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BY MARK HYDE



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Written in Stone

Welcome to Paul Hughes, the players and officials from Hayes & Yeading United. We hope you enjoy your first brief visit to Grosvenor Vale.

What a difference a week makes. Two victories on the bounce against teams we would traditionally have been dreaming of playing as reward for winning an FA Cup 4th qualifying game sees our National League campaign burst into life. Today, however, brings the magic of the

before mentioned FA Cup 4th qualifying round and the slightly strange situation of not having to have won two games to be here. Hayes & Yeading have had a strong start to their season and we will need to be at our high tempo best to get the result this afternoon. Remember no replays, straight to penalties in this season's FA Cup.

Despite the confirmation of National League funding over the next 3 months, we are still looking for your help. We have a variety of Matchday and Ball sponsorship packages available to suit all pockets, as well as our ever popular Kit Sponsorship that allows you to show your support for your favourite player. Full details of all the packages, which can also be customised to suit individual requirements, can be found in the pages of this programme.

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Mark

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We were extremely grateful to have new sports and leisure wear company Union Athletic as our match sponsors for the Wrexham game.

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Shown right are Andy Evans of Union Athletic along with Keith Davies and Son Rory presenting Jacob Mendy with his Man of the Match award after the game.



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Sponsoring today's game is a tribute to my father, Paddy Walklate, a Stones fan for over 40 years. We donated the Stuart Pearce League Cup Winners shirt, in the Clubhouse in his memory. I have many fond memories of Lower Mead as a child, standing with my dad and watching the likes of Townsend Dyson and Duck.

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Wealdstone FC Board of Directors



From the Gaffer

Work hard.. get lucky



The magic of the FA Cup comes to The Vale & we host Hayes & Yeading in the 4th qualifying round. The rewards for the winners of today's game are huge.

Looking back on our first 5 league games of the season I feel our performances deserve more points, but we know The National League is a relentless division. I want to see an improvement in our goals against record, I know we are part time club in a full time league & we have had injury issues at center back but it's a department I know we need make better.

On the positive front, we have shown togetherness, we have shown bravery & ability, we have started to create brilliant character in our team and we have shown we know what it takes to win a game at this level by earning the right to do what we are good at.

Our philosophy won't change & our players are starting to understand what we as a management team want from them individually & collectively.

We know today is going to be a tough tie, Hayes & Yeading have only lost one game this season and we know plenty about there players & about there management teams philosophy.

Hughsey & Holmsey are personal great friends of mine, it's always good to see them & no matter what today's result is I'm sure we will share a glass after the game.

From our teams point of view we need to

make sure we get on the front foot & reach the high standards we know we can achieve.

I always say this when it comes to the cup, but we have to work to extremely high levels & you always need a bit of luck in the cup.

What we do know about luck however is that the harder we work the luckier we will get.

Dean

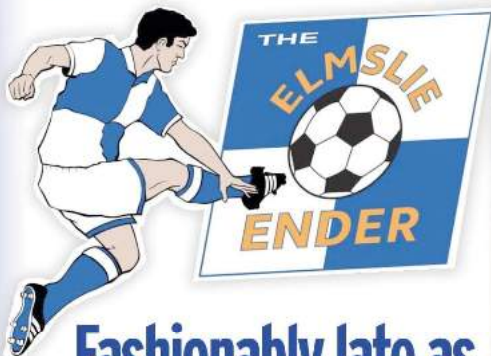
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Our support has once again exceeded all expectations and an amazing **£57,165** has been pledged towards this seasons playing budget via the **StoneShare** initiative. It goes without saying how proud we are of every single person who contributed to this initiative and allowed Dean and his management team some important extra funds.

BY SUDHIR RAWAL



The Elmslie Ender



Fashionably late as ever, EE has decided to grace us with his presence at last

I'm back, a little late but in these rather strange times, time seems to have little value as one day merges into another.

Talking of strange, how weird is it to watch our team on the gogglebox? Whether on your TV, laptop, mobile or even a PS4, the notion that the only way to watch Wealdstone is on the screen rather than live is depressing. If we wanted to be armchair fans, we'd support Manchester United, where most of their fans will never go near a live match or the stadium. I feel rather detached to be honest; it's quite difficult to get emotionally involved. There is a game going on, my team are playing but I am miles away from it. That's not how I watch football. I don't watch football on TV that much as it is. Football is about the whole experience: going to the pub, seeing your mates, talking a lot of gibberish before and after, and then seeing the game. How often do we say the day was brilliant and the game only incidental? Now our only experience is the game itself. Obviously I will carry on, most of us will do too, but I understand why some people are watching foot-



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

ball at Step 3 and lower just to get a fix of a real matchday. That's not for me, certainly not now groundhopping around the lower reaches of the game, but I do understand it. To add to my watching experience, there is a sense of calm as I have Flashscores on which can be anything up to two minutes ahead of the game. Goals come straight to your phone and play might still be in the other half. It's all rather surreal.

So how has it been so far? I write this on Sunday morning, the day after our first win at this level for more than thirty-two years, so there is a warm afterglow. I will come onto the Wrexham game later, but what we have been taught in our previous games is that mistakes will be punished and teams will change and evolve their tactics to challenge our style of football. Against Yeovil Town we were the better team. Being more clinical in front of goal would have brought home three valuable points. Dagenham played four up front and suffocated us, yet it was a mistake from overplaying at the back that ultimately cost us. Oh, and missing a sitter in the fourth minute of injury time. Small margins, but it is all about being clinical. Every step you go up, the more clinical it becomes. Then to Stockport. They look like the team to



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

beat for the title. Quality all over the pitch. John Rooney, the best player in the National League last year who decided he wouldn't take the step up into the Football League with Barrow and joined Stockport instead, ran the show, but we were still ahead in the 77th minute before the wheels came off the wagon. I am not saying that with fans in, the result would have been any different, but you know the Vale would have been rocking and we may well have held on for the win or even a draw, who knows, but we are without our twelfth man at the moment. Our support got us through crucial games last season and here we are, apart from the few new volunteer stewards, in front of our TVs. Crazy! sad that we can't have a thousand fans in the Vale, with adequate social distancing in place.

So to Wrexham. A real rollercoaster of a game. Thought, in the end, that we were well worth our win. We dominated the opening exchanges, took the lead, but within seconds were pegged back by a bizarre own goal – the type that teams that go down concede – and then via a sloppy goal were behind before Mendy Mendy did a bendy bendy and pulled

us level with a worldie. Phew. Second half, we were the better team again and pulled two goals ahead. Then Lafayette went off and our focal point went with him and we seemed to invite pressure back upon us. Yet, still pretty comfortable. The striking thing was that Wrexham never pressed us, didn't flood the midfield to stop us playing, almost like they'd been watching videos of Deadpool and Detective Pikachu rather than our matches. Who cares? Thirty-two years is a long time to wait for a win at this level and it felt wonderful. The Vale would have been rocking at the final whistle, the bars heaving for hours after the game in joyous celebration and yet none of that sadly happened.

Of course, if you read the Wrexham forum, it's all about how they have just lost to the worst team in the world and how their manager should be sacked on the spot. The BELTS (Big Ex-League Team) and PELTS (Permanent Ex League Team) will never give credit to a tinpot little non-league side like ourselves beating them. It is always about how bad they were. I just checked, Wrexham have been out of the big league for thirteen years. They are as tinpot and non-league as we are.

Much improved stream for the Wrexham, with the most interesting co-commentator you will ever come across in the legendary Robin Wainwright. Throbbin' Robin had clearly not looked at the team sheet and hadn't watched any of our previous games, so his reference to any player was 'bloke' and 'chap'. Had the Wrexham fans in a right tizzy but his thoughts and comments on the game were spot on. A man who was part of the defensive masterclass that was a Brian Hall team just couldn't understand the inability of both teams to defend properly and to do the basics. Pure entertainment.

From what I have seen so far; we certainly have the fire power to stay up in this division. Cut out the mistakes at the back, be more clinical and we will be fine.

I cannot conclude without saying what a fantastic effort the Stonesshare fundraiser has been. Remarkable to raise over 57k. Incredible and in these times as well. As big a sum as it is, the sobering thought is that we probably need six times that to be competitive, so it puts into perspective how small we are in this league. Hats off to everyone who has contributed and to Roger Slater and Jeremy Albert, without whom none of it would have happened.

'The notion that the only way to watch Wealdstone is on a screen is depressing'

STONES 4 WREXHAM 3 IN PICTURES

PIGS BY ADAM 'ATTICMAN' WILLIAMS AND
JON 'RONNIE RAFFLE' TAFFEL AT THE VALE

More history! Charlie Wakefield, Jacob Mendy Mendy, Alex Dyer and Michee Efete score the goals as Stones wrap up their first win at National League level since 1988



1-0 Dennon Lewis's cross catches Wrexham cold for the opening goal from Charlie Wakefield (above) and the pair celebrate wildly (right)



What a goal! Jacob Mendy Mendy rips an equaliser from 28 yards and looks as shocked as the keeper (above)



3-2 Alex Dyer's free kick goes all the way into the net off the far post!



4-2 Mich Efete rises to head a superb fourth goal from Mendy Mendy's corner.. and runs off to celebrate the winner

Saturday 17th October 2020 - Grosvenor Vale
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LINE-UP

Isted
Efete
Mendy
Phillips
Okimo
Benyu
C.Smith
Wakefield
Dyer
Lafayette
Lewis

Subs Used:

Emmanuel
Green
Cawley

Subs Not Used:

Slew
Charles

SLAYING THE DRAGON

Wealdstone grabbed their first victory of the National League season in a frantic 4-3 victory over Wrexham at The Vale.

Stones went ahead through Charlie Wakefield but were pegged back instantly with two goals in two minutes from Jerome Okimo poking into his own net and Adi Yussuf. Stones recovered with goals from Jacob Mendy, Alex Dyer and Michee Efete, with Yussuf grabbing a consolation for the Welsh visitors.

Dean Brennan made just one change from the side that lost to Stockport County last Tuesday as Dennon Lewis returned from injury to replace Jerome Slew.

It took just 15 minutes for the deadlock to be broken; Lewis burst past his man on the left and delivered a pinpoint low cross for Wakefield to poke in from close range.

A freak goal a minute later restored parity. Jamie Reckord's fierce but harmless cross was poked into the bottom corner by Stones captain Okimo.

Wrexham were sloppy but capitalised on Wealdstone's mistakes, and they went ahead a minute after equalising. Wakefield was dispossessed 30 yards from his goal by Jay Harris and he played in Yussuf who slotted past Harry Isted.

But the National League South champions were not deterred and equalised just five minutes later. Mendy collected the ball 30 yards out and smashed an unstoppable effort past Rob Lainton and into the top corner.

Yussuf had a big chance to put the Welsh side in the lead on 36 minutes after Paul Rutherford played him in on goal but with the goal at his mercy he struck wide.

After a quiet opening to the second half the Stones went ahead. Dyer stepped over a free kick near the by line and swerved in a crossing effort, no head got on the end of it and it crept in off the far post with Lainton stranded.

Wealdstone's lead was extended on 63 minutes when Mendy's corner was met by the towering head of Efete leaving Lainton with no chance.

Grosvenor Vale then turned into the Alamo with Wrexham peppering the Stones box with delivery after delivery. After several Stones blocks the ball eventually fell to Dragons right back Reece Hall-Johnson but his effort hit the side netting.

Another clear chance fell to Wrexham defender Fiacre Kelleher after Kwame Thomas played him in but he headed wide from close range.

Yussuf doubled his tally late on but it was too late to set up a grandstand finish and the Stones grabbed their first and deserved win of the season.



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LINE-UP

Lainton
Hall-Johnson
Kelleher
Vassell
Rekord
Harris (C)
Young
Durrell
Rutherford
Yussuf
Thomas

Subs Used:

Jarvis

Subs Not Used:

Dibble
Horsfield
Davies
Redmond

HAYES & YEADING UNITED

You don't get much more local than today's opponent as we look for a place in the FA Cup 1st round

Hayes & Yeading United Football Club was created in May 2007 when the two clubs respective Chairmen, Derek Goodall and Philip Spurden agreed that the only way either club could continue, long term, at the level they were playing would be to join forces as a single entity.

Hayes FC was founded in 1909, as Botwell Mission, when Eileen Shackle, the teenage daughter of a wealthy land agent, encouraged the local youngsters to form a football team. The team was originally known as Botwell Mission, after the mission church that was built in memory of her grandfather, and that still stands today as part of the Hayes Library in Golden Crescent. Yeading FC was also founded with youth in mind beginning their existence in 1960 as Yeading Youth Club, started by brothers Ray and Carl Gritt.

By the time the two clubs were both in existence, Botwell Mission had changed its name to Hayes FC in June 1929 where having progressed through the Great Western Suburban League and the Spartan League they were then accepted into the Athenian League. In their first season at this level they reached the final of the FA Amateur Cup. This was notable for the fact that the club had started at the 1st qualifying round stage, and had played all its nine matches away from home, travelling an estimated 1,500 miles to places as diverse as Wisbech, Trowbridge, Stalybridge (where Northern Nomads played),



and York for a semi-final against Bishop Auckland. The final was lost to Wycombe Wanderers by one goal to nil. The Athenian League was won for the only time in season 1956-57 on goal average over Finchley and the semi-final of the Amateur Cup was reached, losing to Bishop Auckland before a crowd of 32,000 at St James Park, Newcastle.

While the sixties were pretty lean for Hayes FC, the newly formed Yeading FC were starting to get noticed at a junior level, having moved to Warren Park in 1965. As Uxbridge League Premier Division Runners up in 1967 Yeading moved into the newly formed West Middlesex Combination Premier Division and having notched a league and couple double that same season joined the South West Middlesex League. That first season (1968/69) Yeading won the West Drayton Charity Cup, and more prestigiously the Middlesex Junior Cup for the first time while also securing the Division One Title. Further promotion led

to back-to-back South West Middlesex Premier Division titles and in 1970/71 Yeading also won both the Middlesex Junior and Intermediate



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elled to Leeds' Elland Road where they secured a 1-0 victory over Bridlington Town.

Season 1992/93 saw Yeading's meteoric rise through the leagues reach the Isthmian Premier, the first time neighbours Hayes FC and Yeading FC were to become rivals. This rivalry was to last until 1996 when Hayes FC reached the pinnacle of non-league football by winning the Isthmian League championship by one goal in a nail-biting finale which also involved Enfield, Yeovil Town and Boreham Wood. The club maintained a presence at this level for six seasons, including finishing in 3rd place in 1998-9, before suffering relegation for the first time in 2002 at which time Yeading FC had dropped out of the Isthmian Premier so the renewal of rivalry would have to wait.

Hayes FC were to become one of the founder members of the Conference South League and were soon joined by neighbours Yeading FC, renewing the rivalry for a couple of seasons before the biggest sporting news the area had seen for many years.....

Hayes and Yeading United FC – Merged rivals.

After a season of consolidation, the newly merged side took many people by surprise in 2008/09 when a late season Conference South record equalling run of 10 consecutive victories saw a play-off place earned. Looking dead and buried at 4-0 down after 50 minutes of the semi-final first leg, only a dreamer would have predicted a place in the final. Dreams do come true though and two late first leg goals and a 4-0 extra time victory in the second leg at Eastleigh saw the final reached. A tight final ensued but Hampton & Richmond Borough were seen off by the odd goal in five and promotion was achieved to the pinnacle of non-league football, the Blue Square Premier. United more than held their own in the top flight for the first two seasons but with a much reduced budget and 5 years of ground sharing due to the late completion of the Club's new stadium, United hit the relegation trap-door in April 2012 and again in April 2016 and April 2017 before beginning its life in a new Stadium in 2017/18, losing the promotion play-off semi-final to Cambridge City at season end before a switch to the Bostik League for 2018/19 saw United romp to the title and promotion with a 16 point advantage at season end.

Cups. During the 1970s they won the latter five times and the former twice.

In 1971/72 Hayes FC were elected to the Isthmian League while Yeading FC earned promotion to the Middlesex League seeing Championship success in their first season (1971/72), scoring a record 122 goals in the process. Season 1972/73 saw Yeading sweep all four trophies - League and Cup - in the Middlesex League while over at Church Road Hayes FC hit the headlines with an FA Cup first round defeat of Football League side Bristol Rovers before taking Reading to a second round replay.

The eighties saw Hayes FC maintain their Isthmian League status year on year without much danger of movement up or down while Yeading FC had started their climb upwards at no mean rate of knots. The Ding moved from the Middlesex League to the Spartan League going unbeaten through 1986/87 and earning promotion to the Isthmian League Division Two South in the process. The turn of the decade saw Yeading hit the national headlines when they became the first Middlesex side to lift the FA Vase, having drawn at Wembley, they trav-

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v HAYES & YEADING

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HAYES & YEADING UNITED - WHO'S WHO?



JACK SMITH - GOALKEEPER

Joined Hayes & Yeading during the summer of 2017 having impressed against United the previous season for Dunstable Town. Jack started out in the youth set up at Watford before moving to Swindon Town and then Hemel Hempstead Town.

LIAM MCDEVITT (C) - DEFENCE

Originally joined Hayes & Yeading in the summer of 2018 having spent the previous campaign in the Southern Premier with St Neots Town. Started out with Stevenage before moving to Hitchin Town and then Royston Town. He settled at Barton Rovers for several seasons. In 2016 Liam moved to St Ives Town. After a stand out season in United's defence during 2018/19, Liam opted to sign for Biggleswade Town during the summer of 2019 only to return to United before the end of August.

JACK WILLIAMS - DEFENCE

Joined Hayes & Yeading in August 2019 having come through the youth system at Queens Park Rangers. While at QPR he had a short loan spell in the National League South with Bishop's Cleeve from March 2017 and this was followed by a loan spell with Wycombe Wanderers the next season where he made his professional debut in a Football League Cup tie against Fulham before making his league debut shortly after against Notts County.

JORDAN NORVILLE-WILLIAMS - DEFENCE

Joined Hayes & Yeading in October 2020 after coming through the ranks with League Two side Cambridge United. Started out in the youth system at Premier League side Arsenal before joining Cambridge United at age 16 upon his release from the Gunners. Made his first team debut for Cambridge United in November 2019 against Peterborough United in the EFL Trophy.

ADEL GAFAITI - DEFENCE

Central defender joined United from Wealdstone in October having been with Truro City last season. Adel joined Glasgow Rangers from Nancy at youth level and he has since played for Norwich City, Oldham Athletic on loan, Yeovil Town and Truro City. Has represented Algeria internationally at under 20 level.

DENZEL WILLIAMS - DEFENCE

Central defender who joined Hayes & Yeading on the eve of the season after showing well during pre-season matches. Joined Blackpool at age 14. While at Blackpool he had loan spells with Marine AFC & Bamber Bridge. Denzel departed

Bloomfield Road to sign for Wigan Athletic

RICO GRECO - DEFENCE / MIDFIELD

Signed for Hayes & Yeading in the summer having been in the Academy at Barnet. Started out in the youth system at Luton Town from age 13 before switching to Barnet last season.

BAY DOWNING - DEFENCE / MIDFIELD

Wing-back or midfield player who signed for Hayes & Yeading in March 2020 from Salisbury. In 2016 he signed for Altrincham before moving joining Salisbury.

JAKE SHEPPARD - DEFENCE / MIDFIELD

Joined United on a permanent deal in September for his third spell at the club having last joined in November 2019 on dual registration from Wealdstone, four years after originally arriving on a youth loan from Reading. He has also had loan spells with Guisley and Dagenham & Redbridge. Has represented Scotland at under-17 level, scoring on his debut against Belgium with his first touch.

SCOTT DONNELLY - MIDFIELD

Joined Hayes and Yeading in 2017 from Chippenham Town. Started out with QPR & went on to make more than a dozen appearances for the R's before being released whereby he signed for Wealdstone.

From Wealdstone he signed on with Aldershot Town before moving to Swansea City. He spent 18 months on loan at Wycombe Wanderers before moving back to Aldershot and then to Farnborough from whom he joined Newport County before returning to Farnborough. From Farnborough this time he was to spend a couple of productive seasons with Havant & Waterlooville before returning to Farnborough.

KARL CUNNINGHAM - MIDFIELD

Joined Hayes & Yeading in 2019 from Chester. Karl started his career as a youth with Lincoln City before making a move in 2014 to Sweden where he had spells with Gallivare FF, Ange IF, Pitea IF and finally Akropolis from whom he joined Chester

SANMI ODELUSI - MIDFIELD

Joined Hayes & Yeading in 2020 from Romford. Sanmi started his career in the youth ranks at Queens Park Rangers, Reading and finally Bolton Wanderers for whom he signed professional terms going on to make 6 league appearances for the Trotters had loan spells with MK Dons and Coventry City before he signed for Wigan and then had further loan

spells with Rochdale and Blackpool before moving on to play for Colchester United and Cheltenham Town. In 2019 he joined FC Halifax Town and on leaving them he moved to South Shields.

JAMIE HANLON - MIDFIELD

Teenaged midfielder or attacking player who joined Hayes & Yeading United midway through last season. A much sought after talent who spent time last season with Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur. Made his Hayes & Yeading debut in January 2020 and at that point became the youngest ever player to make a first team appearance for United.

SAMIR BAJJA - MIDFIELD

Signed for Hayes & Yeading in October 2020 having been with Beaconsfield Town and Windsor last season. Samir has already faced United, a couple of seasons ago, during his spell with Egham Town and he has also spent time with Frimley Green and Farnborough. Made his United debut against Chipstead in the FA Cup.

TOMAS KALINAUSKAS - MIDFIELD

Wide midfielder who joined Hayes & Yeading in October 2020 after previously impressing in a trial match against Southall. A former Lithuanian under-19 international, Tomas ended the previous campaign with Windsor FC where he scored five times in his ten appearances for the Royalists. Made his United debut as a substitute in the FA Cup tie against Chipstead just days after signing for United.

DYLAN KEARNEY - FORWARD

Ex **Wealdstone** striker and former United Academy graduate who returned to Hayes & Yeading in the summer of 2020 after leaving Sutton United. Signed his first contract with United in July 2015. With first team chances limited, Dylan moved to Uxbridge in search of regular football and having scored regularly at Honeycroft he was snapped up by Harrow Borough. His early season goalscoring exploits at Borough last season earned him a shot at the National League when he was signed by Sutton United.

FRANCIS AMARTEY - FORWARD

Joined Hayes & Yeading in January 2020 from Slough Town. Francis already knew the SKYex as he scored four times in two appearances against United while he was on loan at Hendon last season. He can play wide or through the middle and has lots of pace and ability

having started out with Beaconsfield SYCOB and Flackwell Heath before signing a professional contract with Birmingham City in August 2018. After leaving the Blues he signed on with Sutton Coldfield Town before moving to Slough in February 2019.

HARLEY SELLS - FORWARD

Teenaged striker and a member of this season's under 18 side who showed well during first team pre-season to earn himself a place in Paul Hughes squad.

PAUL HUGHES - MANAGER

Paul began his career with his local side, Chelsea, and started well, scoring on his debut against Derby County with an impressive solo effort. Paul had loan spells with Stockport, Crewe and Norwich, scoring against Swindon Town. Paul joined Southampton, then managed by his old Chelsea manager Glenn Hoddle, on a free transfer in the summer of 2000, but due to a lengthy groin injury and subsequent change of manager, left a year later having never played a game for the Saints.

His next club was Luton Town, where he remained until May 2006, making 88 appearances and scoring seven goals for the club helping them gain promotion from League 2 and become champions of League 1. In 2012, he was appointed joint manager at Kings Langley alongside Ritchie Hanlon. The pair led Kings Langley to back to back promotions, finishing 2nd in Spartan South Midlands Division One in 2014, and then winning the Spartan South Midlands Premier Division title in 2015. Following a third consecutive promotion that saw Kings Langley FC become champions of the Southern Central Division and took the club to the Southern Premier Division and then Paul, alongside Hanlon, moved to Hayes & Yeading United in November 2016. Having been unable to stave off relegation in his first season and with Ritchie departing soon after due to personal reasons, Paul took sole control of the side and led United to the play-offs in 2017/18 where defeat to Cambridge City denied United promotion. Having switched to the newly created Bostik South Central division last season Paul assembled a squad that took the division by storm hitting 129 goals and going up as Champions with a sixteen point cushion as the curtain came down on proceedings.

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BY MATTEO TONNA



Hard to follow Wealdstone from should have tried

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MOST Wealdstone supporters face a short drive to the ground or a stop or two on the bus or train at the most as they journey to Lower Mead – 22 year old Matteo Tonna travelled from Parma in Northern Italy to see the Stones in action on Saturday!

Matteo, and his three friends, Emanuele Guareschi, 20; Paolo Corradi, 21 and 22 year old Lorenzo Cantarelli were watching Wealdstone for the first time, having become long distance supporters four years ago.

Explained Matteo, "I came to London several years ago and heard that Wealdstone had won the Non League double and were then the most famous English team outside of the Football League."

Subscription

Matteo began to take an interest in the Stones, even

visiting the ground even though there was no match on at the time, and last season he took out a subscription to Wealdstone's match programmes and became a regular correspondent with the Club Shop's Toby Jackson, so when he and his friends had the chance to visit London there was no doubt about where they would spend their Saturday afternoon.

The four had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon at Lower Mead, even though, as Matteo soon noticed, it couldn't quite compare with some of the great Italian stadiums which hosted the World Cup.

A keen soccer player himself, Matteo revealed that the local side he played for had recently disbanded, "because of lack of interest."

Matteo and his friends hope to visit Lower Mead again and will continue to support the Club at long range.



Stones' Tony Lynch (white shirt) is pictured by Matteo as Lower Mead looks decidedly ramshackle in the August 1990 sunshine. Left: Graham Sharpe gets a scoop when he hears about the presence of Matteo and his pals. They might have spelled 'Arrivederci' right though!

IT'S been a tough gig following Wealdstone over the last 30 years. From being non-League's top dogs in the mid-80s - becoming the first team to win the Conference and FA Trophy 'double' - it was a steep descent to the Ryman League Division Three in the space of ten years.

But one man who stuck by the Stones was someone who could have been expected to let his interest dwindle. For he lives 872 miles away in Soragna, Italy!

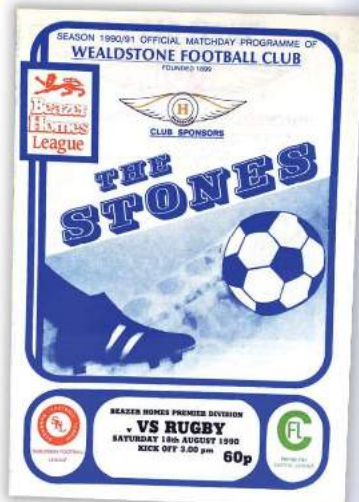
This is the story of Matteo Tonna, in his own words... and he explains how following our club has become easier as the years pass thanks to the advent of social media and now - Glory Be! - the actual arrival of live streaming for the Stones' matches....

I was born in 1968, married my wife Monica in 1991 and we have three daughters: Elena (27 years old), and twins Chiara and Michela (20).

I work in a company which operates in the pharmaceutical and dermatological market, but football

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the other side of Europe? You it 30 years ago says Matteo!



The match programme for Matteo's memorable day in 1990

and its history is my biggest interest.

I'm very proud of my collection of books (several hundreds of them) related to the history of Italian and British football... and much of that fascination surrounds my little village non-league club, Soragna 1921 Football Club. I've watched them for more years than I care to remember.

Along the way I have researched the history of the club and published two books, one in 1996 and one in 2013. I'm now working with some friends on the centenary edition which will be published next year.

So what is the Wealdstone angle? Well, I must admit I have a severe sort of obsession about Wealdstone FC history- but I'm am trying to cure it through daily contacts with Roger Slater!

I started following the Stones in the second half of the 80s, and attended my first match at Lower Mead in the summer of 1990, against

VS Rugby in the Southern League Premier Division. It was a 1-1 draw in front of a crowd of 541. That's a geological era ago as far as the possibility of easily accessing information concerning football in general and the non-league world in particular, even more so from the obscure little Italian village I have always lived in since my birth.

First, it was Toby Jackson, my very good friend Toby, who agreed to take care of sending me the home match programmes, for many months my only source of info together with the sometimes abrasive style of the then regularly published 'Elmslie Ender'.

Within some time, the Harrow Observer subscription was added, allowing me to take my weekly dose of match reports, (some) photos and (very little) Stones gossip. When compared to the quantity and timeliness of news available today, it would not seem anything exceptional, but

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MATTEO TONNA'S LONG-DISTANCE LOVE AFFAIR CONTINUED...



SIDELINES by Neale Harvey

I don't know about you but I'd be surprised if there was a better goal in the Beazer Homes League on the opening day than the one Mark Harrison scored against VS Rugby. What an absolute screamer, as he nearly ripped the net out from 25 yards. The cynics may suggest that it wasn't in the corner and the keeper should have saved it. Quite frankly, the poor old keeper didn't sniff it as he went to his left only to find the vicious late swerve taking it to his right. Being in a position almost directly behind the shot I can honestly say that I haven't seen a ball swing like that since Ian Botham destroyed the Australian batsmen at Old Trafford in the 1981 test series. I don't know if 'Harro's' strike caused a sharp increase in the sales of designer 'Stroller' T-shirts but I should think that the gentlemen from the Elmslie Ender are already thinking about the design for a new 'Hot Shot Harrison' production. The second half of the Rugby match was most encouraging after the roasting we suffered in the first period and in all truth we should have clinched the points when 'Fergie' headed over from four yards right at the death.

for those times the coverage was really good.

As in so many other areas of life for all of us, the advent of the internet gave me new possibilities of getting updated information about the Stones: at the beginning of 1996, Rob Saville and Colin Bunner created the first website dedicated entirely to Wealdstone and soon after the 'mailing list' followed: the way of 'supporting' the team from afar changed forever.

And so, with a leap of almost 25 years, we have come to the present day. In the meantime, many things have changed, of course. The mailing list is gone (or rather, it is 'dormant'), in its place the very popular forum works wonderfully; many of the sites created during the first wave of the internet have unfortunately also disappeared; the club's official website has seen the light; and finally there's been the 'revolution' of social media. Today Facebook, Instagram and (above them all, as far as I'm

concerned) Twitter, provide a service frankly unthinkable even just a few years ago.

Up until this season, and the advent of live streaming of our games, my Saturday routine was very well oiled: I would spend several minutes in the morning checking the latest news from both the Stones' and the opponents' sites. Twitter accompanies me in the early afternoon hours, those that lead up to the big kick-off...what I try to do is 'immerse myself' as much as possible in the pre-match atmosphere, obviously within the limits imposed by the impossibility of really being there. Then at four in the afternoon (or 3pm GMT!), the show begins: Twitter is still the main supplier of news, feelings, fears, hopes of those who watch the game (also on my behalf!). Also available are photos and videos... and thank you very much Syl Allen for yours from behind the goals! As well as (occasionally) - live radio commentary.

All the above, together with the outstanding home

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Welcome to
WEALDSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB

Matteo is pictured with clubshop supremo Toby Jackson outside Lower Mead



The Elmslie stand slowly fills up pre-match and it was rocking as Mark Harrison's thunderbolt enlivened the afternoon ... according to Neale Harvey, writing in the next home programme (left)



programmes I still regularly receive thanks to Alan Couch, makes my personal 'Wealdstone experience'. It makes me feel very, very close to the club and everything around it; but somehow it makes me miss the real thing even more, in a sort of 'so near but yet so far' way.

But now everything is worse/better! 2020-21 has brought with it is not only the taste of the best league outside of the professional game after 32 years, but also the chance – in this Covid-hit world – of watching our favourite football team playing live on TV screens.

It is of course no substitute for the real thing, as the lack of proper match day atmosphere is frankly almost unbearable - but at least it provides some much needed action in this historic season for our Football Club.

My first test of live TV coverage was the away match at Yeovil Town; the occasion was of

course an emotional one for me, especially when I started to remember how different it was from those distant days when I was making adventurous (and often unsuccessful) attempts to get some info on the club – how could I have even dreamt this at the time? Technology and Wealdstone success on the pitch allowing them to play at the top tier of non league football brought all this; please, make it last for as long as possible!

Of course I am miles away from when I was eagerly waiting for my copy of the FO to check results, comments and tables; or those in which for the most important matches I phoned the club office at around 5pm to ask for the result.

But still today, just like in those distant years, I only know too well that, in one way or another, dear old Wealdstone FC is what I will be worrying about every Saturday afternoon.

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 TORQUAY UNITED Tuesday, 1st December Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 WEYMOUTH Saturday, 12th December Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
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 KING'S LYNN TOWN Tuesday, 9th March Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 NOTTS COUNTY Saturday, 27th March Vanarama National League	Rolfe-East	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 BARNET Monday, 5th April Vanarama National League	Connect Vending	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 ALTRINCHAM Tuesday, 13th April Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 HARTLEPOOL UNITED Saturday, 17th April Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 YEovil TOWN Saturday, 1st May Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE Saturday, 8th May Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?		
 SOLIHULL MOORS Saturday, 22nd May Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?		

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The World of Ball

BY ROGER SLATER



Little bits of history - Hayes & Yeading

A letter written by a Wealdstone player Mr S Simons, who had played for both The Oaks and Cogswell & Harrison as early as 1888 was published in the Harrow Observer in 1938. In it he recounted his time at the club, and how the current Amateur players had things much easier than in his day. He mentioned, accompanied by the picture of the 1893 team, that seven of those players were still alive and following the club in the late 1930's and one (sadly unnamed) was the subject of an anecdote:

"There was one instance of a player's keenness, which is hard to beat – we had a fixture at Hayes (it was played on 11.11.1893) and on this particular occasion we started off in our horse-break without one of our best players.

We all expected to have to play a man short but to our surprise the missing player arrived at the ground about five minutes after we all did. He had run and walked cross-country all the way from Harrow to Hayes and then played as good a game as usual!"

Wealdstone beat Hayes that day in the second round of the Middlesex Junior Cup before 200 spectators. The score was 5-0, all the goals being scored in the second half.

At the end of the 1939-40 season, some 9 months into World War Two, Wealdstone hosted a Six-a-Side competition at Lower Mead in aid of the British Red Cross. Sixteen teams entered and two pitches were marked out on the playing surface. After a tournament lasting four hours and to the satisfaction of the majority of spectators, the Wealdstone A team, made up of First Team players were the winners.

The 'rules' were modified on the day to ensure a winner, four points being awarded for a goal in any match and one point for a corner so that if a match were tied, there would still be a decision!

Wealdstone 'A' played Wealdstone 'B' in the semi-final and had won by 23 points to 2, (five goals and three corners to two corners!) progressing to the final where they met Hayes, Wealdstone 'A' winning by 21 points (five goals and one corner) to six (all corners).

In a match between Wealdstone and Hayes on 5th October 1958, the Gods were certainly smiling on Wealdstone. The club's poor financial position well known and the FA Cup Competition

was an important source of funds. Wealdstone were drawn at home to face Hayes in the second qualifying round...

Lucky Wealdstone, unlucky Hayes! With Hayes deservedly leading by 4 – 1 after 82 minutes play, referee H E Stokes blew one short sharp blast on his whistle and the game was abandoned, leaving a thoroughly beaten Wealdstone side living to fight another day. Was the referee's decision justified? Hayes officials indignantly thought not. They conceded that this step may well have been taken half an hour earlier when a torrential storm all but flooded the already saturated pitch, but they felt that having 'weathered the storm' and the game fast approaching its natural end, it should be taken to an admittedly farcical conclusion, with the players unable to propel the ball more than a few feet through mud and puddles, but it was not to be.

On the Wednesday following it became evident just how lucky Wealdstone had been, as they went on to win the replayed tie 2 – 1, both goals being penalties and the second hotly disputed. It was Wealdstone that were to progress and play Yiewsley in the third qualifying round.

In 1951-52, the Athenian League season had been neck and neck between Hendon and Wealdstone all season and it was not until the last game, when Hayes visited Lower Mead that the title was decided. Wealdstone were top on goal difference Hendon having by then completed their fixtures, so one point would guarantee the Championship and even a 1-0 defeat would have seen 'Stones as Champions, but any other defeat would see the title slip away.

Giving a brilliant display both in attack and defence in front of a crowd of 6000, Wealdstone made certain of the title beating Hayes by 6 – 2. It was a proud moment for Gordon Norman, the young Wealdstone captain and when the final whistle blew the crowd gave the team a rousing reception.

I'd love to have added some interesting things from the history of Wealdstone and Yeading too, but actually, on the field little notable actually happened! There are more things of note however in our time at the Warren – for example, in two years there the club posted losses of over £330k. Extraordinary? No...about ten percent of what the previous two years had cost!

Tuesday 20th October 2020 - Grosvenor Vale
National League - Attendance 0



B.E.L.Ting WIN

A Moses Emmanuel double and a Jacob Mendy rocket gave Wealdstone their second win of the National League season against Chesterfield.



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LINE-UP

Isted
Efete
Okimo
Cawley
Mendy
C.Smith
Dyer
Benyu
Wakefield
Lewis
Emmanuel

Subs Used:

Slew
Green
Lafayette

Subs Not Used:

Gafaiti
Parish

Tom Denton scored one goal either side of half-time but the Stones were able to hold on for all three points at The Vale on Tuesday night.

Wealdstone Manager Dean Brennan made two changes from the side that defeated Wrexham last Saturday, as full debutant Jack Cawley and Emmanuel come in to replace the injured Michael Phillips and Ross Lafayette. It was the worst possible start for the Stones when Harry Isted lost out to Nathan Tyson in the air and Chesterfield were awarded a penalty inside two minutes, which Denton smashed low into the bottom corner.

Chesterfield started with great pace and Luke Rawson was in-behind bearing down on goal before Isted got low and stopped Rawson from a chance at an open goal.

Emmanuel bought the Stones level when Dennon Lewis' cross gave the frontman a free header which flew into the top corner in the 13th minute.

One became two for Emmanuel just two minutes later, Lewis again found him from the left-hand side and Emmanuel caressed the ball into the bottom corner.

Lewis' confidence was high and chose to cut inside from the left channel and take a shot at goal, but his effort was parried away by Kyle Letheran.

The Stones were firmly in the driving seat after taking

the lead as Alex Dyer's effort cannoned off the crossbar before the half-time interval. Chesterfield were improved at the start of the second half but lacked any creativity or significant goal-scoring opportunities.

Kundai Benyu had a great chance to score his first goal for Wealdstone with a free-kick 10 minutes after the break, he curled the effort from 25 yards just wide of the top corner.

The visitors had a goal ruled out for handball after Curtis Weston slotted the ball into the net before Emmanuel headed just over the bar from a Stones corner before he was substituted.

Mendy then produced an absolute rocket, similar to his strike against Wrexham last Saturday, got the ball onto his left foot and rifled it into the top corner.

Chesterfield halved the deficit a minute later when Denton headed into the Stones net but the hosts held on for another impressive victory against full-time opposition.

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LINE-UP

Letheran
Ty Denton
Sharman
Evans
Hollis
Cropper
J Smith
Weston
Mandeville
To Denton
Tyson

Subs Used:

Yarney
Boden
Rawson

Subs Not Used:

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OCTOBER				Comp.	Result	Crowd	Lge Pos	Wind Dir/Spd	Sky / Temp	Elev. (Mtrs)	1	2	3	4	5	6
6	Yeovil Town	VNL	2-2	0,000	15	☉ 11	☁ 11c	87.0	IST	EFE	MEN	OKI	PHI	BEN		
10	Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	0-1	0,000	19	☉ 8	☁ 20c	10.0	IST	EFE	MEN	WAK	PHI	OKI		
13	STOCKPORT COUNTY	VNL	2-5	0,000	23	☉ 11	☁ 10c	41.0	IST	EFE	MEN	SMI	PHI	OKI		
17	WREXHAM	VNL	4-3	0,000	18	☉ 4	☁ 12c	41.0	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	OKI	BEN		
20	CHESTERFIELD	VNL	3-2	0,000	9	☉ 7	☁ 15c	41.0	IST	EFE	MEN	SMI	OKI	WAK		
24	HAYES & YEADING UTD	FAC40														
27	King's Lynn Town	VNL														
31	FC Halifax Town	VNL														
NOVEMBER																
14	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNL														
17	Eastleigh	VNL														
21	SUTTON UNITED	VNL														
27	Notts County	VNL														
DECEMBER																
1	TORQUAY UNITED	VNL														
5	Barnet	VNL														
12	WEYMOUTH	VNL														
26	Maidenhead United	VNL														
28	BOEHAM WOOD	VNL														
JANUARY																
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9	Hartlepool United	VNL														
23	ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL														
26	Altrincham	VNL														
30	Solihull Moors	VNL														
FEBRUARY																
6	WOKING	VNL														
9	Torquay United	VNL														
13	BROMLEY	VNL														
20	Sutton United	VNL														
23	EASTLEIGH	VNL														
27	Wrexham	VNL														
MARCH																
6	FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL														
9	KING'S LYNN TOWN	VNL														
13	Dover Athletic	VNL														
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17	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	VNL														
24	Aldershot Town	VNL														
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3	Stockport County	VNL														
8	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	VNL														
15	Chesterfield	VNL														
22	SOLIHULL MOORS	VNL														
29	Woking	VNL														



PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

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

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WAK	BEN ⁶⁶	LAF ⁶⁰ ⁴⁷	DYE ⁸¹	SLE ¹⁷ ¹⁶	EMM	CAW ⁶⁰	PAR ⁶¹	CHA ⁶⁰	CHA ⁶⁰	GRE
SMI	WAK ¹⁹	DYE ⁶⁰ ⁵⁷	LAF ⁷⁰	LEW	CAW	CHA ⁴⁶	EMM ⁷⁰	GRE ⁶⁸	GRE ⁶⁸	SLE
BEN	CAW	DYE ⁶⁷	EMM ⁷⁸ ¹⁵ ¹⁵	LEW ⁴⁵	GAF	GRE ⁸⁰	LAF ⁷⁶	PAR	SLE ⁶⁷	



KEY TO SYMBOLS

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

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

Match date in red = Midweek kick-off)

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

KEY TO PLAYER IDS

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

Images above from our great win against Chesterfield on Tuesday night. Courtesy of Adam Williams.

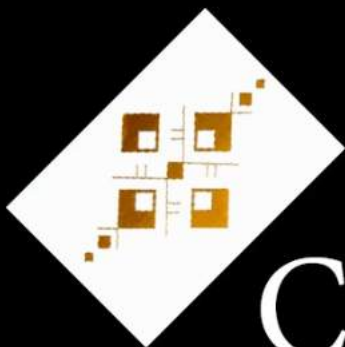
PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

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

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BY TIM PARKS



From Colchester to Maidenhead... all the joy and anguish of Stones in the 4th Qualifying Round

SO near and yet to far... for non-League clubs such as ours, the final qualifying round of the FA Cup is a tantalising afternoon. Win, and the carrot of facing a League club is well and truly dangled. Lose, and, well.. that's not worth even contemplating is it? Here we chronicle Wealdstone FC's history at this do-or-die stage...

Saturday November 12, 1949: Wealdstone 1 Colchester Utd 0
HISTORY was made 66 years ago when the Stones - who had already been in existence for half a century - finally made it to the FA Cup First Round Proper on a glorious afternoon at Lower Mead.

But not only was club history being made. These were the early days of television and this match was shown live on BBC1 - only the second-ever such game, the first being our 1-0 win at Edgware Town in the previous round!

Ironically, one of our oldest fans, Lew Sheppard, was on National Service at the time of this epic encounter,

based at Colchester Barracks of all places. But he remembers being able to watch the game live "on a screen the size of a postcard" in the army canteen, along with a hundred or so other squaddies.

Through the haze of embryonic TV they would have seen a tale of endless Colchester possession. The professional Southern League side were expected to win easily but once Bill Saunders had put the Stones ahead they became ever more desperate. The hero of the day was our keeper Danny Wiltshire, who was yet to concede a goal in four rounds of the cup - and he kept another clean sheet here with save after save and catch after catch to keep the 9,300 crowd spellbound.

They spilled onto the pitch at the

end to acclaim the men in blue and white quarters. Colchester had beaten top-flight Huddersfield Town and Bradford the previous season but the boot was on the other foot at Lower Mead, and the next 48 hours, apparently, were spent in contemplation of the draw for the First Round. Most were hoping for Watford or Notts County and their England centre-forward Tommy Lawton. But there was disappointment when our name was paired with the strong Third Division side Port Vale, the game to be played at Vale Park

Nevertheless, four coachloads of fans plus a special train laid on from Harrow & Wealdstone (fare 18s 9d - that's about 94p today) meant 500 Stones were cheering on the blues among the 15,300 crowd when the big day arrived.

It was another backs-to-the-wall display but in the end Vale centre-forward Pinchbeck scrambled in the winner - the only goal Danny Wiltshire conceded in the FA Cup that season. As the 23-year-old left the field the Vale fans crowded around and pleaded with his team mates "Leave us your goalkeeper Mister!"



First with the news: the BBC TV gantry at Lower Mead in 1949



... Danny Wiltshire saves from a dark-shirted Colchester forward

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Saturday November 10 1951:

Tonbridge 2 Wealdstone 0

THIS was a great Wealdstone team, another historic Stones team as they finished this season winning the club's first-ever major title: The Athenian League Championship. It was a powerful and interesting league with clubs like Bromley, Hendon, Enfield, Sutton, Barnet, Tooting and Cambridge City all in the mix, but our devastating forward line with two Polish amateur internationals Henryk Mikrut and Henryk Wegrzyk, and speedy winger Phil White finally won the day.

Long-term Stones fan Alan Couch maintains that this team was the best of the club's amateur days and that's quite an accolade for the boys of 51-52!

But the FA Cup ended in disappointment at the hands of Southern Leaguers Tonbridge. We

had steamed through all the previous rounds, smashing Slough 5-0 in the 3rd Qual Rd, but the trip to Kent was always going to be difficult

Tonbridge had only lost to Norwich the previous season in the First Round by a dubious goal, and ended our hopes of further glory in front of a 4,200 crowd at the Angel Ground. Nothing Danny Wilshire could do about either goal. Tonbridge went out to Football league side Aldershot in the next round.

Saturday November 7 1953:

Wealdstone 0 Headington Utd 3

THE STONES were in decline two years later - in fact we were to finish third-bottom of the Athenian League table - but earlier in the season had put together another decent FA Cup run only to be drawn against Southern League semi-pros Headington United (the fore-runners of Oxford United) in the final

qualifying round.

I'm afraid I have no details of the game at Lower Mead, only that it came five days after a tough London Challenge Cup semi-final at Highbury against Arsenal - the first time a Wealdstone side had played under floodlights.

There was no disgrace to lose that one 4-1 to a strong Gunners side featuring half a dozen of their First Division stars - captained by England left-back L Smith - and Headington United would also have been formidable opponents. They were on their way to winning the Southern League title, and the following year reached the FA Cup 4th round after beating Millwall and Stockport en route.

Just nine years later, after changing their name to Oxford United, they were elected to the Football League in place of Accrington Stanley.

1965: Stones finally make it through

Saturday October 16, 1965:

Wealdstone 2 Oxford City 0

TWELVE years had elapsed since the club's first-ever appearance in the First Round proper... and the Stones' prospects of making it again in the 1960s seemed remote after a series of frankly awful seasons.

Among them came exits at the hands of Barnet (9-0) and Enfield (5-1), and even little Hertford Town (1-0).

But when we got past Hertford again in the 1st Qualifying Round in 1965 (2-1), and then Harlow

(5-1) the belief in coach Vinny Burgess's side seemed to blossom. The famous and extraordinary 6-5 win over Stevenage in the Third Qualifying Round at Lower Mead (after being 5-3 behind with 10 minutes to play) saw the

Stones go into this final qualifier with a lot of confidence... and goals from Jim Cooley and Brian Allen saw us into the First Round draw. Oxford City were fellow Isthmian Leaguers and a crowd of 2,900 roared the blues into the First Round draw.

As with Port

Vale in 1952, however, we couldn't have ended up with a tougher Football League side: Millwall, from the Third Division, who had the best home record in the whole league with 10 wins from 12 matches.

The Lions would go on to win a second successive promotion, but in the meantime Stones gave them a terrific fight at Cold Blow Lane after the home side had gone 2-0 ahead.

The 11,794 crowd were quietened when our centre-forward Cooley beat keeper Alex Stepney to make it 2-1 but Millwall added a third in the 82nd minute.

I remember fellow fan Ray Kemp telling me that the last thing he wanted was a Stones equaliser as the notorious Millwall supporters were circling our fans menacingly!



FA CUP 4TH QUALIFYING RD ODYSSEY CONTD...

First Round Proper, Saturday November 26th 1966: Wealdstone 0 Nuneaton Borough 2

A BIT of a strange one, this... the Stones were allowed to bypass ALL the qualifying rounds in 1966 as reward for winning the FA Amateur Cup the previous season - much as in 1985 when we stepped straight into the First Round after winning the Conference/FA Trophy double.

It was a huge compliment for the club, but unfortunately the draw was an unkind one as we were paired with possibly the best team outside the Football League. Nuneaton Borough had finished the previous season as Southern League runners-up to Romford, and their side was studded with ex-League pros from Aston Villa, Walsall and Port Vale.

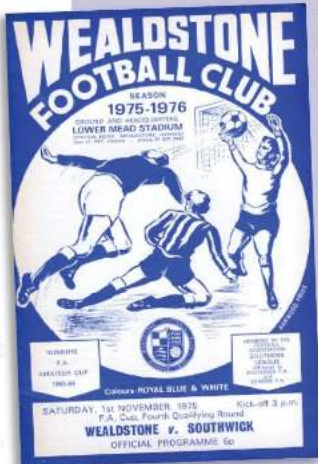
The Stones almost blew Nuneaton away in the first half, though, with our amateur internationals Charlie Townsend and Hughie Lindsay pulling all the strings - but a bad injury to centre-back Mike Stanley upset the whole balance of the side. The Stones eventually succumbed to two late goals, and the Southern Leaguers went on to beat Swansea 2-0 in Round Two before going out of the Cup at Rotherham.

Saturday November 2nd 1968: Slough Town 1 Wealdstone 1 (Replay: Wealdstone 2 Slough 0)

THIS was the year Stones fans were convinced they'd be reaching the Second Round Proper for the first time. After drawing with Athenian League champions Slough Town at the Dolphin Stadium in the 4th Qualifying Round, we went into the replay at Lower Mead four days later knowing the winners would be facing fellow Isthmians St Albans at home in the First Round.

Close to 3,000 were at both Slough games - Keith Searle scoring in the 1-1 draw, and then getting the vital first goal in the 2-0 replay win - and then all eyes turned to the visit of St Albans on November 16, the club's

1975: Eddie Presland's side sparkle at Shots



Saturday November 1, 1975: Wealdstone 3 Southwick 1

THE AUTUMN of 1975 was perhaps my favourite time to be a Stones fan. My rose-tinted specs had us winning every week at home, even beating Bath City, spanking Gravesend 7-1, putting four past Oxford City, coming back from 3-1 down to win 5-3 at Woking... did these things really happen? Well actually they did!

Eddie Presland's side had run up six successive home wins by the time we faced Sussex County League side Southwick at Lower Mead in the final qualifying round. If you could have chosen a team to play it would have had to be the Brighton-based side, especially at home where we were playing with joyful abandon. It was my seventh season watching the Stones and my dearest

wish was to see us finally having a decent Cup run, as we'd been depressingly giant-killed each and every season. And finally it happened!

Southwick's star player, midfielder Brian Powney, had made 400 appearances IN GOAL for Brighton & Hove Albion, that's how good they were, but we appeared pretty nervous until John Henderson beat their keeper gangly Chris Porter towards the end of the first half. George Duck and Bill Byrne wrapped it up, and even a Southwick consolation couldn't spoil the party as we finally made it to the First Round again.

The result was another monumentally tough away tie - at Aldershot, motoring along in Division Three (League One in today's money) - but our gung-ho Stones gave them a real fright before bowing out 4-3.

first-ever home game in the competition proper. But alas! In front of a 3,505 crowd, a Hughie Lindsay penalty wasn't enough to beat St Albans, who levelled late on to take the tie back to Clarence Park. By this time we knew the winners would face Third Division Walsall at home in Round Two... a huge incentive that drew over 5,000 to the replay, settled by a ferocious Dave Neville freekick as St Albans went through 1-0.

Saturday November 1 1969: Wealdstone 0 Enfield 1

THIS single-goal defeat in front of a 2,850 Lower Mead crowd signalled the end of an era, according to coach Dave Underwood who claimed he 'lost the dressing room' after Ken Gray's second-half strike put the Isthmian League champions into the First Round.

Underwood was gone within a

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few weeks, replaced by skipper Howard Moxon who fought (and failed) to halt the sudden exodus of our 'boot money' star players to the other leading lights of the late 1960s - notably Enfield and Wycombe Wanderers. The result was that the club's committee decided in the next year to quit the 'shamateurism' of the Isthmian League when they were invited to turn semi-pro and join the Southern League.

Saturday November 6 1976: Wealdstone 3 Bishops Stortford 2
DRAMA in the mud at Lower Mead, George Duck and winger John Arnold scoring the goals that put us into the First Round for a second successive season. But Arnold and full-back Alan Fursdon were sent off as we went out unluckily 1-0 at Reading.

Saturday November 5, 1977: Wealdstone 2 Maidstone Utd 1
ANOTHER terrific afternoon at Lower Mead as we saw off Southern League Prem rivals

Maidstone on a stormy afternoon thanks to the predatory Duck. This, of course, was the season when we went all the way to the third round - gloriously beating Third Division Hereford United 3-2 in a replay at Edgar Street after a goal-less draw at Lower Mead in the First Round (our first-ever home game against League opposition), and then seeing off Fourth Division Reading in front of a 7,000 crowd, again at Lower Mead. Then came QPR away in Round Three and an honourable 4-0 defeat in front of our biggest FA Cup crowd, 18,000.

Saturday November 4 1978: Wealdstone 1 Kempston Rovers 0
STONES were a poor side just a year later, but we had a lucky draw against little Kempton and squeezed through. But Enfield at home was a poor reward in Round One and we were embarrassed 5-0.

Saturday November 3 1979: Wealdstone 1 Woking 0
A GREAT win over Isthmian top dogs Woking thanks to Nigel John-

son's goal.. and nearly glory as we took on Southend United at Lower Mead only to lose unluckily 1-0.

Saturday November 1 1980: Harlow 1 Wealdstone 1 (replay: Wealdstone 0 Harlow 1)

TRAGEDY as we went out to famous giantkillers Harlow in a replay, knowing that the winners would have a home tie with Div Three Charlton Athletic.

Saturday October 30 1982: Wealdstone 3 Sutton Utd 1

THIS brilliant Stones side brushed aside Sutton, but had a tough First Round draw at Swindon and went out 2-0 at the County Ground.

Saturday October 29 1983: Wealdstone 1 Bishops Stortford 0
ALAN Cordice's header saw us through in yet another 4th Qual battle with the Bishops.. and then we got past Enfield in Round One after a replay. But then crashed 4-0 at Third Division Colchester.

Saturday October 25 1986: Dagenham 0 Wealdstone 3
FANTASTIC win set up home tie v. Swansea, beaten after a replay.

1987: Stones humbled by Midland Leaguers

Saturday October 24 1987: Tamworth 2 Wealdstone 0
THIS crushing defeat 28 years ago was perhaps the most predictable giant-killing in FA Cup history. The Stones were in disarray under new boss Terry

Burton and on our way to relegation from the Conference National having won just one game.

Tamworth were just beginning their climb up the pyramid and had won 12 of their previous 13

games in the Midland League... and there was the added distraction of a nasty, baying, firework-throwing crowd of over 2,000 in the Lamb ground to further unsettle the Stones. Once Tamworth's Andy Maddocks had



Martin Hirst (centre) is out-muscled by the combative Tamworth midfielder



Francisco Rivero (left), one of our few successes on the day, attempts to win this ball

beaten Alex Welsh with a tremendous volley after 20 minutes there was only one winner... and it certainly wasn't the toothless Stones. A dark, dark and frightening day.

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Saturday October 30 2004:

Wealdstone 0 Histon 2

'DAYLIGHT robbery' and 'smash and grab' were two of the more polite descriptions flying around after we had been beaten at the White Lion ground by Southern Prem high-flyers Histon in this final qualifier.

It was particularly galling as we had buried Banbury United (3-1) and Conference South sides Boreham Wood (5-1) and Grays (3-1) in previous rounds with Marvin Morgan netting in each game - and then missing a gilt-edged hat-trick against Histon. And it turned out to be his last game for the Stones, signing for Yeading the very next week!

One of his misses, hitting a prone defender on the line with the goal gaping, was pure farce. And Histon's chunky keeper Lance Key proved an unbeatable obstacle every time we bore down on goal. The Stones were brilliant in that first half in every respect (apart from goalscoring) and it should have been four or 5-0 as the teams turned around ... but, of course, when the Cambridgeshire side created two second half chances they scored from both. Kennedy and Ian Cambridge got the goals that put them into a home first-round moneyspinner with Shrewsbury, whom they duly beat. Grrrr....

Saturday Oct 27, 2007: Hampton &

Richmond Boro 1 Wealdstone 0

STONES were playing in the final qualifying round for the first time in 11 years and Gordon Bartlett's Ryman Premier Division strugglers came within 60 seconds minutes of forcing a replay against the Conference South leaders.

A revamped midfield of James Gray, Ryan Ashe and Lee O'Leary neutralised Hampton's dangerous Elliott Godfrey (yes, our Ells!), Glenn Hodges and former Stone Lawrence Yaku.... but after Ashe had hit the bar in the first half, Hampton turned the screw and our keeper Sean Thomas excelled with a series of heart-in-mouth stops. But he was finally beaten by substitute Glenn Harris's 89th-minute header. Bravehearts all.

2009: Drama in deepest Bucks..



Saturday October 24 1009:

Aylesbury 2 Wealdstone 4

TWO GOALS behind after just 11 minutes, this looked like being a classic Wealdstone let-down in front of 450 travelling fans in Aylesbury's picturesque ground.

Stones looked stricken by nerves as Gareth Price, from 20 yards, and then a Craig Henney penalty - after Alan Massey had horribly mistimed his challenge - gave the Moles a decisive early lead. But slowly and surely, we gained a midfield foothold and Greg Ngoyi (above) put us back in the game

with a blistering shot into the roof of the net before the break.

Roared on by the fans, Ryan Ashe scuffed in an equaliser and Aylesbury were wilting under mounting pressure... and finally cracked when Keiron Forbes set off on a trademark 40-yard run, slalooming through tackles and slotting the ball past home keeper Steve Smith.

There was a mini-disaster when Ngoyi was sent off for raising his hands in an incident with ex-Stone Mark Joyce, but the ten men wrapped it up when Ashe hit his second as the

home defence capitulated. The win brought a home draw against League One highfliers Rotherham United, of course - and the loss of Ngoyi might have proved crucial as our only goal threat came from midfield, Ashe's double so nearly forcing a replay with the Yorkshire side.

Pictured left: Keiron Forbes celebrates



Two penalty saves.. and Bognor beaten

Saturday November 24, 2015:

Wealdstone 2 Bognor Regis 1

WASN'T this just the perfect day? The Stones had started their second season in the National League South with one draw and five defeats in our first six games.. then began a run of 12 games unbeaten which culminated in this nerve-shredding win over Ryman League top dogs Bognor at The Vale.

The Cup run had started with a tame 1-1 home draw with Biggleswade, but victory in the replay sent us off to Brockenhurst in the New Forest for another winnable tie. Scotty Davies scored an unforgettable 60-yarder as we won though 5-2.. and our hopes for another kind draw for the final qualifying round came true. Bognor at home wouldn't be easy, but we had the rub of the green that afternoon as The Rocks' top scorer Jason Prior failed from penalty spot twice, denied by the agility of our keeper Jonathan North.

He was rightly carried from the pitch (right) on the shoulders of his team-mates.

After his first-half save, Stones roared to the other end and Bradley Hudson-Odoi finished sweetly from an angle for 1-0. And Northy's second penalty stop preceded Tom Hamblin's header from a corner (below) that made it 2-0. Bognor's late consolation was not enough to stop us setting up the memorable home tie with Colchester Utd in the First Round, which we lost 6-2.



Hero Northy as he saves twice from Jason Prior

Saturday October 15, 2016: Dagenham & Redbridge 3 Wealdstone 1

THIS was the game that demonstrated to the watching Peter Marsden that the club were worth investing in. The soon-to-be chairman was among a noisy contingent of around 350 in the away end whose non-stop support reached a crescendo as Matty Whichelow fired in a first half equaliser after the National League Daggers had taken the lead with their first attack. Stones keeper Northy was concussed just before their goal, and his departure for Greek Futsal International Paschalis Xanthos further weakened a team already missing key defenders Wes Parker and Tom Hamblin. Stones then missed good chances through Jonny Wright and Danny Green and Oliver Hawkins capitalised by heading Daggers ahead.

Cocky home striker Jordan Maguire-Drew wrapped it up with the third goal.

Below: magnificent support in the away end



Tom Hamblin's header hits the net.. if only we could have crowds like this today!



FA CUP 4TH QUALIFYING RD ODYSSEY CONTD...

Saturday October 20 2018: Wealdstone 1 Sutton Utd 2

JUST about the most agonising big-match FA Cup defeat in Wealdstone's history unfolded at The Vale... Stones' Bradley Bubb fluffing an injury time penalty with the game poised at 1-1, and Sutton racing to the other end from keeper Jamie Butler's throw out for Drinan to score a 94th-minute winner and send the away fans into raptures.

It was a game of three penalties: National League Sutton had more of the play but went behind when a rash challenge on the rampaging Rhys Tyler allowed Bubb to blast the ball confidently home. That was on 50 minutes and 13 mins later - after Dave Pratt had somehow been denied on



the goalline - Sutton levelled with Nicky Bailey's spot kick. Fumnaya Shomoton was the ace in the Stones' pack but Pratt's header

from his cross (above) was denied by a flying save from Butler... and with Elliott Charles adding muscle off the bench and the crowd baying for late drama, Bobby Wilkinson's side threw another long ball into the box and the referee blew for another penalty as the big man was bundled over. But a despairing Bubb tried to place his shot inside the post, Butler guessed right and moments later we were in disbelief as Drinan put Sutton into the First Round draw. Unbelievable!



Late leveller and Mendy sending-off KOs Stones

Saturday October 19, 2019: Maidenhead Utd 1 Wealdstone 1; replay 2-0 to Maidenhead

THIS time last year the Stones hordes trooped down to the banks of the River Thames to see if our National League South pacesetters were good enough to beat a team from the higher division.

Yet after bossing most of this first encounter, Dean Brennan's side - who had been beaten just once in 16 games and with 13 wins - were finally ousted by the tactical nous of Alan Devonshire's men.

The Stones comfortably played keep-ball for 75 minutes of the first game with Billy Clifford and Danny Green in total control. Jerome Okimo was unlucky not to score, his header bouncing off a post, and a sharp swivel and shot from Ross Lafayette just after half time put the away side ahead. Yet Maidenhead went Route One into the final 15 minute with the imposing ex-Stone Alan Massey and Joe Ellul using their height, and with just four minutes remaining a cleverly flighted free

kick saw keeper Aston Oxborough only half save, the ball crashing off midfielder Ryan Upward and into the net (pictured below).

Stones were still confident of success in the replay, but as boss Brennan lamented: "They did a job on us tonight. Their full-time status allowed them to adjust tactically; they blotted out our passing and dominated us".

A goal in each half from Josh Kelly took the Magpies through, but the key moment came just before half time when Stones' left back Jacob Mendy Mendy was red-carded for what seemed a fair challenge on Remy Clerima on the edge of the box. It was hard enough dealing with energised Maidenhead with 11 men; ten men made it impossible.



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BY STEVE DUCKER



50-year flashback

Marking the 50th anniversary of our step up to professionalism in 2021, we're 'live blogging' our final season as an amateur club using one programme from each of the 92 professional Football League clubs playing in 1970/71. Here are matches 13 to 16 - collect the set!

Tuesday 8 September, 7.30pm, Division 4

Southport 1 (Laurence Calloway) Grimsby Town 0

Ref T Gill, Newcastle | Att 3,790

Summary:

A rearranged fixture that spoke volumes about football economics in the early 1970s.

Programme highlight: The ads. Fays for Football Outfits (outfits!); the Floodlight Club with Bob at the Hammond Organ and Ted on drums; and best of all, John Church Agricultural Produce Merchants. Ask for Pancracklers potatoes - "big-uns for chips". ①

Programme lowlight: 12 pages, on paper stock so thin you can see page 2 through the cover. Let's hope nobody was reading it in a stiff breeze. ②

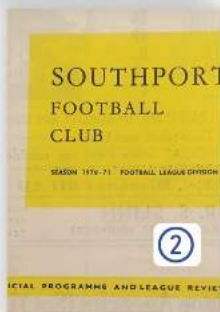
Programme bingo: The Match Ball Donors list. Even the league's most humble brethren had a bunch of diehards willing to front up a few quid once a season.

Ahead of their time: Both teams' commercial departments. The game was scheduled for 1 May, but a duo already out of the League Cup pounced on a spare midweek. The sub-4,000 crowd doesn't sound much, but Southport's final home game pulled in 1,550. With clubs sharing the receipts, it was in Grimsby's interests too.

Any other business: Neither side won promotion that season, but between them they took the fourth division titles of the following two years. Southport were voted out of the league in 1978.

Cliche: 'They responded to the atmosphere'

Stones: We lose 1-2 away to Sutton United.



Friday 11 September, 7.30pm, Division 4

Southend United 1 (Billy Best) Bournemouth 2 (John Sainty, Terry Gulliver)

Ref J Homewood, Sunbury on Thames | Att 7,319

Summary: Fourth-bottom Southend keep Bournemouth goal machine Ted MacDougall quiet but lose anyway. ③

Programme highlight: The 'What the Papers Said' page, even if it was mostly from the Southend Evening Echo.

Programme lowlight: The editor's apparent obsession with utility player Micky Beesley, who appears on at least four pages, sometimes in very tenuous connections indeed.

Programme bingo: The new signing photo. John McMahon (on loan from Preston North End) does some studious keepy-uppy in front of a deserted Kop terrace. ④

Ahead of their time: Manager Arthur Rowley's column. For instance, talking about the recent defeat at Notts County: "Disappointed? Of course we are!" Does he anticipate the 21st century trend of asking one's self a rhetorical question and then answering it? Of course he does!

Stones connection: Sunday's entertainment at the Shrimpers' Club was to be provided by famous Stones supporter Cardew Robinson. Consummate professional that he was, he wouldn't have let his team's indifferent start to the season (we lost 1-3 to Barking the day after this one) affect his performance. The show must go on...

Cliche: 'We need a result next week'



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Saturday 12 September, 3pm, Division 1 Newcastle United 0 Liverpool 0

Ref J Taylor, Wolverhampton | Att 35,510

Summary: Two toothless attacks produce an inevitable outcome and leave their respective managers feeling that something has to change.

Programme highlight: A cover that suggests an unmarked forward can blast past a keeper from less than a foot without being flagged offside. 5

Programme lowlight: The ad for the Evening Chronicle Pink wall chart. Great idea, but it has Newcastle and Sunderland sharing the same space. How many combined Stones / Borough wall charts would you have bought, ever? 6

Programme bingo: Toon manger Joe Harvey after following two league wins with a League Cup exit at third division Bristol Rovers: "We've got to have consistency". On a modern keyboard that phrase would have its own save key.

Ahead of their time: The ticket arrangements for the upcoming Fairs Cup match v Inter Milan. "After supplying shareholders and the visiting club, should the demand for seats exceed supply, a ballot will be held..." Throw in a reference to commercial partners and the football family and it could be any international tournament of the last 30 years. 7

Any other business: In a 42 game season, Newcastle scored 44 goals and Liverpool averaged exactly one a game. By the start of 1971-72, the Magpies had signed Malcolm MacDonald from Luton while Liverpool also raided the lower divisions to form the Keegan-Toshack partnership.

Cliche: '90 minutes of my life I won't get back'

With the Reserves

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With three London Mid-Week League games played so far, all of them incidentally at home, our Reserves have made a reasonably good start to the season. The Lads have not lost yet. We have won once and the other two games were drawn. Our opening game against Colchester was a mediocre kind of game which ended all square with one goal apiece, both goals coming in the first half. George Duck equalised an early Colchester goal. In their second game the Lads really turned on the goal power and rattled five past the Watford keeper. In this game all our players performed well with George Duck (2), Barry Salvage (2) and Billy Neil hitting the target. Peterborough, newcomers to the London Mid-Week League surprisingly took the lead in our last match, although our lads had started off as if they were going to emulate their achievement against Watford. Turning round a goal down we were constantly on the attack in the second half and the equaliser came when a fierce drive from Barry Salvage was turned past his own keeper by a 'Push' defender. Full credit must be given to Peterborough's goalie who brought off some fantastic saves to thwart at least three or four goal worthy efforts by our lads.

Monday 14 September, 7.30pm, Division 2

Millwall 1 (Derek Possee)

Sheffield United 2 (Eddie Colquhoun, Tony Currie)

Ref L Callaghan, Merthyr Tydfil | Att 5,266

Summary: United overcome the intimidating atmosphere of The Den (TM) to take both points back to Yorkshire despite a short notice rearrangement of a game postponed the previous Saturday. 8

Programme highlight: Millwall keeper Bryan King, complete with cap, executing a 'one for the photographers' diving save in front of a shirt sleeve crowd against Portsmouth. 9

Programme lowlight: The Face in the Crowd competition. Nice idea, but a prize of ONE ticket for a forthcoming game to the winner? Really?

Programme bingo: The Talking Point column was by no means unique in taking up a full page to lecture fans on how important it was they come to the game. Unfortunately it was unique in being delivered to Millwall's lowest attendance of the season.

Stones connection: The 'With the Reserves' section was already aware of the goalscoring exploits of a certain George Duck. 10

Any other business: Blades' scorer Colquhoun's actual first name was Edmond, making him the poshest named player in League football until Forbes Phillipson-Masters made his debut.

Cliche: 'There wasn't a game tonight, was there?'

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	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE Saturday, 8th May Vanarama National League	'In memory of fans no longer with us' Ron Moore, Tony, Steve & Peter Drew and David Edwards		
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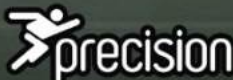
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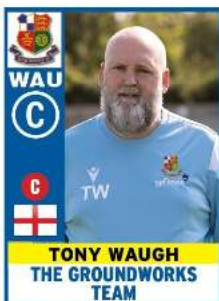
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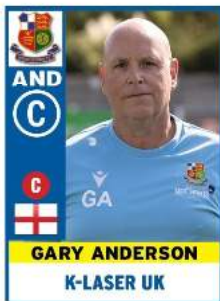
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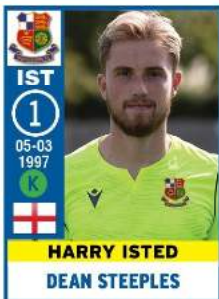
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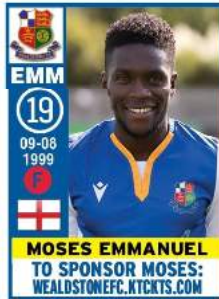
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1 Stockport County	5	4	0	1	12	5	2	2	0	0	5	1	3	2	0	1	7	4	7	12	2-5
2 Torquay United	5	4	0	1	8	4	3	3	0	0	5	1	2	1	0	1	3	3	4	12	
3 Hartlepool United	4	3	1	0	8	2	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	2	0	0	6	1	6	10	
4 Woking	5	3	1	1	5	5	3	2	1	0	4	1	2	1	0	1	1	4	0	10	
5 Solihull Moors	4	3	0	1	8	2	3	3	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	6	9	
6 Sutton United	4	3	0	1	6	2	2	1	0	1	3	1	2	2	0	0	3	1	4	9	
7 Notts County	5	3	0	2	10	7	3	2	0	1	9	6	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	9	
8 Eastleigh	4	2	2	0	10	5	3	1	2	0	5	4	1	1	0	0	5	1	5	8	
9 Wealdstone	5	2	1	2	11	13	3	2	0	1	9	10	2	0	1	1	2	3	-2	7	-- --
10 Halifax Town	5	1	3	1	4	3	2	1	1	0	3	1	3	0	2	1	1	2	1	6	
11 Wrexham	5	2	0	3	6	7	2	1	0	1	2	2	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	6	4-3
12 Barnet	4	2	0	2	6	10	2	1	0	1	2	5	2	1	0	1	4	5	-4	6	
13 Maidenhead United	5	2	0	3	6	12	2	0	0	2	2	7	3	2	0	1	4	5	-6	6	
14 Aldershot Town	4	1	1	2	9	6	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	8	4	3	4	
15 Bromley	3	1	1	1	5	3	2	1	0	1	5	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	
16 Boreham Wood	4	1	1	2	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	4	3	1	4	
17 Yeovil Town	5	0	4	1	5	6	2	0	1	1	2	3	3	0	3	0	3	3	-1	4	2-2
18 Weymouth	5	1	1	3	2	4	3	1	0	2	2	3	2	0	1	1	0	1	-2	4	
19 Dagenham & Redbridge	5	1	1	3	2	6	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	4	0-1
20 King's Lynn Town	5	1	1	3	6	14	2	0	1	1	2	5	3	1	0	2	4	9	-8	4	
21 Chesterfield	5	1	0	4	9	9	3	1	0	2	6	4	2	0	0	2	3	5	0	3	3-2
22 Dover Athletic	5	1	0	4	2	14	2	1	0	1	1	5	3	0	0	3	1	9	-12	3	
23 Altrincham	3	0	2	1	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	2	



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