hit his 'beautiful shot' according to Phil Sugden's report (right) to tie the win up at 2-0 the roof almost lifted off the stand. George himself describes his swerving half-volley off the instep - just inside the near post - as one of the greatest goals he ever scored. Although his goal at Wembley for Dagenham in '80 must come close!

WONDERFUL, wonderful stuff. Quite the best I have seen at Lower Mead this season. Some 1,400 people, one of the best gates to date, watched an absolute thriller. It was a match littered with mistakes by both defences but with both attacks looking for goals as they sought to reach the next round of the F.A. Cup. Dagenham, who brought five coachloads of supporters who often outshouted the home fans, arrived with the awesome record of having reached the second round proper of the F.A. Cup twice and the first one in the last eight years or so.

They came with even more to encourage their fans, for the previous Saturday they won 7-1 at Kingstoin. No mean achievement.

They took the field with the obvious intention of running Wealdstone off their feet and it must be said that they just might have done that but for the agility of Wealdstone goalkeeper John Morton in the first few minutes.

Thereafter John had little to do until the end of the game when he pulled off what surely must rank as one of the best saves of his illustrious career.

At the other end was Ian Huttley, a Daggers favourite for over eight years with 500 club appearances behind him. A member of the Great Britain Olympic squad, twice a Wembley Amateur Cup final 'keeper, he has done it all. He was I understand, 32 on Sunday and he celebrated his birthday a few hours earlier with a masterly display.

But I give this game a five star ranking for the work of the forwards of both sides, linked with some fine midfield performances.

Vincent O'Kane, Bobby Moss and John Lewis were tire-

less in their grafting for 'Stones and George Duck, Bill Byrne and John Henderson were always looking creative until Henderson, not yet fully fit after a knock received at Bath, had to give way to Jim Godfrey in the second period.

Dagenham were splendidly served by Welch, Dear and Borland, and Fox and Holder were full of menace.

Both back-fours had their moments of apprehension in a game in which attacking was the dominant theme.

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McCormick, one feels, is short on training. A couple of times he was stranded as first Dear and then Harkins left him standing. Fairclough seemed to

spend as much time shadowing big Mac as concentrating on his own specific duties.

As a result Chris Kinnear and Willie Watson were often forced into difficult positions. But both had splendid games, particularly Watson whose overlapping on the left flank in the first half gave the Daggers a lot of problems.

Wealdstone had a period of anxiety just after the start when first Dear missed a more than reasonable chance and then when Morton made a wonderful recovery after Fox fired in, low and angled.

The Lower Mead side hit back and Henderson made a sensational break but when all looked lost for Dagenham, Huttley moved off his line to clear.

A great move by Watson sent Byrne clear on the left and his cross could not have been better but Duck, racing in, just failed to get a touch.

Chris Kinnear raced into an attacking role and fired a left-footed shot which Huttley turned away, but after 18 minutes Wealdstone went ahead. O'Kane sent over an accurate free-kick, Duck dummed and Dagenham's Bibby completely missed his kick. Bobby Moss came roaring in to give Huttley no possible chance.

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Henderson hit a pile-drive just outside and then Huttley.

somewhat got a hand to the McCormick header from Henderson's corner.

Just on half-time Bibby was booked for an atrocious foul on John Lewis and soon after the break Kinnear also went into the book for retaliation.

Wealdstone experienced their usual 15 minutes of loss of concentration, but finally climbed back into the fray. After Currie had replaced Harris for Daggers, Duck missed a sitter from

a wonderful pass by Lewis and Huttley produced two more near miracle saves from Henderson and Byrne.

Henderson was replaced by Godfrey ten minutes from the end and Morton was dropped firmly to the ground by Fox. He resumed after temporary repairs and at once Wealdstone clinched matters.

This was a really intelligent goal. Lewis pushed to Byrne who, seeing Duck off-side, took on two defenders and then

pushed left and wide. Duck, racing in at top speed, hit a most beautiful shot which gave Huttley no chance.

It was all very good stuff. More, please, Wealdstone.

Wealdstone: Morton; Kinnear, Watson, Fairclough, Henderson; McCormick, O'Kane, Lewis; Moss, Duck, Byrne. Sub: Godfrey.

Dagenham: Huttley; Dunwell, Bibby, Welch, Moore; Dear, Borland, Fox, Harkins, Holder, Harris. Sub: Currie.



Willie Watson (No.3) and John McCormick come up for this corner in the 1975 classic



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50-year flashback



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Friday 23 April, 7.30pm, Division 4

Stockport County 3 (Sam McMillan, James Collier, John Griffiths)
Southport 0

Ref K Howley, Billingham | Att 1,508

Summary: Convincing win ends a traumatic season for Stockport fans after they receive one of the worst Christmas presents in history. **1**

Programme highlight: Lovely story about former County chairman Ernest Barlow, who cost the club a £100 fine and a two-point deduction in the 1920s. Having received a telegram an hour before kick-off saying the club couldn't play a new signing, he looked at the thousands queuing to get in, and ignored it.

Programme lowlight: Choosing a XI of the fourth division's best players was a great idea, but including Stockport goalie John Brown in it showed a certain lack of class.

Programme bingo: Matt D'Arcy of the Manchester Evening News's column - a week on from Leeds' controversial defeat by West Brom, seemingly everyone was writing about the decisive goal and whether it was or wasn't offside. **2**

Ahead of their time: Manager Matt Woods' comment about being misquoted when he allegedly said he wouldn't sign players under 5 ft 10 in. The media, that old chestnut. Eventually he said he'd made the comment, but only about strikers.

Any other business: In December 1970, County chairman Dragan Lukic increased minimum adult admission prices from 6/- (30p) to 10/- (50p) and attendances fell off a cliff. The programme may have said 'Go Go Go County' but for many regulars it was a case of 'Stop Stop Stop'.

Saturday 24 April, 7.30pm*, Division 2

Bolton Wanderers 1 (Fred Goodwinog)
Blackburn Rovers 1 (Bryan Conlon)

Ref R Kirkpatrick, Leicester | Att 6,915

*Kick off time according to programme cover, seems an odd choice for a Saturday

Summary: Bolton doomed to the drop, Blackburn desperately need a win to avoid it. **3**

Programme highlight: 'Flashback' page's coverage of the 1958 FA Cup semi final between these two at Manchester City's old Maine Road ground. Bolton edged it 2-1 and won the final as well.

With third division football looming, fans needed all the reminders of happier times they could find.

Programme lowlight: An opposition goal on the front cover was hardly a statement of intent.

Programme bingo: Bolton's England World Cup winner Roger Hunt scoring against Sunderland - with no big money available during their career, and few media opportunities after retirement, dropping down the divisions was the default even for household names. **4**

Ahead of their time: Wanderers manager (and legend) Nat Lofthouse, who attributed the depressed fortunes of these two teams to 'hard cash...if the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, no wonder the gulf between the city and town teams is getting bigger all the time'.

Any other business: The strange title of Lofthouse's column, 'From the Lion's Den', was a reference to the Lion of Vienna, a name he acquired after a match-winning performance for England in Austria during the 1950s. **5**



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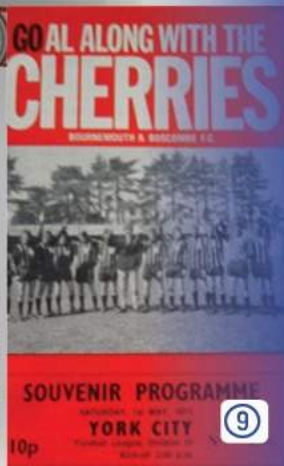
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Saturday 1 May, 3pm, Division 4

Bournemouth 4 (Ted MacDougall 2, Ipen, Tony Scott, Phil Boyer) York City 0

Ref B Daniels, Rainham | Att 12,627

Summary: With both teams already promoted, attention switches to whether Bournemouth goal machine Ted MacDougall can make it 50 for the season.

Programme highlight: Fitting tributes to key individuals in all departments of the club, not just the players.

Programme lowlight: Calling it a souvenir programme and charging double the normal price for it was hardly a reward for the loyal fans who'd backed Bournemouth all season. Unless they'd made the final programme of the 1969-70 relegation season free of charge, in which case fair enough.

Programme bingo: Article by local journalist sucking up to the chairman. How many newly promoted clubs have featured one of those?

Ahead of their time: The promotion winning squad waving to an empty stadium on the cover launched the Covid era half a century earlier.

Any other business: MacDougall eventually finished with 49 goals, and continued to score freely the following season as the team narrowly missed out on consecutive promotions. By then he was playing for AFC Bournemouth, after the club ditched '& Boscombe Athletic' in the summer of 1971.

Tuesday 27 April, 7.30pm, Division 2

Queens Park Rangers 2 (Rodney Marsh, Gerry Francis) Blackburn Rovers 0

Ref C Thomas, Treorchy | Att 9,343

Summary: Three days on from the Bolton game, the Fat Lady ramps up the volume for Blackburn, Rangers recording a routine win in west London. **R**

Programme highlight: The 'It's a Record' section, including magnificently detailed match reports right down to the weather conditions and the state of the pitch. **7**

Programme lowlight: Some of the letters on the 'Ranger to Ranger' page aren't all that.

Programme bingo: The ad for the Les Allen testimonial against 'London All Stars' taking place two days later - for a number of clubs, the final week after the last full Saturday was the go-to date to host a long serving player's benefit game.

Ahead of their time: Columnist Michael Wale suggesting 'goal judges'. Wonder if he remembered this when watching this very eventuality come to pass in the Europa League?

Any other business: Two of the Rangers team - Phil Parkes and Ian Gillard - were also in the side that knocked Wealdstone out of the FA Cup in our only appearance in the 3rd Round, 1978. **B**

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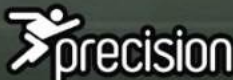
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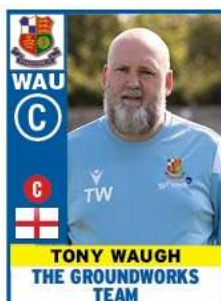
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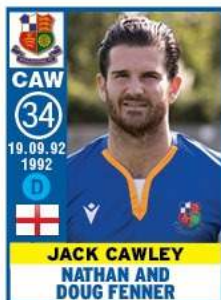
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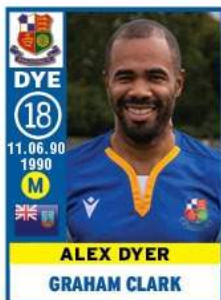
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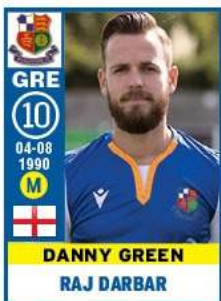
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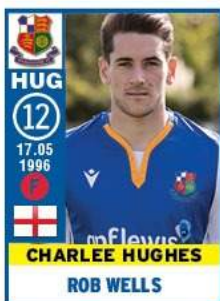
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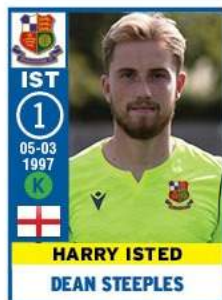
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- G Elliot Justham 1**
- Callum Reynolds 2**
- Elliott Johnson 3**
- Dean Rance © 4**
- Luke Croll 5**
- Kenny Clark 6**
- Sam Deering 7**
- Mitch Brundle 8**
- Paul McCallum 9**
- Angelo Balanta 10**
- Myles Weston 11**
- Matt Robinson 12**
- G Josh Strizovic 13**
- George Saunders 14**
- Andrew Eleftheriou 15**
- Harry Phipps 16**
- Darren McQueen 17**
- Mohammed Sagaf 18**
- Tom Smith 19**
- Will Wright 20**
- Adrian Clifton 21**
- Mauro Vilhete 22**
- Saidou Khan 23**
- Scott Wilson 25**
- Joey Jones 26**
- Liam Gordon 27**

REFEREE Elliott Swallow
ASSISTANTS Stephen Parkinson and Marcus Carmichael
FOURTH OFFICIAL Stuart Kyle **OBSERVER** Brian Curson

WEALDSTONE

Royal Blue/White

- 1 George Shelvey G**
- 2 Michee Efete**
- 4 Ashley Charles**
- 5 Connor Stevens**
- 6 Jerome Okimo ©**
- 7 Michael Phillips**
- 8 Connor Smith**
- 9 Ross Lafayette**
- 10 Danny Green**
- 11 Dennon Lewis**
- 12 Charlee Hughes**
- 13 Daniel Wishart**
- 14 Danny Parish**
- 15 Riley-Jay Harbottle**
- 16 Sonny Blu Lo-Everton**
- 17 Jacob Mendy Mendy**
- 18 Alex Dyer**
- 19 Moses Emmanuel**
- 21 Nikola Tavares**
- 22 Joseph Olowu**
- 23 Ryan Gondoh**
- 24 Josh Meekings**
- 25 Jake Askew G**
- 26 Craig Fasanmade**
- 29 Tecane Shrowder**
- 30 Elijah Hearn**
- 31 George Langston**
- 34 Jack Cawley**

BROMLEY

Red/Red/Red

- 1 Mark Cousins G**
- 2 Joe Kizzi**
- 4 Billy Bingham**
- 5 Chris Bush**
- 6 Jack Holland**
- 7 Luke Coulson**
- 8 Frankie Raymond**
- 9 Michael Cheek**
- 10 James Alabi**
- 11 Courtney Duffus**
- 12 Tom Purrington**
- 13 Tarek Najia G**
- 14 Kory Roberts**
- 15 Taylor Maloney**
- 16 Liam Trotter**
- 17 Byron Webster**
- 18 Ben Williamson**
- 20 Jude Arthurs**
- 21 Ollie Tanner**
- 22 Liam Vincent**
- 23 Charlie Wakefield**
- 24 Jack Bridge**
- 26 Alex Mitchell**
- 27 Tate Campbell**

REFEREE Alan Dale
ASSISTANTS Grzegorz Kornasiewicz, Jack Bloxham
FOURTH OFFICIAL Luis Nunes **OBSERVER** Kelvin Morton

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