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BY MARK HYDE



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## Written in Stone



**G**ood evening and a very warm welcome to Ben Stevens, his staff and the players and officials from Eastleigh. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us and have a safe journey back after the game.

Much has changed since our last home game against Aldershot back in January and the last 14 days have proved particularly eventful.

The departure of Dean as manager on the evening of our postponed home game against Maidenhead saw Stuart step into the management position only days before our important FA Trophy game away at Darlington. Ultimately it proved too little time to implement any meaningful changes but a battling performance 3 days and 350 miles later showed a fantastic team effort, that narrowly missed out on all 3 points away at the league leaders Torquay. Today will be another tough test, as they all are in this league, but I think we know we are capable of a result against anyone on our day. Good luck Stuart, Matt and the team.

Mark

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### OBITUARY - ARTHUR ROGERS

With great sadness the club learnt last week of the passing of lifelong Wealdstone supporter at the age of 92. Arthur was from Rayners Lane and had been a lifetime Stones fan.

Whilst not being a name that might be known to many he will be instantly remembered by a number of our longstanding fans as the man with the pipe – particularly those who had the misfortune of standing downwind when he lit up on the terraces! Arthur first started watching the stones in 1946 and other than for two years spent on national service, had seen games every season since. He listed his highlights of his Stones watching years as being the Athenian League championship of 1951-2, in his view Wealdstone's best team, the Amateur Cup win, the 1984-85 double and the recent promotions. Over the years he witnessed most of Wealdstone's greatest players however his favourites were Henryk Wegrzck, Phil White and Bert Dyke in the 50's, Matt Farrell, Charlie Townsend and Hughie Lyndsey in the 60's and more latterly Robin Wainwright and Stuart Pearce. Despite his years Arthur still attended matches whenever he could and was still an active agent for Teamdraw, having at one time had over 100 workmates, friends and family signed up in the 1990's.

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## From the Gaffer

### No quick fixes but our form will return

As you can imagine the last few weeks have been a little busy for Stuart and his management team as they try to settle themselves into their new roles in the middle of a frantic fixture list. The journey to Torquay however gave us a brief window for Stuart to produce some notes for the unused Bromley programme which are still valid and reproduced below.

**G**reetings all and a warm welcome to Ben Streven's Eastleigh here at the Vale this evening.

Well...it's certainly been an eventful 7 days. We're back at The Vale and we're all looking forward to it, after a disappointing result in the Trophy.

First thing I would like to say is that now more than ever, we all need to stick together. The board have appointed me to take the reins for the foreseeable future, and it's my job now to repay their faith and move the club forward. Obviously the club is in a good place, but our form isn't as we would like. It's our job now to work on the training ground with the lads and get us back to the team we know we can be. Confidence needs to be rebuilt and that only comes from good prep and grinding out results. Having the Holywell rocking and the fans being the 12th man would be a massive help, but we've now got to dig deep and show the desire to improve things ourselves.

It won't be a quick fix, but we have to implement a no excuse environment now for the players, and in doing so, we all know they will thrive. There's a lot to look forward to this season and hopefully today is a step in the right direction. There will be ups and downs along the way as there always is, but with hard work and our loyal fans support, hopefully even better times are ahead.

enjoy the ride and UTS

**Stuart**



BY SUDHIR RAWAL



# The Elmslie Ender



## So long and thanks for the memories - EE on managerial events

**N**ine short weeks and what a difference it has made. Not lockdown or infections rate, but the departure of Dean Brennan as Wealdstone manager, eight weeks after he nearly left, but for a last-minute change of heart, for Barnet. The rumour mill has been in overdrive post the announcement that DB has left, but it was wholly silent remarkably until the very second the press release popped into people's twitter feed. Shocked was certainly the immediate reaction, but as time has worn on, not necessarily a surprise as people have taken stock of events.

As supporters we have only the two press releases to go on; the one issued by the club and the other one by Dean Brennan via Dave Anderson's twitter feed. Brennan was also on the Non League Show.



I suppose the truth might be somewhere in-between. The club may well have offered Deano a new deal if he stayed after Barnet came calling, but in those eight weeks much has changed, both in the world at large but also on the pitch as well. Firstly, we were just out of lockdown 2, crowds, albeit for one game, were back, even if at a reduced level, and further opening up of the economy and by dint football was being talked about. Yet, the opposite happened. We

went into lockdown 3, no more crowds and more importantly little income.

Funding from HMG hasn't still been settled, but we now know that it will be loans and not grants unless in exceptional circumstances of clubs going bust. The financial landscape has changed dramatically. On the field, we have, at the time of writing, lost all four games since Weymouth, conceding thirteen goals in the process.

We face league leaders Torquay on Tuesday. Whilst we also won two out of three Trophy matches, we have let in eight goals in those games.

We have the worst defensive record in the division, though are the fifth best at scoring. We





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*A classic Elmslie End pic by Bob Dugard ... our old Lower Mead stand fills up on a rainy March afternoon in 1978 when the Stones faced Udinese in the Anglo-Italian tournament. The Italians were spiteful and spoiling, and Bobby Moss (yellow shirt, left) marches into the fray with the always combative Willie Watson and Steve Brinkman the other Stones players. The Italians won the game 1-0, and eventually the tournament*

seem incapable of stemming the tide at the back and whilst the lack of training, as we aren't full time, and lack of resources are key factors, as supporters and the board, I suspect that we don't want to hear that over and over again but how it will be resolved.

The reaction on social media after the debacle at Darlington had been brewing for a while. All of that taken into account, I don't think it was unfair for the board to say let's revisit at the end of season when we can have a proper debrief on the season, understand what division we are in and how our finances are. Equally I can understand that Deano would have been unhappy and disappointed at those developments.

None of the above takes away from what Dean Brennan achieved at Wealdstone last season when he took us to the promised land of the National League after thirty-two long and weary years, playing some of the best football many of us had seen in our time supporting the club. It was exhilarating stuff, attack minded, overloading full backs, and those wins at Weymouth, Havant and

against Bath will stay with us for decades.

The latter two games will be in most people's top ten games of all time. As supporters we will be eternally grateful. Even this season, until dalliance with Barnet, it was pretty much sweetness and light. I asked DB whether his style of football would work in the National League at the meet the manager session in the summer and he was convinced it would and to an extent it did, until Ross Lafayette got injured, Parish also, but there was also a naivety to our play with us being so open.

We never got the chance to celebrate the title properly with him and the squad, we haven't had the chance to show them what a proper Wealdstone away day in the National League would have been like with hundreds travelling to some far flung northern outpost (or Barnet), and it's a real shame that it has come to this. I certainly wish Deano well and thank him for last season, which will be etched in blue hearts for many years.

Sud

**'Much has changed, both in the world at large and also on the pitch in the last 9 weeks'**



TIM PARKS



STONES INTERVIEW

# Josh Meekings

'Key to defending?  
It's communication  
and a real will to  
keep the ball out  
and just stop the  
opposition cutting  
through you. I think  
we'll tighten up and  
soon start to  
improve things'



*Josh was in dominant mood against Aldershot on his National League debut, winning this ball from Mo Bettamer before having to come off through injury*

**W**hen you're conceding more goals than (almost) anybody in the National League, a no-nonsense defender like Josh Meekings is exactly what you need... and the 28-year-old is delighted to be joining the Wealdstone cause.

"I'm really pleased with the way my signing was handled" said the six-footer as we managed to grab a (hands-free!) chat on his drive down the M11 from his Suffolk home on the way to receive some physiotherapy on a troublesome hip injury a couple of weeks ago.

"I was disappointed to have to come off in the Aldershot game - I had a hip operation a couple of years ago and there's not much cartilage around the joint, so when I made a tackle in the first half it just jarred my hip. It wasn't a groin strain as people seemed to think, and the physio session at London Wasps (where Stones players are treated) should help a lot".

Unfortunately, it didn't respond as quickly as

we'd all hoped and Josh has been sidelined until making a re-appearance as sub at Sutton United...and, fingers crossed, he should be in contention for tonight's game.

Josh made his debut in the FA Trophy win over Gloucester and immediately his experience, communication and athleticism came to the fore as we restricted the National League North leaders to just speculative shots from long range.

As is well-chronicled, he's had an impressive career in the Scottish League after leaving his boyhood club Ipswich as a 19-year-old and moving to all the way to Inverness Caledonian Thistle in the Highlands, prompted by the fact that former Tractor Boys legend Terry Butcher was in charge of the League's newest club.

"Russell Osman was my coach at Ipswich



and he recommended me to Terry because I wasn't being given a chance there. And that was a great move because Cally were in the Scottish Premier League among the big boys and the standard of football was high.. and Inverness is just a lovely place to live".

**T**he Cally Thistle story is an inspiring one. The little Highland League club only formed in 1994 thanks to the merger of the two local clubs and they were handed a place in the Scottish League Division Three along with neighbours Ross County.

Within ten years, Thistle were in the Scottish Premier League after three promotions! Their crowds leapt from 1,200 in that first season to over 5,000, but after things stabilized the club were back in Division One (now known as the Championship) by 2008. Butcher was now in charge and, after he had guided Cally back into the Scottish Prem, little did he know it but the signing of Josh Meekings would precipitate the best few years in the fledgling club's history.

"We really punched above our weight; we did incredibly well" said Josh modestly, describing the Highlanders' amazing 2015 when they finished third in the table behind only Celtic and runners-up Aberdeen.

Cally Thistle finished nine points ahead of fourth-placed Dundee United.

They also won the Scottish Cup at Hampden Park, beating Falkirk 2-1 in the final to spark wild celebrations in normally-sleepy Inverness.

"Was that the highlight of your career so far?" I asked him. "Oh, undoubtedly. Although there was a bit of controversy surrounding our win over Celtic in the semi-final - and I count myself a bit lucky to even have had the chance to play in the final" he confessed.

Now, even I as a non-follower of Scottish football had the old memory banks stirred for a moment. So I plunged into Google and there was the full story of Josh escaping a red card for a deliberate handball on his goalline, and then a one-match ban being applied retrospectively .. and then that being rescinded to allow him to take part in the final.

"Yes, I was fortunate" he admits. "The handball all happened in a moment but it wasn't seen and we went on to beat Celtic 3-2 in extra time. We were actually favourites in the final, as we'd finished 3rd in the Prem and they were in the Championship, but that was a brilliant moment at Hampden".

It's worth watching the win over Celtic, Virgil Van Dyke and all, just for the debate over Josh's handball. The commentators all insist it was deliberate but his arm was in a natural position in my view. He was just balancing himself. The non-decision of the referee was exacerbated shortly afterwards when he then sent off Celtic keeper Craig Gordon for flattening a Cally forward as he raced through! Pictures from that game are overpage.

Josh was equally lucky only a year earlier, when he was sent off as Inverness won their Scottish League Cup semi-final. His appeal was successful but Cally were beaten on penalties by Aberdeen in the final.

**J**osh spent six years with Inverness, playing in the Europa League after their successes in 2015, before leaving for fellow Prem side Dundee in 2017. He was plagued by injury - including the hip injury that necessitated an operation in the season Dundee were relegated - but fought his way back to full fitness by the end of 2019.

Josh was club captain and had formed an effective partnership with Christophe Berra and Jordon Forster, culminating in a run of five successive clean sheets, when the pandemic brought things shuddering to a halt.

So why did Josh - who had been offered a contract extension - head south?

"Well, it was nothing to do with football. I just wasn't enjoying

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*Josh wins this header on his comeback at Sutton*



# STONES INTERVIEW CONTD...



**The Scottish Cup Final at Hampden, 2015: A proud moment as Josh (ringed) emerges from the tunnel with his Cally Jags team mates for the game with Falkirk. But Inverness reached the final in controversial circumstances when Josh (ringed top right) handled inadvertently against Celtic in the semi-final. And then Hoops' unlucky keeper Craig Jordan (above) was red-carded to tilt the tie back in Cally Thistles' favour. Below left: Josh celebrates victory!**

being in Dundee. I'd met my fiancée, Grace, in Inverness and we were living in Dundee with our little one (two-year-old Ruby) but just not enjoying it.

"I don't regret moving back to England as we wanted a clean slate but, looking back on it, I couldn't have chosen a worse time!

"There are just so many good players out there - my agent showed me a list of available players at the moment and you wouldn't believe some of the names. Really good players without clubs."

**J**osh was brought up in Cavendish, a small village near Sudbury in Suffolk, and he and Grace and Ruby are now back living there at his parents.

"It's not ideal but it's a good base for us. I'm just pleased to be playing football again and although I've only trained a couple of times

with Wealdstone and been involved in a couple of matches you can tell that we've got some excellent players.

"My debut against Gloucester went well and I even got involved in winning

two penalties! Our defending was good in that game but against Aldershot I think perhaps our first contact was poor and we didn't put enough pressure on the ball. I thought we were in control in the first half and not too stretched... but then the set pieces opened us up. When you're part time you don't have the chance to work on set plays so much but we have to improve defensively there.

"You have to have that will to defend, to stay aware and not let the opposition cut through you. And you have to communicate really well.

"It's a process now to build relationships with the others but I really think we can tighten up and move up the table".

I asked Josh how he'd ended up signing for the Stones. "Well, I'd been training at Leyton Orient and the goalkeeping coach there, Dean Brill, is pals with Wealdstone's ex-coach Kirk Rayment. The then-manager Dean Brennan gave me a call and here I am!"

And what did you know about Wealdstone before coming to Grosvenor Vale? "Well, the obvious really: The Raider. But I knew how well the Stones had done last season, and then looking into the club on the internet you realise what a rich history there is.

"And I know the crowds can be big and intimidating... if we ever get to see them again :("





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## TONY BOOTH

# Fan in the Stand

My first game was a testimonial against West Ham...there was an energy around the ground & I couldn't wait for the next game

**A**fter cruelly ignoring them for what sees like years, it's finally a chance to find out about the newly-appointed members of the WFC Supporters Club Committee. In the last issue we focused on the club's secretary, Ian Stapleton, and now we turn the spotlight on the Website and Social Media guru Tony Booth (pictured right)...

**Whereabouts do you live, Tony?** I have been living in Watford for the past 22 years with my wife Loraine, daughter Sophie and son Dan.

**Have you always lived in that area?** No, before moving to Watford I had always lived around the Harrow area, first in Wealdstone and then in Kenton.

**When was your first Stones game?** It was a friendly or testimonial against West Ham around 1978, it was my first experience of live football and obviously left its mark as I am still watching the Stones over 40 years later. (it was the Willie Watson testimonial in 1978 and finished 0-0! - Ed)

**What were your first Impressions of the club?** I think the first thing that struck me was the friendly atmosphere and the energy around the ground. I left that night a Stones fan for life and couldn't wait for the next opportunity to see them.

**What was the first football match you ever saw live? Or on TV?** My first live football match was the game against West Ham (mentioned above) followed over the next few years by some Stones home games and an England game at Wembley.

**What's the best Wealdstone game you've seen?** It would have to be Kettering away



in 1985, the day we won the Gola League with an Andy Graham goal. I will never forget the emotion of the day and the celebrations afterwards. To cap it all off I was lucky enough to get Nigel Johnson's shirt!

**And what's the most memorable game you've EVER seen?** I think it would have to be the Cup Winners Cup Final in 1994 when Arsenal beat Parma 1 - 0. It is the only time I have been to a major European final and to

also spend a few days in Copenhagen was an amazing experience. Earlier that season I had been to the away leg against Torino which has got to be my worst football experience ever. Watched over in the ground by Police for 3 hours before kick off only to witness what was probably the least entertaining game of football a neutral could ever watch. We were there because my wife Loraine is an Arsenal fan - she's had a season ticket for 30 years so football is a big subject of conversation in our house!

**How did you get involved with the supporters club?** I have been working in the I.T. industry for going on 20 years now and when I heard they were looking for someone to help out with their website and social media it seemed a real chance to give something back to a Club that has brought me so much enjoyment over the years.

**What level of football do you prefer?** Definitely our level, there is no substitute for being able to move around the ground choosing whether to sit or stand and still be so close to the action, of course it is all the better with the expansive attacking style we



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play at the moment.

Having said that I don't think I would enjoy a non league game if Wealdstone were not playing in it.

**How big a part of your life is the game?**

I have always loved football and will take every opportunity to watch it but have to say I much prefer the live experience to watching on TV. While the kids were growing up I was definitely an occasional Stones fan and it is only in the last 3-4 years that I have been a regular again. I am not sure I would have coped between visits without the email newsgroup and in later years the Stonesnet Forum, so thanks Attic.

**How do you fit watching football in with your family/working life?** I don't work evenings or weekends and with the kids grown up there is not much to stop me seeing our games. Dan has a season ticket as well and always attends with me when Uni allows.

I was really looking forward to some of the away games this season but with Covid-19 that will have to wait till next season.

Because of Loraine's passion for Arsenal I have been to way more Gunners games than I would care to admit.

**Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen?** I can't hand on heart say they are the best ever Stones side but for me it has to be the team that played that memorable day at Kettering in 1985...

Bob Iles, Neil Cordice, Roy Davies, Dennis Byatt, Steve Perkins, Robin Wainwright, Brian Greenaway, Lee Holmes, Alan Cordice,

Andy Graham, Gary Donellan Subs: Nigel Johnson and Vinny Jones.

**What do you think of the bars and catering at the Vale?** I think they are pretty much spot on, how can you resist the smell of the chips and you can get a beer within a few minutes of the game finishing.

**Do you visit the Megastore?** Adam does a phenomenal job and the range of merchandise they stock is brilliant and you can't help but always have a wishlist. Who could help but buy an item or two from the current Champions range?

**Do you think Stones can aspire to playing in the EFL?** Of course, I think most teams at this level do and when you look at what some of our peers from years gone by have achieved it is always a possibility. I guess lease issues and the finances to transition to a full time playing setup are major barriers to further progress but you can't help but be impressed by the progress we are making under the stewardship of Rory and the rest of Board.

**How are you coping not being able to see games live? Are the live streams driving you quietly crazy?** Not at all, I still get excited and look forward to the streams. The picture quality

has really improved since the pre-season friendlies and I think Tim gets the commentary balance just about right. Saying that I just can't wait for the day I get to go back to Grosvenor Vale.

**Finally, where do you think Wealdstone FC will be in the year 2025?** I think we will be an established National League side, with a full time squad and another FA Trophy to our name.

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**Tony's first Stones game.. what I hadn't realised is that Jimmy Greaves guested for the Stones up front alongside the great George Duck (and Hammers fielded Alan Devonshire, Alan Taylor and all their stars) and it still finished 0-0!**

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BY CLIVE LEAPER



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# Clives A-Z of Football for the lockdown generation

There was a time before he became a Twitter sensation as a social commentator when Clive ... @chelskireject was a humble contributor to these very pages. Thanks to exhaustive behind the scenes negotiations we are now in a position to serialise his latest musings..

**A** Is For...  
**AGGRO.** Used to be a very real threat back in the very violent 80s. A mixture of fear & thrills, a heady cocktail indeed. Obviously I condone this sort of behaviour except when provoked and defending yerself if running away isn't an option.

**ANTICIPATION.** Nothing like it! This emotion can make normally fairly sane people do the strangest things. Buzzing their tits off levels.

**ARMCHAIR FANS.** The very worst type never been to a game themselves yet think they are worthy of an opinion. Shut it, you ain't. Ugh.

**ALCOHOL.** Indispensable part of football watching for many. Watch a game sober? Are you mad? Helps loosen you up for the ensuing drama of the proceeding 90 mins. Vital.

**ACCENT.** Not so much these days but used to be the default go to way for oppo fans to uncover if you support the other team. Often in the context of have you got the time pal? Before you answered they'd be ready to land a punch on you. Well me to be precise. Just say no.



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**ADRENALINE.** This is what football is all about. If you don't get that surge then probably footy isn't for you. Stick to your other hobbies you wrong 'un weirdo.

**AIRHORN.** Not heard enough at football these days. Very rousing/stirring. Helps if you are in the middle of a throng of like minded folk jumping up and down. It screams look at us.

**B** Is For...  
**BURGERS.** Staple diet for hungry footy fans. Doesn't really matter what they look, smell or taste like. Veggie? You what. Hygiene questionable, food poisoning a definite possibility. Yum.

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**BOVVER BOYS.** Some folk really weren't there for the match but as a useful distraction whilst engaging in kicking someone's head in. Best avoided I always found.

C you next Issue...

# EASTLEIGH FC

## Wealcome to todays visitors from Hampshire The Spitfires



**E**astleigh were formed by Derek Brooks on 22 May 1946, under the original name of Swaythling Athletic.

In 1950, they joined the Hampshire League but it wasn't until 1980 the club changed its name to Eastleigh FC. In 2003, Eastleigh won the Wessex League, after finishing fourth in their first campaign, and transferred into the Premier Division of the Isthmian League with the formation of new divisions. From then on, The Spitfires spent nine years in the Conference South, and were promoted into the National League in 2014. In the club's debut season, they reached the playoffs but fell short in a defeat against Grimsby Town in the semi-finals. Since then, the club has reached the third round of the FA Cup twice, facing Championship opposition. Recently, in the 2018/19 National League season, Eastleigh finished seventh and found themselves in the playoffs for the second time in their history. The Spitfires saw off Wrexham in a play-off eliminator thanks to a wonder strike from Danny Hollands but lost on penalties in the semi-final at the hands of Salford City, who went on to win promotion to League Two. Last season, Eastleigh finished in 16th position after the season was curtailed due to the coronavirus

pandemic. The club has undergone a full rebrand in 2020, with a new badge implemented to bring a new identity that the Spitfires can call their own.

### SPITFIRE FACTS

**GROUND** - Silverlake Stadium

**CAPACITY** - 5,192 (2,700 seated)

**MANAGER** - Ben Strevens

**2019/20** - National League, 16th

**Previously**

**H** 19/12/20 **W** 4-3 **A** 17/11/20 **L** 0-2



WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v EASTLEIGH FC

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## EASTLEIGH FC - WHO'S WHO?

### Players

#### 1. JOE MCDONNELL - GOALKEEPER

McDonnell is a new arrival for the 2020/21 season from fellow National League side Notts County. The 26-year-old also holds Football League experience with AFC Wimbledon, where he played for five and a half years before his move to the Magpies. Joe began his footballing career at Basingstoke Town under Jason Bristow, who is now Assistant Manager at Eastleigh, and the pair have reunited at the Spitfires this season.

#### 2. JOE PARTINGTON - DEFENCE

Right Back Joe re-signed for Eastleigh in 2019 following his release from Bristol Rovers. In a two-year stay, he made 63 appearances with the League One club. He began his career with Portsmouth before spending four years with Bournemouth. After brief loan spells with Eastbourne and Aldershot Town, Partington joined Eastleigh on a free transfer from the Cherries. The experienced defender went on to win the Spitfires' Player of the Year in the 2015/2016 season and scored the opener in Eastleigh's 3-2 loss against Bolton in the 2016 FA Cup third round. He has been capped at youth level by Wales, making 21 appearances from the U17 to U21 age groups.

#### 3. MICHAEL GREEN - DEFENCE

Club legend and fan favourite Michael Green holds the most Spitfires appearances in the current squad, and has the fifth highest appearances in the club's history. Green was signed from Port Vale in 2011 and has since played more than 370 games for the club. He was part of the side that won promotion to the National League during the 2013/14 season. After briefly departing the club in February 2017, he returned just a matter of weeks later and has been at the Silverlake Stadium since. Green remains ever-important to Eastleigh's back-line, accumulating 38 appearances on route to the National League play-off semi-final in 2018/19.

#### 4. CAVAGH MILEY - MIDFIELD

Miley joined Eastleigh in 2017 from Jersey side St Pauls, and has since appeared over 100

times for the club. Before moving to the Silverlake, he captained the Jersey Official Football Team whilst living on the island and caught the eye of the Spitfires. The central-midfielder played in all but four National League games in the 2018/19 run to the playoffs. He was also selected for England C side against the Football Association of Ireland Amateur International XI in 2018.

#### 5. PIERCE BIRD - DEFENCE

Bird is another new addition for the 2020/21 season, the second summer signing from Notts County. The 21-year-old started his career at Dunkirk before moving to the Magpies, where he made 26 appearances at League Two and National League level. The centre-back is also capped at international level, with four appearances for Northern Ireland's U21s.

#### 6. ANDREW BOYCE - DEFENCE

Signed from Grimsby Town in 2017, Boyce is a well-rounded and reliable defender. During the 2014/15 season whilst at Scunthorpe United, he gained promotion to League One. As well as plenty of National League experience, Boyce is no stranger to playing in higher divisions with over 50 appearances in League One and League Two combined. The centre-back joined the 100-club for Eastleigh as well last season, and has scored four goals in his four seasons with the Spitfires.

#### 7. ABDULAI BAGGIE - MIDFIELD

Baggie is another summer signing ahead of the 2020/21 season, having joined from National League South promotion winners, Weymouth. The 28-year-old winger has plenty of experience in both the football league and non-league, featuring for the likes of Tranmere Rovers, Stockport County, and Weymouth before joining the Spitfires. Baggie has represented England four times at youth level, before making five appearances for the Sierra Leone national side.

#### 8. JACK PAYNE - MIDFIELD

Jack Payne became a permanent signing in 2019 from Ebbsfleet United, after spending a brief spell on loan at Eastleigh the season before. Payne is a very experienced midfielder, playing in the Championship, League One and League Two throughout his career thus far, with over 100 appearances for both Gillingham FC and

# EASTLEIGH FC - WHO'S WHO? CONT.



Peterborough United. Payne's excellent vision and delivery makes him a threat when on set pieces, which he has demonstrated in his time at the club.

## 9. DAN SMITH - FORWARD

Dan Smith is an exciting new addition to the Spitfires in 2020/21. The young striker was signed from Isthmian League Premier Division side Bognor Regis, after a prolific season scoring 16 goals in 19 games. With competition from teams higher up the football pyramid, Smith is an excellent capture for the club. The 21-year-old started his footballing journey in youth tournaments with Eastleigh, before joining Portsmouth in 2007 and rising through their academy, making his Pompey debut in the EFL Trophy in 2019.

## 10. TYRONE BARNETT - FORWARD

Barnett left Cheltenham Town in July 2019 to make the switch to Eastleigh. The established Football League goalscorer joined the Spitfires with plenty of experience in his career, from the Championship with Peterborough United and Ipswich Town as well as spells in League One and League Two. The Posh paid Crawley Town over £1 million for his signature in 2012 and alongside current team-mate Jack Payne, the pair won the Football League Trophy together during the 2013/14 season. He continued his goalscoring records in his first season at the Spitfires, finishing as top scorer with 12 goals in last year's National League campaign.

## 11. SAM SMART - MIDFIELD

Talented young winger Sam Smart joined the Spitfires from Evo-Stick South side Basingstoke Town FC in July 2019, and has quickly become a fan favourite at the club. His electric pace and strong delivery make him a threat from the flanks, and his acrobatic goal celebrations are much loved by the Spitfires supporters. Smart made 38 appearances last season in all competitions for the club, scoring three goals.

## 12. CALLUM BAUGHAN - DEFENCE

Baughan signed his professional contract with Eastleigh in the summer of 2018, after graduating from the academy. The versatile young defender is highly thought of on and off the pitch at the club, and has been unlucky with two successive

ACL injuries that kept him sidelined for much of the past two campaigns. The young defender made his debut in a 3-1 win over Maidstone in 2018/19, and notched an assist on his first start in a 3-3 draw with Boreham Wood in the final game of that season.

## 13. ROSS FLITNEY - GOALKEEPER

Experienced goalkeeper Ross Flitney has made over 200 appearances for the Spitfires in two spells at the club. He first featured between 2012 and 2016, then re-joined Eastleigh in 2017 from Bromley. Beginning his youth football career at Arsenal and then with Fulham, Flitney was under study to Edwin van der Sar in the Premier League from 2003 to 2005. In the latter stages of his career, Flitney is now combining his position with being goalkeeper coach for the first-team and academy goalkeepers.

## 14. TOM BEARWISH - FORWARD

Bearwish has been at the club since 2017, progressing his way through the youth system all the way to the first team as a real example for Eastleigh Academy prospects. The forward has now made over 30 appearances for the first-team, with last season proving to be a breakout campaign for 'The Bear'. Bearwish bagged his first goal for the club with a last-minute winner against Torquay in September 2019, and increased his tally to four goals in all competitions during 2019/20.

## 15. ALEX WYNTER - DEFENCE

Wynter has made over 50 appearances for the Spitfires since signing from Maidstone United in 2018. Spending his youth career at Crystal Palace, Wynter made his debut for the Eagles in the FA Cup at just 16-years-old. He is still the club's second-youngest debutant in their history. After several loan spells, he joined Colchester United permanently in 2015, featuring in both League One and Two for the U's. He spent the 2017/18 season at Maidstone United, captaining the England 'C' team and helping Maidstone survive in their debut National League season. Wynter was ever-present at the heart of Eastleigh's defence in his debut season for the Spitfires, making 45 appearances and scoring four goals in the run to the 2018/19 playoffs, which earned him the



Player of the Season award. After an injury-hit season in 2019/20, Wynter is back to full fitness for the 2020/21 campaign.

## 16. BEN SCOREY - DEFENCE

Another Eastleigh academy graduate, Ben Scorey was promoted from the youth set-up in 2018/19 and made his Spitfires debut in a 3-3 draw against Boreham Wood in April 2019. Scorey has featured four times in all competitions for the club, proving to be a versatile option in defence.

## 17. JOE TOMLINSON - DEFENCE

Joe Tomlinson became the first Spitfires signing for the 2020/21 season after joining from Hungerford Town in June 2020. The 20-year-old defender is an exciting prospect, proving to be a talent both offensively and defensively at full-back. Tomlinson was Hungerford Town's captain at just 19-years-old in the National League South last season and was voted the league's Young Player of the Season. He already has over 70 non-league appearances, with seven goals and 15 assists, so far in his career.

## 18. BEN HOUSE - FORWARD

Ben House is another summer signing ahead of the 2020/21 season. The 21-year-old striker joined the Spitfires following his release from Championship side, Reading. He spent 2019/20 on loan at fellow National League side Dagenham & Redbridge, scoring twice in 11 games. Despite being born in England, he has represented Scotland at U20 and U21 level. House has settled in well at the Silverlake as the club's top scorer during the pre-season campaign, and continued that form in the league. House's five league goals in the first five games earned him the National League Player of the Month in October.

## 19. DANNY HOLLANDS - MIDFIELD

Experienced centre-midfielder and club captain Danny Hollands has made over 100 appearances in his three years with the Spitfires. Hollands began his career with Chelsea and spent three years at Stamford Bridge from 2003. He is well-known on the South Coast having played for Bournemouth

and Portsmouth, whilst also featuring for the likes of Charlton Athletic, Gillingham FC, and Crewe Alexandra during his career. Hollands scored a wonder goal against Wrexham in the 2018/19 playoffs semi-finals, before finding his form in front of goal last season, bagging 10 goals in the most prolific season of his career.

## 20. RYAN HILL - MIDFIELD

Ryan Hill is another new addition to the Spitfires, signing during the start of this season on a permanent deal from Hampton & Richmond Borough. Hill started his career at Beaconsfield, before being scouted by Stoke City and joining their youth academy in 2017. After a season with the Potters, he moved to Hampton & Richmond to gain regular first-team football, and impressed with his pace and trickery on the ball. Ryan's 2019/20 season saw him score eight goals and get 14 assists in 33 games.

## 21. LEWIS BEALE - FORWARD

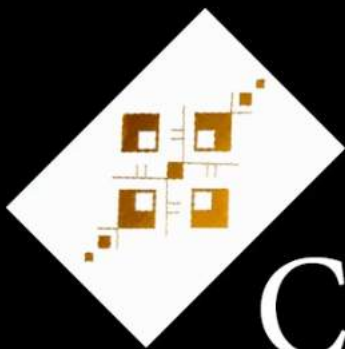
Beale is another product of the Eastleigh youth academy that has progressed through the ranks to the first team. A frequent goalscorer at youth level, Beale scored on his first start for the club last season, in a 2-1 win over Matlock Town in the FA Trophy.

## 24. TOM BLAIR - MIDFIELD

Tom Blair is the most recent addition to the Spitfires squad in the 2020/21 season. Fitting with the majority of this summer's signings, Blair is a promising young player who impressed in a lower division last season. Tom already became a club legend at Dorchester Town at just 21-years-old, making 153 appearances and scoring 30 goals in his five years at the club where he rose through the youth ranks to become a vital part of the side. 'Blairo' brings more pace to the flanks and an eye for goal, as well as a more physical presence on the field.

## MANAGER. BEN STREVS

After a brief five games as interim manager, Strevens was named permanent Eastleigh boss in November 2018. Strevens played over 100 times for the Spitfires as a player and his talent on the field has continued off it, as he was successful in taking Eastleigh all the way to the National League play-off semi-final in his first season.



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BY ADAM WILLIAMS

WEALDSTONE 2020-21

## Surreal times but corners are being turned

# Fan zone



**G**ood Afternoon Ladies and Gentleman. Well..... (pauses and reflects!).....sensible that I've delayed writing this article until as late as possible after that FA Trophy defeat on Saturday. Definitely one of those afternoons that caused a universal disquiet across the club. Am not going to ponder on this too much as its done and dusted now but for everyone's sake it must go down as the nadir of the current poor run. The only way is up from now so let's start with a win against today's opponents.

Clearly the events of the week before our FA Trophy nightmare cannot be left uncommented on either. The vast majority of us will not be privy to the exact goings on that led to the departure of Dean Brennan, so we can just take it at face value that he decided to leave the club of his own accord. A staggering turn of events considering that just three months ago virtually to this day, we had climbed to a quite unexpected second place in the league and were looking upwards rather than the trap door. The poor run of results thereafter came as a bit of a surprise to many. So easy to assume the turning point was when Dean was revealed to have been offered the Barnet role. Dare I say though, all will come out in the proverbial wash. Either way you cannot argue with what he achieved during that magnificent first season in charge. Given the hot seat with a mid table budget his task was to extract value from his players, play some attractive football and possibly flirt with the play offs. The rest is history so he leaves very much as a man who more than fulfilled his actual task. There surely isn't a single Wealdstone FC fan who will begrudge him success in the future? As long as it's not for.....

We presently exist in surreal times of which will go down in history and be discussed many times over in the decades to com. School classrooms of the distant future may be spending more time on Covid than we did the Great Plague of London. Mercifully, it seems



Pic. Jon Taffel

that the corner has finally been turned with the unbelievably well administered vaccination programme. We can only hope that it rapidly brings down the hospitalisation and death rate. We all yearn for the days where we can simply pop out for a drink, watch a game of football and visit our loved ones. Clearly the lockdown and restrictions are having a very negative impact on people's lives. Whilst some are adhering to the 'stay at home' message to the literal letter of the law, others have found ways to break the tedium whilst not falling foul of any laws or endangering anyone. A previous programme article politely raised the question regarding who exactly should be travelling to games during a lockdown. Naturally, having taken advantage of being able to travel to photograph games, I thought its only right to add a similarly dignified reply. It appears that other National League photographers and media officers are indeed travelling long distances to games to cover their team. This is effectively the first step of professional football so there's an expectation that the media supply chain should remain intact. However, in a couple of recent cases, some individual clubs have made the decision to bar ground entry to all but the players and a couple of officials. You could say therefore, that both sides of the argument are valid. Hopefully the present lockdown will soon be over and that movement between parts of the country will no longer be a talking point.

Enjoy the game.

Adam

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10	Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	0-1	0,000	19	⊙ 8	⊙ 20c	10m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	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
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27	King's Lynn Town	VNL	3-2	0,000	6	⊙ 10	⊙ 8c	12m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	OKI	CAW
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10	FC Halifax Town	VNL	1-0	0,000	2	⊙ 7	⊙ 11c	190m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	CAW	OKI
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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
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26	Altrincham	VNL	0-2	0,000	18	⊙ 4	⊙ 5c	38m	MOO	EFE	MEN	CAW	PHI	OKI
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## 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, Tahir
29th August	Colchester United	H	L	1-2	Emmanuel
1st September	Northwood	A	W	6-0	Lafayette, Parish 3, Charles, Maloney

## PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

5th September	Dartford	H	L	1-2	
8th September	Hayes & Yeading	A	W	5-2	
12th September	Havant & Waterlooville	H	W	3-1	
15th September	St.Albans City	A	L	0-4	
19th September	Dulwich Hamlet	H	D	1-1	
26th September	Slough Town	H	L	0-1	



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our 1-4 defeat at the weekend to title challenging  
d courtesy of Adam Williams

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## KEY TO SYMBOLS

Where available, the time of each event is contained within the symbol.

- 22 = First substitution
- 22 = Second substitution
- 22 = Third substitution
- 11 = Caution
- 54 = Caution that = suspension
- 67 = Sending off
- 67 = Straight Red
- 70 = Goal
- 85 = 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

ID	Player	Number
ASK	Jake Askew	25
BEN	Kundai Benyu	15
BRO	Rhys Browne	27
CAW	Jack Cawley	25
CHA	Ashley Charles	4
DAL	Deshane Dalling	27
DEB	Joshua Debayo	3
DIA	Mohammad Diallo	26
DYE	Alex Dyer	18
EFE	Michee Efete	2
EMM	Moses Emmanuel	19
EVE	Lewis Everett	21
GAF	Adel Gafaiti	3
GRE	Danny Green	10
GSM	Grant Smith	22
HUG	Charlee Hughes	12
IST	Harry Isted	1
KOU	Maxim Kouogun	23
LAF	Ross Lafayette	9
LAN	George Langston	31
LEN	Matt Lench	28
LEW	Dennon Lewis	11
MEE	Josh Meekings	24
MEN	Jacob Mendy Mendy	2
MOO	Stuart Moore	1
OKI	Jerome Okimo	6
OLO	Joseph Olowu	22
PAR	Danny Parish	14
PHI	Michael Phillips	7
PRT	Dean Parrett	24
SLE	Jerome Slew	20
SMI	Connor Smith	8
STE	Connor Stevens	5
WAK	Charlie Wakefield	23
WIS	Dan Wishart	13

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# The **FISH**

## No.1: Wealdstone FC strike partnerships ..the 'Deadly Duos'

*For the first in this highly-anticipated new series we welcome Professor Sir Michael Fishman to the lectern. Sir Michael (right) is a well-respected academic, specialising in Wealdstoneology although he is best known for his seismic, off-the-cuff rantings at non-League football grounds the length and breadth of the country*

**N**o doubt most clubs have had them. Bruce Bannister and Alan Warboys, Bristol Rovers' "smash & grab" strike force of the 1970s; Toshack and Keegan at Liverpool; Greaves & Gilzean in Tottenham's glory years; Shearer and Sutton at Blackburn's title winning team; and now there is Harry Kane and Son Heung-Min for the current Spurs side.

These were and are partnerships that perfectly complemented each other's styles and strengths to make them feared by opponents... or maybe two forwards who simply banged in goals for no other reason that they were both deadly finishers. Arguably Liverpool's Sadio Mane and Mo Salah fall into that category.

So what about Wealdstone? Can we lay claim to feared goalscoring partnerships? Of course we can, but who and when? For those aware of the club's history the first place to look must be the Athenian



*'Battering ram' Matt Farrell (above left) closes in on oal for the Stones in 1958*

league title winning team of 1951/52 and the two Polish Henryks, **Mikrut and Wegzryk**. During that season the team amassed 110 goals with Mikrut and Wegzryk scoring 53 of them – around half. Were they a genuine partnership within which their talents dovetailed? Did they link up and create chances and goals for each other?

It is a very long time ago but fortunately the club can still call upon the magnificent memory of the incomparable Lew Sheppard whose recall of that team remains acute.

He remembers that the 2 players did not act as a partnership in the way of, say,



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# MAN Lectures



Toshack and Keegan. Mikrut was a battling, pugnacious centre forward who could bang in goals with both head and foot but was particularly dangerous in the air.

Wegzyrk was a slightly built inside forward with a lethal shot, more in common with the great Hugh Lindsay a decade or more later. They both profited most from wingers Phil White and Frank Bennett who delivered accurate crosses for Mikrut and pull backs for Wegzyrk.

So the 2 Henryks were perhaps not a true partnership but most certainly a

deadly duo.

**P**rior to the Henryks there had been **Bert Dyke and Eddie Smith**. Bert Dyke was an established inside forward of the time who regularly hit the mid-teens in goals each season, and when young Eddie Smith joined on loan from Chelsea between 1948 and 1950, between them they regularly found the opposition net.

In 1948/49 Smith notched 32 goals and Dyke 15; in the 1949/50 season it read Smith 17 and Dyke 8 goals. Again, according to Lew, in those days centre forwards were the main goal threat with the inside forwards and wingers expected to chip in with a decent return. He doesn't recall Smith and Dyke necessarily being considered a goalscoring partnership, the irony being that, after Dyke left Wealdstone, he continued playing for Finchley as a centre forward and bagged copious amounts of goals for that club. Had the 2 been utilized as a twin spearhead as is common in modern day football, they might well have forged a fearsome goal threat.

**F**or the remainder of the 1950s following the title winning side of 1952 the waters are muddied to a degree by the arrival of winger **Viv Evans** who ended every season either top or near top goalscorer in, it must be acknowledged, fairly indifferent sides. By 1958 the club was fielding goal machine **Matt Farrell**, a battering ram of a centre forward who helped re-energise the team into potential

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*Viv Evans (right) in action against Rayners Lane*

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title contenders once again. Over four seasons he topped the club's scoring charts with Evans and various inside forwards chipping in with significant goal returns; but Farrell didn't form any genuine partnership of note.

The waters were further muddied with Hugh Lindsay's return to the club in 1962 with the slightly built inside forward regularly hammering in 30 goals a season, often leaving the recognised goalscorers trailing in his wake. A genuine case could be made, however, for **Jim Cooley and Bobby Childs** being viewed as a pretty lethal goalscoring duo in the Amateur Cup winning season of 1965/66.

Cooley bagged 31 goals and Childs 27, with Lindsay sandwiched between with 30 goals. Jim Cooley was a centre forward in the traditional mould of belligerence, power and aerial threat. He could also hold the ball and bring fellow forwards into play. Bobby Childs was shorter and trickier but also with a significant eye for goal. For that one season they forged a genuine twin spearhead capable of tearing defences to shreds.

By the mid-1960s the idea of two genuine goalscoring forwards had become the norm. The year following the Amateur Cup victory, Cooley had been replaced by the returning Keith Searle to link with Bobby Childs foraging for goals. It proved to be a pretty successful marriage with Searle topping the goalscorers with 29 goals and Childs with 24. It was all change in 1967/68 with top rated centre forward Dave Swain moving over from Hendon and goal machine John McCormack being poached from Kingstonian, where in the previous season he had scored an astonishing 54 goals!

Lips were being licked by the Stones faithful but, despite it being a very good season with the team reaching the semi-finals of the FA Amateur Cup, McCormack



***Bobby Childs (left, with the Amateur Cup in the bath at Wembley!) was a genuine double act with Jim Cooley (centre, above)... while Hughie Lindsay (far left above) weighed in with 30 goals from midfield***

was hampered all season by a recurring hamstring injury that limited his appearances and effectiveness, and he managed just 13 goals.

The 1970s brought the club's first unarguable deadly duo in **George Duck and Bill Byrne**. In pure goalscoring this was not a marriage of equals. Duck was the goal poacher supreme, while Byrne was a centre forward of guile and intelligence who set up countless goals for his colleague via set ups and clever flick-ons. The image of John Henderson crossing from the wing and Byrne heading the ball into the path of Duck to score is implanted





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in the memories of those who supported the Stones at the time. It was a magical, magnificent partnership.

The triumphant teams of the early 1980s fielded some excellent forwards in Alan and Neil Cordice, Mark Graves, Ray Knowles, Nigel Johnson, Lee Holmes and, for a gloriously brief moment, Andy Graham; but could any combination of them be considered a goalscoring partnership? The best case can be made for **Mark Graves and Alan Cordice**. While it would be stretching credulity to assert that they operated

in a Duck/Byrne style, it was nonetheless a fact that in their different ways they were fearsome goalscorers. Graves was a clever, stylish goal-poacher while Cordice's raw pace was simply unmanageable for most defenders of the time, and the chaos he created in opposition defences allowed the predatory Graves to feed off the tasty scraps that arrived.

Following relegation from the Conference in 1988 and as the club settled in



*The legend of Duck & Byrne: Bill (left) and George (right) scoring against Bideford in 1972*

to a slow decline into relative obscurity, there appeared teasingly brief corridors of hope to offer the fans some transitory warmth in what proved to be a harsh footballing winter for the club. Tommy English somehow hit

the back of the net 13 times from 26 appearances during the relegation season of 1987/88; the mercurial Tony Lynch (left) blew hot and cold as he came, went, came and went again, and when blowing hot was like a furnace of quick feet and explosive shooting but when off his game frustrating and ineffectual. David Venables had an outstanding season in

1992/93 when scoring 20 goals for an ordinary mid-table team. Left wing back Sean Pearson

chipped in with 17 goals in that same season, but to call him and Venners a partnership would be well wide of the mark.

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*Eighties heroes: Alan Cordice (on ground, left) and Mark Graves (right)*





BY MARTIN READ



# The World of *Ball*

## Who are ya? One game that linked our past with our future

It's coming up nine years since a match that, to this correspondent's mind at least, helped re-establish the potential of our great club in the most exhilarating way.

It's a sunny late February Saturday, the days becoming visibly longer with the promise of an Olympic summer ahead, and we're walking up to Cambridge United's Abbey Stadium.

Fewer than four days have elapsed since we finally overcame Dartford at The Vale to book our place in the 2011 / 2012 FA Trophy quarter finals. No small feat, this; we haven't reached the quarters since winning the competition a full 27 years ago. It's been literally a generation since we played a game at this stage of a national cup competition that we could actually go on to win.

As you'd expect, excitement levels are high for the game. But there's something else too; something about the scale of the fixture which harks back to our former status as one of England's top non-league sides. This game is bringing out an element of our identity that's been all but submerged since the survival-focused 1990s.

Perhaps Rotherham United and the 2010 FA Cup run gave those new to the Stones since our

move to Ruislip a glimpse of that 'old-school' identity; but this game, played away and with genuinely attainable silverware at stake, is something else entirely.

In 2012, the National League South, never mind the actual National League, remains mere aspiration. And this season, Cambridge are the biggest fish remaining in the competition, a relative footballing giant standing between us and the semis. Certainly there is no doubting our status as underdog, Isthmian Tier 3 against National Tier 1, on their patch. Yet we're in form, we have Richard Jolly – and we're smarting from having been branded a 'tin-pot' club on the Cambridge forum. Oh really?

So now we are within minutes of getting to the ground. After years of away trips to crowd-less joy vacuums, what will it be like arriving on a genuine ex-league club's home turf? For too long we've watched on as automatic promotion and relegation to the Football League has allowed some of our biggest former rivals to play league games against Darlington and Doncaster while we rocked up at Barton and Banstead.

Slowly, the sound of the Cambridge crowd is carried to us on the wind. This is the difference, oh yes. This is what a big match is all about. A huge wall of noise from a genuine football crowd, big, loud and lively, seeking to intimidate little old 'tin pot' Wealdstone into submission before the game even kicks off. We're in for a battle royal here. Goosebumps.

Except... now wait a second, what exactly is that they're singing? Whose army, what colours? Can their gaffer's name really rhyme with 'Bartlett'? And slowly the penny drops...

*Stones fans stream away from the Abbey Stadium - spot the 1980s yellow cap*







*A wall of Stones fans cheer on Gordon Bartlett's boys. (They only expected fifty of us to turn up...)*



### **"I know I am I'm sure I am, I'm JOLLY"**

That moment of realisation - that the wall of noise was, in fact, the Stones fans in full cry - is something I still reflect upon. What a thrill it was to hear us, out-singing a club like that. It triggered in me the kind of emotional response typically associated with issues of identity – a pang of pride via a sense of association. Those people, in that stand over there, making all that noise? Yep, that's my club, my people. And as Cambridge found to their cost two hours later, Wealdstone are not just some other non-league club to be bracketed with all the others. We're at non-league level, sure, with all its perks and privations – but we're just as much our own club as anyone else, at any level, across the country.

Too often I sense that some fans of league clubs see their non league club peers as part of an amorphous single "non league" family. They can't understand that individual club identity and loyalty is vital whatever the level. They see us all as brothers and sisters in arms, part of one big plucky non-league family, rooting for each other against the big boys. (A check of responses to the National League's loan-or-grant fiasco in recent days should put that one to bed.)

I also know people who assume that we fans of non-league clubs will also have a natural affinity with all other lower level clubs. Why don't we, for instance, root for plucky Crawley in the FA Cup? They were once like you, right? The answer is that, to a stones fan, Crawley are like, oh I don't know, Southampton are to a Chelsea fan, i.e. just another club. (Also, we have history with them as direct competition, so 'plucky' they ain't – see also Cheltenham, Stevenage, etc.)

None of this is to say we can't relate to others' non-league experience. When Marine's name was drawn to play Spurs in the FA Cup, the noise from the homes surrounding their stadium was wonderful to hear. And there is always going to be joy at the success of smaller sides in big games - we all want to be on the side of the Davids against the Goliaths (Unless it's an FA Cup game in which the giant is only feigning interest, using the fixture as a training exercise in support of league survival or European qualification.)

Just as with Cambridge in 2012, it seems that some fans of our 2020/21 league opposition can't reconcile their own clubs' identities as being associated with the likes of us. (Bitter ex what now?)

The Cambridge match was exhilarating, of course, Richard Jolly's brace setting up a two-legged semi against another ex-league club, Newport County. But it also felt like a turning point. Amongst our fans (Cambridge thought a mere fifty of us would turn up) were youngsters wearing yellow caps dating all the way back to that 1985 Trophy win, while others were wearing shirts from our more recent seasons – the past and present signalling our future, one in which we could genuinely aspire to the level we have since reached with Notts County, Wrexham and Chesterfield as equals. The Cambridge game felt like us moving out of survival mode and into something more optimistically inclined.

Whatever happens in this ridiculous season, wherever we end up, we have the history, the acumen and, yes, the strong club identity necessary to continue our forward momentum. All we need to care about is Wealdstone FC...



There's a whole world of memorabilia in the **Stones Megaphone**, by the halfway line, clubhouse side

WE'VE MET BEFORE <<<<



BY TIM PARKS

# Memories of 'village side' Eastleigh back in 2004 when the ridiculed James Beattie saw Stones' wonderful 2-1 win

**Bank Holiday Monday August 30, 2004, Ryman Prem: Eastleigh 1 Wealdstone 2**

**E**ASTLEIGH'S history is well chronicled elsewhere in this programme but it's extraordinary to think that they were playing in the Wessex League (step five of non-League) while the Stones were winning the Conference and FA Trophy double in 1985. In fact, just five years earlier they were called Swaythling FC and playing in the Hampshire League!

The club's climb to the top flight of non League football - and to the brink of promotion to the Football League after losing in the national League play-offs in their first season (2014-15) and also in 2019 - has been phenomenal. In tandem with that, the club's owners Bridle Insurance have renovated Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium with impressive new stands and infrastructure .

Bridle were chief sponsors of Oxford United but when that club decided to instal a new chairman ten years ago, Bridle upped sticks and took their money to Eastleigh - much to the surprise of Oxford and the delight of the Spitfires.

The first time the Stones met Eastleigh was when we were both moving in an upwards direction. The reorganisation of the non-League game meant that the Spitfires, finishing fourth in their first season of Southern League Divisio One (East) football after elevation from the Wessex League, found themselves moved across to the Ryman League Premier Division. The Stones had crept into seventh place in the Ryman League Div One (North) and, by virtue of the famous play-off win over Dulwich Hamlet, found



This was Eastleigh's home



...and what a difference 17 years makes for the re-named Silverlake and it's 2,300-seater stand, which has doubled the capacity

ourselves also in the rarefied heights of the Ryan Prem.

Believe me, for the penniless Stones and our ranks of success-starved fans, that was pretty damn exciting and the trip down to Hampshire is one fondly remembered by all. We only just survived that season - while Eastleigh's rocket-fuelled rise continued with promotion to Conference South via the play-offs - yet remarkably we won 2-1, that sunny Bank Holiday Monday in late August.

Steve Paull's match report in the programme (above right) covers the basics plus the memory-jogger of the gigantic home custodian Matthews (whose 'Lurch-like' size I'd completely forgotten).

In the next home programme Megaphone Mick Vincent also mentions the presence that afternoon of Southampton's international striker James Beattie (left), he of the chiselled jaw and limited ability. Mega says that one of Sudhir Rawal's boys thanked him for the own goal he'd scored for Chelsea the week before - that





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## Monday 30th August, Ryman Premier League Eastleigh 1 Wealdstone 2

From the depths of the poor Wealdstone performance against Northwood on Saturday came this battling performance that won three points in Hampshire on Monday. And the depths of Hampshire it was too. Despite being so close to Southampton the Eastleigh ground is a quiet backwater, that is if you ignore the drummers practicing behind the stand. The village green feel is complete with ice cream van inside the ground as well.

As for the game, the opening half was a particularly quiet affair of very few chances. Richard Jolly made a poor connection to a Martin Carter cross, and namesake Andy Carter in the Wealdstone goal had to come scampering out of his area to tackle Forbes as he burst clear.

James Fisher had replaced Gary Burrell, who was knocked unconscious in a challenge. The defender made a brave attempt to carry on for a few minutes, but a further knock saw him withdrawn.

Fisher, playing out of position on the left, then proceeded to have one of his best games in a Wealdstone shirt and might have scored but for his touch letting him down when bursting into the area after a tempting cross from Jolly.

Carter tipped over a shot from Chamberlain before, in the sixth minute of stoppage time added on after the Burrell injury, Ben Alexander picked up Gary McKeown's chip and fired past the gigantic lurch-like frame of the Eastleigh keeper Matthews.

Eastleigh were woken up by this goal and came out with purpose for the second half- almost immediately Smith's header hit the bar and Forbes fired wide.

Alexander's header did draw Matthews into a full length save but this was an isolated incident as Carter saved acrobatically from Williams and knew nothing about Stokoe's shot that hit him and rebounded to safety.

Just when Wealdstone were getting a little respite from the pressure, a disputed penalty was awarded for a perceived foul by Cahill. This was particularly harsh as a similar claim had been turned down when Alexander was bundled to the floor earlier. Williams' penalty gave Carter no chance.

As the game entered the final minutes Alexander's effort was tipped onto the bar by Matthews, but as the ball was fed back into the box by McKeown, Jolly turned to score what turned out to be the winner, although Alexander could have made the game safe had he not sliced hopelessly wide when one-on-one with Matthews.

must have gone down well. Almost as well as the chant that followed, as the Stones fans got a bit high on the prospect of our first away win of the season... "If James Beattie plays for England so can I!"

We were leading 1-0 at that stage through a low Ben Alexander strike, and the smiles turned to scowls as the referee penalised Chris Cahill for a perceived foul in the box and Eastleigh's Williams levelled from the penalty spot. But all was sweetness and light in the dying moments when Alexander's shot hit the bar, and when Gary McKeown played the ball back in Richard Jolly seized on the ball to fire in the winner.

**Wealdstone: Andy Carter, Jason Shaw, Gary Burrell, Chris Cahill, Danny Wolf, Martin Carter, Danny Tilbury, Gary McKeown, Ben Alexander, Richard Jolly, Dave Ryan. Subs: Carvell, James Duncan, Tommy Williams, James Fisher, Mitch Hahn. Attendance: 402**

### WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

We blew hot and cold (mainly cold) that season and Eastleigh were emphatic 4-1 winners at the White Lion ground in the return game on New Year's Day. The dynamic Andy Forbes netted a

hat-trick as the Spitfires raced to a 4-0 lead by half time, not helped by our one-off keeper Andy Silverman (formerly of Hampton) who had a day to forget.

He was never seen again, not in blue and white anyway.

The only other clashes between the two clubs were this season, of course. Eastleigh took the National League points (ending our run of five successive wins) 2-0 back in November at the Silverlake while Stones gained revenge with the sensational 4-3 FA Trophy win here at The Vale just before Christmas. The Spitfires were 3-0 head at half time but Charlie Wakefield, Jack Cawley, Dennon Lewis and Jacob Mendy Mendy secured one of the great comeback wins in history.



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BY STEVE DUCKER



# 50-year flashback

2021 marks the 50th anniversary of our step up to professionalism. To mark the occasion we're 'live blogging' our final season as an amateur club using a programme from each of the 92 Football League clubs in 1970/71. Matches 49 'through' 52 appear here...

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COMMENT

**Saturday 2 January, 3pm, Division 3**

**Walsall 3** (Geoff Morris 2, Colin Taylor pen)

**Aston Villa 0** (Harry Cripps)

Ref R Kirkpatrick, Leicester | **Att 19,203**

**Summary:** On the first weekend of 1971, Walsall find there is no place like home as the wheels start to fall off Villa's promotion wagon. ①

**Programme highlight:** A message from the boardroom that despite no takeover bids on the table, "Walsall Football Club is certainly not about to fade away." That's good then.

**Programme lowlight:** Though meetings between this pair were rare in the previous 80 years, Walsall having to dredge up a Wartime League game from 1943 (drawn 4-4) as a highlight sounds a bit like barrel scraping.

**Programme bingo:** The same 'From the boardroom' message that started by having to deny rumours of there not being a club the following week asking for maximum vocal support in the next 90 minutes. Ah, that old chestnut

**Ahead of their time:** Aptly named Supporters Club columnist R E Sadler. This was clearly a man with the club's best interests at heart. Nowadays he would be club mascot Storming Sid Sadler and ride a horse round the pitch before kick off.

**Any other business:** Two months earlier, there was talk of moving the game to Wolves' ground. Even without social media, Walsall fans soon stopped that.

**Saturday 9 January, 3pm, Division 2**

**Oxford United 2** (Nigel Cassidy, David Sloan)

**Blackburn Rovers 1** (Terry Eccles)

Ref R Kirkpatrick, Leicester (again) | **Att 9,450**

**Summary:** The league's second newest club consolidate their second tier status against an original member fallen on hard times. ②

**Programme highlight:** Leading the editorial comment with condolences for those affected by the Ibrox disaster of the week before, where 66 people died. At a time when football was affected by some cynical and thuggish play on the pitch, and hooliganism off it, the game could still manage simple acts of class.

**Programme lowlight:** Three separate columnists using the postponed home FA Cup tie v Burnley to effectively call for a winter break. ③

**Programme bingo:** The presence of two Atkinsons on the Oxford team sheet was a fixture in itself. By this point Ron and Graham had made nearly 600 league appearances between them, with the future West Brom and Manchester United boss having missed only 27 of Oxford's 383 encounters since joining the fourth division in 1962.

**Ahead of their time:** While many clubs had a reputation for customer engagement that comprised taking money over the turnstiles and little else, the launch of the fans' magazine 'The Supporter' by Oxford looks a master stroke from here. ④

**Any other business:** Oxford were relegated in 1976, but made it to the first in 1985 and won the League Cup the following year.

**What about the Stones?** Our last Amateur Cup campaign begins and ends with a 0-1 defeat away to Wycombe Wanderers.

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Saturday 16 January, 3pm, Division 1

**Blackpool 3** (Fred Pickering 2, John Craven)

**Manchester City 3** (Mike Summerbee 2, Colin Bell)

Ref K Burns, Stourbridge | Att 29,356

**Summary:** In a Blackpool season best described as short on high points, life was good, with a four-game unbeaten league run and a place in the FA Cup fourth round secured. With 10 minutes to go here, they led 3-1 before reality bit

**Programme highlight:** Two pages of goals from the 4-0 FA Cup win over West Ham two weeks earlier. When you're battling relegation, you tend to dwell on results like that. 5

**Programme lowlight:** The famous tower on the cover, combined with various Winter Gardens and Tower Lounge adverts inside, emphasised that it was a long time since Bloomfield Road had been the town's premier entertainment venue. 6

**Programme bingo:** Like most teams next to bottom of their division, a welcome to the man just hired to stop the rot, in this case Bob Stokoe.

**Ahead of their time:** The people behind the Blackpool ladies team, which is mentioned on the Supporters Club page.

**Any other business:** Following the inevitable relegation at the end of the season, Blackpool returned to the top division in 2010 - a gap of 39 years. The team they came up with in 1970, Huddersfield Town, dropped out in 1972 and were absent for 45 years until 2017. Though considerable, neither comes close to record holders Bradford City, who went 77 years between top flight games from 1922-99.

**What about the Stones?** We were here, at Grosvenor Vale - but as the away side, drawing 3-3 with Ruislip Manor in the Middlesex Senior Cup.

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Local Storey-Monks scores his first and only goal in the World Road and (below) Tony Green (no. 2) hits Craven's goal in the same match.



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Saturday 23 January, 3pm, Division 3

**Gillingham 0**

**Doncaster Rovers 1** (Archie Irvine)

Ref C Thomas, Treorchy | Att 3,209

**Summary:** Basement battle in third tier sees 23rd placed Rovers put further daylight between themselves and their rock bottom hosts. 7

**Programme highlight:** Full page of Supporters Club content demonstrating huge loyalty in adversity.

**Programme lowlight:** The fact the Supporters Club page was one-eighth of the total printed output.

**Programme bingo:** League tables with Gillingham as the last mentioned team. They were bottom of three out of four competitions they were involved in, with only the youth team (12th out of 16) bucking the trend. 8

**Ahead of their time:** Whoever advised fans to "Keep a complete record of the game by filling in the team colours, result and goalscorers". Probably now making a tidy profit shifting unspoilt programmes on Ebay.

**Any other business:** Referee Thomas went on to whistle at the World Cup - becoming infamous in 1978 when he blew for full time with what would have been a Brazil winner against Sweden practically about to cross the goal line.

**What about the Stones?** We lose 0-1 away to Tooting & Mitcham United in the London Senior Cup 2nd Round.



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	VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE			FA CUP			FA TROPHY			TOTALS			WFC CAREER					
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Charles, Ashley	2	1											2	1		16	9	
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Green, Danny	15	3					3		1				18	3	1	188	24	39
Hughes, Charlee	1	3					1		2				2	5		2	5	
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Moore, Stuart *	7						2						9			9		
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Olowo, Joseph	2												2			2		
Parish, Danny	7	3	6		1				1				7	5	6	7	5	6
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Phillips, Michael	16	1	1				2						18	1	1	55	3	5
Slew, Jerome	2	6	1		1				2				2	9	1	3	11	3
Smith, Connor	17	1		1			3						21	1		62	19	5
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Smith, Grant *				1									1			1		
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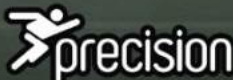
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 <b>ALTRINCHAM</b> Saturday, 7th November Vanarama National League	Wealdstone Rifles			
 <b>TORQUAY UNITED</b> Tuesday, 1st December Vanarama National League	Alan Couch			
 <b>WEYMOUTH</b> Saturday, 12th December Vanarama National League	Peter Jones			
 <b>EASTLEIGH</b> Saturday, 19th December FA Trophy 3rd Round	LGM Construction			
 <b>BOREHAM WOOD</b> Monday, 28th December Vanarama National League	Graham Clark & Mike Pullen			
 <b>ALDERSHOT TOWN</b> Saturday, 23rd January Vanarama National League	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Your Name Here?</td> <td>Your Name Here?</td> <td>Your Name Here?</td> </tr> </table>	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
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 <b>MAIDENHEAD UNITED</b> Tuesday, 2nd February Vanarama National League	All the President's Men			
 <b>WOKING</b> Saturday, 6th February Vanarama National League	In Memory of Markie Barton			
 <b>BROMLEY</b> Saturday, 13th February Vanarama National League	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Alan Couch</td> <td>Your Name Here?</td> <td>Your Name Here?</td> </tr> </table>	Alan Couch	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
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 <b>BARNET</b> Monday, 5th April Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 <b>HARTLEPOOL UNITED</b> Saturday, 17th April Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 <b>YEOVIL TOWN</b> Saturday, 1st May Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 <b>DAGENHAM &amp; REDBRIDGE</b> Saturday, 8th May Vanarama National League	'In memory of fans no longer with us' Ron Moore, Tony, Steve & Peter Drew and David Edwards		
 <b>SOLIHULL MOORS</b> Saturday, 22nd May Vanarama National League	In memory of Roy Couch	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
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**KEY:** Number = Squad Number, C = Management, coaching Staff, D = Defender, M = Midfielder, F = Forward, L = Legend



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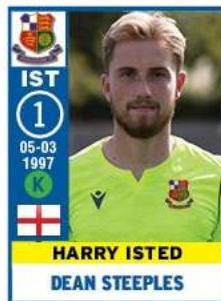
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**ELIJAH HEARN**  
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**MICHEE EFETE**  
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**MICHEE EFETE**  
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**DANNY PARISH**  
JAMES KLARFELD




**PAR**  
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16-10-1998  
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**DANNY PARISH**  
TONY WALLER



**LAF**  
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SUDHIR, AKHIL AND NIKHIL RAWAL



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Opposition	All					Home					Away					+/-	Pts	Results				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A							
1 Torquay United	23	13	5	5	44	23	12	6	3	3	21	12	11	7	2	2	23	11	21	44	1-2	1-1
2 Sutton United	20	12	4	4	36	18	11	7	2	2	25	8	9	5	2	2	11	10	18	40	3-3	1-4
3 Hartlepool United	22	12	3	7	32	23	13	8	2	3	21	13	9	4	1	4	11	10	9	39		1-3
4 Eastleigh	22	10	7	5	32	23	13	6	5	2	16	9	9	4	2	3	16	14	9	37		0-2
5 Notts County	20	11	3	6	26	15	12	7	1	4	19	10	8	4	2	2	7	5	11	36		0-3
6 Stockport County	22	10	6	6	30	21	10	4	4	2	12	8	12	6	2	4	18	13	9	36	2-5	
7 Wrexham	23	10	5	8	30	26	10	5	3	2	14	6	13	5	2	6	16	20	4	35	4-3	
8 Boreham Wood	22	9	6	7	26	21	9	3	2	4	8	9	13	6	4	3	18	12	5	33		
9 Altrincham	24	9	6	9	29	30	10	3	2	5	12	13	14	6	4	4	17	17	-1	33	1-0	0-2
10 Maidenhead United	20	9	5	6	30	28	9	4	2	3	17	14	11	5	3	3	13	14	2	32		0-4
11 Aldershot Town	23	9	4	10	32	33	11	5	1	5	15	16	12	4	3	5	17	17	-1	31	3-4	
12 Halifax Town	22	8	6	8	36	29	9	4	2	3	18	13	13	4	4	5	18	16	7	30		1-0
13 Bromley	21	8	6	7	33	26	13	4	4	5	21	19	8	4	2	2	12	7	5	30		
14 Solihull Moors	19	9	3	7	24	19	7	6	0	1	13	3	12	3	3	6	11	16	5	30		
15 Chesterfield	19	8	3	8	31	23	9	4	1	4	18	10	10	4	2	4	13	13	8	27	3-2	
16 Woking	21	7	5	9	25	26	11	4	4	3	13	9	10	3	1	6	12	17	-1	26		
17 Yeovil Town	22	7	5	10	31	35	10	4	1	5	15	14	12	3	4	5	16	21	-4	26		2-2
18 Dagenham & Redbridge	21	7	5	9	20	28	9	3	3	3	8	9	12	4	2	6	12	19	-8	26		0-1
19 Wealdstone	20	6	4	10	28	44	8	4	1	3	19	20	12	2	3	7	9	24	-16	22	--	--
20 Weymouth	22	5	4	13	22	34	14	3	2	9	15	26	8	2	2	4	7	8	-12	19	2-1	
21 King's Lynn Town	19	5	3	11	21	39	10	2	3	5	11	18	9	3	0	6	10	21	-18	18		3-2
22 Barnet	20	3	3	14	16	47	12	2	2	8	7	22	8	1	1	6	9	25	-31	12		0-0
23 Dover Athletic	15	3	1	11	12	35	9	3	1	5	9	18	6	0	0	6	3	17	-23	10		





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<b>Elijah Hearn 30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>George Langston 31</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Jack Cawley 34</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**REFEREE** Alan Dale

**ASSISTANTS** Eugene

Robinson and Gary Jerden

**FOURTH OFFICIAL**

Graham Swanton

**OBSERVER** David Crick

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