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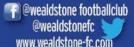
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Norman's (Dad's) first Stones game was back in the 50's, against Willesden, where his Dad was the club secretary and he obviously got hooked!

He's been a Stones regular along with his mate Mike for about 50 years, and they've clocked up a good few grounds and miles in the process!

He took me to my first game in the late 70's and we've enjoyed some great games together – Kettering and Cambridge are two standouts, but there's been a lot more!! He's had a few favourite players over the years from Viv Evans and Charlie Townsend in his early days as a fan, to Rocking Roy and Alan Cordice in the 80's, through to Jonathan North and Jerome Okimo in recent years.

Dad was a hard tackling left back, so unsurprisingly, I think Stuart Pearce is top of the list! I know Dad would like to say a big thank you to all the players, staff, board members, volunteers and supporters who have contributed to Wealdstone bringing him so much pleasure over the years. Happy birthday Dad!

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On behalf of everyone here at Wealdstone FC, Happy Birthday Norman and thatnks for all your support over the years.



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TIM PARKS STONES INTERVIEW

Joseph Olowu

The Arsenal youngster looking to revive a promising career and enjoy 'a few battles' in the National League with the Stones

| Oseph Olowu was only 13 years-old and chuffed | In charge: Joseph Is pictured at Sutton on his second Stones appearance by Adam Williams and (below) playing for Arsenal Under-23s

oseph Olowu was only 13 years-old and chuffed to bits to be playing in a youth team trial match for Charlton Athletic against Arsenal.

"I wasn't getting many minutes but they put me on in midfield and it was quite a thing, to be playing against Arsenal. I was doing okay, nothing special but just enjoying the occasion. Then our centre-back got injured and because I'm tall, I was told to fill in there. It went pretty well and after the game Arsenal scouts actually came over and and talked to me! I was saying no, you don't mean me, I'm not even on Charlton's books, I'm just a triallist.

"But the next Monday morning my mum got a call at home and it was a scout from Arsenal - I thought it was somebody blowing me off, a prank call. But it was genuine and five weeks later I'd signed for them!"

The Bermondsey teenager spent the next eight years in the Gunners' youth system and was in his final few months with the Premier League giants - having played over 30 times for the under-23s - before he joined the Stones on loan just hours before the transfer deadline on February 8.

What did the now-21-year-old feel about making the plunge into Natrional League football?

"Well it was straight in the deep end" he said. "We had a game at Torquay the following night and I was told about the structure of the team, the shape and how we wanted to play... it was a real battle and at 1-0 up you could see we had a real lift and managed to win a point in the end against a

"Arsenal wanted me to go out into men's football and experience the realities of life and it was a real fight!

"In the under-23s you just keep playing your



football, and when it's 1-0 and 2-0 you keep taking risks but at Torquay we didn't want to play out from defence too much. The National League is a very good standard, surprisingly good and if you make mistakes you get punished.

"But I've had a good grounding at Arsenal and the coaching there will stand me in good stead. Luke Hobbs, the assistant head of Academy instilled a lot of confidence in me by trusting me to do well, and Kwame Ampadu, another coach, kept my standards high.

"I think I've always been hardworking and had that desire to do well - we were coached what to do with the ball in possession, simplifying the game and that will help my career going forward".

Joseph was born in Nigeria and brought up in South London but his family moved to Harlow, Essex, four years ago. None of his relatives have played the game but his dad Olu and mum Yemi are credited with helping his fledgling career.

"My dad was great, getting me up on a Sunday and making me breakfast, and driving me all over the place to play. My mum too. They've been brilliant".

t was typical of the Stones recent bad fortune that no sooner had central defenders Josh Meekings, George Langston and Joseph Olowu started to look the part in a more solid back line, all were out injured in quick succession!

"Yeah, mine is a calf tear and I'll be out for 4-6 weeks" said Joseph ruefully. "I've had injuries

before and had surgery on an ankle, and a hip, so this is not as bad as that but it's frustrating".

He was comfortable at full-back in the games against Torquay, Sutton and Eastleigh but says that centre-back is his best position. "That's my favourite: I just love to defend. I've always been a defender, going right back to that trial game against Arsenal although I can do a job at right back."

Joseph's contract with the Gunners ends in June so he'll be hoping to make his presence felt with some strong displays for the Stones in the National League 'shop window' - certainly, at the age of 21, he can still make a name for himself and revive a career that was promising even a first-team Arsenal breakthrough last summer.

The Nigerian-born youngster had been on loan at Cork City in the League of Ireland and been the stand-out player in several games.

"I was really enjoying it" said Joseph.
"Everything is a 15-minute drive, it's quiet and peaceful. The pace of life is a lot slower compared to London and the people are fantastic. The younger kids recognise you and want to come up to say hello."

he Gunners' loan manager, Ben Knapper, was in frequent discussions with the coaching staff about Joseph's performances for Cork, and with Mikel Arteta looking to shake things up at the back - and give Arsenal's youngsters like Bukayo Saka, Eddie Nketiah and Joe Willock a chance - the door looked to be opening for Olowu at the Emirates.

My Arsenal-supporting friends had all heard of Joseph, with several tipping him for great things on the back of his Under-23s displays and were genuinely surprised that the tall, powerful defender had been allowed to leave.

The Gunners' loss is the Stones' gain. It will be interesting to see how young centre backs Joseph and George Langston dovetail with the more experienced Josh Meekings, Jack Cawley and skipper Jerome Okimo over the next couple of months... the side is craving defensive stability and Joseph could well help provide it.



NIGEL & PATSY FRANKLIN

Fans inth Stand

'Wealdstone FC is like coming home for us.. the fans are brilliant, win or lose; their enthusiasm is infectious and all our family just love coming'

ell here's a novelty!
Today, for the first time we feature an ex-player and his wife as Fans in the Stand.. and Nigel and Patsy Franklin certainly deserve the accolade. Their son Paul has also become a well-known face at the Vale - and also a well-known voice as he has featured in many of the live commentaries. This is their story...

Your names? Patsy Franklin (67) from Chesham, retired from the Travel Industry. Nigel Franklin (69) also of Chesham, retired from Nuclear Site Security.

What's your earliest memory lof Wealdstone Patsy? Well, my dad followed Wealdstone, it was a short walk to the ground from where we lived. No real memories of the games really, just that there were a lot of people.

And you Nigel? My dad was a turnstile operator at Lower Mead (our old ground) so I went along with him. I was eight.

Patsy: "I started going out with Nigel in 1972 when we were in our late teens and this began a proper interest in Wealdstone. Football became the focus of my life which continued through him and my children Paul and Kevin - who both both played non league - and my daughter Nicola who was their biggest fan.In later years the interest turned to watching Wealdstone.

My first real connection with the club came when Nigel played for a short while (for the Reserves and then the First Team) but Lower Mead holds a special place in my heart through the social club. I worked behind the bar whilst saving for our wedding (pictured below right), and without exception the committee took me into their hearts.

Eileen and Jack Howland ran the club and together they helped Nigel and I arrange our wedding reception in South Harrow. The committee all played a part and they all came. The DJ was Ray Kemp who was the chairman of the supporters club. I played netball and it was Harry Benjamin, Finance Secretary, who arranged a tour to Gibraltar for my netball team, Middlesex Ladies. I celebrated my 21st birthday at Lower Mead so you can see Wealdstone holds such fond memories



for me and Nigel. **Do you follow** any other teams? Nigel and I watch the professional game but don't follow any particular team, non league beats it hands down! We have travelled the country watching non league and at times felt like groundhoppers.

Our first professional games were Fulham v Manchester United (for Nigel, when he was 11) while mine was going to watch Chelsea with a former boyfriend at Stamford Bridge. But Wealdstone is like coming home: the fans are brilliant, win or lose and their passion is infectious. We were lucky enough

to watch the game last season against Bath and we still smile in disbelief when remembering goal after goal after goal, probably the most memorable game for us both.

Football is about passion and a sharing of a common love and we are so lucky that we can share this with not only our children Paul and Nicola but our grandchildren Amelia, Joe, Connie, Finlay and Archie too. Going to the Vale with them is exciting, they share a sense of belonging not just with us but with the greater family, the fans who have embraced them all. The match day wouldn't be the same without the obligatory chips, golden goal and a visit to the Megastore!

Yes thank you Megastore - you were a Godsend at Christmas! Matchday is a good day both home and away.

igel's insight to the game is so very different from mine because as a former player he's more analytical and his vision is way bigger than mine, he is critical at times but that I believe

> is more frustration... but he is always ready to praise, you can feel his emotions rising and falling in each match we watch.

> > The most memorable professional game for both



of us was the Old Firm match Celtic v Rangers - awesome! We were lucky to be invited by the match sponsors, Honda, whom Paul worked for at the time. Paul and his wife Tracy came too, and it was a baptism of fire for Tracy being her first professional game.

Do you have an all-time favourite Weald-stone team? It's hard to pick an all time eleven says Nigel as the playing years with our sons meant that watching games was not possible, so his selection has a reflection on this...1. Jonathan North, 2. Connor Smith, 3. Mendy Mendy, 4. Eric Burgess, 5. Eddie Presland, 6. Dixie Hale, 7. Charlie Townsend, 8. Billy Clifford, 9. George Duck, 10. Hugh Lindsay, 11. Terry Dyson

How has your footballing life changed during lockdown? During lockdown life has taken on a different perspective but we all adapt and non league has too. You can't beat being pitch-side watching your team in all weathers but live streaming of the games has been a Godsend. The games have been really well presented and we have loved the shared commentaries both home away and now we have replays too. Thank you Wealdstone for bringing a light into our lives in these uncertain times, it has given us something to look forward to each week.

Moving on, we shall continue to watch and follow Wealdstone and who knows by 2025 we may have visited all the grounds in the National League.

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BY CLIVE LEAPER



Clives A-Z of Football for the lockdown ge

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.

Is For...

FEVER PITCH. Yep the book and saw the play with lofty from Eastenders playing the lead role in the west end. Almost 30 years on still as relevant as the day it was written. A literary masterpiece.

FANATICS. Live and breathe the game. For them it's not just 3pm on a Saturday, it's 24/7 365. Massive part of the game, the dedication, time and money spent to the detriment of pretty much everything else is amazing. Can become all consuming & taken too far to be healthy.

FANZINES. Before social media became what it is today, the underground subversive word in print could only be found in these wonderful magazines. Written by the people for the people. Mad to think that before these there was next to nothing. Big up verselves fanzine folk.

FOOTBALL SPECIAL TRAINS, What a brilliant concept to encourage hundreds of yoof to take this to away games? What could go wrong? Well pretty much everything, however now looking back on these days fondly. Good





Is For....

GOALS The moment that ball crosses the line or smacks the back of the net is 'The moment' everything has been building up to. Euphoria, relief, ecstasy, unconfined joy... as long as it's your team. If the opposition score then the opposite. Insert your own swear words.

GOALKEEPER. Gotta be a certain type of person to wanna play in this role. Absolutely no hiding place little chance of redemption. Hat off to those that do this out of choice not necessity. Weirdos

GAME PLAN. This is how the team are sent out to play. When you go two down in the 1st 10 mins you know it ain't going well. Ugh.



HISTORY. So important at a football club. Get to know this and you can insult other clubs with fervour and gusto. Don't hold back they are powerless to fight back. Muppets.

HORSE SH!T. Nothing conjures up an image like being an away fan at Upton Park. The whiff of freshly deposited horse crap fills the air. Not a great fan of police horses ever since one broke my toe there. Should've worn DMs not trainers. Still clicks to this day.

To be continued you next Issue...

FC HALIFAX TOWN

The Shaymen

club was born and re-formed just in time for the 2008-2009 season. The new Football Club was placed in Level Four of the Non-League pyramid, taking a place in the Northern Premier League, in Unibond North One and called FC Halifax Town.

Time was short and the new Club was faced with appointing a new Manager and bringing a team together from scratch in only five weeks. Jim Vince, a coach in the Crewe Alexandra Football Academy working closely with Crewe Manager Dario Grady and a former Manager of Witton Albion in the Unibond Premier Division, achieving two consecutive second places in the previous two seasons, was appointed. Pre -season friendlies were hastily arranged and the first ever game by the Club was played at Tamworth, when 22 trialists made appearances for the Club. The first ever official game for FC Halifax Town was a home game against Bamber Bridge at the Shay Stadium. For the Halifax fans, it was an emotionally charged game; as they were so relieved to see their beloved 'Shaymen' play a real game of football again, after all the heartache of previous. Over 1,500 fans attended the game, watching a team that barely knew one

another. Disappointingly, the team had a mediocre first season and for whatever reason, Jim Vince struggled to get things going with any real conviction on the pitch, culminating in a far from satisfactory 8th place & reluctantly the Board had to make a change, with Jim Vince leaving the position prior to the end of the season and player, Nigel Jemson taking the club though to the end of the season.

An early appointment was made for the 2009-2010 season, with Neil Aspin joining from Conference North side, Harrogate Town & managed the team to its first promotion as Champions, with 100 points and over 100 goals.

A step up to the newly sponsored EvoStik Premier



division. With some more astute signings and the average age of the team being reduced, Halifax tried to emulate the previous season. Again, the Club achieved promotion and the Championship, with five games to spare, missing the 100 points by just two and again scoring over 100 goals. The only blot on a wonderful season was the emotional loss of Neil's assistant Trevor Storton, who sadly died after a long battle with cancer. He was with the team nearly all the way, passing away just before our promotion was secured. Promotion was a fitting tribute to a wonderful man.

So, 2011-2012 saw the arrival in the Football

Conference and the Blue Square Bet North division. Another tough challenge saw the Shaymen battled their way to a play-off position, to meet Gainsborough Trinity, narrowly losing. The season was also highlighted by finally achieving the FA Cup First Round Proper and what a draw. League One leaders Charlton Athletic.

Neil Aspin brought in one or two fresh faces for the 2012-2013 campaign. This season in particular was the hardest for the Club since reformation but eventually faces Brackley in the

play off final. In a tight game perhaps dominated by the Shaymen, Lee Gregory scored the only goal of the game to send the fans in to raptures and earn a place in the Conference Premier division.

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Understanding the league a little more, Neil Aspin brought in one or two fresh faces for the 2012-2013 campaign and said 'goodbye' to some good players, who had helped the Club progress so much. This season in particular was the hardest for the Club since reformation, only due to the number of match cancellations, both home and away for a variety of reasons, but mainly the incredible amount of rain. The fixture backlog and numerous re-arrangements took their toll and Halifax would have to do well, playing so many games a week to secure a play-off spot. This they did in fifth place and faced a local derby against Guiseley in the semis, who were in the play-offs for the third consecutive season. Chester FC had walked away with the Championship. After a 1 all draw at the Shay Stadium, Halifax managed a two nil deserved win away at Nethermoor, with Gregory and Johnson getting the goals. So to the

Final and a long trip to Brackley, who in their first season has done tremendously well and it was going to be a difficult tie. In a tight game perhaps dominated by the Shaymen, Lee Gregory scored the only goal of the game to send the fans

in to raptures and earn a place in the Conference Premier division, for the first time in their history. A great achievement in five years with three promotions, but everyone involved with the Club knows this will be a tough campaign and despite that, everyone is up for the challenge and look forward to welcoming everyone to Halifax and the Shay Stadium.

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Gareth McClelland, Darren Kelly and Jim Harvey all had spells in charge during the 2015/16 season. The season was to be one of mixed emotions as Town were relegated from the National League. A terrible start to the season was then met by a revival under Harvey but the damage was already done.

The 2016/17 season saw another manager in charge as Billy Heath took over the coaching duties and was able to guide Town straight back to the National League. Town had finished 3rd in the National League North and were promoted after winning the playoff final against Chorley.

Despite the relegation, The Shaymen made it to Wembley for the first time in their history. FC Halifax Town beat Nantwich Town 6-4 on aggregate to reach the final of the FA Trophy. Grimsby Town were the opponents that day and the Shaymen lifted the FA Trophy with a 1-0 victory.

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Heath's second season in charge did not get off to a good start as Town languished near the bottom of the league. Eventually Neil Young was given the role of caretaker manager until Jamie Fullarton, was instated on a permanent basis.

In the 2018/19 season, Town finished in mid table. However Jamie Fullarton decided to leave the Club and former Oldham boss Pete Wild took charge for the 2019/20 season.

Wild guided The Shaymen to a 6th placed finish after 37 matches - due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the season was cut short in late-March.

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v FC HALIFAX TOWN

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FC HALIFAX TOWN - WHO'S WHO?



1. SAM JOHNSON - GOALKEEPER

Longest serving player who signed from Port Vale on a two-year deal on 24th May 2017. The 27-year-old had two previous loan spells with the Shaymen and was part of the side which won the FA Trophy at Wembley Stadium. Johnson played a major part in Town's promotion via the Vanarama National League North play-offs in the 2016-17 season.

2. JEFF KING - DEFENCE

Much travelled despite being 24. Between 2014 & 2019 he has taken in spells at Altrincham (a loan to Prescot Cables from Alty), Nantwich Town, Kendal Town, Trafford, Witton Albion, Droylsden before getting a big break at Bolton Wanderers in 2016 – making his debut at the London Stadium against West Ham United in the EFL Cup. King was later loaned to FC United in 2018, before joining SPL's St. Mirren on a permanent deal.

3. JACK SENIOR - DEFENCE

Senior began his youth career with a local amateur side, before getting snapped up by Huddersfield Town – he spent nine years with the Terriers, including one season with the first team. A move to Luton Town followed where he played 10 league games in three years and had a loan spell with Harrogate Town. Last season Senior was with Gloucester City.

4. NATHAN CLARKE (C) - DEFENCE

The centre half started his career with Huddersfield Town making 266 league appearances. He is vastly experienced with football league spells at Colchester United, Oldham Athletic, Bury, Leyton Orient, Bradford City, Coventry City and Grimsby Town.

5. NEILL BYRNE -DEFENCE

Signed for the Shaymen in the summer after leaving National League North side AFC Fylde. The 27-year-old began his youth career in Ireland with Belvedere, before joining Nottingham Forest where he began his professional career. Byrne then spent 18 months with Rochdale, having two loan spells away inside that stint. The defender then joined AFC Telford United, before then moving back up north, and that is where Byrne has stayed – playing for Macclesfield Town, Gateshead, and of course, AFC Fylde and Halifax Town.

6. TOM BRADBURY - DEFENCE Signed for Halifax in the summer, having spent last season with fellow National League side Yeovil Town. Although he is just 22-years-old, Bradbury has seven clubs on his C.V. Starting his career in the MK Dons youth setup, before signing for

Bishop's Stortford – a short spell as he later joined Banbury where Bradbury spent just over 6 months. His next move took him to Dundee in the SPL, later having loan spells with York City and then ending up at Yeovil on a permanent basis.

7. JAMIE ALLEN - FORWARD

Allen is a fast and versatile forward who began his career at Fleetwood Town in 2012 taking in loan spells at Barrow & AFC Fylde. He joined Stalybridge Celtic in 2015 before moving on to Southport and Dover Athletic in 2017. He signed for Town in July 2019 after cancelling his contract by mutual consent

8. KIERAN GREEN - MIDFIELD

Played a pivotal part in York City's Play Off push last season, and his good form earned him a move up a division to the National League when he signed for FC Halifax Town. The midfielder has previously been at Hartlepool United, Gateshead and Blyth Spartans as well as Spennymoor Town and Frickley Athletic.

9. JAKE HYDE - FORWARD

30-year-old striker, who scored 16 league goals for Woking last season. Has previously played for Swindon Town, Weymouth (Loan), Barnet, Hayes & Yeading, Dundee, Dunfermline, York, Stevenage and Maidenhead. Scored over 80 career league goals.

10. JACK EARING - MIDFIELD

Earing is a promising youngster who joined Town from Bolton Wanderers in the summer of last season. He he came through the Bolton academy and made one senior appearance for the Trotters in the EFL Trophy. The central midfielder has had loan spells with Curzon Ashion (when at Bolton) and Farsley Celtic (during his time with the Shaymen).

11. DANNY WILLIAMS - MIDFIELD

Experienced left winger who joined last season. Born in Wigan he took in non-league football locally before a move to Scotland in 2013 with Inverness Caledonian Thistle. Williams played in the 2015 Scotlish Cup Final which Inverness won 2-1. After three years with the Caley Thistle, he had a season at Dundee before a move to Accrington Stanley in 2018. Later going on loan at AFC Fylde making 6 apps for the Coasters. Before ending up at the Shay – now into his second season.

12. HARRISON DAVISON-HALE

GOALKEEPER

19-year-old goalkeeper who was previously

at Huddersfield Town. Only first-team experience before joining Halifax was with Northern Counties East Premier Division side, Liversedge – where he spent a work experience loan from Huddersfield, last season.

14. MATTY STENSON - FORWARD

Signed after leaving Solihull Moors in the summer. A former Coventry City youth player who has previously been with Leamington, Telford United and Barwell. Once suffered a hip injury which kept him out for two-and-a-half-years and went through an operation which had a 50/50 chance of success.

15. GEVARO NEPONUCENO -FORWARD

16. REUBEN NOBLE-LAZARUS -FORWARD

Became the youngest player to debut in the Football League at 15 years and 45 days in 2008. Huddersfield-born winger who started his career with Barnsley – making 46 league appearances and scoring 3 goals. He later had loan spells with Scunthorpe United and Rochdale; at the latter, his loan became permanent. Noble-Lazarus made 50 appearances for the Dale and left the club in July 2017. Unfortunately, an injury stopped him from finding a new club right-away, however, since October 2018; the former football league man has played for Chorley and Golcar United. Signing for Town in the summer.

17. GOLD OMOTATO - FORWARD 18. JAY BENN - DEFENCE

One of three players to be playing for their hometown club, Benn signed a professional contract with Halifax in the middle of last season but is looked upon as making a bigger impact this season. The defender came through the youth setup.

19. LUKE SUMMERFIELD - MIDFIELD

Signed in the summer after two years with Wrexham. Began his career with Plymouth where the central midfielder played more than 75 league games over six years at the club – had loan spells with AFC Bournemouth and Leyton Orient in that time, as well as a trial with Chelsea FC alongside two of his teammates at the time – Scott Sinclair and Dan Gosling. Summerfield has also turned out for the likes of Cheltenham Town, Shrewsbury Town, Grimbsy Town, Macclesfield, and he is one of four current Town players to have played for York.

20. DOM TEAR - MIDFIELD

20-year-old winger who signed at the start of the 2020/21 season from Huddersfield Town. Has previously had a loan spell with Gateshead in 19/20 and was Huddersfield Town's Academy Player of The Year in 2018.

26. MARTIN WOODS - MIDFIELD

Central midfielder who's had a 17-year playing career. He started off his journey at Leeds United, before permanent moves to Sunderland and Rotherham United. It was then in 2007, the midfielder, signed for Doncaster Rovers where he spent seven years. A brief period at Barnsley followed before the 34-year-old went back to his native Scotland to have two spells at Ross County – in-between time at Shrewsbury Town. Woods was a starter in Ross County's team that won the 2016 Scottish League Cup. He later went on to play for Partick Thistle and Dundee, before becoming a Shayman.

31. NIALL MAHER - DEFENDER

Signed for Halifax in 2018 after brief spells with Telford AFC, and in Ireland with Galway United. The 25-year-old has a wealth of experience under his belt, as well as his previously stated clubs, he has played in the Premier League 2 with Bolton, the Championship with the Trotters and Blackpool, and League One with Bury. Maher can play across the back line and in central midfield.

32. NEIL DANNS - MIDFIELD

33. TAHVON CAMPBELL - MIDFIELD

24-year-old winger/striker on loan from League Two Cheltenham Town. Campbell is no stranger to the National League set up having played for Gloucester City, Solihull Moors and Kidderminster Harriers. Tahvon came through the West Bromwich Albion academy.

34. LEWIS MANSELL - FORWARD 35. JEAN LEROY-BELEHOUAN -DEFENCE

On a season-long loan at the Shay from Premier League Sheffield United. Belehouan is part of the Blades U23's and has previously played in the Manchester United academy.

- 36. BILLY CHADWICK FORWARD
- 37. NICK CRANE DEFENDER
- 39. NYAL BELL FORWARD

40. CHRIS RENSHAW - GOALKEEPER

Former Oldham Athletic academy goalkeeper currently on-loan from Witton Albion. Renshaw joined the Shaymen in February 2021 after starting the season with Witton

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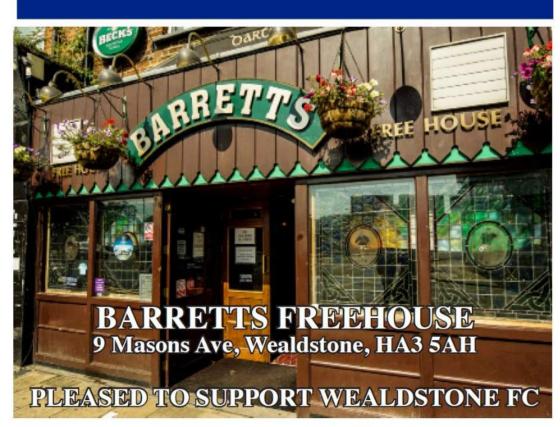


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BY STEVE DUCKER

50-year Aashback





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2021 marks the 50th anniversary of our step up to professionalism. To mark the occasion we are 'live blogging' our final season as an amateur club using a programme from each of the 92 Football League clubs in 1970/71. Here are matches 57 to 60.

Friday 12 February, 7.30pm, Division 3

Port Vale 0 Bradford City 0

Ref M Fussey, Nottingham | Att 4,361

Summary: A game brought forward from Saturday because of neighbouring Stoke's home FA Cup tie provides typical undercard mid-table fare.

Programme highlight: In the 130-years plus of Football League history, there can't have been many games with opposing centre halves called Cross and Corner and a referee named Mr Fussey.

Programme lowlight: Even in 1970-71, the match summaries page could have been a bit more current than 9 November.

Programme bingo: A typically enigmatic front cover featuring an unnamed Vale player celebrating a goal. Or making another gesture. Possibly.

Ahead of their time: The person who wrote the 'Welcome to Bradford City' page, mentioning they were one of five teams in that season's third division to have won the FA Cup. The 1970s stat equivalent of the number of Premier League assists by left footed Slovenians.

Any other business: Though not in the team for this game, Vale's squad included defender Roy Sproson, who had made more than 750 appearances since the 1950s



Saturday 13 February, 3pm, Division 3

Aston Villa 1 (Willie Anderson)
Rotherham United 0

Ref P Walters, Bridgwater | Att 27,183

Summary: FA Cup fifth round day sees Villa, who won it more often than anyone else in the competition's first 100 years, conspicuous by their absence. But they have a big Wembley occasion ahead anyway, the League Cup final.

Programme highlight: The 'Ready for Wembley' centre page photo, taken in a mock 'Top of the Pops' distort style. So much so I half expected to find Marc Bolan in the line up. 6

Programme lowlight: Not applicable. There isn't one. Villa's News and Record was a masterpiece of its craft from one end to the other, for years.

Programme bingo: That man Willie Anderson. Front page pic of him winning a decisive penalty against Fulham? Check. Inside front photo of him scoring it? Check. Inevitable, then, that he should get the 90th minute winner in this one.

Ahead of their time: The compiler of the Facts and Figures page. They knew Villa weren't hanging around in the lower divisions for long and continued to include the first and second tier tables. As it turned out Villa won the third division title in 1972 and promotion to the top flight three years later.

Any other business: Villa lost the League Cup final 2-0 to Tottenham. Despite their third division status, they hosted the two biggest crowds of 1970-71 for English club fixtures outside Wembley -62,500 full houses for the League Cup semi final home leg against Manchester United and the FA Cup semi final between Arsenal and Stoke.

What about the Stones? We go to Barking in the Isthmian League and lose 0-2.



Tuesday 16 February, 7.30pm, Division 1

Liverpool 1 (John Toshack) West Ham United 0

Ref L Callaghan, Merthyr Tydfil | Att 38,032

Summary: A Liverpool team chasing three trophies stays unbeaten at home with a narrow win.

Programme highlight: Giving page three to a different national journalist each game was an excellent choice.

Programme lowlight: The photo caption of West Ham's Jimmy Greaves saying 'he can still score goals' could have been a tad more respectful. 6

Programme bingo: The way the photo of John Toshack outside his new home was taken was an example of the apparent obsession that Liverpool had at that time with the physical dimensions of their players. For instance, when manager Bill Shankly signed Scottish centre-half Ron Yeats, he invited a local press man to the training ground 'to go for a walk round him'.

Ahead of their time: The brains behind the 'Free Trip to Munich' prize draw ahead of Liverpool's Fairs Cup tie with Bayern. Crowds for European games had been around 10,000 per match down on League fixtures, so the extra bodies attracted by the incentive would have easily covered the cost of the two trips offered. For unlucky losers, the paid alternative - including hotel and match ticket - was £29.

Any other business: Britain got rid of pounds shillings and pence the day before. With no League football that night, and only two others alongside this one (at Southampton and Exeter), the first programme ever bought after decimalisation was probably at this game.

What about the Stones? A 1-3 defeat away to Hemel Hempstead Town in the Premier Midweek Floodlight League.

WEALDSTONE 2020-21









Saturday 20 February, 3pm, Division 2

Birmingham City 4 (Trevor Francis, 4) Bolton Wanderers 0

Ref B Daniels, Rainham | Att 18,009

Summary: A star is born at St Andrews as teenage wonderkid Trevor Francis hammers another nail (or four) into Bolton's relegation coffin.

Programme highlight: Excellent photos of the recent game with Millwall, including a goal for Trevor Francis.

Programme lowlight: Charging extra for the Football League Review when most teams were giving it away free.

Programme bingo: Blues keeper Dave Latchford describing his musical taste as 'general pop'. Not many prog rockers on the staffs of football clubs.

Ahead of their time: Bolton's board of directors. The programme notes that Jimmy Meadows was their fourth manager that season, long before multiple sackings became fashionable.

Any other business: Because he started at 16, and because of what he achieved later, people can overlook the length of time Trevor Francis spent at Birmingham. But he was there for practically the whole of the 1970s. They were promoted in his first full season, survived six years in the first, and then relegated as soon as he left.

What about the Stones? Continuing our poor run of form, we lose 1-2 at home to Hitchn Town in the Isthmian League.

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Welcome to the Linnets.. a phoenix club with a rich history stretching back over 150 years

ings Lynn Town Town are another of those clubs (like Dover Athletic, FA Halifax Town, Chester at al) who chose to reform and start again after getting into financial difficulties. In the case of Kings Lynn FC it came pretty recently, just 11 years ago and it seems a shame to ignore the rich history of the previous club.

And indeed, would we wish to ignore the previous five times Wealdstone and Kings Lynn have met, thus rendering our 'Rewind' feature later in this programme null & void. I don't think so!

And so let's touch on the history of the former club (King Lynn FC) before revealing what the club have been up to since 2009...

KINGS LYNN FC

THE original club dates back to 1868 but ceased playing in the middle of the following decade. A new club was formed at a meeting on 30 August 1881, known locally as Lynn Town, and the name King's Lynn was not adopted until 1953.

Lynn won the Norfolk Senior Cup and went on to win it three more times at the end of the decade, in 1897 becoming founder members of the Norfolk & Suffolk League and were champions four times before World War I. In 1935 they were founder members of the Eastern Counties League. They left in 1946 to join the United Counties League, but returned to the ECL in 1948.During the 1949–50 season they set the league's record attendance



GROUND: THE WALKS
CAPACITY: 5,733 (1,250 SEATED)
MANAGER: IAN CULVERHOUSE
2019-20: NATIONAL LEAGUE
NORTH CHAMPIONS (ON PPG)
PREVIOUSLY....

(v Kings Lynn)

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of 8,387 for a local derby with Wisbech Town, and also set their own record later in the season when 12,931 saw them play Exeter City in the FA Cup. In 1953–54 they won the league and league cup, and at

King's Lynn have played at the Walks for their entire existence, with the stadium name deriving from the historic park next to the stadium. In 2009 the club were informed that they would be relegated from the Conference North because the Walks falled to meet Conference North standards, although the remedial work was completed by the start of the following season



the end of the season stepped up to the Midland League. Four years later they joined the Southern League when it added a second division, becoming members of the South East Division for a transitional season.

In 1961–62 King's Lynn reached the FA Cup third round for the first and only time. After beating Chelmsford City 2–1 in the first round, they defeated Coventry City by the same scoreline at Highfield Road. In the third round the club were drawn away to Everton, where they lost 4–0. The club ended the league season by being relegated to Division One but returned to the Premier Division after finishing second in 1963–64. They were relegated again to Duv One North in April 1971... just in time to meet the Stones in our first season of semi-pro football.

In 1980 the club transferred to the Northern Premier League for just three years, returning to the Southern League and winning the East Anglian Cup again in 1984–85. They were relegated to the Midland Division at the end of the 1986-87 season, where they remained until finishing second in 1995-96 and earning promotion back to the Premier Division. They were relegated again in 2001-02, but returned to the Premier Division after winning Division One East in 2003-04. They won the League Cup in 2004-05 and qualified for the promotion play-offs in 2005-06 and 2006-07. but lost on both occasions. Although they were promoted to the Conference North as champions in 2007-08. they were demoted a year later due to ground grading issues. Midway through their first season back in the Northern Premier League the club folded due to financial difficulties.

KINGS LYNN TOWN

The club was established in 2010 after King's Lynn was wound up in 2009, and admitted to the Premier Division of the United Counties League - they finished runners-up in their first seasonand reached the semi-finals of the FA Vase, where they lost 6–2 on aggregate to Coalville Town. After finishing as runners-up again in 2011–12 the club

were promoted to Division One South of the Northern Premier League. They won Division One South at the first attempt, earning promotion to the Premier Division.

In 2015 the club were transferred to the Premier Division of the Southern League and lost 2–1 to Slough Town in the play-off final two years later The club were placed in the Premier Division Central for the 2018–19 season, going on to finish as runners-up and qualifying for the play-offs - and after defeating Stratford Town and Alvechurch, they were promoted to the National League North following a 3–2 win against Warrington Town in the super play-off final.

Amazingly, in their first season at this level the Linnets found themselves second in the league, two points behind leaders York City with two games in hand when the pandemic struck. The National League later decided the final league table would be based on pointsper-game, resulting in King's Lynn being declared champions!

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KINGS LYNN TOWN

The last time we met 'Kings Lynn FC'....

Sat April 28 2007, British Gas Southern Prem: King Lynn 1 Wealdstone 0

tones had managed to dig themselves out of their relegation hole in the Southern League Prem in the run-up to this last game of the season, while high-flying Kings Lynn had secured a home tie in the play-offs a few days earlier.

So it was a strange feeling after the adrenalin-rushed experiences of the previous few weeks. Both sides showed a little player-juggling from recent matches and to be honest, though it was far from an exhibition match, it lacked perhaps some of the steel seen recently.

Stones probably created the better chances in the first 45mins with both Theo Robinson and Dean Papali breaking through a tight home defence and the second half followed a similar pattern, though the 'homesters' started a little brighter, one particular attack and cross field ball completely wrong-footing the Stones defence just before the hour leaving **O'Halloran** an opportunity to pick his spot, Mitch Swain

unable to do anything to prevent the only goal of the game.

Swain was called into action more in the second half, and made three excellent stops – two one on one's and one pure reaction to keep the score within reach, but Stones were unable to break their opponents down at the other end, finally losing 1-0.

That final 'worst 19th' relegation position was finally filled by Harrow Borough, who had to wait and see the outcome of the situation with Lancaster City from Conference North having asked to be relegated two divisions.

The relegation reprieve might have been given to Mossley but the apparent southern bias of the administrators saw the clouds lifted over Earlsmead. They survived again!

Wealdstone: Mitch Swain, Lee Chappell, Josias Carbon (sub Sheyi Adegoke 75 mins), Carl Martin, Graham Hall, Dean Clark (Simon Martin 78), John-Joe O'Toole (Scott Donnelly 60), Chris O'Leary, Theo Robinson, Dean Papali, Graeme Montgomery. Subs not used: Leigh Wooldridge, Andre Dellissier

..and the last time we met the new club

Tuesday October 27 2020, National League: King Lynn 2 Wealdstone 3

Danny Parish hat-trick on his full Stones debut won this battle of the National League North & South champions back in October. Stones Manager Dean Brennan made six changes from the side that were surprisingly eliminated from the FA Cup by Hayes & Yeading, and broke the deadlock after six minutes when Parish (pictured right) scored his first for the club, from Ross Lafayette's neat pass following a great run from Dennon Lewis.

It was a quick start to the second half as Lynn's own debutant Kairo Mitchell headed in three minutes after the restart but Parish headed in his second goal of the game from Danny Green's corner.

The tables swung again three minutes

later as Mitchell netted his second goal of the game for the hosts - but when Lafayette was taken down in the box Parish stepped up for the spot kick. Archie Mair made a great save down to his right to deny the striker before Parish latched onto the rebound and found the net. Three impressive league wins in a row had left the Stones in sixth place in the National League

Wealdstone: Isted,
Efete, Okimo, Cawley,
Mendy, Phillips,
Green, Dyer
(Benyu, 90), Parish (Wishart, 84),
Lewis, Lafayette
(Emmanuel,
80). Subs not
used: Connor
Smith. Slew.



Stones step up a beat in third home draw

Steve Paull watches as Wealdstone put in a superior performance



Wealdstone's third home game in five days produced their third consecutive draw, but in terms of performance this was far superior to the two that preceded it. Stones, in the second half, dominated for long periods, and at the end of 90 minutes can count themselves very unlucky not to have won.

As early as the first minute Dean Papali could have put Stones ahead, putting his shot wide with only the King's Lynn keeper Howie to beat. Recalled Dean Clark then put a half chance over the bar. The visitors were looking nothing like a side heading for the playoffs, but they did go ahead in the 26th minute. Graham Hall clipped the feet of Melton to concede a penalty and although Mitch Swain, also returning to the side following a broken finger, saved Frew's spot kick, the ball rebounded favourably for the taker and he smashed the loose ball in.

There now came the period where Stones were at their worst and the

Wealdstone 1 King's Lynn 1 BGB Southern Premier League

visitors their best. Frew put another chance wide and an excellent fingertip save from Swain to turn over a header from Melton kept Stones in the game. Wealdstone chances were very rare-only a Clark long range free kick testing Howie.

But after the break it was a completely different story. Theo Robinson tested Howie early on then Clark fired just over again, before the equaliser just after the hour. One of a string of dangerous long throws into the box from Lee Chappell was headed on by Chris O'Leary and Papali with a quick turn and shot found the net.

Graeme Montgomery smacked an effort against Howie's bar soon after, and as Wealdstone stormed forward whenever possible, Robinson's shot from wide on the right was going in before Howie clawed it over. Still Wealdstone pressed for the winner, Blois was fortunate to see his desperate defensive header clear Howie's bar and Papali headed a corner just wide.

It was only in the latter stages that the visitors got near the Wealdstone goal and Swain with another acrobatic tip over from a Crane header kept the score level. It would have been cruel but not unusual this season if O'Halloran's 94th minute effort had found the net but it went just wide.

So Wealdstone continue to pick up points in their battle to retain their premier division status, but with one win in ten league games now, is that going to be enough? A victory or two somewhere is vital.

Wealdstone: Swain, Chappell, Moore, B Martin, Hall, Clark, O'Toole, O'Leary, Robinson, Papali (Delisser 83), Montgomery. uld you like to be a 'Fan in the Stand'? Send an email to tim.tparks@gmail.co

Left: Danny Parish celebrates the second goal of his extraordinary hat-trick on his full debut at Kings Lynn last October.. and (above) the match report from the last time we played a Kings Lynn side at home, back in April 2007



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WE'VE MET BEFORE COME BY TIM PARKS

Almost 50 years ago, Stones visited Kings Lynn for the first time.. and scored all 3 goals

in a 2-1 defeat!

Saturday September 11 1971, Southern League Div One North: Kings Lynn 2 Wealdstone 1

t's amazing how useful football be in everyday life. My wife will routinely disagree with that but here's one very good example: six years ago, when my daughter went into labour over two months early, the midwives at Enfield Chase Hospital went into panic mode as they realised they'd need an incubator and emergency care for little Daisy. The Enfield ward was full up.

"Where's the nearest hospital with a specialised baby unit?" demanded the doctor. "Er... Kings Lynn apparently" said the nurse with one quick phone call and he said 'Where on earth is that? Can we get her there

in time?"

"It's 101 miles exactly" I piped up.

The consultant looked round. "Well, that's okay then, that's less than 90 minutes away. How do you know that?" he asked, rather suspiciously. I was going to answer: "Peter Fuller, 1971" but thought better of it. There are times when mentioning a Wealdstone away game can be an unwanted distraction.

(The reason I knew that was because, in Pete Fuller's programme notes before the Stones' first-ever visit to King Lynn, he casually mentioned that he expected to see a good turnout of our fans at The Walks Stadium the following week 'as it's exactly 101 miles away, not far at all'. Those things stick in your mind).

Anyway, that was pretty much 50 years ago and probably the reason I remembered it was that it came fresh on the heels of Wealdstone quitting the amateur London-based Isthmian League for the exciting adventure of life in the semi-pro Southern League.

I was only 13 and not really old enough to be allowed to go to away games. But the tantalising thought of swopping trips to Tooting & Mitcham, Enfield or Barking for long-haul



missions to Stourbridge, Kettering, Burton Albion, Banbury and yes, Kings Lynn (in Norfolk what's more!) was tantamount to having Christmas

The Mayor of Harrow,

Mrs Marie Haslam

was presented to the players before

the FA Cup match

Earlsmead

Day's presents and Easter Sunday's chocolate eggs all rolled into one.

o, obviously, I wasn't able to go to Kings Lynn on Saturday September 11 1971. And I had to wait until the Harrow Observer plopped onto our doormat the following Friday morning to glean even the merest of details about our boys' brave 2-1 defeat, all that way from home.

By that time I was excited about the prospect of travelling just a few miles down the road to watch the Stones in FA Cup First Qualifyng action at Harrow Borough the following afternoon. Borough were in the Athenian League which was, well, a step down from the Isthmian League which was (in my eyes anyway) at least one step down from the Southern League (Div One North) in which we were competing. We were sure to smash them out of sight.

My eyes scanned the report of the Kings Lynn game for confirmation of my biased views. And yes, look, we scored all three goals at Kings Lynn! Our large-arsed, Brylcreem-coated centre foward Gary Townend put one in the Kings Lynn net while Stones defender Bill Bailey and our goalkeeper John Barr took credit for both the Linnets' goals. So we won 3-0, really!

It only took 24 hours for the realisation to dawn

Defence again in dire trouble

Wealdstone hit three, but still go down

King's Lynn 2, Wealdstone 1

WEALDSTONE scored three times at The Walks Stadium, King's Lynn, on Saturday, but unfortunately two of the goals were for the opposition as 'Stones gave their poorest display to date.

Although they topped their qualifying section of the Southern League Cup, it seems Wealdstone may find things tougher in the league. They have now played two league matches, lost both and conceded six goals while scoring two.

As has already been stressed. Stones must find a commanding centre-half. Bill Bailey had a nightmare game in this position and capped it all with an own goal.

Until something is done to strengthen this department all the good work by the forwards will continue to be cancelled out.

"Stones had the advantage of an early goal to cheer them on their way when after four minutes Gary Townend accepted a simple chance set up by skipper Dixie Hale.

Despite a succession of blunders by the visiting defence. King's Lynn rarely looked like scoring with clever midfield build up breaking down through poor finishing and the agile Barr's ability to clutch high crosses. Wealdstone, in fact, survived for 60 minutes before deciding to give Lynn the goals they could not get for themselves.

First Balley, hard pressed on the 18 yards line, pushed back only to find Barr standing behind him without hope of collecting.

PALMED IN

And with 20 minutes to go the luckless Barr, who could not otherwise be faulted, could only paim Bloxham's corner kick into his own net.

Wealdstone, in fairness, were handicapped in losing John Furie with an ankle injury after 30 minutes.

Substitute Cockell was rarely able to get into the game and as a result 'Stones forwards were too often seeking the ball in midfield to have time to move up.

Most disturbing aspect of Stones play was a poor work rate and terrible distribution, with the ball often given to the Lynn forwards on a plate as a result of close passing in dangerous positions.

Yet Wealdstone could and should have saved a point in the closing minutes when Watson, best of the visiting runners, set up a chance for Mahon.

The fullback's shot was blocked by home 'keeper Steel and Townend, with the goal at his mercy, smashed a shot against the 'keeper instead of side stepping for an easy chance.

Wealdstone: Barr; T. Mahon, G. Hand, Furie, Bailey; J. Cooper, Hale, Brown; Townend, Watson, Jones, Sub-Cockell. and suddenly we turned the corner. By the time we met Kings Lynn for the return game at Lower Mead were were in a run of one defeat in eight games, and that by just 1-0 at champions Kettering, Barry, Banbury, Bury and Burton had all been beaten at Lower Mead but just as were expecting the run to end when we played a team that didn't start with 'B'. our own B squad of Byrne and Brown popped up with the goals to sink the sixthplaced Linnets. Although, according to the report overpage. the last-minute penalty winner by Mickey Brown was a touch fortunate.

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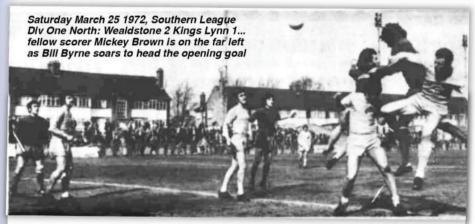


that this Stones side really weren't very good. We toiled to a 1-0 win at Earlsmead with the banjo cowpoke Townend surprising everyone with his second goal in two games, but we weren't fooling anyone, even this 13 year-old.

nix months later. though, it was a different story story. The flotsam & ietsam had been jettisoned by Stones chairman Don Brown (including manager Alan Humphries) who appointed Sid Prosser with the words: "Get us playing football again". Well, Sid swopped one Spurs double-winner, right-winger Cliff Jones for another Spurs double winner (left winger Terry Dyson) and drafted in John Pearce, Eddie Presland and John Beyer at the back, and Bll Byrne and Alick Brown up front to parter Mickey Brown



WE'VE MET BEFORE <<<< CONTINUED



Last minute penalty gives 'Stones points

Wealdstone 2, King's Lynn 1

FOR THE second time in five days Wealdstone left victory until the last minute and had to come behind to win the points, and when the Lynn players complained bitterly that that last-gasp penalty should have been no more than a free-kick for obstruction they had more than a few sympathisers among the home crowd, writes Phil Sugden.

Certainly Micky Brown was obstructed in the box, but whether he would have scored had not Lynn's Kerr stood in his path is open to debate, Personally I doubt if out-of-touch Micky would have netted.

What matters is that Brown, who had another dismal game, made no mistake with his spot-kick to register his 20th goal of the season, 'Stones won the points and have lost only one of their last ten games.

Stones won without ever really convincing despite winning 17 corners to Lynn's seven, having much more of the play and a dozen shooting opportunities. They climbed to the half way position in the league table without showing their best, perhaps because Trevor Watson was strangely subdued and certainly because Ray Whittaker's crosses were still badly missed.

After the energetic Byrne had twice gone close Stones again gave away a goal when Dave Cockell made a hash of his tackle and Brooks was left with the easiest of chances.

This produced a spell of all out assault from Wealdstone and Dyson finally crossed for Bill Byrne to soar high and head yet another fine goal.

Young Alick Brown, who had another splendid game, cheekily attempting moves which belied his years and experience, was so close with a flying header and a bullet-like shot and then John Pearce was out of luck with a shot which hit the bar.

Micky Brown showed his lack of confidence by passing when facing an open goal and Byrne was only inches out before that penalty, which will always remain doubtful in my mind, settled the issue.

Wealdstone: Barr; J. Beyer. Prestand. Cockell. Pearce: Watson, A. Brown, Brown (M.); W. Byrne, Furie. Dyson. Sub: Hale.

Over 900 watch the game at Lower Mead, reported on by the Harry O in Phil Sugden's usual belligerent manner!

WEALDSTONE 2020-21

On this day in history. holders Wealdstone give up their Trophy on a cruel night up on Teeside

Thursday March 6 1986, FA Challenge Trophy 3rd round replay: South Bank 2 Wealdstone 1

h calamity! It's now thirty-five years since the Stones, voted the Non-League Team of the Year, lost their grip on both their historic trophies in the space of just a few short weeks ... and it's still painful and not a little puzzling.

The country found itself in an icy grip for a whole month - not one game was played between February 6 and March 6 - and the Stones' plans were thrown into disarray with seven postponements in that time.

Brian Hall's side had started 1986 with a bang, after an indifferent start to our defence of the Gola (Conference) League title. Successive wins over Dagenham, Scarborough, Dartford and even bogey team Bath City had put Wealdstone back in the top four, but after the mini Ice Age we plunged into a desperate run of form with just one win in 15 games.

There is no doubt that these games against South Bank were the turning point for Brian Hall's side - a team that had earned a reputa-

CLUB SECRETARY:

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Stones stars Vinny Jones (left) and Robin Wainwright opt for a snowball fight over training at a wintry Lower Mead

tion for power, pace and application over the previous four years were suddenly viewed as a soft touch.

The Stones finished in 10th place but for many it was the relinquishing of the FA Trophy that hurt more. A trophy that had been won in such magnificent style against Boston United at Wembley just eight short months earlier.

Welling United and Frickley had been beaten in the first two rounds and the visit of Northern League side South Bank didn't look too onerous. But by the time Stones finally took the field -

thanks to a major snow-clearing exercise - on a Monday night it was the frozen state of the Lower Mead pitch as much as the Teesiders' belligerence that prevented a comfortable home victory, meaning a 500-mile round trip for the replay just three days later. If the Stones had won they'd have been

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GOLA LEAGUE CHAMPIONS F.A. TROPHY WINNERS PRESIDENT: G.D. Morr

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, at long last our third round tie against South Bank can take place. It was perhaps ironical that in this mornings Daily Telegraph the match has been listed as Weatherstone versus South Bank.

The programme for to-nights match was printed sometime ago in anticipation of the match taking place earlier, and we hope that you will appreciate that some of the information is slightly out of date for this reason.

The winners of to-nights game will play Enfield in a game scheduled for next Monday March 10th. In to-days draw for the semi-final the winners of this tie have been drawn to play either Cheltenham, Bishops Stortford or Altrincham in the 1st leg at home. Here next Cheltenham on Saturday 8th March, 1986. The winners of to-nights match will be at home to Enfield.

Our scheduled league games at home to Stafford which should have been played last Saturday and our match away at Weymouth due for March 5th have still to be arranged.

On behalf of Wealdstone F.C. many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to clear the pitch of snow. A special word for George Perkins who has been here at the ground in sub-zero temperatures working in his own dedicated fashion. Also a mention for Peter Braxton who has had to handle all the administration caused by seven postponements.

ON THIS DAY **CONTINUED**

facing Cheltenham Town in a Gola League match on the Saturday... and then a home FA Trophy quarter final against old rivals Enfield on the Monday night!

Stones manager

Brian Hall admitted

vears later that the team's training during the long month's lay off had been 'inadequate' with too much emphasis on gym work and not enough legwork, understandable as every outside surface was largely frozen. The result was that Stones were simply not fit enough - add that to the crucial loss of our fastest players Alan Cordice and Garv Donnellan - out through long-term injury - and it was the perfect combination to see the Stones surrender

The Harrow Observer report on this page admits that South Bank were deserved winners, and the North east has been a bit of burial ground for our cup hopes over the years with North Shields ending our grip on the FA Amateur Cup in 1967, South Shields ended our FA Trophy run to the last 32 in 1974 and of course.

the trophies they'd won so magnificently the season

before.

Darlington knocking us out of the FA Trophy in the last-16 clash only a month ago.

So how did South Bank fare in their quarter-final against Enfield? Well, as expected, Eddie McCluskey's Es had too much flair and won comfortably 2-0, but their hopes were ended in the semi-final by Altrincham, 3-1 winners on aggregate. Alty - beaten by Enfied in 1982 showpiece - lifted the trophy by beating Runcorn 1-0 in the final.

The South

South Bank 2, Wealdstone 1 (aet) SOUTH Bank's winning goal a couple of minutes from the end of extra time was of course a hard blow for the Trophy-holders to take, but in all fairness it was nothing less than the home side deserved.

For the majority of normal time and and for all of the extra period, South Bank were dominant, more inventive, more fluent and appeared more determined.

But for an inspired performance by Bob Iles the game would never have reached extra time — one save on the stroke of half-time will be talked about for a long time by the "Bankers".

Wealdstone took the lead in

Last gasp sinks the

A free kick on the right was lofted by Steve Tapley to the far side of the penalty area, where it fell to the feet of the unmarked Graves who advanced and then hammered home a fierce shot which evaded Maurice Gormley.

Grave's first goal since October certainly warranted jubilation, but no-one in the crowd of 1,147 expected the lead to last just 25 seconds — for that was how long it took South Bank to equalise.



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South Banks' quaint programme cover (below) for the March 6 replay makes the Stones' offering for the first game (left) look like something from the Premier League....



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Bank show

winner holders

Straight from the kick off a sweeping move saw only a half clearance by the Stones defence, and Hawley was on hand to half volley home from the edge of the box.

During the second half the Wealdstone goal was under siege and last gasp tackles plus Bob Iles brilliance gave Wealdstone their false hope.

As extra time loomed South Bank still looked the team more likely and with the crowd getting increasingly behind their team the crescendo was startling.

With barely minutes of extra time remaining the killer goal arrived courtesy of a needlessly conceded corner.

The corner swung to the far post was headed home by central defender Neil Roberts who had made a rare visit into the Wealdstone half — but it was a visit well worth while.

At the final whistle the expression on the Wealdstone faces was of disbelief.

Wealdstone: Iles, Tapley, McCargo, Jones, Bowgett, Wainwright, Doyle, Holmes, Cordice, Graves, Donnellan, Sub: Tong



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Very difficult to beat.

... but that was before you even peered inside! Their compiler's typewriter clearly needed a new ribbon, but the highlight for me was the hand-drawn adverts. Anyone for a post-lockdown hairdo at Rosario's?



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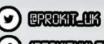


SOUTH BANK A.F.C. - F.A. ANATEUR CUP WINNERS 1913 Team : Howling, Unwin, Oakley, Anderson, Henry, Clarks, Barrie, Vernon, Smith, Frest and Carr.

And here's a treat. Looking like something out of Ripping Yarns, it's South Bank's 'Greatest Cup side' from 1913. Barnstoneworth would have had nothing on them!







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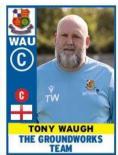


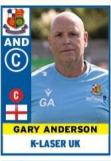
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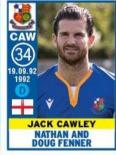


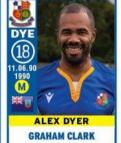




























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WEALDSTONE 2020-21

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KING'S LYNN TOWN

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday, 9th March, 7:45pm Support the Stones, watch the stream – £9.99

NOTTS COUNTY

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday, 13th March, 3:00pm Support the Stones, watch the stream - £9.99

WOKING

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Weymouth

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Saturday, 20th March, 3:00pm www.uptheterras.co.uk | @TheTerras

Solihull Moors

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday, 30th March, 7:45pm www.solihullmoorsfc.co.uk | @SolihullMoors

Bromley

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday, 2nd April, 3:00pm www.bromleyfc.tv | @BromleyFC

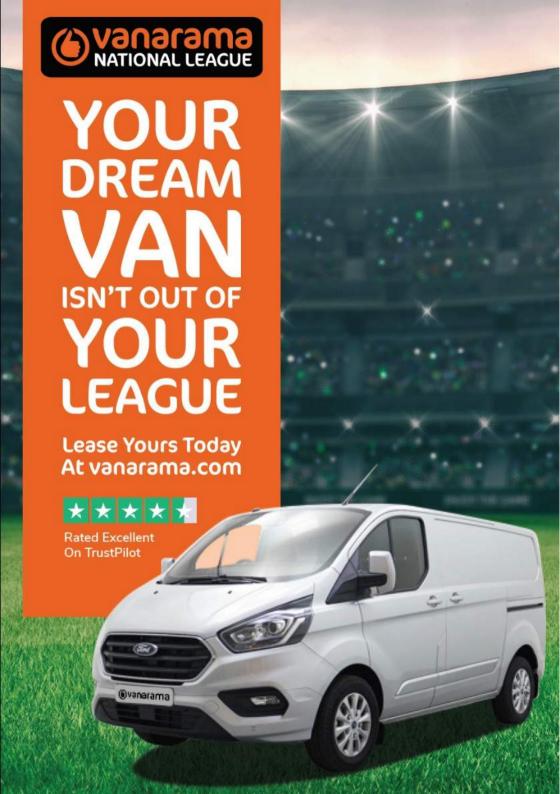
Boreham Wood

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday, 10th April, 3:00pm www.borehamwoodfootballclub.co.uk

Vanarama National League 2020/2021 - at Tuesday 02/03/2021

Opposition	All						Home								AWa	y				The second second		
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2 Sutton United	22	14	4	4	41	21	12	8	2	2	28	10	10	6	2	2	13	11	20	46	3-3	1-3
3 Hartlepool United	25	13	5	7	34	24	14	9	2	3	22	13	11	4	3	4	12	11	10	44	2.5	1-3
4 Stockport County	24	11	7	6	32	21	12	5	5	2	14	8	12	6	2	4	18	13	11 7	40	2-5 4-3	1-4
5 Wrexham	25	11	6	8	34	27	12	6	4	2	18	7	13	5	2	6	16	20		39	4-3	0-3
6 Notts County	22	11	5	6	28	17	13	7	2	4	21	12	9	4	3	2	1	5	11	38 38	0-0	0-3
7 Eastleigh	24	10	8	6	32	24	13	6	5	2	16	9	11	4	3	4	16	15	-3	36	1-0	0-2
8 Altrincham	27	10	6	11	31	34	11	4	2	5	13	13	16	6	4	6	18	21	4	35	1-0	0-2
9 Boreham Wood	25	9	8	8	29	25	11	3	4	4	11	12	14	6	4	4	18	13	2	35	1-0	2-2
10 Yeovil Town	25	10	5	10	39	37	12	6	1	5	19	15	13	4	4	5	20	22	8	34		
11 Bromley	24	9	7	8	39	31	14	5	4	5	24	20	10	4	3	3	15	11	l °	34	3-4	
12 Aldershot Town	24	10	4	10	36	35	11	5	1	5	15	16	13	5	3	5	21	19	8	33	3-2	
13 Chesterfield	22	10	3	9	33		11	6	1	4	20	10	11	4	2	5	13	15	ő	32	3-2	0-4
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THE LINE-UPS



FC HALIFAX T

White/Maroon

G Sam Johnson 1 Jeff King 2

Jack Senior 3

- Nathan Clarke 4
 Tom Bradbury 6
 - Jamie Allen 7 Kieran Green 8
 - Jake Hyde 9
- Jack Earing 10 Danny Williams 11
- Matt Stenson 14
- Reuben Noble-Lazarus 16 Jay Benn 18
- Luke Summerfield 19
 - Martin Woods 26
 - Niall Maher 31

REFEREE Tom

Bishop ASSISTANTS
Matthew Morrison
and Christopher
Wyatt FOURTH

OFFICIAL Robert
Evans OBSERVER

Kelvin Morton

WEALDSTONE

Royal Blue/White

- 1 Harry Isted G
- 2 Michee Efete
- 4 Ashley Charles
 5 Connor Stevens
- 6 Jerome Okimo©
- 7 Michael Phillips
- 8 Connor Smith
- 9 Ross Lafevette
- 10 Danny Green
- 11 Dennon Lewis
 12 Charlee Hughes
- 13 Daniel Wishart
- 14 Danny Parish
- 17 Jacob Mendy
- 18 Alex Dyer
- 19 Moses Emmanuel
- 20 Jorome Slew
- 21 Lewis Everitt G
- 22 Joseph Olowu 24 Josh Meekings
- 25 Jake Askew G
- 28 Matthew Lench
- 30 Elijah Hearn
- 31 George Langston
- 34 Jack Cawley

KINGS LYNN T

White/Royal Blue

- 21 Archie Mair G
- 2 Aaron Jones
- 3 Alex Brown
- 4 Kyle Callen-McFadden
- 5 Chris Smith
- 6 Rory McAuley
- 7 Michael Clunan
- 8 Jordan Richards
- 9 Michael Gash
- 10 Adam Marriott
- 12 Michael Gyasi 14 Ryan Jarvis
- 15 Tai Fleming
- 17 Cameron King
- 18 Sam Kelly
- 19 Kairo Mitchell
- **20** Dayle Southwell
- 22 Ross Barrows
- 23 Andrew Kiwomya
- **24** Sonny Carey
- 25 Tyler Denton

REFEREE Matthew

Russell ASSISTANTS

Mark Stevens and Shelby Elson FOURTH

OFFICIAL Craig Green
OBSERVER William

Jordan

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