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a true account of ourselves that day and will be looking for an improvement tonight.

As I write these brief notes, the future of the National Leagues this season are still very much unknown but the picture should be clearer in the next week or two and possibly a little by the time you read these words. One thing I think we can be sure of is that our board of directors will have the best interests of our club at the heart in any decisions they need to make.

Good evening and a warm welcome to Alan Devonshire, his staff and the players and officials from our old rivals Maidenhead United. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us and have a safe journey back to Buckinghamshire after the game.

So after last weekend's postponement against Solihull Moors, we look to complete this fixture against Maidenhead that was originally scheduled for January the 2nd before the weather intervened.

Our defeat at York Road on Boxing Day shows that Maidenhead, as always will provide tough opposition but we also know that we did not give

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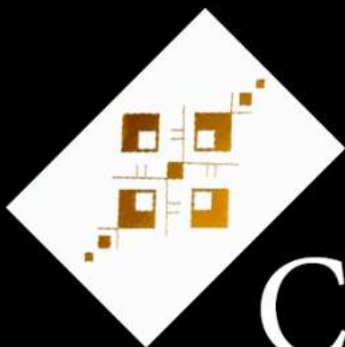
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STONES INTERVIEW

Josh Meekings

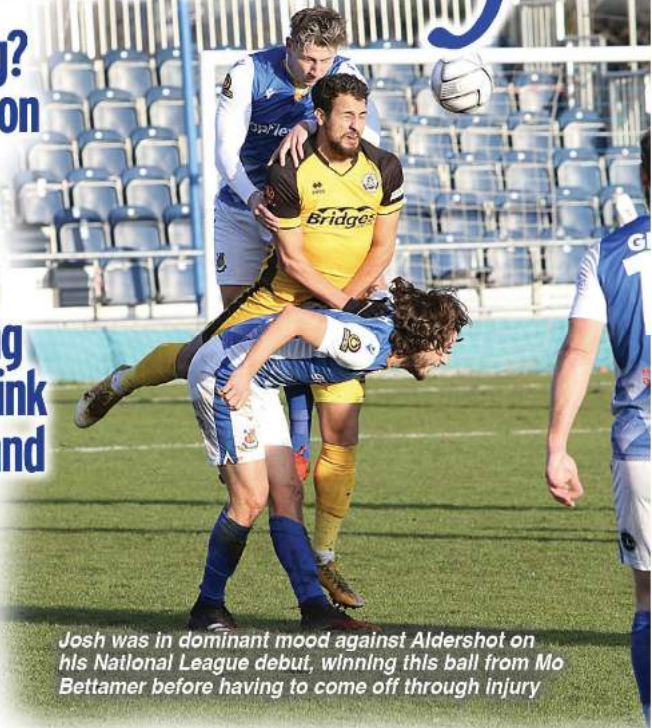
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When you're conceding more goals than (almost) anybody in the National League the league, a no-nonsense defender like Josh Meekings is exactly what you need... and the 28-year-old is delighted to be joining the Wealdstone cause.

"I'm really pleased with the way it's all been handled" said the six-footer as we managed to grab a (hands-free!) chat on his drive down the M11 from his Suffolk home on the way to receive some physiotherapy on a troublesome hip injury.

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

Josh made his debut in the FA Trophy win



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

over Gloucester and immediately his experience, communication and athleticism came to the fore as we restricted the National League North leaders to just speculative shots from long range.

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

"Russell Osman was my coach at Ipswich and he recommended me to Terry because I wasn't being given a chance there. And that was a great move because Cally were in the Scottish Premier League among the big

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boys and the standard of football was high.. and Inverness is just a lovely place to live".

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

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

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

fourth-placed Dundee United.

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

"Was that the highlight of your career so far?" I asked him.

"Oh, undoubtedly. Although there was a bit of controversy surrounding our win over Celtic in the semi-final - and I count myself a bit lucky to even have had the chance to play in the final" he confessed.

Now, even I as a non-follower of Scottish

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Josh wins this tackle against the Shots. Pictures by Adam Williams & Jon Taffel

STONES INTERVIEW CONTD...



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

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

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

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

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

"It's not ideal but it's a good base for us. I'm just pleased to be playing football again and although I've only trained a couple of times with Wealdstone and been involved in a couple of matches you can tell that we've got some excellent players.

"My debut against Gloucester went well and I even got involved in winning two penalties! Our defending was good in that game but against Alder-shot I think per-

haps our first contact was poor and we didn't put enough pressure on the ball. I thought we were in control in the first half and not too stretched... but then the set pieces opened us up. When you're part time you don't have the chance to work on set plays so much but we have to improve defensively there.

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

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

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

And what did you know about Wealdstone before coming to Grosvenor Vale? "Well, the obvious really: The Raider. But I knew how well the Stones had done last season, and then looking into the club on the internet you realise what a rich history there is. And I know the crowds can be big and intimidating... if we ever get to see them again :("

"The FA Trophy also excites me. Cup runs are good in bringing everyone together and although it's a long trip to Darlington this weekend it's not as far as Inverness!"



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TONY BOOTH

Fan in the Stand

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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play at the moment.

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

How big a part of your life is the game?

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

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

and always attends with me when Uni allows. I was really looking forward to some of the away games this season but with Covid-19 that will have to wait till next season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Clives A-Z of Football for the lockdown generation

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

BOVRIL. Mystical magical reviving beverage only drunk at cold football outposts. If only to warm your hands up.

BOGS. Football toilets are synonymous with the most vile hell on earth places. Improved a bit over the years but let's face it from a very low starting point. A wall maybe a trough. Primitive.

BALLOONS. Indispensable part of the FA Cup matchday experience. When they blow onto the pitch and the players have to burst them you know you've contributed to everyone's enjoyment.

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

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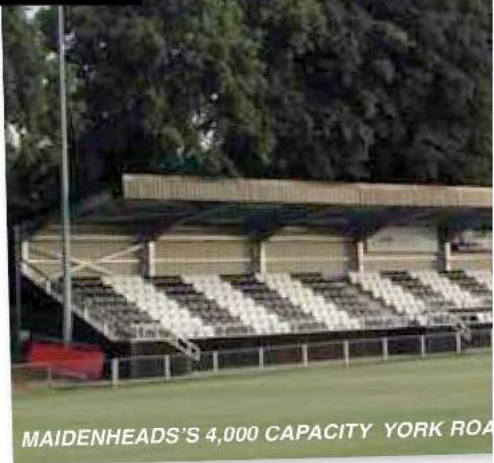
MAIDENHEAD UNITED

Welcome to our Visitors The Magpies

The origins of senior football in Maidenhead can be traced back to October 1870 with the formation of Maidenhead Football Club, who subsequently played their first ever fixture on December 17th, 1870 against Windsor Home Park at Bond's Meadow near Maidenhead bridge.

On Thursday, February 16th 1871 the club played their first game on the York Road site against Marlow. This ground, which was then shared with the cricket club, is now officially acknowledged as the oldest continually used football ground in the world by the same club, eclipsing Northwich Victoria's old claim by five years. Maidenhead were one of the original 15 entrants for the first ever FA Cup competition in 1871-72 and the following season reached the last four before losing to Oxford University. Maidenhead reached the quarter-finals in the next two seasons, but in 1876 did not enter, although this was the only season they failed to participate. They also entered the first ever Berks & Bucks Cup competition in 1878 - winning the competition for the first time in 1895 - and the first FA Amateur Cup in 1893. The adopted club colours were Red & Black, initially worn as halved shirts, but changed to stripes in 1904.

Maidenhead FC merged with three sides before the Great War. Maidenhead Excelsior were founded in 1877 and joined forces with the Red & Blacks in 1885. Maidenhead Temperance - originally known as Maidenhead Band of Hope - amalgamated with the club in 1891 and Boyne Hill FC did likewise later that year. After many seasons of playing friendlies and Cup matches, Maidenhead FC were founder members of the Southern League in 1894 but competing in



Division 2 with the likes of Watford, Brentford, Fulham and Brighton proved too demanding and the club consistently struggled. Eventually in 1902, after eight years of membership, they resigned and joined both the West Berkshire League and the Berks & Bucks League. In 1904 Maidenhead became members of the Great Western Suburban League where they remained until the outbreak of the Great War.

Spartans and Corinthians

After the Great War the two remaining town clubs - Maidenhead and Maidenhead Norfolkians (founded 1884) - decided to join forces. The conflict had meant that it was unrealistic to run two senior clubs, so after a meeting in April 1919, the Norfolkians were incorporated into the Maidenhead club, and soon afterwards a kit of black and white was adopted as club colours. There was immediate success in the first season of structured league football as

Maidenhead FC won the Great Western Suburban League. In August 1920 the suffix "United" was added but, more importantly, the freehold of York Road was purchased for £1,450 from William Grenfell, later to become Lord Desborough. Two years later the club joined



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the Spartan League and the 500 seater grandstand – at the time considered one of the best of its kind - was opened by Club President, Ernest Dunkels.

Maidenhead United won the Spartan League title three times during their nineteen year stay. In 1929-30 season the club's goal-scoring record for a season was set when Jack Palethorpe notched 65 goals in 39 games, including an individual post 1919 record of seven in one game against Wood Green Town. Jack went on to play for Sheffield Wednesday and scored in the Owls FA Cup win in 1935. In 1936, Maidenhead reached the semi-final of the FA Amateur Cup losing 4-1 to Ilford at West Ham in front of 18,000 spectators. It was during that season that the record attendance for a Maidenhead home match of 7,989 was set when Southall visited York Road in the quarter-final. During the Second World War, the club competed in the Great Western Combination.

In 1945 the club were founder members of the Corinthian League. After many seasons of relative mediocrity, fortunes changed under the guidance of ex-Brentford forward, Len Townsend, and then former Slough Town

manager Jimmy Price, and the Magpies enjoyed the first real "purple-patch" in their history. In seven seasons between 1956 and 1963 the club won the league three times, were runners-up twice and also reached the third round of the FA Amateur Cup in 1960, losing to West Auckland at York Road in front of a post-war record attendance for a Maidenhead game of 5,597. As well as County Cup, County Benevolent Cup and League Memorial Shield successes during this period, the 1st round proper of the FA Cup was reached in 1960 (losing 5-0 away to Colchester United), 1962 (losing 3-0 at home to Wycombe Wanderers) and 1963 (losing 2-0 to Bath City at York Road).

Athenians and Isthmians

In 1963, United joined the Athenian League finishing a best placed 3rd in 1965-66. In 1973, the Magpies were elected into the newly created second division of the Isthmian League. They made a concerted effort to achieve promotion to the Premier Division in 1979 and 1980 when managed by Geoff Anthony (finishing 3rd on both occasions), and then again in 1985 under Brian Caterer and Colin Lippiatt, when they finished 4th. They remained in this division until 1987 when the Club suffered relegation for the first time in its history, and the dark days were made worse with the destruction of the main grandstand by an arson attack in December 1986. It took four seasons to get out of Division Two South, and this was achieved under the guidance of Martyn Spong in 1991. An Isthmian League record of 13 straight wins at the start of 1990-91 season was the springboard to success, but the club lost out on the title to Abingdon Town on the last day of the season. During this season, however, the team established a club record of 19 league games without defeat. Following the unexpected departure of Spong to Enfield in the summer of 1991, Gary Goodwin, John Clements and then John Watt took on the manager's job with generally moderate results and the club regularly finished in or around mid-table.

In 2016-17 Maidenhead won the renamed National League South, earning promotion to the National League with 98 points and remain at National League level to this day.

Maidenhead finished the 2019/20 season in 21st place.

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v MAIDENHEAD UNITED

P 48 W 14 D 9 L 25 F 63 A 100

MAIDENHEAD UNITED - WHO'S WHO?



1. TAYE ASHBY-HAMMOND - GOALKEEPER

Fulham Under 23 keeper who was initially signed on loan in the summer of 2019 having impressed for the Magpies in pre-season. Taye returns on a season long loan for this campaign. Has gradually made his way through the ranks at Craven Cottage. Capped for England at Under 16 and Under 17 level.

25. SAM BARRATT - FORWARD

Prodigious talent who returned to York Road in the summer after two years at Southend United. Sam originally signed for the Magpies from Bracknell Town in the summer of 2014. An England C Cap.

9. NATHAN BLISSETT - FORWARD

Powerful centre forward signed in the summer from Solihull. Nathan started his career in the midlands at Staffordshire University going on to play for Kidsgrove Athletic and Romulus before signing for Kidderminster. Loan spells followed with Cambridge United and Hednesford Town before joining promotion-bound Bristol Rovers in 2015. Whilst at the Memorial Stadium, Blissett was borrowed by Tranmere Rovers and Lincoln City. A move to Devon came in January 2016 and following a year with Torquay United Blissett moved to the Gulls neighbours Plymouth Argyle. The experienced 30 year old has since appeared for Macclesfield Town and Solihull Moors in the National League.

6. REMY CLERIMA - DEFENCE

Cultured French defender signed in November 2016. Last season Remy often played further up the pitch, scoring five times. Has National League experience with Braintree and has also played for Histon, Brackley and Lorient.

7. JOSH COLEY - MIDFIELD

Signed in the summer from Stotfold. Josh was on York City's books as a youngster then established himself in non league football with Hitchin Town. Following a successful spell on loan at Baldock Town he signed for Norwich City going onto play senior football whilst on loan with Dunfermline.

8. JAMES COMLEY - MIDFIELD

Highly regarded playmaker who initially signed from St. Albans on loan in February 2016. He went onto play a key role in the Magpies push for the play offs and was signed up at the end of the season. One of the leading lights in the Magpies title winning team due to the way his inspirational runs drive the team forward, often finishing with a defence splitting pass. James started his career

at Crystal Palace and went onto play a leading role in the Saints resurgence as part of their Southern League Premier Division promotion winning team of 2014. Current Montserrat international.

4. SHAUN DONNELLAN - MIDFIELD

Combative holding midfielder signed in the summer from Woking. Shaun started his career at West Brom and after loan spells at Worcester, Stevenage, Dagenham and Walsall, he signed for Yeovil. He went on to play for Maidstone United. Capped by Republic of Ireland at Under 19 and Under 21 level.

12. BRADLEY KEETCH - MIDFIELD

Exciting teenage prospect who signed a senior contract in October 2018 and went onto score on his full debut at Holmer Green in the County Cup. A leading light of the youth team that made a record breaking run to the FA Cup 3rd round in 2019. Part of the club's fledgling academy programme, and the first to graduate to the first team.

14. ROHAN INCE - MIDFIELD

Former Chelsea academy player has represented Yeovil, Brighton, Fulham, Swindon, Bury & Cheltenham

22. JOSH KELLY - FORWARD

Promising young striker who signed a contract on his 18th birthday having already made his first team debut. On loan at Walton Casuals last term achieving great success in their promotion season. Josh scored forty goals for the Casuals. Made his full Northern Ireland Under 21 debut in March 2019.

24. ALAN MASSEY (C) - DEFENCE

Inspirational captain who joined manager Alan Devonshire in moving from Braintree Town to York Road in May 2015. Alan is a commanding centre back who was at Cressing Road for almost three seasons, making over 100 appearances. He has also played for Wealdstone and Wycombe Wanderers. Club captain. Alan gained national fame when he gave the Magpies the lead live on BT Sport in the FA Cup 1st Round replay against Port Vale at York Road. Ever present in the title winning season, leading the parsimonious defence by example, he reached the hundred appearance mark for United early on last season.

10. DANILO ORSI - FORWARD

Summer signing from Hampton, Danilo is a composed striker with an excellent track scoring

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record in the National League South. Anglo-Italian Orsi's formative years were spent in the USA playing for Eastern Florida. On his return to Britain he played for Oldham, East Thurrock and Hungerford.

5. MANNY PARRY - DEFENCE

Commanding centre back signed in the summer from Woking, Manny returns to York Road having spent a loan spell with the Magpies in 2013 whilst with Stoke City. He joined the Potters from Millwall and also spent time on loan at Weston-super-mare and Nuneaton. Also played for Worcester City, Grays Athletic, Maidstone United, Margate, Braintree, Dover and Boreham Wood. Selected for the 2018 Non League Paper team of the season.

16. RYHEEM SHECKLEFORD - DEFENCE

Right back signed in August 2018, Ryheem started his career at Fulham. He worked his way up through the ranks at Craven Cottage, appearing in the 2014 FA Youth Cup final and captaining the Under 18s the following season. Gained senior experience with a loan spell at Wealdstone. Spent time on loan at Walton Casuals during the 2018/19 season and went onto secure a regular berth in the Magpies starting eleven last season on the right side of the pitch.

28. JOSH SMILE - MIDFIELD

Signed from Chippenham Town in the summer of 2019 quickly impressing with his dynamism in the middle of the park. Josh started his career at Oxford United before moving to the Fulham Academy where he appeared in the FA Youth Cup Final for the Cottagers alongside Ryheem Sheckleford. He went onto captain the West London club's under 19 and under 23 teams.

17. REECE SMITH - MIDFIELD

Youth team graduate who impressed with his attacking play in the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup last season, and was named on the bench in the National League.

11. DAN SPARKES - MIDFIELD

Left winger signed in the summer from Barnet to reunite with manager Alan Devonshire for whom he played at Braintree. Dan started his career at Histon and has also played for Torquay United and Dagenham.

15. SETH TWUMASI - DEFENCE

Versatile defender signed in November 2018

from Maidstone United. Seth started his career at Chelsea working his way through the ranks to earn a professional contract with the Blues whilst representing England at Under 16, 17, 18 and 20 level. Born in Ghana, Seth can play anywhere along the defensive line and in midfield. He made his senior debut on loan at Dagenham & Redbridge before leaving Stamford Bridge for Peterborough United. He continued in the Football League with Northampton Town and Newport Country, joining the Stones in September 2016, just after their return to the top tier of non league football.

19. RYAN UPWARD - MIDFIELD

All action local central midfielder who joined the Magpies from Burnham in the summer of 2014. Also has experience with Flackwell Heath and Beaconsfield SYCOB. Now the longest serving player at the club he enjoyed his best season for the Magpies in 2017/18 passing the hundred full appearance mark and capping the campaign by scoring the winner at Leyton Orient. Always makes his presence felt on the pitch, chipping in with the occasional goal.

3. GEORGE WELLS - DEFENCE

Left back signed in the summer, making the short trip over the county line from Slough. George was a member of the Rebels team that made it to the National League South play offs last season, having been supporters player of the year in 2018. Also has experience with Kingstonian and Hampton.

2. JERRY WILTSHIRE - DEFENCE

Late summer signing having impressed in pre season friendlies. Jerry is a central defender who has spent most of his playing career in the USA having crossed the pond to study in Tennessee. Born in North London, Jerry was on the books of QPR as a teenager. He has gone on to play for Bethel Wildcats, Memphis City, Chattanooga, Peachtree City, West Florida Argonauts and Des Moines Menace. An international cap, scoring on his debut for the British Virgin Islands against Turks and Caicos in the CONCACAF Nations League in March 2019.

MANAGER - ALAN DEVONSHIRE

Alan returned to York Road in May 2015 for his second spell as United manager.

Alan's previous clubs include Hampton & Richmond Borough, Braintree Town, Southall and of course West Ham who he represented over 400 times as a player.

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 HARTLEPOOL UNITED Saturday, 17th April Vanarama National League	Harrow Windows	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?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 SOLIHULL MOORS Saturday, 22nd May Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
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	VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE			FA CUP			FA TROPHY			TOTALS			WFC CAREER		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
Benyu, Kundai	6	6		1			1	1		8	7		8	7	
Browne, Rhys *		1								1			1		
Cawley, Jack	9	3	1				1	1		10	3	2	10	3	2
Charles, Ashley		1								1			14	9	
Debayo, Joshua		1								1			1		
Dyer, Alex	9	2	1	1			2	1		12	2	2	129	13	34
Efete, Michee	16		1	1			2			19		1	56	1	9
Emmanuel, Moses	8	3	4	1			1	1		10	3	5	19	3	9
Green, Danny	12	3					2	1		14	3	1	184	24	39
Hughes, Charlee	1	2					1	1		2	3		2	3	
Isted, Harry *	11									11			23		
Kouogun, Maxim		1									1			1	
Lafayette, Ross	6	5	3	1						6	6	3	41	22	21
Lench, Matt	1	1								1	1		7	10	1
Lewis, Dennon	14	1	1	1			2	1		17	1	2	54	3	14
Meekings, Josh							1			1			1		
Mendy, Jacob	15		4	1			2	1		18		5	45	10	14
Moore, Stuart	5						2			7			7		
Okimo, Jerome	16			1			2			19			202	5	7
Parish, Danny	6	3	5		1					6	4	5	6	4	5
Parrett, Dean *	2	2								2	2		2	2	
Phillips, Michael	14		1				1			15		1	52	2	5
Slew, Jorome	2	6	1	1				2		2	9	1	3	11	3
Smith, Connor	14	1		1			2			17	1		58	19	5
Stevens, Connor				1						1			80		8
Smith, Grant *				1						1			1		
Wakefield, Charlie *	8	3	1	1				1	1	9	4	2	9	4	2
Wishart, Dan	1	2					1			1	3		1	3	



Results 2020-21

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	87m	IST	EFE	MEN	OKI	PHI	BEN
10	Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	0-1	0,000	19	⊙ 8	☀ 20c	10m	IST	EFE	MEN	WAK	PHI	OKI
13	STOCKPORT COUNTY	VNL	2-5	0,000	23	⊙ 11	⊙ 10c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	SMI	PHI	OKI
17	WREXHAM	VNL	4-3	0,000	18	⊙ 4	☀ 12c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	OKI	BEN
20	CHESTERFIELD	VNL	3-2	0,000	9	⊙ 7	☀ 15c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	SMI	OKI	WAK
24	HAYES & YEADING UTD	FAC4Q	0-2	0,000	9	⊙ 17	☀ 15c	41m	GSM	EFE	MEN	SMI	OKI	STE
27	King's Lynn Town	VNL	3-2	0,000	6	⊙ 10	☀ 8c	12m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	OKI	CAW
NOVEMBER														
7	ALTRINCHAM	VNL	1-0	0,000	3	⊙ 4	☀ 20c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	CAW	OKI	PHI
10	FC Halifax Town	VNL	1-0	0,000	2	⊙ 7	☀ 11c	190m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	CAW	OKI
17	Eastleigh	VNL	0-2	0,000	3	- 0	☀ 13c	12m	IST	EFE	MEN	CAW	PHI	OKI
21	SUTTON UNITED	VNL	3-3	0,000	4	⊙ 11	☀ 11c	41m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	OKI	SMI
27	Notts County	VNL	0-3	0,000	9	⊙ 4	☀ 3c	29m	IST	EFE	MEN	CAW	PHI	OKI
DECEMBER														
1	TORQUAY UNITED	VNL	1-2	0,000	9	⊙ 4	☀ 3c	41m	MOO	EFE	MEN	PHI	CAW	OKI
5	Barnet	VNL	0-0	717	7	⊙ 11	☀ 9c	57m	MOO	EFE	CAW	PHI	OKI	DYE
12	WEYMOUTH	VNL	2-1	772	4	⊙ 10	☀ 8c	41m	MOO	EFE	MEN	PHI	DYE	OKI
19	EASTLEIGH	FAT3	4-3	0,000	6	⊙ 14	☀ 9c	41m	MOO	EFE	MEN	CAW	DYE	OKI
26	Maidenhead United	VNL	0-4	0,000	11	⊙ 14	☀ 5c	27m	MOO	EFE	MEN	CAW	DYE	OKI
JANUARY														
9	Hartlepool United	VNL	1-3	0,000	14	⊙ 13	☀ 12c	10m	MOO	EFE	MEN	WIS	PHI	OKI
18	GLOUCESTER CITY	FAT4	3-1	0,000	15	⊙ 12	☀ 8c	41m	MOO	EFE	MEN	MEE	PHI	OKI
23	ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL	3-4	0,000	17	⊙ 8	☀ 3c	41m	MOO	EFE	MEN	PHI	MEE	OKI
26	Altrincham	VNL	0-2	0,000	18	⊙ 4	☀ 5c	38m	MOO	EFE	MEN	CAW	PHI	OKI
FEBRUARY														
2	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL												
6	Darlington	FAT5												
9	Torquay United	VNL												
13	BROMLEY	VNL												
20	Sutton United	VNL												
23	EASTLEIGH	VNL												
27	Wrexham	VNL												
MARCH														
2	BOREHAM WOOD	VNL												
6	FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL												
9	KING'S LYNN TOWN	VNL												
13	Dover Athletic	VNL												
20	Weymouth	VNL												
23	WOKING	VNL												
27	NOTTS COUNTY	VNL												
APRIL														
2	Bromley	VNL												
5	BARNET	VNL												
10	Boreham Wood	VNL												
17	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	VNL												
24	Aldershot Town	VNL												
27	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNL												
MAY														
1	YEovil TOWN	VNL												
3	Stockport County	VNL												
8	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	VNL												
15	Chesterfield	VNL												
22	SOLIHULL MOORS	VNL												
29	Woking	VNL												
TO BE ARRANGED														
30	Solihull Moors	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, Tahir
29th August	Colchester United	H	L	1-2	Emmanuel
1st September	Northwood	A	W	6-0	Lafayette, Parish 3, Charles, Maloney

Above: Pictures from our midweek fixture at Moss Lane, v against a high-flying Altrincham side
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	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17/GK
SMI 70	WAK	EMM 73 26	GRE	LEW	CAW	LAF 73	PAR 70	SLE 07	CHA	
BEN 65	SMI	EMM 70	GRE	LEW	DYE 65	STE	SLE 85	PAR 85	LAF 70	
WAK	BEN 69	LAF 60 47	DYE 81	SLE 16 16	EMM	CAW 60	PAR 81	CHA 69	GRE	
SMI	WAK 16	DYE 64 47	LAF 70	LEW	CAW	CHA 43	EMM 70	GRE 04	SLE	
BEN	CAW	DYE 67	EMM 76 15 45	LEW 21	GAF	GRE 00	LAF 76	PAR 70	SLE 67	
BEN 55	WAK 52	DYE	EMM 70	LEW 65	GRE	GRE	LAF 40	PAR 70	SLE 55	
PAR 62 53 73	DYE 89	LAF 73 4	GRE	LEW	SMI	BEN 89	EMM 84	SLE	WIS 64	
PAR	DYE 65 14	EMM 89 65	GRE 88	LEW	GSM	SMI 66	LAF 60	STE	WIS 88	
SMI	DYE 30	SLE 70	LAF	LEW	SMI	WIS	PAR 70 35	EMM 04	GRE 85 45	
SMI	PAR	EMM 72	GRE 03	LEW 83	ASK	BEN 83	CHA	LAF 72	SLE 03 54	
PAR 63	LAF 51	EMM 1	GRE 97	LEW	ASK	BEN 11 11	CAW	PRT 80	WAK 45	
PAR	SMI	LAF 47	GRE 63	WAK	ASK	BEN 69	LEW 47	PRT 7	SLE	
SMI	PAR 65 2	PRT 73	GRE 32	LEW	ASK	BEN	DYE 83	HUG 65	WAK 73	
PRT 75	SMI	WAK 88	GRE 02	LEW	ASK	BEN 75	CHA	HUG 88 11	SLE 82	
SMI 1	BEN 82	HUG 64	GRE	LEW 45	ASK	CAW 20 47	SLE 64	WAK 82	WIS	
SMI 1	BEN 46	HUG 84	GRE 73 11	LEW 77	WAK 45	DEB	SLE 83	WAK 45 47	WIS 78	
SMI	WAK 40	EMM 64	GRE	LEW	ASK	BEN 04	BRO 84	LEN 46	DEB	
SMI	LEN 01 11	EMM	GRE 8	LEW	ASK	BEN 81	DIA	KOU 85	SLE	
DYE 66	SMI	EMM 65 37	GRE 41	LEW 84	ASK	BEN 65	CAW	HUG 84	SLE 85	
DYE 27	SMI	EMM 65 83	GRE 77	LEW 18	ASK	CAW 46	HUG	LEN 77	WIS	
DYE 41 11	SMI	EMM	GRE 14	LEW	ASK	HUG 10	CAW	LEN	WIS 41	



KEY TO SYMBOLS

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

- 22 = First substitution
- 22 = Second substitution
- 22 = Third substitution
- 23 = Caution
- 57 = 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

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

where we succumbed to defeat

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

5th September	Dartford	H	L	1-2	Efete
8th September	Hayes & Yeading	A	W	5-2	Williams, 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	1-1	Efete
26th September	Slough Town	H	L	0-1	

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The World of **Ball**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brilliant FA Trophy memories of 1974 and 1985: One so close to glory, while the other was about to realise our wildest dreams

Next Saturday Stones make the long trip to Darlington to battle for a place in the FA Trophy quarter-finals... not an unusual occurrence in recent years with the marvellous wins at Cambridge Utd in 2012, and then at Billericay three years ago fresh in our memories. But here we wind the clock back to the mid-70s and 80s to uncover two of the club's most memorable FA Trophy ties...

February 2, 1974, FA Trophy 2nd Round Proper: Wealdstone 5 Hastings Utd 2

One of the great pub discussions

among Wealdstone fans - and indeed, fans of any club - revolves around the 'greatest games' question.

We've certainly peered into the near and distant past in this publication but today we recall possibly the most **EXTRAORDINARY** football match I've ever seen. In my 50-plus years of following our great club we've only (to my knowledge) had a mention on the BBC News twice: once in 1970 after our FA Cup qualifying round tie at Leighton Town was stopped to allow the referee and players to search for a lost contact lens (it belonged to our defender Rob Williams, and was quite a rarity in those days) and then after this FA Trophy 2nd round win over Hastings in 1974.

You may rightly think it was a quiet news day - but how often does one football team walk off the pitch in protest? That was what happened on this crazy afternoon, when three penalties were awarded in succession by Weybridge referee D.W. Waterman and Hastings skipper John Ripley led his team off the Lower Mead



1974
SECOND ROUND
PROPER



Left: Just to add to the drama, Stones winger John Henderson (No.11) backheel-volleyed a crazy goal to make it 4-1!

pitch. Shades of the famous England v Argentina World Cup game eight years previously, when the

Argentine skipper Antonio Rattin was sent off and his team mates followed him in unprecedented scenes.

The two games were even compared on the BBC Sport news at 5pm after this Hastings game.

Both incidents were futile protests- and both were the result of unusual but totally correct decisions by the individual referees.

And if you think that players today have little respect for the officials, well it was worse in the 1960s and 70s when match officials were lenient to the point of subservience.

Certainly Rattin would have been dismissed

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long before German referee Rudolf Kreitlein finally ran out of patience... the skipper had fouled, been booked and then contested every decision - even spitting on the turf in contempt - before the ref sent him off.

The game was interrupted for eight minutes until Argentina were persuaded by England's FIFA representative (and referee) Ken Aston to return. Incidentally, England's Jack Charlton was also booked during the game but didn't know about it until he read the newspapers the following day! As a consequence, Aston and Herr Kreitlein got their heads together to recommend the yellow and red card system that FIFA eventually brought into use around the world.

But back to Hastings at Lower Mead. If the refereeing procedures at Wembley were spot on (if controversial) in 1966, Mr Waterman stuck to the letter of the law in what was always going to be a feisty FA Trophy tie. Hastings had a reputation for being a dogged, belligerent and uncompromising top-six side who were difficult to break down - and in fact had been visitors to Lower Mead for a Southern League Div One South game just a month earlier. Stones had scraped that one 2-1 as they moved closer onto the heels of Waterlooville and Poole at the top of the league.

But in the four weeks before the second clash with Hastings, Sid Prosser's team had scored just one goal (a 1-0 FA Trophy win at Wimbledon) and fired blanks in a 0-1 defeat at home to Ramsgate (featured in the last 'Rewind'), a 0-0 home draw with Bognor and another goalless draw at Waterlooville. The Daily Telegraph even carried a story on the Saturday morning about Stones coming in at 11am that day for a special training session - with the emphasis on the strikers.

Well, it clearly worked a treat. We kicked off in front of a 1,120 crowd, downhill towards the Cinema End and it was immediately obvious that the previously-misfiring Duck, Byrne and Henderson were back in the groove.

Hastings reverted to type, frantically fouling and disrupting the flow of the game. I was in the crowd behind the goal with a perfect view of George Duck's 6th minute header, headed for the top corner until full-back Harry Cunningham blatantly fisted it off the goalline. These days: A straight red card and penalty. Those days: a penalty, and no punishment for the guilty man although fellow defender Barry's loud complaining (why??) earned him a booking. A



It all kicks off at Lower Mead when referee Waterman (with his linesman, above) awards the third penalty... players hound him to the touchline and then (top picture) argue with their manager after skipper John Ripley (right) led his team off the pitch

more blatant penalty would be hard to imagine, and Duck cracked the ball low inside keeper Arnold's right hand post.

The game resumed with Stones back on the attack and 10 minutes later we were baying for another penalty when the marauding Duck was dragged down by the hapless Barry - the referee obliged and this time midfielder Griffiths was booked for arguing the toss. Same outcome as Duck rammed his shot in the same corner, Arnold diving the wrong way.

Hastings' only hope lay in a quick-fire start to the second half but their misplaced fury burned even more fiercely when John Henderson wriggled clear within minutes of the restart. His shot beat Arnold but Cunningham once again turned goalkeeper with a marvellous two-handed save

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REWIND ◀◀ ON THIS DAY CONTINUED

on the line. Hastings were incandescent when the bemused referee awarded the third penalty of the afternoon - as if he had a choice - and midfielder John Jefferson (described as 'garrulous' in the match report) was booked for complaining. He then stalked referee Waterman, continuing to protest, and was promptly sent off.

This sparked howls of outrage from the Sussex side and - after scenes of toys-out-of-pram-throwing, and Jefferson refusing to leave the pitch - Ripley led his team to the touchline. Four minutes of heated debate ensued until Hastings saw reason... and when they returned, the admirably cool Duck (who had waited, ball in hand, on the penalty spot) waited until the hullabaloo had died down before smashing his hat-trick shot down the middle for 3-0.

Hastings appeared chastened. They actually settled down and played some decent football with that man Cunningham using his feet (for once) to pull a goal back. But there was still an extraordinary fourth Stones goal to savour as Henderson backheeled a marvellous improvised 15-yard shot past the astonished Arnold - and then, after the visitors made it 4-2, Duck soared to head a majestic fifth.

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

ON ONE of the most disappointing afternoons of my Stones-watching days, we faced Northern Premier League side South Shields at Lower Mead in the last 16 but wasted a chance of Trophy glory in front of a 2,000 crowd. George Duck was ill with flu and a tepid performance petered out into a 1-1 draw... and a calamitous penalty (conceded by the otherwise impeccable John McCormick) in the replay on Tyneside saw us beaten 2-1 after extra time.

But the season still ended magnificently, losing just one game in the last dozen as we secured the Southern League Div One South title by 11 points from Bath City and promotion to the Southern League Premier Division. But the memory of George's penalty hat-trick lives on...

Stones finally overcome Wycombe jinx to march into the Trophy last 16

**Saturday February 2 1985, FA Trophy
second round: Wealdstone 2
Wycombe Wanderers 1**

1985
SECOND ROUND
PROPER

ELEVEN years on from the glorious Trophy run of 1974, the Stones finally made it into the 3rd round proper of the competition with an abrasive win over Isthmian League high-flyers Wycombe.

For many years, the Wanderers had been our nemesis in cup ties. My early days as a Stones fan had seen us beaten 1-0 in the FA Amateur Cup in successive seasons, in front of enormous crowds (4,000 at Lower Mead in 1970 and close to 5,000 at Loakes Park the following year in what was our last-ever Amateur Cup match). By this time, however, the so-called 'amateurs' were all 'players' which probably meant the Wycombe stars were now being paid just the average semi-pro wage. The crowd was a disappointing 852, underlining the gap between the glamour of the late 1960s and the low regard in which football was held 15 years on.

But Stones fans didn't give a hoot. Personally, I saw it as a 'Sod's Law' omen that the date of our first round tie at Harlow (January 12th) was my Wedding Day, and the date of the final at Wembley (May 11th) was my brother's Wedding Day. Fate would decree, surely that I would have to miss both?

You have to be joking! Fortunately the first game at Harlow was iced off, guaranteeing a better-than-expected turnout of guests at my (first) wedding, and after a goalless draw we spanked the Isthmians 5-0 in the replay. Then came this Wycombe tie, in which we avenged those Amateur Cup setbacks and a devious 2-1 Trophy 1st round defeat at Loakes Park two years earlier when the first game was waterlogged on a bone-dry weekend. Something about sprinklers being left on by mistake. And two Wanderers stars then being available for the re-match. Paul Bowgett put away a beautiful chip for 1-0 and a Brian Greenaway penalty put the game beyond Wycombe which was a real pity.

Since you ask, yes we did make it to the final (and won it of course, 2-1 v Boston Utd) and with every successive victory (v Welling in Round 3, Frickley in Round 4 and Enfield in the semi-final) the conversation with my brother got more and more awkward.

But I made it to the reception :))

Bowgett sinks Wycombe spirit

Wealdstone 2, Wycombe 1
WEALDSTONE overcame a spirited challenge from Isthmian Premier Wycombe to ease their way into the last 16 of the FA Trophy — the furthest they have got in the competition in 11 years.

When they went 2-0 up early in the second half Stones were never in any serious trouble, even though the visitors caused them a few anxious moments, writes *William Bull*.

"It was in the bag by then," said Stones manager Brian Hall. "Although we did not play particularly well the back four was tight, Wycombe did not cause us too many problems, and I could not see them scoring the three goals they needed." In a frantic first half, efforts on goal were at a minimum, with Wycombe's Declan Link forcing Bob Iles to a fine save in the first minute,

while Stones' best chances fell to Paul Bowgett.

In the second minute he shot wide after a ball fell to him from a Brian Greenaway corner, but Bowgett made amends after 20 minutes when he put Wealdstone ahead with a peach of a goal.

Gary Donnellan split the Wycombe defence with a beautiful ball to find Brian Greenaway, who cut the ball back for the Stones skipper to beat the 'keeper with a delicate chip.

The second half was barely a minute old when Wycombe went close to equalising. Again the chance fell to Link, but Iles produced a marvellous save to turn his header over the bar.

But the game was wrapped up after 58 minutes when Wealdstone were awarded a penalty. Donnellan raced on to a Brian Greenaway through ball but was sent flying as he attempted to round Wycombe 'keeper Gary Lester.

Greenaway made no mistake from the spot, deputising as penalty taker for Mark Graves who went off at half-time with an ankle injury.

"I never thought I was going to get to that ball," said Donnellan. "But the 'keeper was so slow coming out that in the end he had no choice but to pull me down."

Wycombe then started to string a few moves together and put some pressure on the Stones' defence. But the back four, superbly marshalled by Bowgett, never really let them get into any dangerous positions.

Wycombe snatched a consolation goal with seven minutes left. Ken Wilson's shot was blocked, but fell to Simon Read, who turned on the edge of the six yard box to beat Iles.

"I was pleased with the way we defended," said Hall. "But I thought we could have been more enterprising going forward."

"It was not a fantastic game to watch, but we started out to win — there is a difference between playing football and getting a result — and we were in the hat for the next round. That's what counts at the end of the day."

"I'm very pleased that Borough made it as well. Let's hope we meet them at Wembley."

Wealdstone: Iles, Perkins, Davies, Byatt, Bowgett, Wainwright, Greenaway, Holmes, A. Cordice, Graves (Johnson, 43), Donnellan.

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The programme and Wycombe match report.. and Hughie's interesting column

THE F.A. TROPHY

by Steve Marshall

WEALDSTONE first entered the Trophy in 1972/73, when, after disposing of Waterlooville (1-0), Andover (4-2) and Winchester City (1-0), we fell in the 3rd Qualifying Round to Bambury Utd. by 3-1.

A most depressing statistic is that on only two occasions since have Wealdstone won at least three Trophy matches in a season.

1973/74 is our most successful season to date, when we defeated Hatfield, Dunstable, Boston, Wimbledon (1) and Hastings Utd. before bowing out to South Shields in the Third Round (not the quarter-finals as many people think).

Who would believe that we then suffered 7 years of qualifying round exits to Finchley, Leatherhead, Barnet (twice), Harrow Borough, Harlow and Oxford City. The latter defeat is probably Bobby Moores best result as a Manager!

Having reached the 2nd Round proper in 1981/82, somebody else went mad in quoting us as one of the favourites for the Cup. A very strong Dagenham outfit supplemented by some eccentric refereeing put paid to that.

After 1st Round exits in the last two seasons of Wycombe Wanderers and Yeovil respectively, it is a relief to progress into the 2nd Round.

Who would believe that to take a firm grip on the Trophy once again, and although Telford are probably everyone's favourites, it is very rare for a side to be so successful in both the F.A. Cup and the Trophy in the same season and for the same reason I will discount Burton Albion.

Dagenham, always a Trophy threat, proved my point by going out in this years first round at Barnet.

Three or four sides from the feeder leagues will present a strong challenge, and many predictions will be heard.

My last four? Enfield, Altrincham, Bath City and a team beginning with 'W'.

So far once I can't upset anyone today.

New Super Stadium Planned

Club Chairman, David Morrill, announced last week plans for a new £1 million Super Stadium as part of an ambitious project to bring League Soccer to Harrow.

Our present Lower Mead Stadium would be pulled down and the new Multi-purpose Stadium built on its site.

The new Stadium would have a capacity of 10,000 of which 7,000 would be seated. Planning permission for the Stadium will be sought for in the next couple of months from Harrow Council. The new development will include facilities for other sports in addition to the customary football.

The proposed scheme has been the dream of David Morrill since joining Wealdstone some four years ago, and it is hoped that the new Stadium would be finished in time for the start of the 1986/87 season.

Whilst building was taking place Wealdstone will have to find a temporary "Home". Negotiations are going on to find a suitable Club willing to accommodate us during this period. Harrow Borough's Earlsmead Ground is one possibility, indeed Borough have been approached to join in the venture. The Club has played at Lower Mead Stadium since 1923 having moved from College Farm Ground in Belmont Road, Wealdstone.

The new Stadium, when completed, would be named the Morrill Stadium.



CRUNCH: Wycombe 'keeper Gary Lester smother's the ball, despite the closer attentions of Wealdstone's Mark Graves. Picture: STEVE BURTON

WE'VE MET BEFORE



BY TIM PARKS

2016 win over high-fliers Maidenhead on Boxing Day was SPECIAL!

Bxing Day, December 26th 2016 National Lge South: Wealdstone 2 Maidenhead 1

Wealdstone and Boxing Days haven't been happy bedfellows in recent years... we were beaten 2-1 at Slough in 2019 and then dismally 3-0 at The Vale (also by Slough) the year before. And three of the previous four Dec 26th games were draws with Hampton, Hemel and Sutton United.

But who remembers Boxing Day 2016? Ah yes, the victory that made all the other disappointments just about palatable.

Maidenhead United at home. Maidenhead who were flying along at the top of the Vanarama National League South, scoring goals willy-nilly and looking almost like they'd be up before the christmas tree. They'd won 16, drawn 4 and lost just once. And they'd go on to win the league.

But the Stones had put a spoke in their wheel just four weeks earlier by knocking the Magpies out of the FA Trophy in the

THE BEST: 2016

1st qualifying round after a replay... Eddie Oshodi and Johnny Wright had forced an unexpected 2-2 draw at York Road and Matt Whichelow and centre back Liam Goulding completed the job, 2-1 at the Vale before just 254 shivering spectators.

There were almost a thousand more present that Boxing Day, the Maidenhead fans ready to acclaim their team's rightful victory..

for surely the much-vaunted Dave Tarpey, Sean Marks and James Mulley would make mincemeat (mince pies anyway) of the Stones patched-up defence of David Hunt and Eddie Oshodi, Ciaran Brown and the on-loan Ryheem Shackleford from Fulham.

But Stones were up for it. They harried and hassled, United looked more like the usual Stones who turn up for Boxing Day and with Jonathan North in

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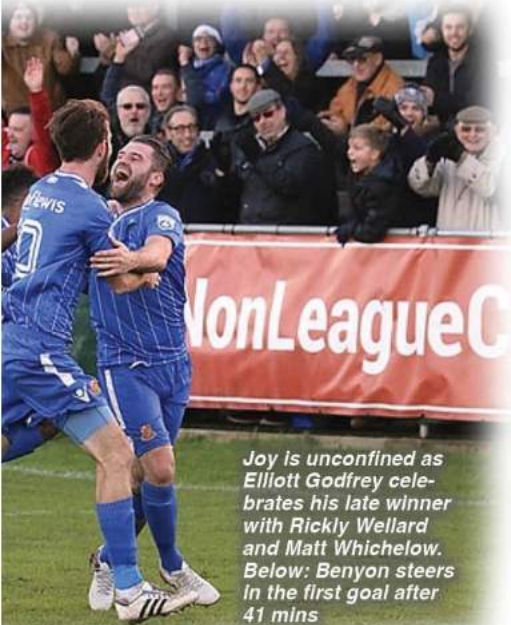
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Joy is unconfined as Elliott Godfrey celebrates his late winner with Ricky Wellard and Matt Whichelow. Below: Benyon steers in the first goal after 41 mins

to Godfrey just outside the box he brilliantly steered the ball past keeper Carl Pentney into the top corner to almost bring the roof off the Bulla Stand!

The reliable North again saved well from Tarpey, but Stones comfortably held on for an important win and a seventh consecutive game without defeat.

Wealdstone : North 8, Sheckleford 7, Brown 7, Hunt 7, Oshodi 7, Godfrey 9, Green, 7 Cox 7 Benyon 7 Wellard 8 Whichelow 8 (Wright 81, 7). Subs not used: Freeman, Hamblin, Koroma, McGleish

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Well, this was Gordon Bartlett's one and only shot at promotion with the largesse of new chairman Peter Marsden behind him. Despite the undoubted talents of the Danny Greens, Wellards and Whichelows of this world there was a soft underbelly to the team that was revealed in two weeks at the end of January as we were crushed at home by Dartford in the league (4-0) and by Brackley (4-1) in the FA Trophy. We finished in eighth place, with a gleaming new stand at the top end erected hurriedly in the hope of making the play-offs. A lot of money was spent, then and in the next season, for little obvious benefit.

inspired form (and Tarpey & Co fluffing the chances that came their way) the stage was set for a glorious Bank Holiday afternoon. Elliott Benyon was in the right place to prod home Brown's astute low cross just before the break for his 15th league goal for 1-0, and although our ex-midfielder Keiron Forbes was brought down in the box by Oshodi in the area - *Tarpey shooting the penalty past Northy* - Stones stuck to their guns and pushed on with Elliott Godfrey outstanding in midfield.

Ricky Wellard and Whichelow were making surging runs and when a Wellard free kick fell



**Tuesday, February 3rd, 2004,
FA Trophy 4th round:
Maidenhead 5 Wealdstone 1**

THE
WORST:
2004

The Stones – then playing in the Ryman Division One North – were having a patchy league season but seemed inspired by the Trophy... we'd beaten East Thurrock 5-0, Premier Division Hitchin 1-0 and then Prem table-toppers Thurrock 3-2 on a memorable night to reach a point where you could actually smell Wembley's twin towers (metaphorically, anyway). The game was scheduled for the previous Saturday but heavy rain forced a postponement – a shame as the 250-odd Stones fans in the 425 crowd would have been even more impressive on a weekend. And they felt totally let down by a Wealdstone display totally out of keeping with those previous firebrand performances.

Our old boy Lawrence Yaku set up Steve Hale for 1-0 but a freak goal from right-back Steve Sanders - a deep cross into the box that beat keeper Andy Carter - effectively settled it. Dave Ryan's goal was a consolation for Stones while Maidenhead claimed the prize of a 5th round trip to Halifax.. where they lost.



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50-year flashback

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

Saturday 2 January, 3pm, Division 3

Walsall 3 (Geoff Morris 2, Colin Taylor pen)

Aston Villa 0 (Harry Cripps)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

①

SADDLERS
NEWS

United
BLACKBURN



Saturday 9 January, 3pm, Division 2

Oxford United 2 (Nigel Cassidy, David Sloan)

Blackburn Rovers 1 (Terry Eccles)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Blackpool	23	11	4	8	31	27	4	26
Doncaster Rovers	23	10	5	8	30	25	5	25
Gillingham	23	8	6	9	28	28	0	20
Leeds United	23	7	7	9	26	26	0	19
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Saturday 16 January, 3pm, Division 1

Blackpool 3 (Fred Pickering 2, John Craven)
Manchester City 3 (Mike Summerbee 2, Colin Bell)

Ref K Burns, Stourbridge | Att 29,356

Summary: In a Blackpool season best described as short on high points, life was good, with a four-game unbeaten league run and a place in the FA Cup fourth round secured. With 10 minutes to go here, they led 3-1 before reality bit
Programme highlight: Two pages of goals from the 4-0 FA Cup win over West Ham two weeks earlier. When you're battling relegation, you tend to dwell on results like that. 5

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday 23 January, 3pm, Division 3

Gillingham 0
Doncaster Rovers 1 (Archie Irvine)

Ref C Thomas, Treorchy | Att 3,209

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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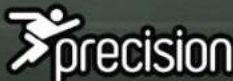
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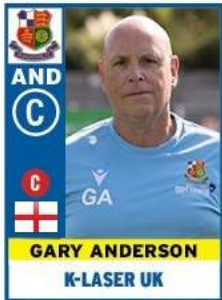
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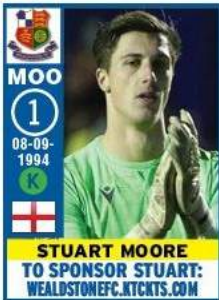
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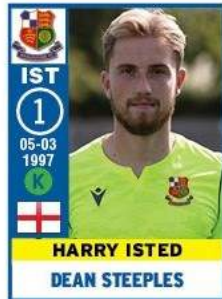
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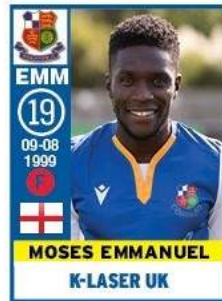
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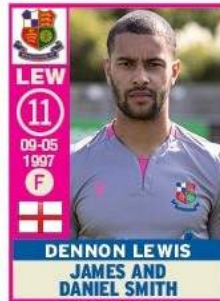
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2 Hartlepool United	19	10	3	6	27	20	11	6	2	3	17	12	8	4	1	3	10	8	7	33	1-3
3 Stockport County	17	9	4	4	29	18	7	3	3	1	11	6	10	6	1	3	18	12	11	31	2-5
4 Sutton United	17	9	4	4	28	17	9	5	2	2	19	7	8	4	2	2	9	10	11	31	3-3
5 Notts County	17	9	3	5	22	13	10	6	1	3	16	8	7	3	2	2	6	5	9	30	0-3
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