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Pelcome this evening to Gary Johnson, his staff and the players and officials from Torquay United. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us and have a safe journey back to Devon after the game.

We had a very early deadline for tonight's programme but the breaking news is that new guidelines and the continuation of London under tier 2 restrictions mean we should be able to welcome a restricted number of supporters to our home games at the end of the current lockdown (2nd December). I am sure the picture will be a little clearer by the time you read this issue but our league schedule would point to the Weymouth

game on Saturday December the 12th to be our first opportunity to do so. Please keep a close eye on the clubs social media accounts and website as and I am certain that the club will communicate all the relevant details on how you can safely attend games as soon as they are available. Season ticket distribution is currently being organised for those that purchased one and more details should be available shortly.

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CLUB NEWS

Stones make double signing





Wealdstone have added duo Dean Parrett and Jayden Randell to their squad for the 2020/21 campaign.

Parrett was formerly at EFL League Two side Stevenage and the 28-year old midfielder has amassed over 200 EFL appearances.

He began his career at Tottenham Hotspur and made his debut aged just 17 in a UEFA Cup match against Shakhtar Donetsk. He made four appearances at Spurs and spent time out on loan at Aldershot Town, Plymouth Argyle, Charlton Athletic, Yeovil Town and Swindon Town. He joined Stevenage in 2013 and spent three years at the Boro, scoring nine times in 78 appearances. From there Parrett joined AFC Wimbledon and Gillingham in League One before returning to Stevenage last season.

Randell spent two seasons at Heybridge Swifts, making over 40 appearances and has spent some time this season at National League South side Maidstone United. The young defender won the Swifts Young Player of the Year last season.

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Home games are played at Grosvenor Vale and KO time is 7.30

STONES INTERVIEW BY TIM PARKS

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Etete 'I'm flying at the moment.. but we all are. This group is so special, we think we can do big things'

f there's a Stones player entitled to feel high as a kite after last season it's Michee Efete - but this picture shows the full-back is taking it literally!

Jon Taffel's snap (right) captured the moment Michee proved that he's up there with the National League's high fliers.

"That picture is crazy!' whooped the 23 year old when I asked him if he'd seen Jon's shots from the Sutton home game. I remembered that moment because when somebody whipped the ball in from the left. Michee leapt so high in front of the startled keeper there was a shadow on the crossbar!"

"That's just insane - but I just love attacking crosses and getting off the ground as high as I can to bang it into the net with my head" he said. "My favourite game last season was the win at Havant because it was so important... and also because I scored a header I was really pleased with. It was a great cross from Mendy though".

"Surely that was the best season of your career?" I asked him.

"This could be even better!" he countered. "Last year was brilliant because everybody was playing well, but there were quite a few

When are you gonna come down, when are you going to land...? games when we only needed a little bit of inspiration from people like Dennon and Billy Clifford, someone to pick a pass at a vital

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moment and help us win the game.

"This year has been a lot tougher and every game is a real challenge. But we all feel that we should be at this level - last year was a matter of getting to the standard we feel we should be playing at. Now I think we can do big things because we have some really good players."

o you think the Stones benefited from being underestimated in those early games? I asked him. "Yeah, I think we were disrespected a bit but now they know what we're about. We can keep the ball if we need to and we can also

go a bit longer with pace and

aggression.

"The Sutton game was a good example of that because we were too slow and maybe a bit nervous of the cameras and the whole BT Sport thing in the first half. But





we knew we had to put it on them in the second half - the gaffer said at half time that the next goal was the big one, but he's good at letting the players have a say first, and at the end of the day we know it is down to us to to perform... and we did in that second half".

ichee was born in Ealing, but brought up in Hackney, East London where he now lives. He was in the Crystal Palace youth system (along with Michael Phillips) from the ages of 12-15 when Norwich City spotted his potential and whisked him off to Norfolk for six years.

"That was disappointing in the end" said Michee, "because I was playing in the reserves and they kept saying 'stay around the first team, you've got a future here' and it wasn't until my last year that they sent me out on loan".

Norwich have connections with the Icelandic club Breidablik so the 20 year Michee went out to the

Iceland Premier League outfit and had a few enjoyable months before being recalled - and then being packed off again, this time to Torquay United.

"Torquay are a big club at this level but they were all over the place; lots of player movement and two new managers in my six months there. Then I was loaned out to Maidstone United - another relegation! - and when I got back to Norwich I was 22 and the manager said he wanted to put faith in the 18/19 year-olds who were coming through the reserves. So they'd first told me to stay around, and then I was too old!"

Michee was quickly snapped up by Glenn Tamplin's Billericay but when Harry Wheeler

took over as boss
Michee was sent out
on loan again - this
time to Bath City who
were quick to recruit
the fast-raiding wing
back who had 'ripped
them up' (according
to Michee himself)
when the two teams
had met earlier in the
season.

"I enjoyed playing for Jerry Gill at Bath, he's a good man" said Mich. "But I'd also enjoyed playing for Dean and Stuart when they were briefly in charge at Billericay, so when they came in for me at the end of the season - to come to Wealdstone - I knew about the players they had got in and thought to myself 'this is a proper club, a proper good thing'. And I liked the ground and I'd been man of the match when Billericay drew 1-1 at the Vale that season, so there were good memories'.

ast season was clearly a success, from the first day of the season (when he won the penalty against Dartford from which Ross Lafayette opened to scoring) to what turned out to be the last day (when he scored the equaliser at Chippenham). Why did it go so well?

"I just think it's a really good group of players. We're all on the same wavelength; all level headed and we work for each other. If I push forward, Michael (Phillips) or Connor (Smith) drop in to cover for me and the same for Mendy on the other side so we are encouraged to get higher up the pitch.... I can run for ages, Mendy too and our stamina is a joke! That's another reason we like the gaffer 'cos he trusts us to get up and back again".

But does he prefer to play at left back (where he started last season) or right back? "That's a good question" said Michee, "because if I play on the left I can go outside or cut inside and cause problems which is better attacking... but for me, defending is better at right back. And Mendy is so good at left back, right is where I'll stay!"

A lot of strikers would be pleased with his goals return from wing back last season. I asked him if he'd ever ever thought of converting into a forward?"

"Ha ha, not really" he laughed. " but maybe when you think of it... yes, i'd love to do that. Maybe one day. I got eight

goals in 37 games last season but I have scored two already this time around - both against Wrexham but one of them was given to Alex! His cross brushed my head on the way in, but he deserved it so I'll give him the goal".





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Wealdstone FC Chairman Rory Fitzgerald on our charity partnership: "This charity is incredibly personal and important to me as well as to my extended family and close friends, and I know some of the Wealdstone family are directly affected by the illness. "I have experienced first-hand how tough it can be living with the condition and how important the support from the charity is to them. It is my hope that donations to Muscular Dystrophy UK will grow through the partnership with Wealdstone FC."

Catherine Woodhead, Chief Executive of Muscular Dystrophy UK, on partnering with the National League South Champions: "Wealdstone FC supporters have always been very supportive of Muscular Dystrophy UK, which brings together more than 60 muscle-wasting conditions affecting 70,000 people in the UK. We're delighted to be their chosen charity partner, which could not have come at a better time. COVID-19 has hit our finances hard, but with the support of Wealdstone FC and others we hope to continue our vital support for individuals and families for years to come."

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BY TIM PARKS

Wealdstone, promotion to the Football League and the dawning reality that it's actually right here, right now

hen I was recently asked by Machel St Patrick of the 'London Football Scene' blog what it was like to see Wealdstone back at the same level of the non-League game we'd left 32 years ago, I surprised him by saying that actually, we returned to that level six years ago when we won promotion to the Conference South.

"Pretty much all the clubs in the Connie South are part-time, as they were in the Conference National in 1988... no, promotion to the National League this season is, in 1980s terms, more like promotion into the Football League itself" I told him, "bearing in mind the full-time stature of the vast majority of clubs. This is the promotion were were denied in 1985 when we won the Conference (or Gola League as it was then) two years before automatic promotion".

But that wasn't strictly true.

The difference between the Football League and Non League after the second World War was vast, with the 'old pals act' maintaining the status quo with the FL club



chairmen routinely voting to keep lame ducks like Workington, Gateshead, Darlington and Barrow in Division Four despite progressive clubs like Yeovil, Cambridge United and Peterborough hammering at the door.

It wasn't until I was looking through the Southern League seasons on Wikipedia (as you do) that I realised just how many non-League clubs applied to join the full-time ranks every year. Was this with genuine hopes of being elected, or the vanity of over-ambitious chairmen hoping to keep their club's profile relatively high? There was no real pecking order in the 50s and 60s, with the Southern League, Northern League and Midland League all vying for attention.

In 1961, for example, 26 clubs applied for Football League status and 15 clubs of them failed to poll even one vote. Just for the record, they were Wigan Ath (Cheshire League) 5 votes, Chelmsford

Records prove-New faces, bigger gates

Falling attendances are perhaps the biggest problem facing Football Laggue clubs these days, yet You'll flown have figures to prove that election to competition would leaf to a boom, not only in their own gates but whenever they club.

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ing Dorset, has no League close at all.
Census figures show that more than 170,000 live within a 20 mile radius of Yeovil Town's ground. Yet the nearest Football League clubs are 42 miles away

Yeovil can therefore draw from a huge catchment area without taking supporters away from any

taking supporters away from any club. Yeovil is far from being isolated. The M.5 comes within isolated the M.5 comes within the moderate of the town and the comercion of the motorway will make it seem more accessed in the moderate of the



170,000 people not catered for

alossy brochures which they circulated amongst the Football League delegates at the annual meeting every year. Our quaint Lower Mead ground wasn't a bad size (15,000 apparently, in the days when health & safety was a phrase nobody was acquainted with) but nobody in their right mind associated the Stones with the Football League.

That is, until the mid-70s when grandiose ideas of turning the pitch around and utilising the rest of the freehold site for offices, shops and car parking tually appeared to have

some traction. From the reports (over page) dating from 1973 the future appeared not just bright but dazzling... but in the end the scheme fizzeld out due to local opposition and difficulties in relocating the shops alongside the Dominion Cinema.

But back to the thorny issue to breaking into the impenetrable Football League, Scrolling back through the 1960s, Weymouth won the Southern League twice but after polling just one vote in 1965 the champions didn't even bother applying in 1966 when Fourth Division stragglers Rochdale and Wrexham each won 40 votes.

The FL chairman were steadfast in their refusal to allow even a glimmer of hope to the regular aspirants (Kettering, Scarborough, Bedford, Cambridge City, Guildford and Romford all applied every year but won barely half a dozen votes between them) but in 1969 there was a chink of light when Cambridge United won the Southern League and polled SIXTEEN votes. Newport County (27 votes) and Bradford Park Avenue (38) were reprieved by their pals but the gap was narrowing.

And the following year Cambridge smashed down the gates by winning the SL again and were rewarded with 31 votes and a coveted place in the Big League! Bradford PA were the

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1973 promotional brochures weren't enough to help Yeovil who finally went up through automatic promotion

City (Southern League) 4, Gateshead (N Counties League) 4, Cambridge City (SL) 2, Worcester City (SL) 2, Bath City (SL) 1, Hereford Utd (SL) 1, Kings Lynn (SL) 1. Morecambe (Lancashire

Combination) 1, New Brighton (Lancs Comb) 1, Bedford Town (SL) 0, Bexleyheath & Welling (SL) 0, Corby Town (SL) 0, Folkestone (SL) 0, Gravesend & Northfleet (SL) 0, Guildford City (SL) 0, Kettering Town (SL) 0, North Shields (N Counties Lge) 0. Poole Town (SL) 0. Romford (SL) 0, Scarborough (NCL) 0, Sittingbourne (SL) 0, South Shields (Midlands Lge) 0, Wellington Town (SL) 0, and Yeovil Town (SL) 0.

Southern League champions Oxford United did poll 19 votes but it wasn't enough to oust Hartlepools United or Barrow who received 35 and 32 votes respectively... however, the following season Oxford won the Southern League again and, lo and behold, they were elected to the League. Although only because Accrington Stanley resigned!

ealdstone joined the ranks of the aspiring Southern League clubs when we turned semi-professional in 1971. As fans, we dreamed of rubbing shoulders with the serial FL applicants like Kettering Town and Yeovil, with their big grounds and



club left looking betrayed at their mates, garnering just 17 votes.. and they were cast out into the wilderness

Maybe the tide was turning. Were the FL chairmen becoming a little seduced by the charms of the easilyaccessible University cities? Who would rather visit Oxford or Cambridge compared to the less cerebral delights of Workington, Barrow, or Bradford?

Two years later, Hereford United (finishing second in the SL table behind Chelmsford. and only fourth the previous year) embarked on their famous FA Cup run that took in the legendary beating of top flight Newcastle at Edgar Street and the narrow defeat at West Ham in the 4th Round - and were handed a place in the League at the end of that 1971-72 season at the expense of Barrow. It went to a re-count as both clubs tied on 20 votes, but in the end the remote Cumbrian shipbuilding town lost out to the glitz and glamour of The Bulls.

This was the era of Yeovil and Kettering - and Wigan in the North - piling on the charm offensive but never quite managing the prise a place from the quavering Workington who routinely finished bottom of the Football League pile.

ntil the emergence of Allen Batsford's Wimbledon, that is. The Dons won three successive Southern League titles in 1975, 1976 and 1977 but even that wouldn't have been enough had the FL Management Committee not insisted that summer that the two premier non-League competitions (the Southern League and Northern Premier League) put their heads together and presented just one applicant from each league to try and win a place. Dur! How many decades had the charade of multiple clubs applying been played out? Surely this was obvious?

The upshot was that Wimbledon (triple SL

STADIUM PLA CAR PARK

PLANS for the development of Wealdstone Football Club's ground at Lower Mead Stadium were disclosed this week. The club said that plans being prepared by E.M.I. Ltd., including the building of an office block complex and public multi-storey car park, would guarantee it an income of about £20,000 a year in two years' time.

matic change from rags to riches. At the club's annual meeting on Friday members were told of an £11,000 loss on the 1972-73 season, this including over £4,000 on a pop concert which it had been hoped would help revive the club's dwindling

fortunes.

They were given better news in the club programme the following day when it was an nounced that Trumans, the brevers, had made the possist which would put the club protect in the fortunate position of state to look ahead without the cropping burden of bank over drafts at grossly inflated rates of interest.

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On Wednesday, Mr. Colin Prop. the club's public relations officer, and he could now confirm that Trumans had made a "substannial loam" for the use of the football and social sides of the football and social sides of the club.

'Taking shape'

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"The goals would face High Mead and there is sufficient space to allow a near-maximum size pitch.

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"But the over-riding factor is that rents from the office block would mean a revenue in excess of £20,000 per year to Weald-

would mean a revenue in excess of £20,000 per year to Weald stone F.C. Use has already reached agreement with Harmon Borough F.C. to use their power would be to be the stone of the stone

pany, and an extraordinary meeting of members is expected to be called by the end of this month to approve them. The company will then be for med almost immediately, and there is a suit of the seneral public."

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If the negotiations with E.M.I. are successful history will be repeating itself. For the club originally owned the land on which the A.B.C. cinema stands and by selling it cleared its mortgage and so achieved completely freehold premises, administered by trustee.

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Champions) and the powerful Altrincham outfit (NPL champions) applied... and Wimbledon polled 27 votes, Altrincham 12 and Workington 21. Goodbye to another remote Cumbrian club and hello to the London-based Dons! Triple gins all round!

The free-for-all vanity project of chairmen pushing the clubs forward for promotion on the flimsiest of grounds was over. And talking of flimsy grounds, the reality of clubs being unprepared when offered promotion - which is why the Alliance Premier League was formed in 1979, to concentrate the top non-League outfits in one league and offer

N FOR OFFICES promotion and relegation, and the votes system still counted



just ONE applicant at the end of the season - came to the fore in the 1980s.

Wealdstone were founder members of the APL but that league (as I told Machel St Patrick for his blog) was nothing like the National League today, which is peppered with ex-League clubs. There are currently 14 ex-Football League clubs in the National League system: Aldershot, Barnet, Boston Utd, Chesterfield, Dagenham & Redbridge, Hartlepool, Kidderminster, Notts County, Southport, Stockport County, Torquay Utd, Wrexham, Yeovil and York City.

When the league kicked off in 1979 there was just one: Barrow. And seven years later, when the Stones were relegated, there was still just one: Lincoln City. Barrow had been relegated into the Northern Premier League and Lincoln City were the first FL to suffer automatic relegation, with Scarborough the first to travel the other way.

o why do I say that Wealdstone weren't really denied promotion to the Football league in 1985, when we won the Conference (then known as the Gola League) and were automatically pushed forward? Well, because it was still two years before the Football League and the Conference agreed automatic

system still counted. And even worse, the aspirant club's stadium had to meet Football League requirements. Altrincham were the first APL winners in 1980 and 1981 and their Moss Lane ground was given the rubber-stamp... but they were outvoted by first Rochdale (26 votes to 25) and then Halifax Town (41-15). The 1982 winners Runcorn. could not apply as their Canal Street ground wasn't up to scratch... runners-up Enfield didn't meet the strict requirements either so thirdplaced Telford were pushed forward, only to be outvoted by Hartlepool (48-13).

Ditto in 1983 with Enfield again turned down, second-placed Maidstone polling 26 votes to Hartlepool's 36, and in 1984 champions Maidstone pulled in 22 points only for Hartlepool to again win favour with 32. in 1985 (this is the one you've been waiting for) Wealdstone won the league but Lower Mead (surprise surprise) didn't meet the league requirements - and I doubt we'd have won more than a derisory number of votes anyway. Runners-up Nuneaton didn't come up to scratch either... ditto 4th-placed Dartford and thus Bath City were offered up for promotion, only lose to Halifax by 48 votes to 8.

1985-86 winners Enfield were, of course, famously the last club not to go up automatically and they had spent a small fortune on their Southbury Road ground to qualify to take place in the vote - but their 7.5 votes were pipped by Torquay's 61.

Thus to the present day, with the change to two up, two down between the EFL and the National League now providing free movement and a much richer (in every sense) pool of clubs in Step Five. We're just happy to wade about in it, twanging the odd bikini strap and surprising some of the big fish with the size of our harpoon...



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Whereabouts do vou live. John? Kenton. Harrow, Middlesex.

Have you always lived in that area? was born in Kensington & Chelsea to Irish migrants. We lived in Notting Hill and the family moved to Harrow when I was about 6 months old.

Are you working, and where? I'm Director of Research at Unite, the UK and Ireland's largest trade union.

When was your first Stones game? can't remember the game, but it was at Lower Mead in the early 1980s.

What were your first Impressions of the club? I just remember being really excited about the local club. The image of those pitchside white iron railings has also stuck with me.

What was the first football match you ever saw live? Or on TV? My dad took me to see England v Cyprus at Wembley in April 1975 in a European Championship qualifier. England won 5-0 (Malcolm McDonald scored all five goals.)

Do you follow any other team? Chelsea and the Republic of Ireland.

How devotedly? Home and away? With live streaming I watch most Wealdstone away games now, whereas the only away game I actually ever went to was Harrow Borough. I used to go to Stamford Bridge quite a lot in the 1980s and 1990s (when you could just turn up on the day and pay at the turnstile) but haven't been for a few years now. I'll watch any Chelsea match on TV. I'm a Wealdstone season ticket holder so currently watching (and enjoying) all the home games on live

How do you fit watching football in with your family/working life? It's easier now all of my children have grown up. And it's great to watch football with my sons Jack (23) and Conor (21), both of whom have been to The Vale and show signs of getting the Wealdstone bug. I usually go to Wealdstone games with my brother Martin who is also a season ticket holder. I think it's important to have a release and interests away from work.

Twitter fans will have seen your 'Notes from Kenton Rec' references. What's that all about? It's a series of pictures I took of my local park that I started tweeting during the first national lockdown to express my gratitude for a wonderful space, and also record this unprecedented time. It got some good feedback, including from some Wealdstone fans. I put them

together in an online exhibition that ran from September to November, I still put out the odd picture (below).

Back to football, what's the most memorable game vou've EVER seen? It's hard to forget being at Stamford Bridge when Chelsea beat Barcelona 4-2 in the second leg of UEFA Champions League Quarter Final in March 2005. Seeing Chelsea win the FA Cup in the first final at the new Wemblev Stadium against Manchester United in 2007 was a memorable

experience, but not the best of games.

And the best Wealdstone game? Beating Bath City 7-0 in January this year was pretty special.

They should

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Who introduced you to the Stones? My dad. He used to work with some former Stones plavers.

What level of football do you prefer? I pretty much enjoy watching football at all levels. Each has their own unique qualities.

How big a part of your life is the game? I would find it hard to imagine life without football. But I couldn't do without music and the arts either.

Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen? I wouldn't dare go there.

What do you think of the bars and catering at the

Vale? I remember last year drawing comparisons between the price of a ticket to the Royal Ballet (£12) and a Wealdstone match (£13) but adding that there was no quest ale of the week or chips for £2 at the ballet

Do you visit the Megastore? Yes.

Do vou buy a programme? Not as often as I should. But I'll buy this one!

> How are you watching the Stones this season - and what do you think of the experience? Like most people, on-line, I know it doesn't compare to being in the ground (which I miss terribly). but I'm glad to have it and still get excited about the match. I'm also enjoying some of the Twitter chat during

could almost be Corner bingo anyone? Do you think Stones can aspire to playing in the EFL? Sure. But maybe not just yet.

and between games - #DeadFox-

Finally, where do you think Wealdstone FC will be in the year 2025? Not knowing is part of the excitement, isn't it?



TORQUAY UNITED

Wealcome back to todays visitors The Gulls

he history of Torquay United begins with the merging of Ellacombe, Babbacombe and Torquay Town. The elevation of Exeter City and Plymouth Argyle to the Southern League at the end of World War I prompted the emergence of a new Torquay United in 1921.

We immediately joined the Western League and finished sixth in that first season. In 1925, we reached the first round proper of the FA Cup, only losing out to Reading after two replays.

Two years later, we were crowned champions of the Western League and the club successfully applied for full membership to the Football League. Our first game was a 1-1 draw with Exeter at Plainmoor

1954-55 season saw a fabulous run to the fourth round of the FA Cup. After humbling the mighty Leeds United 4-0, a record 21,908 crammed into Plainmoor for a narrow loss to Huddersfield, and that remains our highest ever attendance.

A change to the league structure and abolition of the regionalised system placed United in the newly-formed Division Four and the date of April 27, 1960 would finally see the club win promotion from the bottom league.

We then hit rock-bottom in 1985, finishing at the foot of Division Four for the first time in 57 years. That campaign of misery was immediately followed by another two disastrous seasons and we were extremely fortunate to earn re-election to the Football League.

The introduction of a relegation system to the Conference was obviously a concern in the 1986-87 season and we only escaped the drop by holding Crewe to a 2-2 draw on the final day, in a



match that was held up by defender Jim McNichol being bitten by a police dog named Bryn. Paul Dobson would go on to equalise for the Gulls in the time subsequently added on.

A wonderful start to the 1990-91 season took us clear at the top before Christmas but a lull in form saw John Impey introduced as manager. A finish of seventh place booked a place in the

play-offs and Burnley were defeated in the semi-final.

A managerial merry-go-round resulted in Neil Warnock briefly taking the reins to rescue the plummeting Gulls from a double relegation out of the Football League. Unfortunately, the pattern was set and United finished bottom in 1996, only escaping relegation because Conference Champions Stevenage Borough failed to meet League ground regulations.

The struggle continued, however, and we eventually

needed a desperate last-day win at Barnet to avoid relegation. Next into the hot-seat was Leroy Rosenior and he would guide a talented young side to promotion in a thrilling 2004-05 season.

Sadly, the return to English football's third tier



was brief and a period of decline for the club resulted in a disastrous campaign that saw us relegated out of the Football League in 2007, the first time in 80 years we had been a Conference outfit.

Former midfielder Paul Buckle was in charge and he steered the Gulls to the fourth round of the FA Cup and a play-off final win over Cambridge. The Yellows were back in the Football League and a season of consolidation was followed by two thrilling campaigns.

The final year under Paul Buckle ended with United reaching the League 2 play-off final at Old Trafford but Stevenage proved too strong. The 2011-12 season, the first under Martin Ling. the new manager brilliantly rebuilt his squad and only missed automatic promotion on the final day before losing to Cheltenham in the play-offs.

Sadly, Martin Ling fell ill midway through last season and Alan Knill took over on a temporary basis, steering the Gulls away from relegation on the final day of a traumatic campaign. The club then parted company with Ling and installed Knill as permanent boss.

The Alan Knill era proved unsuccessful and a

poor start to his permanent tenure ended with the club sacking their manager in December 2014. Chris Hargreaves was appointed boss in the January but the mountain was too much to climb. and United suffered relegation to the Conference.

Having finished the 2014/15 campaign in midtable, the club faced a challenging summer as our very existence hung in the balance at one stage. In the end, a consortium of local business people. fronted by chairman David Phillips took over and began the task of building some solid foundations for future growth.

Manager Chris Hargreaves was placed on gardening leave and ex-Eastwood and Mansfield manager Paul Cox was put in charge of 1st team duties with a reduced playing budget for the coming season.

United started the season with a 1-0 win over Macclesfield but further wins were hard to come by and Cox resigned from his post in September

The Board of Directors appointed former player Kevin Nicholson to turn the season around and save the club from relegation.

The summer of 2016/17 was a season of change at the Club. Kevin Nicholson signed fourteen new players to revamp the playing squad. After three defeats in the first four games, Kevin Nicholson and the Club parted ways. Assistant manager Robbie Herrera took the reins and led the team for the next six games picking up two points.

After an extensive search for a new management team, the Club appointed Bath City manager Gary Owers as Head Coach, Owers was unable to lift United out of the relegation places, and despite a brief upturn in results and performances. United's fate was sealed following a 1-1 draw away to Hartlepool, as the club was relegated to National League South.

Owers departed after a poor start to the season and within 24 hours, former Yeovil Town and Bristol City manager Gary Johnson was announced as his replacement. What seemed like a season-long battle for top spot ensued, with United fighting it out with Woking for pole position on a weekly basis. As the season entered it's final stages though, it was Johnson's men who held their nerve and secured the club's first championship title since 1927, and with it, promotion back to the National League at the first attempt.

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v TORQUAY UNITED

TORQUAY UNITED -

WHO'S WHO?



3 TO WATCH

9 DANNY WRIGHT - FORWARD

Although Danny has never played in a United shirt before, Plainmoor regulars will have long-admired the Norwich-born centre forward's performances for a number of opposition sides over the past decade, beginning with his starring role in village side Histon's remarkable rise up through the footballing ranks between 2007-2010.

2008/09 was a notable highpoint for both the team and Danny himself, with his winner in the 1-0 FA Cup win over League One Swindon Town setting up an even more memorable triumph over the mighty Leeds United in the following round. Although it would be Torquay themselves that would ultimately scupper Histon's Football League dreams in the play-offs, Wright was now a man in demand, with a succession of National League clubs benefiting from his goalscoring exploits during the next five years, prior to his first link-up with current United boss Johnson in July 2015.

Stints at the top tier of non-league football with Cambridge, Wrexham, Forest Green, Gateshead and Kidderminster had seen Danny earn himself a reputation as one of the most feared strikers at that level, however the Football League remained uncharted waters, until his move to Johnson's Cheltenham Town saw the Gloucestershire outfit reclaim their League Two status at the first time of asking. Aided by the likes of future United colleagues Asa Hall and Aaron Downes, Wright's 22 goals in 44 games played a large part in seeing The Robins secure the title by twelve points, with the target man proving equally effective in the EFL, as he notched 11 goals during in first season amongst the sacred 92.

A move back into the National League with an ambitious Solihull Moors side in 2018 would once again see the best brought out in player and team, with another double-figure tally seeing Tim Flowers' men go within touching distance of securing promotion. Danny jumped at the chance of renewing his successful partnership his former Cheltenham boss – with a Football League return very much on the agenda for all concerned.

8 ASA HALL - MIDFIELD

Midfielder Asa Hall became the first United captain in over 90 years to lift a championship trophy, following the 2018/19 National League South title success.

Hall brings a wealth of experience to the squad having made over 300 first team appearances

turning out for teams such as Luton Town, Oxford United, Shrewsbury Town, and Cheltenham Town.

He was part of Gary Johnson's squad that earned the Robins a return to the Football League in 2016, prior to being reunited with his former manager again last season.

Asa's calming presence, not to mention important goals, helped steer United towards the National League South summit last season, and he was recognised for his influential performances by being named in the 2018/19 National league South 'Team of the Season'.

4 KYLE CAMERON - DEFENCE

Rejoined Sutton in January 2018 from Stevenage, he originally joined U's in summer 2011 after being released by Leyton Orient and won the Supporters' Club Player of the Year award in his first season and earning recognition at England C level. He joined Welling in 2013 and subsequently earned a move into the Football League with Peterborough the following year. He spent the 2016-17 campaign with Northampton before joining Stevenage at the start of the following season. He made a clean sweep of the club player of the year awards last season and inclusion in the National League team of the season

WHO'S WHO?

1 SHAUN MACDONALD -GOALKEEPER

Following spells with Gateshead and Blyth Spartans, MacDonald joined the club in July 2018 following a successful post-season trial.

2 BEN WYNTER - DEFENCE

Joined the club from Bromley. Spent his his youth career at Crystal Palace. Wynter has primarily played as a right-back, but can also play at centre-back.

3 LIAM DAVIS - DEFENCE

Liam joined the Club in the summer of 2017, following a career that has taken in spells at Coventry City, Northampton Town, Oxford United, Yeovil Town, GAIS, and Cheltenham Town.

5 FRASER KERR - DEFENCE

Signed this season Frasers previous clubs include Birmingham City, Motherwell, Cowdenbeath, Stenhousemuir, Gateshead and Hartlepool

6 GARY WARREN - DEFENDER

Signed this summer from Exeter City Gary's previous clubs include Mangotsfield, Team Bath, Newport County, Inverness Caladonian Thistle & Yeovil Town.

7 CONNOR LEMONHEIGH-EVANS -MIDFIELD

First joined TUFC on loan from Championship side Bristol City in January 2018, before returning for a second loan spell in September 2018. After playing a starring role as United marched towards the 2018/19 National League South title, the Yellow Army were delighted when it was announced Connor would be coming back to Plainmoor for a third time in August 2019

10 ARMANI LITTLE - MIDFIELD

Joined from Woking in 2019. Previous clubs include Southampton and Oxford United.

11 JAKE ANDREWS - MIDFIELD

Began his career at Bristol City. Ohther clubs include Guernsey, Chippenham Town and Cheltenham Town from who he signed in 2018.

12 ADAM RANDELL - MIDFIELD

Midfielder Randell, also 20 years old, was a regular member of Plymouth Argyle's squad last season.

14 ANDREW NELSON - FORWARD

Andrew made 3 first team appearances for Sunderland before spells at Hartlepool, Harrogate and Falkirk. Other clubs include Darlington & Dundee

15 MATT BUSE - MIDFIELD

Matt Buse joined TUFC in the summer of 2019. He impressed in a number of pre-season friendlies to earn himself a contract. He can play in a number of positions and provides much needed flexibility within United's squad.

16 SAM SHERRING - DEFENCE

Having risen through the ranks at the Cherries, defender Sherring, 20, also enjoyed a highly impressive spell at Weymouth in 2018/19.

17 JACOB EVANS - MIDFIELD

The addition of attacking midfielder Evans is further evidence of the superb work going on in the club's youth department under Under-18s manager Chris Todd, and highlights the success of United's link-up with South Devon College

18 OLAF KOSZELA - FORWARD

Olaf Koszela signed his first professional contract following his 17th birthday at the end

of March 2019.

20 LOUIE SLOUGH - DEFENCE

Louie Slough signed his first professional deal in August 2019. Slough, 18, is a product of the South Devon College post 16 football program.

21 DEAN MOXEY - DEFENCE

Dean, 34, brings with him a wealth of experience, having racked up over 550 senior appearances for the likes of Exeter City, Derby County, Crystal Palace and Bolton Wanderers.

22 OWEN PRICE - DEFENCE

After making a number of promising appearances alongside the first-team during our warm-up matches last July, left-back Price continued to display his potential in both youth and reserve matches throughout the course of 2019/20 campaign, as well as receiving international recognition in November, after being called up to represent the England Colleges National Team.

23 AARON NEMANE - MIDFIELD

Pacy French-born wideman Nemane, 22, left Premier League giants Manchester City in the summer of 2019, having gained notable experience across Europe during loan spells at Scottish Premiership big-hitters Glasgow Rangers, Dutch side Go Ahead Eagles and Tubize in Belgium.

33 LUCAS COVOLAN - GOALKEEPER

Previous Clubs Vasco Da Gama, Atletico Paranaense, Bento Goncalves (Ioan), Toledo, Rio Branco, Union Deportivo Alaro, Whitehawk, Lewes, Worthing

25 BILLY WATERS - FORWARD

Began his career at Crewe and has represented Cheltenham, Northampton, Cambridge United & Newport.

34 BEN WHITFIELD - MIDFIELD

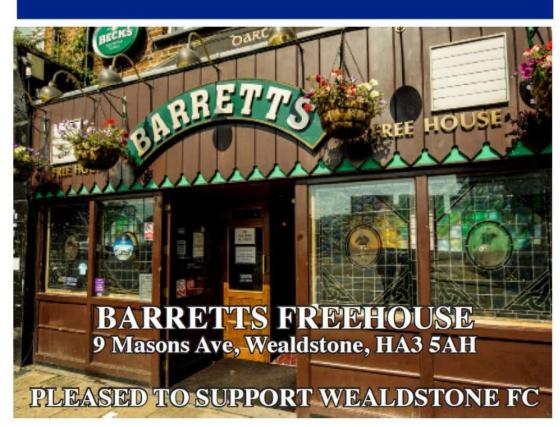
Signed from Port Vale. Ben started his career at Guiesely before turning professional with AFC Bournemouth. stints with Kidderminster and Yeovil followed, before a season-long loan spell with the Valiants during 2017/18 preceded his permanent move to Vale Park last summer.

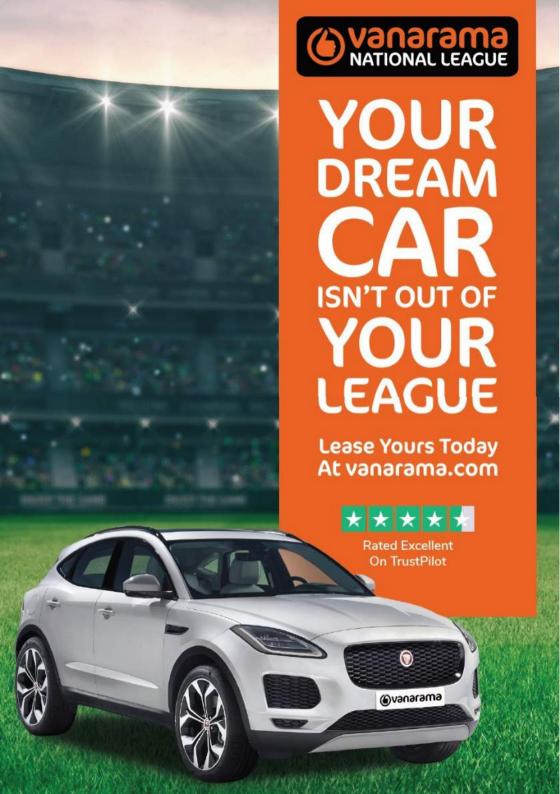
35 JOSH UMERAH - FORWARD

Catford-born frontman Umerah, 23, joins The Gulls following a spell with divisional rivals Ebbsfleet United last season. Having come through the ranks at Charlton Athletic, loan stints with Kilmarnock and Wycombe preceded two seasons of National League action, initially with another temporary spell at Boreham Wood, before Josh signed a permanent deal with Ebbsfleet last summer.

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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.)

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Second substitution

[22] = Third substitution

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67 = Sending off

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35 = Goal

88 = Penalty

Match date in red = Midweek

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26th September Slough Town

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 Player Player No 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 Lafavette

10 - GRE - Danny Green

11 - LEW - Dennon Lewis

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18 - DYE - Alex Dyer

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23 — WAK — Charlie Wakefield

34 - CAW Jack Cawley

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25 - ASK Jake Askew

e: Action from our 3-3 draw last at home to Sutton United and in front of the BT Sport cameras. Pictures courtesy of Jon Taffel

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

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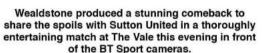
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LINE-UP

Isted
Efete
Phillips
Okimo (C)
Mendy
C.Smith
Green
Emmanuel
Parish
Lewis
Lafayette
Subs Used:
Parrett
Benyu

Subs Not Used: Askew Cawley

Wakefield

First half goals from Isaac Olaofe and Omar Bugiel put the U's into a commanding lead at halftime; however, a second half brace from Ross Lafayette and strike from Jacob Mendy propelled the Stones on the brink of victory, but a 94th minute goal from Craig Eastmond rescued a draw for the visitors.

Manager Dean Brennan made one change to the side that lost to Eastleigh on Tuesday evening, with last season's top goal scorer Ross Lafayette returning to the starting line-up for the Stones.

The U's struck first blood within the first four minutes of the match as Olaofe was first to pounce in the box after a fantastic initial goal line save from Harry Isted, dispatching into the net from close range.

Wealdstone's fortunes took a further blow seven minutes later as Isted's clearance was closed down by Bugiel and deflected into an open net, doubling the visitors' lead.

Sutton United proceeded to dominate the remainder of the first half, dictating possession and peppering the Stones' goal with a string of goal scoring chances, but Isted produced some vital saves to preserve the score line.

In the second half, the Stones responded in fantastic fashion, reducing the deficit within a minute of the restart as Kundai Benyu swung in a teasing ball towards Danny Parish at the far post, who headed back across the goal for talisman Lafayette to nod home against his former club.

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LINE-UP Bouzanis

Barden
Goodliffe
John
Milsom
Eastmond
Davis
Ajiboye
Beautyman
Olaofe
Bugiel
Subs Used:
Kealy
Sho-Silva
Subs Not Used:
Wyatt

Wyatt Dundas Simpson

With their renewed impetus, intensity and cohesion, Wealdstone continued to probe for an equaliser and were duly rewarded for their persistence in the 66th minute as man of the match Lafayette converted past Dean Bouzanis for his brace.

In the 82nd minute, the U's were close to resuming the lead, but Harry Beautyman's headed effort rebounded off of the crossbar.

Wealdstone's comeback was finally completed in the 88th minute as hotshot Mendy hit a trademark long range effort past Bouzanis to edge the contest and notch his third goal of the season. The Stones looked like they would hold on to secure a brilliant victory, but Sutton United's captain Craig Eastmond salvaged a draw at the death for the visitors, poking home from a corner in stoppage time.

WE'VE MET BEFORE WE'VE MET BEFORE



Saturday August 7, 1976. Friendly: Wealdstone 3 Torquay United 1

h, the long hot summer of '76. You'll have to excuse an even more self-indulgent column than usual this week for that summer was one to remember

And not for the normal teenage-boy reasons either. Yes, girls were on the radar but football had dominated my thoughts for ten years and more...particularly Wealdstone FC.

When I'd finally accepted I'd never be good enough to play up front alongside George Duck* I thought of pursuing a career in design or journalism.

Hold on, what have these ramblings got to do with Torquay United, you are probably asking? Well, that summer was to become the perfect triangle of my passions. Football programmes had long been an obsession of mine and. that summer 44 years ago. I put my mind to putting together a new cover for my beloved Wealdstone.

Nobody asked me. I had provided the late Colin Pope, erstwhile Stones press officer and programme editor with a few editorial ideas for the club publication but as the 1975-76 season ended I remember thinking that maybe something a bit more radical was required... and thus the 'Royal Blue Review' was born.

I had long thought that clubs at our nonleague level had programmes that were predictable at best. Typically they were an eight-page effort with club notes, supporters' club notes, the line-ups and er, well that was about it. Even the big London clubs like Chelsea and QPR were little better.

Manchester United's prog was called The

Wealdstone v Torquay 1976.. a tale of one **programme and one long, hot summer**



United Review. Perhaps that was an i nspiration. Another team (Coventry?) had the teams on the cover and that was definitely inspirational as not many non-League sides even carried the fixture on the front!

So I sat down with a sheet of blue card (purchased from WH Smith in Hatch End) and some white Letraset which, for any youngsters reading this, was a sheet of letters that could be rubbed off (like transfers) and magically appear like printed words on the card.

What is now the work of moments, thanks to inDesign or Quark Xpress, took hours of careful positioning in the 1970s and 80s.



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The verv first 'Royal Blue Review' makes an appearance for the Torquay friendly (left) ... without the teams that were supposed to adorn the cover. Two weeks later we played Barnet (right) and it was sorted



To be honest, I was just making it up as I went along. Which is much like I do nowadays in my day job, putting together sports pages for the Daily Mirror. But somehow the headline, the vertical panel to the right and the white space for the line-ups just fell into place.

1973-4

I carefully placed the A5 sheet of card into an envelope and posted it off to Colin, c/o Wealdstone F.C. and thought little more about it. After all it was an unfeasibly hot summer, the temperatures rarely dropped below 30degrees for four months (even in Scotland, where I zoomed off to on holiday) and there was

much sunbathing to be done. I got back home a fortnight before the start of the season. And there was a letter from Colin Pope on WFC headed notepaper!

'Absolutely thrilled to receive your redesign of the programme cover' he wrote. 'We were planning to change it and very pleased to adopt your idea. Thank you'.

And thus, little more than a week later we kicked off our friendly matches at Lower Mead against Torquay United with the new design. And how thrilled was I... even if the club didn't seem to grasp the idea of listing the teams on the front for that opening

issue. Colin sought me out and explained that the first programme was a 'double header' to cover games against Torquay and then Luton on the following Tuesday night 'and we couldn't get two lots of line ups on the cover' he explained.

All was rectified for our first competitive home game, against Barnet in the Southern League Cup, and that cover survived for four successive seasons until being subject to another redesign in 1980 when a picture of Lower Mead appeared and 'Royal Blue Review' bit the dust. From the year 2000 until the present, however, I've had the job of designing the programme... but Torquay United, 1976 was my first!

ne thing that puzzled me then, and even right up a couple of years ago, is why a Fourth Division side like Torquay travelled all that way to play a friendly at Wealdstone. Normally, a non League club will only attract league opposition as a favour from the bigger club - for signing a player for peanuts, for example.

The only obvious connection between the clubs was stout and ageing centre-back Bill Kitchener, who had played for the Stones briefly the previous season after filling out the

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WE'VE MET BEFORE, CONTD...

Mr. G. Kirton

Torquay shirt admirably for many vears in the late 1960s. I couldn't think of any other reason. But then the answer popped up on the Torquay fans forum a few weeks before we renewed acquaintance with the club two vears ago - apparently our thenchairman Harry Benjamin, a travel agent, had landed Torquay's youth team a good deal for a tour to Holland that summer and the Seagulls agreed to the friendly as a 'thank you' to Harry.

It was quite a coup to be facing a Torquay who had only recent been playing in Div Three (or League One in today's money). and even more exciting to rack up a convincing win.

y overriding memory of that sunny afternoon. played out on a parched Lower Mead pitch at the height of the hosepipe ban, wasn't just the exciting new programme ... no, it was the discovery of a ball-playing midfielder to match the two ex-Dartford stars who had saved us from relegation the previous season.

Danny Light and Kenny Halliday were the ex Darts with contrasting influence as the season wore on. Steve Edmundson was the man who exploded onto the scene against Torquay as substitute.

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scoring a delightful goal from 35 yards, and then was impressive against a strong Luton side a few days later. Edmundson was a doctor, apparently South African, and he appeared to have the cure for our pedestrian midfield.

But alas. Like so many around that time he flattered to deceive and by the time our

southern League Prem fixtures kicked off we were a sorry rabble - even having star men Bobby Moss, Willie Watson and playmaker Light all suspended for the opening three games after all three were sent off in the final game of the previous season at Wimbledon

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These were the days before the big money arrived in football, and well-known (even international and World Cup winning) names appeared against the Stones on a regular basis. In September 1976, when the drought finally broke

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Back Row (L to R): L. Chatterley, D. Stocks, P. Sandercock, P. Kruse, C. Boulton, T. Lee, I. Dunn, B. Lynch, M. Hickman, W. Brown. Front Row (L to R): I. Twitchim, D. Rudge, K. Lane, M. Musgrove, J. Martin, D. Kennedy, A. Provan

Duck double sets up 'Stones' prestige win

by Daragh Croxson

Wealdstone 3 Torquay United 1

Workmanlike Wealdstone romped to a prestigious victory in the August sunshine on Saturday that, come December, could have all the significance of Britain's pre-Olympic

After falling behind to Fourth Division Torquay United the part-timers struck back to clinch a deserved, if meaningless, win with two goals from George Duck - who else? — and another from substitute Steve Edmundson.

even if euphoria created by this result wilts in the winter

months 'Stones did give 626 Lower mead fans

value for money.

Anybody who came to see manager Geoff Coleman and coach Alan Fogarty unveil the Jerusalem disappointed but there was enough to suggest several foundation stones have been laid close season.

SKILFUL SIGNING

Up front new signing John Arnold, a skilful bundle of energy, looked an asset on either flank and in the middle.

The pedestrian Kenny Halliday didn't but busy ex-Brentford apprentice Steve Stagg impressed as a possible choice alongside Arnold and the consistent Duck.

With all the available squad getting a run-out Coleman played a confusing game of musical chairs in midfield but Danny Light emerged as sharp as ever and Ray Fulton didn't do his chances of extending a month's trial any harm.

Steve Hanson, on the fringe of the first team for a year, sadly played only on the fringe of this game for half-an-hour before being replaced by Bobby Moss.

In a back line still vulnerance to direct runs and still, at times, turned with alarming ease, Wealdstone may, however, have found three vital pieces to the iig saw.

Former Palace left-back Lenny Prince turned in a solid performance and along with centre-half Keith Lawrence worked hard to eliminate last season's lapses.

And Bill Byrne's return to the back-four could prove an inspired move. He again looked a far better centre-back than

centre forward.

Torquay began the game with a formidable burst that saw Morrall rap the crossbar only for Lane to wildly blaze the rebound over.

MARVELLOUS

Wealdstone retaliated and Robbins produced a marvellous save to tip Halliday's rising volley, from Arnold's flick, away for a corner.

But it was the visitors who drew first blood after ten minutes when Morton misjudged a longe range effort from Morrall that squirmed under the keeper's body and into the net.

Five minutes later 'Stones retreived themselves and the match with as good a goal as any to start the season.

Duck's flick was delicately chipped up by Fulton into Arnold's path for the number seven to clude Boulton before

crossing perfectly to the far where Duck rose unmarked to nod neatly home.

At the end of a staccato first half Bullen, Edmundson and Stagg joined the fray and as the visitors became increasingly ragged Wealdstone increasingly found themselves on top.

Unable to match anything like their first-half display the ruffled Torquay looked a division lower not higher in class than 'Stones, who deservedly took the lead for the first time after 65 minutes.

Edmundson pierced a square defence for Halliday to burst through and although Robbins blocked the first attempt the keeper was left stranded as Stagg nipped in to push the ball back for Edmundson to float it into an empty net from 35 vards

Bullen, as erratic as Morton earlier, almost let Torquay back into the game but redeemed himself with a superb reflex save from Boulton.

But 'Stones refused to run out of steam and bounced straight back as Stagg, Duck and Halliday had successive shots miraculously blocked on the line.

Ten minutes from time the alert Duck finally wrapped it up when he left Chatterley flat-footed as he chested on a right wing cross and beaded home at the second attempt.

Weakdstone: Morton (Bullen 45 min.), Watson, Lawrence, Byrne, Prince, Hanson (Moss 31 min.), Fulton (Edmundson 45 min.), Light, Duck (Stagg 45 min.), Halliday, Arnold (Duck 66 min.).

Above: The Harrow Observer report of that game and, on the opposite page Torquay's team picture that year plus the line-ups - and Harry Benjamin advert! And did the Stones really wear red? I don't think so!

WE'VE MET BEFORE, CONTD...

turning Lower Mead into Lower Mud, England's 1966 hat trick hero Geoff Hurst turned out for Telford in their 4-2 defeat; the following week the towering ex-Northern Ireland star Derek Dougan ran riot in Kettering's 3-0 win (marked by midgets); and the month ended with ex England and Man Utd winger lan Storey-Moore running rings around us for Burton Albion.

But we survived. Torquay United did too, in Div Four for a few decades at least until they dropped into non-League for the first time.

The other Wealdstone connection with The Gulls, I've just remembered, is the end of season trip to Devon by our supporters team SFC Wealdstone in 1996. We took on Torquay supporters on a Saturday morning in June and that match was remarkable for our ace striker Mickey 'Bananas' Kane running around like a loon as he attempted to rack up his 50th goal of the season against a rather makeshift Gulls team.... all the more amusing as the pitch was on a clifftop, and sloping from end-toend AND side-to-side!

Even more bizarrely, the game was refereed by World Cup official Lester Shapter who had only just hung up his whistle. He was certainly fitter than any of our players, and I remember hoping he would bring down the rampant Kaney as he homed in on goal for the umpteenth time. Did he chalk up his half-century? No doubt Bananas will let us know next time the fans are allowed back and we can buy him a pint.

There was also much talk of our budget hotel in Torquay being haunted. I certainly didn't get a wink of sleep but that was more to do with sharing a room with Pete 'Snorer' Worby.

*I **DID** actually play alongside the legendary Georgie Duck in what was his last game in a Stones shirt. But that's a story for another day....

Two years ago: A pair of Northy penalty saves but two defeats as The Gulls finish top by 10 points

Saturday October 27 2018, Vanarama National League South: Wealdstone 0 Torquay United 3

ast-forward 42 years, and the Torquay side that took six National League South points off the Stones were far-and-away better than the Seagulls team that was supposedly Football League quality back in the 1970s.

Quite frankly, we were steamrollered in the first game at the Vale and not many teams did that to Bobby Wilkinson's Wealdstone. Not even Sutton United, from the division above, who were desperately fortunate to beat us in an FA Cup tie seven days before this meeting in the autumnal sunshine.

While I admired the slick passing game of Gary Johnson's team (a man quickly re-hired to get Torquay back into the National League after an ignominious relegation the previous year, and a poor start in this campaign) what I didn't like was the gloating and entitled attitude of the visiting fans who clearly thought they were too good to be in this division. It turned out





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Two views of Jerome Okimo's near-post header that had the 250 fans behind the goal believing we could bring a point home from Devon 18 months ago. Pics: STEVE FOSTER

they were right, but a bit of humility wouldn't have gone amiss! They were all over us like a

big vellow rash and should have been three or four up before being handed a penalty for Godfrey Poku's handball. Opanin Edwards stepped up only for Jonathan North to bring off an inspired double save, parrying the spot kick and also the follow-up attempt. How galling must it have been for our inspired keeper when Edwards scored anyway, just before the break, cracking his low shot to the far corner for 1-0.

The segregated Gulls fans were whooping again straight from the start of the second half as the towering George Essuman held off his markers to head a simple second... and it was all over when Jamie Reid caught us short-handed at the back pressing for a way back into the game.

Torquay were in ninth place to the Stones fourth when this game kicked off - obviously a false position - and when we travelled down to Plainmoor for the return game at the end of March they were 18 points ahead of us, in second place!

Saturday March 30 2019, Vanarama National League South: Torquay United 3 Wealdstone 2

he Seagulls ended the 2018-19 season as the best team in the NLS, much as they may well end this current season earning that

accolade. They finished 10 points clear of runnersup Woking (who of course beat the Stones in the play-off semi-final) and it is some measure of Wilkinson's side that they won much praise from the Torquay fans after running them mighty close in this return game... although of course it's easy to be magnanimous when you've just won all three points to close in on the championship.

The Stones fans viewed it as a jolly boys' outing, even though victory would have put us in the playoff frame. And the volume of noise from behind the goal turned it into 'the best atmosphere of the season, and easily the best visiting support for over a year' according the the Seagulls Forum as we surprised the rampant home side with a Jeffrey Monakana goal just before the break to make it 2-1. Kalvin Lumbombo-Kalala and Jamie Reid had earlier put Torquay 2-0. Then a Jerome Okimo header cut the deficit after Torquay led 3-1 with a simple header from Jean-Yves Koue Niate... proving the value, as in the first game, of having a 6ft 5in monster in your team and a good dead-ball delivery. In truth, we might have been 4-1 down and floundering when the ref handed Torquay a nailed-on penalty but Northy was again the hero as he blocked Jamie Reid's first effort, and then again kept out the follow-up. Deja-vu all over again!

Instead, the wall of noise ramped up a few notches after Jerome's goal, and imagine the scenes if Danny Green's scorcher had been a yard lower, or Freddie Grant's long-ranger just the right side of the post. But a memorable afternoon nonetheless!



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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 a programme from each of the 92 Football League clubs in 1970/71.

Monday 19 October, 7.15pm, Division 4

Barrow 0 (Ernie Hunt 2, Neil Martin)

Workington Town 3 (Joe Wilson, Jim Goodfellow, Tommy Spratt)

Ref A Morrissey, Bramhall | Att 2,566

Summary: The latest instalment of the league's most north-westerly derby. Locally bragging rights are at stake; in the big picture it's two bald blokes fighting over a comb.

Programme highlight:

Dignified and authoritative looking club badge on the front cover, complete with Latin motto.

Programme lowlight:

No league table, although given Barrow still had a big fat zero in the wins column, you could sort of see the logic on this one.

Programme bingo: An article lamenting that "players who are drawing £50 a week in wages won't come to Barrow." Barrow weren't alone. Adjust for inflation - and then some - and it's still true for many lower division sides now.

Ahead of their time: The five page "Chatter Box" feature, running through the programme like a seaside town's name through a stick of rock and covering everything from Scottish managers getting stroppy with referees to the Vickers' Barrow Works Band performing at a forthcoming home game. Social media before it was invented.

Any other business: This game brought together the league's two worst supported clubs, average gates 2,344 and 2,232 respectively. One stat doing the rounds was that Manchester United made more money that season from programme sales than Barrow did from gate receipts.



Tuesday 20 October, 7.30pm, Division 2

Luton Town 2 (Don Givens, Malcolm MacDonald)

Blackburn Rovers 0

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Ref W Castle, Dudley | Att 16,372

Summary: A team on its way back from hard times recovers from an iffy start to the season by shoring up a leaky defence and reeling off a string of wins to shoot into the promotion places. Ring any bells?

Programme highlight: The photo of the visiting Rovers, in their iconic halved shirts with an industrial chimney in the background. Photoshop in some long shorts and a few handlebar moustaches, and it could have been taken in 1888.

Programme lowlight: Some rather uncomfortable hubris on Eric Pugh's page, where he predicted a 20,000 crowd for this fixture, only to end up way off the mark.

Programme bingo: Publicity for "Football Special" train to Charlton the following Saturday. With a journey time of 1 hour 45 minutes to cover under 50 miles, it's difficult to see what was special about it.

Ahead of their time: Luton's board of directors. The presence of comedian and perennial Christmas TV ratings topper Eric Morecambe put down a marker for today's celebrity club owners.

Any other business: Luton boss Alec Stock was the template for Paul Whitehouse's "Fast Show" character Ron Manager.

Stones: A 1-1 draw at home to Hemel in the then fashionable Premier Midweek Floodlight League.



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Wednesday 21 October, 7.15pm, Division 3

Chesterfield 4 (Ernie Moss 2, Kevin Randall, Albert Phelan)

Barnsley 2 (Eric Winstanley 2)

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DIVISION

Ref I Smith, Accrington | Att 10,400

Summary: Another team enjoying a healthy acclimatisation in a higher grade of football, and another home win.

Programme highlight: The two-page "Saltergate Chatter" feature made a point of keeping fans informed at all levels, from the first team's goalless draw at Villa Park in front of 27,000 to the juniors in the Northern Intermediate League whose crowds were probably closer to 27.

Programme lowlight: A few slightly desperate attempts to make this game against eminently beatable opposition into a potential banana skin.

Programme bingo: The aerial photo of the Saltergate ground on the front cover. A lot of clubs favoured this tactic back then, knowing the picture would stand the test of time and wouldn't become dated like an action shot from a game.

Ahead of their time: Saltergate again. While other grounds slipped quietly away to become supermarkets and housing developments, Chesterfield's home carved a film career, standing in for Derby's long gone Baseball Ground in "The Damned United".

Any other business: Chesterfield, fourth division champions in 1970, went on to finish fifth in the third. Despite some near misses, an FA Cup semi final and a ground move, they never made it back to the second tier.

Saturday 24 October, 3pm, Division 1 Derby County 0 Leeds United 2 (Allan Clarke, Peter Lorimer)

Ref A Oliver, Leigh-on-Sea Att 32,797

Summary: Another statement of intent from table topping Leeds as the Clough-Revie managerial feud simmers away in the background.

Programme highlight: Brian Clough's column. Whatever he said was worth listening to, or in this case reading.

Programme lowlight: Brian Clough's column not occupying a full page. Almost like club chairman Sam Longson was trying to keep him quiet for some reason...

Programme bingo: Photo of Derby enforcer Dave Mackay looking as hard as nails. How many of them must he have featured in over the years? Here he deals with a pitch invasion by a dog. I bet the dog didn't try that again.

Ahead of their time: Derby. By entering and winning the Watney Cup they blazed a trail for innumerable pointless pre-season tournaments. It's hard to imagine Brian Clough accepting a schedule of glorified friendlies against the likes of Fulham and Sheffield United, but he did - and the final against Manchester United got a bigger crowed than 11 of Derby's first division home games that season.

Any other business: Dave Mackay left Derby the following summer to become player-manager of Swindon. He returned in 1973 after Clough was sacked, winning the first division title in 1975.

Stones: We visited Maidstone Utd in the Isthmian League – 200 saw us go down by a goal to nil.

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Next time: Oldham, Rochdale, Charlton and Wrexham

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	EASTLEIGH Tuesday, 23rd February Vanarama National League	James & Victor Klarfeld	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	
	FC HALIFAX TOWN Saturday, 6th March Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	
	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	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	
VON WON	BARNET Monday, 5th April Yanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	
	BROINLEY Saturday, 13th February Vanarama National League	Alan Couch	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	
<u>\$</u>	HARTLEPOOL UNITED Saturday, 17th April Vanarama National League	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	
460/A TOWN /S	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	'In memory of fans no longer with us' Ron Moore, Tony, Steve & Peter Drew and David Edwards			
	SOLIHULL MOORS Saturday, 22nd May Vanarama National League	In memory of Roy Couch	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	







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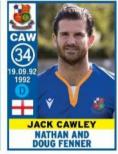


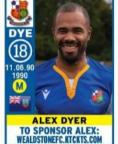
























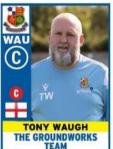


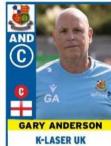


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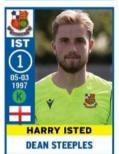






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UPCOMING FIXTURES

WEALDSTONE 2020-21

HERE AT THE VALE:

WEYMOUTH

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday, 12th December, 3:00pm Check Wealdstone-fc.com for ticket details

BOREHAM WOOD

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Monday, 28th December, 3:00pm Check Wealdstone-fc.com for ticket details

MAIDENHEAD UNITED

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ALDERSHOT TOWN

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Saturday, 5th December, 3:00pm www.barnetfc.com | @BarnetFC

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Saturday, 26th December, 3:00pm pitchero.com/clubs/maidenheadunited/

Hartlepool United VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

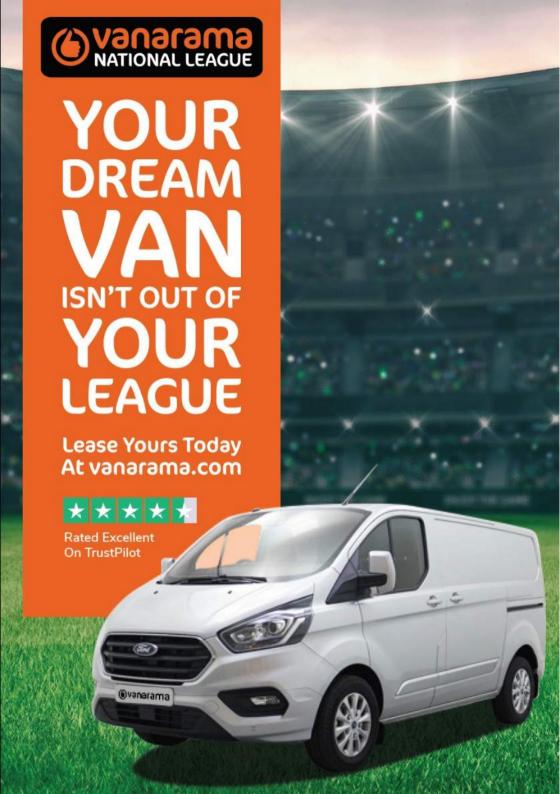
Saturday, 9th January, 3:00pm www.hartlepoolunited.co.uk | @Official_HUFC

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday, 26th January, 7:45pm www.altrinchamfc.com | @AltrinchamFC

Vanarama National League 2020/2021 - at Wednesday 25/11/2020 Away Home Opposition +/- Pts Results F D D 1 Torquay United 3-3 2 Sutton United 3 Woking -1 4 Wealdstone -2 5 Maidenhead United 4-3 6 Wrexham 7 Bromley 8 Hartlepool United 0-2 9 Eastleigh 2-5 10 Stockport County 11 Solihull Moors 12 Notts County 3-2 -8 13 King's Lynn Town 1-0 -4 14 Altrincham 15 Aldershot Town 16 Boreham Wood -4 0-1 17 Dagenham & Redbridge 8 -11 18 Barnet -1 1-0 19 Halifax Town -2 20 Weymouth 3-2 -2 21 Chesterfield -18 22 Dover Athletic 2-2 23 Yeovil Town



THE LINE-UPS

WEALDSTONE

TORQUAY UTD All Yellow

Royal Blue/White

1 Shaun Macdonald G

G Harry Isted 1 Michee Efete 2 Ashlev Charles 4

2 Ben Wynter 3 Liam Davis

Connor Stevens 5

4 Kvie Cameron

Jerome Okimo © 6

5 Fraser Kerr

Michael Phillips 7 Connor Smith 8 6 Gary Warren

Ross Lafevette 9

7 Connor Lemonheigh-Evans

Danny Green 10

8 Asa Hall

Dennon Lewis 11 Charlee Hughes 12 9 Danny Wright 10 Armani Little

Daniel Wishart 13

11 Jake Andrews

Danny Parish 14 Kundai Benyu 15 12 Adam Randell **13** Andy Collings

Jacob Mendy Mendy 17

14 Andrew Nelson 15 Matt Buse

Alex Dver 18

16 Sam Sherring 17 Jacob Evans

Moses Emmanuel 19 Jorome Slew 20

18 Olaf Koszela

Charlie Wakefield 23 Dean Parrett 24 20 Louie Slough 21 Dean Moxev

G Jake Askew 25 **Jack Cawley 34**

22 Owen Price 23 Aaron Nemane

REFEREE Llovd Wood ASST REFEREES David **Hutton & Mark Stevens**

24 Billy Waters 33 Lucas Covolan G

4TH OFFICIAL George Warren OBSERVER William 34 Ben Whitfield 35 Josh Umerah

Jordan MATCH BALL DONATION Alan Couch

NEXT HOME GAMES v WEYMOUTH (Vanarama National League) Sat Dec 12, 3pm (LIVE STREAM FROM 2.45PM) v DOVER (Vanarama National League) Tuesday December 15, KO 7.45pm (LIVE STREAM FROM 7.30PM)

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Stones two-goal hero of the Sutton United thriller, Ross Lafavette. is clattered by the man who pulled the Ambers' irons from the fire... Craig Eastmond PIC: ADAM WILLIAMS



The big interview:

Head in the clouds but nis feet on the ground



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