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BY MARK HYDE



**WEALDSTONE** 2020-21

# Written in Stone



reminding of the perils and consequences of missing the dreaded ground grading deadline. It is with that very much in mind, that despite current Covid restrictions, the club has had to finance an increase in stadium capacity to meet National League regulations.

**G**ood evening and welcome to Alan Dowson, his staff, the officials and players from Woking FC. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us and have a safe journey home after the game.

The literary prowess of Wealdstone supporters is legendary in Non League circles, so you will need me to tell you that it was the 12th century poet Geoffrey Chaucer who wrote 'time and tide waits for no man'. What is certain however is that a contemporary Chaucer would have almost without doubt have added ground grading to his list.

Stones fans of a certain vintage will need no

As ever a hardy bunch of supporters have stepped up in a bid to save valuable money for the club and spent the last week adding an extension to the Hollywell Stand that will almost double the standing capacity behind the goal.

A huge thank you is due to everybody involved in either a financial, planning or manpower capacity and fingers crossed we all get to test the views before the end of the season.

I will end on another quote, though in this instance from a slightly less well known member of the literary greats, Micky Kane, 'these things aren't just thrown together you know.'

Enjoy the game **Mark**



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## From the Gaffer

### We are here to win



**G**ood evening and a warm welcome to Alan Dowson's Woking FC.

It's not a long journey for the opposition today, and it will be good to see Dowse and his team here at The Vale. I've known Alan a while now, and he's done an unbelievable job to get Woking into the National League and also to keep them as a mid table team in this league. His teams are always very competitive and it's no surprise to see the success he and his staff have had. They've got a huge game Saturday too in the Trophy, which I hope they do well in, but our focus is only on tonight's game.

Saturday was a frustrating one all round as the level of performance wasn't where we wanted, or needed it to be considering that bar our first game in charge our performance levels have been very good both when we've won and lost. We addressed this in no uncertain terms, making it very clear in the changing room after the game that it wasn't acceptable and we will be expecting better tonight.

It is however important that we don't get too down after defeats, and equally not too high when we win. This is even more important now as rather than building on the good performances we've had we are having to patch up the team to get through to the end of the season and remain competitive when we can. It's almost impossible to plan and prepare ahead currently as we didn't know which players were going to be available until Friday afternoon.

From the day we walked in the door as a caretaker management team, we've had to reduce the squad from around 25/26 players, down to 12/13. So at a time we needed and wanted to strengthen the group, we've had to go the opposite way. It's incredibly frustrating for us a team and as a team but it's 100% the right move for the future of the football club.

Through no fault of any one at the club we are having to furlough players and are unable to bring in reinforcements unless they're playing for free. It is necessary and it's all with a view to giving ourselves the best chance possible for next season. It is now a case of making the best of a diabolical situation that the National League have forced us into.

We have picked up 8 points from 9 league games which in itself is a minor miracle when you consider how much we're having to overcome. Teams like Weymouth have gone full time in the last 2/3 months and haven't furloughed 1 player yet, and they don't intend to.

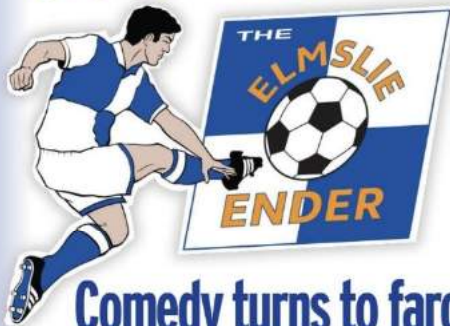
This club has, and will always overcome difficulties and this situation is no different. We need to stick together, be realistic about what we expect from the remainder of the season, and hopefully tonight can put a smile back on people's faces. We are here to win, and we will demand everything from the players and from ourselves to make sure that happens.

**Stuart**

BY SUDHIR RAWAL



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## Comedy turns to farce as the Step 2 refuseniks concoct a bonkers plan, and then the FA fail to get around to making a decision

On Friday the Football Association Council was supposed to ratify the decision made by the FA Alliance Committee to reject the proposal of the Step 2 mini-league, with that level null and void.

Step 1 (our division, the National League) would continue with no relegation. But, of course they didn't.

In fact, it may well be that they weren't even asked to vote on the matter. Even Twitter's Ollie Bayliss, the font of all knowledge on such matters, doesn't know why it wasn't voted upon... or maybe it's just that the votes haven't been collated yet? Confusion continues. Us Brits are great at comedic farces, aren't we?

So, what was the plan concocted by the Step 2 refuseniks to continue playing football? In short, it was as follows...

- Clubs play each other once;
- Two promotion places, one automatic and one play off;
- No relegation from Step 1;
- Clubs start with their PPG average multiplied by fifteen BUT;
- All clubs start with at least twenty points;
- All clubs start with a zero-goal difference.

There was an interview with one of the chairmen at Gloucester City on BBC Radio who

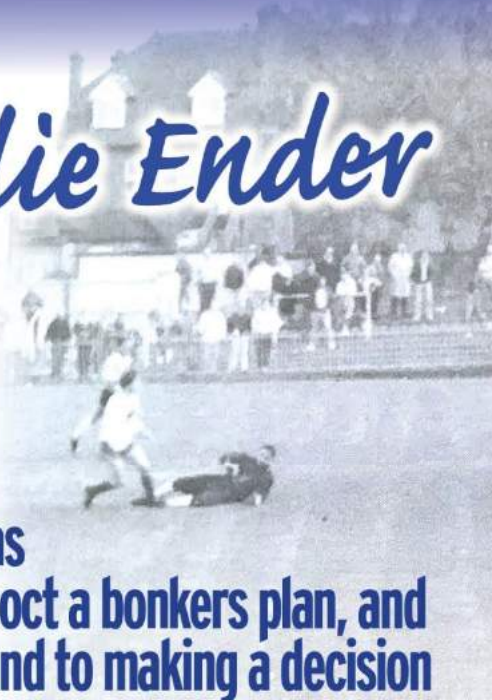
explained the plan. To sum up, he said that rather than everyone start with nil points, which really is the only way to do any sort of league, it was to start with a sort of 'handicap' points system, whereby they looked at PPG from games played so far, and then allocated a 'starting points' level for each club.

But even that didn't really work because the gaps between top (Dorking, pictured below) and bottom (Welling) was too great, so then they tweaked it so that Welling United were 6 points off 7th place from the start, which explains why every club starts with at least twenty points and why a club like the Wings - twenty seven points behind leaders Dorking - would even be interested in playing the mini-league.

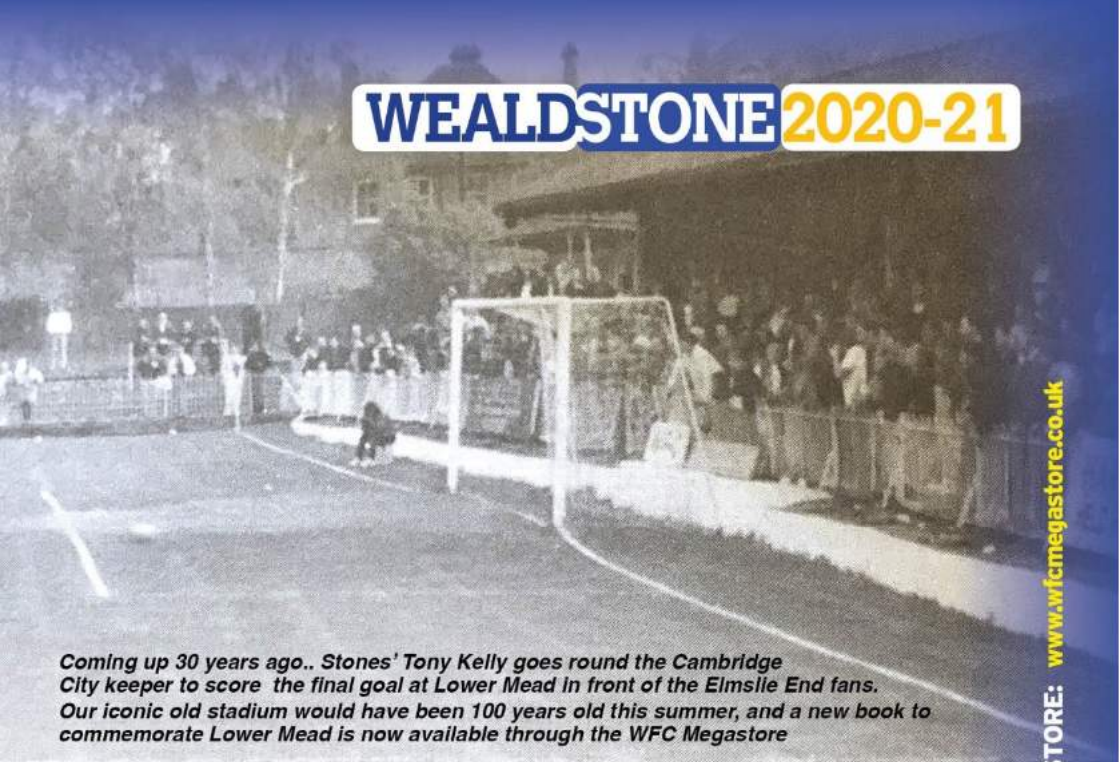
In another season, they would be relegated but through this contrivance, they could find themselves promoted with an incredible run of results.

Unlikely of course. You can see why no right-minded committee could even countenance such a potty idea. It's plainly bonkers. Oh, and no relegation from the mini league either. Cake and eat it comes to mind.

So, even though the FA Council haven't even voted yet, let's assume, yes, a big risk I know, that they eventually will and







**Coming up 30 years ago.. Stones' Tony Kelly goes round the Cambridge City keeper to score the final goal at Lower Mead in front of the Elmslie End fans. Our iconic old stadium would have been 100 years old this summer, and a new book to commemorate Lower Mead is now available through the WFC Megastore**

ratify the decision to reject the plan. So, where does it leave those clubs at Step 1 (like Wealdstone) that have been saved from any possible threat of relegation but have little or no chance of getting into the play-offs?

To cut costs, obviously, and save their dwindling cash reserves for next season.

Clubs will start, if they haven't already been, furloughing players. Whether it is morally the right thing to do, you can argue all day, but clubs will need to ensure that they are still around to play football next season and reducing costs is the only way.

We already know clubs have furloughed players and staff; we have. Barnet and Kings Lynn have towards the bottom end of the table, with Woking saying that they will also once they are out of the FA Trophy.

We even have the bizarre situation of clubs higher up the table furloughing players and then signing even more to their roster. As the season comes to a conclusion, games could well become farcical with teams loaded with youth team players and trialists playing against full time professionals.

It's not going to be pretty, before we even worry about the integrity of the competition with titles being won depending on whom

you still have to play. And the National league will then need to sort out what they are to do with the very thorny question of what to do with Dover?

To recap, Dover have taken their ball home and their mother isn't allowing them out to play after tea.

If the National League does nothing at all, then there will be uproar from all of the clubs that carried on playing, paying wages and incurring debt that will take years to pay off.

So will they be forcibly relegated a step or two, will there be a points punishment instead, which will need

to be hefty enough that means that they are likely to be relegated next season in any case?

Then how does the league even up the numbers in the top division? With Macclesfield's demise, we are already short of one team and only three were to be relegated. It feels like that depending on what happens to Dover, only two may go down next season with four travelling the other way.

What a flaming palaver! You really couldn't make it up. The Monty Python team would have struck out the script if it had been put in front of them, so ludicrous has it become.

**'...and what are the National League going to do about Dover? If unpunished the other clubs will be furious'**

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STONES INTERVIEW

# Dan Wishart

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**'I'd just like to leave a bit of a football legacy.. and have people think that I wasn't a bad player'**

I found myself asking the question before I'd intended to. Way before I'd intended to. It was the sort of thing you'd ask once you were comfortable in each other's company, for it could easily be taken the wrong way.

"So Dan" I began, less than halfway through our 45-minute chat, when we were talking about his time as a flying left-winger at Sutton United, "there were some highlights being shown at half time of the Sutton-Stones game five years ago, and I noticed that you've got quite a bit bigger",

There was a moment's silence at the other end of the phone.

Then he replied: "Yeah to be fair there's



*Alex Dyer has a giggle with Dan after the Boreham Wood game*

been a bit of lockdown weight that I've put on, and I saw some of those highlights and I looked a different person then". I breathed a sigh of relief. An angry Dan Wishart would not be a comfortable proposition.

"You're still very mobile though, and the gym work must make you really tough to play against; when you came back in for the Boreham Wood and Halifax games - and then off the bench against Kings Lynn - they just couldn't get past you" I said. It was true: Wishy as a fullback is a powerful, determined opponent and of course he's lost none of his ability on the ball.

"There are pros and cons" he admitted.



"I'm 28 now and I probably don't have the same energy levels and endurance as a few years ago but, on the other hand, it's often a psychological game and people look at me and think they probably don't want to get involved in a physical battle".

I've watched Dan evolve as a footballer over the years and he's scored more than his fair share of goals against us.

"Yeah, Wealdstone were one of my lucky teams to score against and my first for Sutton was against the Stones half a dozen years ago".

He rifled one in from outside the box past Jonathan North in that 1-1 draw and again hit the net with a freekick in the return game at Grosvenor Vale which Sutton - on their way to going up as NLS champions - won 2-0.

"I also scored down here last season when I was playing for Maidstone. The keeper, Oxborough, saved one chance I had at the far post but then a few minutes later there was an identical chance and I stuck it away".

When I spoke to Dan the news had just broken about the permanent appointment of Stuart Maynard and Matty Saunders - and he was quick to praise the improvement in coaching and application over the past few weeks.

"They're both very thorough. I've been at clubs - like Sutton for example - where we just played five a sides in training, endless five a sides - though it worked for us as we all knew what to do once the game kicked off. He we do pattern work, marking, organisation and drills and it's helping get the confidence back.

"Nothing is left to chance and of course I'm enjoying it more as I'm being picked. This has always been an enjoyable bunch of players

to be around though, and that's what many people don't get about football.... they just see the 90 minutes and whether you've won or lost but there's so much that goes on behind the scenes, training and travelling that can make it a happy place or an unhappy place. This is definitely a happy place".



**Above: Dan made one appearance for the England 'C' team against Slovakia when he was at Sutton**

Dan Wishart's football life began with the youth team Yiewsley Predators, close to his family home at Hayes End. He now lives in Slough - just round the corner from Billy Clifford - but was born in Hillingdon Hospital and credits his dad, Chris, for being his mentor as he ferried him to youth team football on Sunday mornings.

"He taught me how to play and was a decent player himself at local level. He's told me who played for but I've forgotten!"

The Predators became part of the Hayes FC youth set-up, and then Hayes & Yeading when those clubs combined in the mid-noughties. Dan went on to figure for Hayes & Yeading Reserves before making his first team debut at the age of 17.

H & Y were in the Conference National then, groundsharing at Woking and when they were relegated to the NLS he was off up the M1 to play for two seasons with Alfreton Town in the Conference's top flight.

Loan spells at Margate and Eastleigh followed before Sutton snapped him up on the eve of their NLS title-winning season. He finished that 2015-16 campaign named in the Divisional Team of the Season and was also capped for the England C team against Slovakia

"I had a couple of great years there but I wasn't involved in Sutton's FA Cup run that led

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# DAN WISHART CONTINUED

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to the home games with Leeds and Arsenal. Forest Green, top of the Conference, came in with an offer in October and I wanted to prove that I could play at a higher level, so said yes.

"Forest Green were set-up as an EFL Club. Everything about them is professional and I didn't want to have regrets about missing the chance to go there... we got up through the play-offs and then I played about 70% of the League Two games next season.

"But I fell out of love with the game about that time. I came back to Sutton, had a bit of a word with myself because my career wasn't heading where it should have been... and then went to Maidstone United in the National League and was relegated! That should have never have happened with the players we had - Michael Phillips and Michee Efete were there too - but the club got though too many managers with too many conflicting ideas."

**Y**ou must enjoying playing on plastic then? I asked him. "Yes, Sutton and Maidstone... well, we train on 3G pitches all the time but I think maybe it's not too good for the knees. It's the way forward for non-League clubs, but the pitch here at Wealdstone is a great surface. Having played here for Maidstone last season was a big deciding factor for me to sign in the summer... we only lost 2-1 but Wealdstone were in control the whole game and played the sort of total football we'd played at Forest Green; clever passing, good movement and I want to be involved in that sort of team".

So is your best position now at full-back, I asked him. "Yes, I think so. I love a bit of confrontation, a bit of edge and the games against Boreham Wood and Halifax had that -



**Dan in action for Sutton as the Surrey side won the National League South title in 2016**

a real intensity. The Kings Kynn game was more like a training match, all pretty passing and no-one really getting stuck in...it's those games when you miss the crowd to give you a lift.

"Ask any player and they'll tell you that they feed off the crowd and we're desperate to get them back in the stadium. We want to put the joy on people's faces.

"I feel sorry for the players that are retiring from the game just now because they were denied that buzz from the crowd - imagine if you hung up your boots this season and how flat it would be?

"Age is not on my side and although I'd love to get back in the League it's not the be-all and end-all. I'd just like to leave a bit of a legacy where people say: 'That Dan Wishart wasn't a bad player'. That's all. I'd be happy with that."

**Next to be interviewed: Young Watford loanees George Langston**



BY CLIVE LEAPER



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# Clives A-Z of Football for the lockdown generation



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

## M Is For...

**MINI BUSES.** The only way to travel a few years ago. Pile in on a Saturday morning, nursing hangover, spend the day bang on it and sometimes watch a game an' all. Good times.

**MATCHDAY** The singularly most important day of the week to the committed fan. Everything else fits around this. Lamé excuses like attending a wedding, will be recalled by fellow fans for eternity. Part timers.

The **MEET.** Timing is crucial, get it wrong and the person can quite rightly be ostracised from the rest of the group travelling. There is no excuse. Aim to get there early, it ain't rocket surgery.

## O Is For...

**OAP.** The concessions turnstile is a badge of honour to some as it recognises that they have beaten the system and stuck it to the man. Way to go any 50 something that does this at away games. Plus more beer money.



Tonbridge Away - not quite Post Match as the game was PFD



**OPTIMIST.** Sometimes the most rare of all supporters. The wallow of despair all around can be drowned out with just a few words from this person as they preach perspective. Generally they are right but I'm loath to admit this when I'm busy frothing at the mouth.

**OLD BOYS.** The fellas that have been going since records began and sometimes long before this. Every club has a mystical figure that can recall events of the last 80 years +.

## P Is For...

**PRE MATCH TENSION.** Awful feeling not soothed always by copious amounts of alcohol. A nagging worry that things are out of your control despite your best preparation. Just the worst. The next 90 mins makes or breaks you. I feel sick just thinking about it.

**POST MATCH BEERS.** Just the best! The evening ahead is open to all sorts of exciting possibilities but usually eventually ends at the kebab House for a mixed grill. Life is good!

**PENALTIES.** Massive pair of nagders required for this. Should be a goal every time right? Wrong. Seen some right howlers. Practice more, or watch Sean Cronin @SirCronin86 masterclass. 'Ave some of that.

To be continued you next Issue...

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# NORMAN GOLDSMITH

*Today's featured supporter is a bit special: Norman Goldsmith was treated to sponsorship of the recent Halifax game to celebrate his 80th birthday by his son Peter; we knew all about Pete's allegiance to the Stones but his dad goes way, way back to the 1950s. So this is Norman's story, in his own words...*

I was born on March 4 1941 which makes me 80 and a bit. Along the way I've acquired two metal knees and a new aorta.

I've lived in Pinner since 1976 with my wife of 53 years, Pauline. We have one son, Peter, who is also an ardent Stones supporter. My early years were spent in Kensal Rise where I do, in fact remember a couple of Mr Hitler's Specials flattening two terraces of three houses each in the next street. We moved to Willesden and then, on getting married, to Carpenders Park.

My first Wealdstone game, in 1950, was as a visitor with Willesden FC for whom my dad was secretary. My first impressions were that Wealdstone were a 'big' non-league team with a good set-up in a big stadium (Lower Mead). I was impressed. Stones, however, won the game.

*(Wealdstone 1 Willesden 0, Mid-dx Senior Cup 1st round, Jan 21st 1950. Goalscorer: Roberts)*

My career started at the age of 16 as a lowly junior clerk at Willesden Council. Later I got their support for a four-year college course to qualify as a Public Health Inspector (now known as Environmental Health). A few years later, while at Camden Council, I was sponsored for a three-year post-graduate master's course in management studies. Wanting to utilise this, I progressed to a CEO's job at a large housing associations, followed by a couple of directorships. I later returned to environmental health and some consultancy work, eventually retiring

## Fan in the (but mainly under the



*Below: Norman (centre) with his wife Pauline and Nigel Johnson (No.10) scores in front of the High Stones against Woking in the FA Cup 4th Qual Rd*



**"After retiring from distraction so, with halfway line clock**

at 69... since when I've helped out as a voluntary front desk officer for the Metropolitan Police. I'm currently laid off because of the pandemic.

My early years were spent playing football on Stonebridge Rec for the school side and in the park on Sunday afternoons. Boots came in one colour (brown), had hard toe caps, leather nail-in studs and high ankle supports. The ball was heavy leather with a tie-off bladder and a lace. I still remember heading that lace!



## Stand (High Mead clock)



son Peter and (above)  
Mead clock for the  
tie In November 1979

playing I needed a Saturday afternoon  
my son, became a fixture under the  
at Lower Mead. They were great days”

Those Sunday afternoons, with no kids around, were an opportunity for parents (including mine) to renew their wedding vows. I found this out later in life.

Leaving primary school, my sport took place generally on Saturdays with football and cricket in season. No time for watching. I was playing local youth team football and, from the age of 12, men's cricket.

After I started work I founded a men's football team at Willesden Council - a few clerks, a couple of distmen, surveyors, engineers and

a grave digger were among our team. Enjoyable times, elation at unexpected wins and tours to Belgium and Holland were the highlights, though unexpected spectator time was presented when I suffered a serious knee injury.

I still remember a football match I had to hobble to on my crutches: Wealdstone v Hendon in the Amateur Cup Final, 1966. Was this my conversion to becoming a Stones fan? After my knee recovered I went back to playing for the council team, had part of a season at Rayners Lane and also a spell at Kingsbury Town. I did also represent the London Council at both football and cricket for number of years... days off work to play sport. Sheer joy!

My Wealdstone-watching began after my retirement from playing, in my late 30s which for the mathematician, was in the late 1970s. I needed a Saturday afternoon sports fix in the winter and had a young son who also needed distraction... so we became "under the clock" fixtures on the High Mead side at Lower Mead and assisted Vale Shearer - who remembers him? - in putting the minute hand on the clock. My addition to the Wealdstone ranks was confirmed, and the club has given me a lot of pleasure over the years. The disappointments have only served to highlight the good moments.

So what is the best match I've ever seen? Well a group of us bought tickets for the 1968 European Cup Final at Wembley when the finalists were not yet known. Magic happened: Manchester United versus Benfica. None of us sold our tickets and... what a game. Eusebio is my top gentleman of football.

And what is my best Stones game? I've been watching the team too long to have a 'best game' but I do have favourites. Probably the best of those revolve around the double side of 1984-85 with the highlights being the league decider at Kettering, and the Trophy final at Wembley. Last season's squad would have given the Double Boys a run for their money however, with their quality and the sheer

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joy of the football.

Being a traditionalist, I still miss Lower Mead. Those midweek games on a quiet evening when the bantering between Denis Byatt and the fans was of top, but dubious, quality. Other memories are an evening game at Dartford with their manager Peter Taylor getting angrier and angrier; assisting in recovery of balls in the stream at Edgware; the view of the cemetery at Northwood and also at Northwood, the Beckford and Jolly goalscoring show.

My introduction to Grosvenor Vale was having a midweek chat with Leo Morris which ended with me drawing up the club's Heath & Safety policy to get Hillingdon Council off his back.

Looking back, I think this is the point where I thank everyone who has put time and effort into the running of this club. Sponsors, board members, supporters, volunteers, players; countless others who give, and many others, our 'Saturday Fix'.

**O**ur best-ever side? I think that teams are of their time, as are the players. The merits of comparing players from

different eras, playing systems, training methods diets etc is impossible. For example, what are the comparative merits of Tommy Lawton and Harry Kane? (I have seen them both live). Not just that one played for the Arsenal and one for Spurs but they are 70-odd years apart, different teams and tactics and as far as money is concerned, millions of pounds apart. But they both played for England.

My best team is a squad. The double era showed the best squad and football I've ever seen - particularly 1984-85 - but other favourites of mine include Hughie Lindsay (with whom I've played cricket several times), Charlie Townsend,

Viv Evans, Ray Goddard and George Duck. Of more modern vintage are Mark Graves, Jonathan North, Lee Chappell, Richard Jolly, Jermaine Beckford, Alan Massey, Glenn Little, Billy Clifford and Jerome Okimo.

Best-ever team? The two-man Bartlett & Morris management team. How many levels did we come up under them?



Flashback to Glen Little's amazing goal at Dulwich

**Lower Mead 1950, when Norman made his first visit. Not a bad crowd and that looks like the 1970s High Mead clock had a fore-runner**





# WEALDSTONE 2020-21

## PETER GOLDSMITH

### Fan in the stand I was a mascot at Lower Mead for the Trophy quarter-final in 1985... and my Robin Wainwright incident definitely WASN'T the highlight of the day!



Peter is pictured with the FA Cup at the Lower Mead during Christmas dinner last year.

Your name and age? Peter Goldsmith, 47  
Where/when do you live? Lives in Reptonfield now  
Have you always lived in that area? No, I was born in Mallow and then lived in Rhosneigr from age 3 until my mid-20s. Moved around a bit since then including Hong Kong  
Where do you work? I got a bit of a small sports marketing agency called M Sports, primarily focused on sports sponsorship, sales, activation and activation  
When was your first Stones game (against whom and any memories)? I think my Dad, Norman, took me when I was four in the late 70s but I can't remember who it was against. I'm sure we'd have been standing under the clock on the side of Lower Mead as that's where my Dad always sat. He'd sit 80 feet up and hopefully we'd be allowed back in the ground to celebrate it

with a main sponsorship.  
What were your first impressions of the club? Not long ago to remember that they were obviously good as I still come! My highlight was being mascot for the day against Frickley in the FA Trophy when I was 12. I can't remember the date but I was around for that day so it was a birth-day treat.  
What are your memories of the acceptance? They range from good to 'interesting'. Getting the kit on, scoring at the top. Eric's ECU had put some money from the kit was good - although I missed the first goal because we scored so quickly. Being exposed to Robin Wainwright having a 'C' with the door open wasn't so good!  
Did you see the award/and from that year? Yes, went to all three games. I remember enjoying the party leg of the same

had a lot more than the home crowd I write a report on the game for a school project which was part of a big display I did, including the mascot shirt which I still have - and my daughter had! The two other games I really remember that year was the win against Scarborough on the Sunday and going up to Kurling for the game when we won the league which was brilliant.

Do you follow any other teams? I also follow Liverpool so it's been a pretty decent season all round this year! I tend to get to a couple of games a year and really enjoy it - the pace and skill levels of the Premier League are amazing to watch live. That said, the ongoing injury and what seems like a yellow card for every foul isn't so good.  
What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen? That's a hard one to pick. I remember the game against Tottenham in Euro 96 and the matches with Spain in Euro 2004 and the Liverpool 4-4 draw with Arsenal when Arsenal scored all 4 for were great. I was also at Arsenal for the Mersy derby when Jer-

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### Mascot Peter is 12 Today

We're delighted to welcome on our mascot today a young talent supporter. Like the change made under the clock it has been in Peter Goldsmith, who is Head Boy of King Peter has supported Wealdstone as a young talent supporter. He has been a mascot for a number of years and has been a great supporter of the club. He is also a member of the club and has been a great supporter of the club. He is also a member of the club and has been a great supporter of the club. He is also a member of the club and has been a great supporter of the club.

maine Backford scored in a 2-2 draw - I think have been the only Liverpool supporter in the ground who was pleased about that goal! Have to say my favourite Stones games are far better though as you feel much more of a connection and you can't be oversteering with your mates.  
Are the new Wealdstone games? That is an even harder one! I can't remember so much from when I was younger so the going for more recent ones I was at... Cardiff at home in the trophy in five years back. Squidgy away. The play-off against Dulwich, Middlesbrough when we won the league and Dover away when we won. Ticker scored a fabulous goal and we had a good night out in Dover!  
The trick under the clock of the White Lion ground on the Friday night, in the FA CUP CONTINUED OVER PAGE



Alan Cuddeboone the first goal scorer Frickley in the trophy when Peter was 12 - Peter was wearing a white mascot

### Earlier this season, Norman's son Peter had his moment in the spotlight as he looked back to being mascot for the FA Trophy win over Frickley in '85



It's the European Cup final 1968, one of the great moments in sporting history and Norman was there: Stepney makes his save from Eusebio in the dying moments of normal time at 1-1... and the Portuguese legend applauds the Manchester Utd goalkeeper

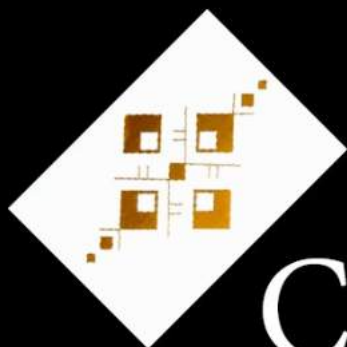
My best-ever Stones goal is an easy pick. Only one in the frame. Glenn Little at Dulwich Hamlet. Picked the ball up about five yards outside our area; a few effortless strides up to the centre circle; a little body shimmy, one defender beaten; a dropped shoulder, another beaten; a little sway and another defender is out of the game; and finally, a 25-yard chip over the keeper.

I've been asked to comment on the sale of Lower Mead 30 years ago and do so as an outsider. The concept of sale and relocation - sound. The relocation to Prince Edward Playing Fields also probably sound. But a couple of seasons at Vicarage Road - ego-boosting and disastrous. Where did the money go? I don't know. And why Barnet got the stadium ahead of us - another don't know, but a disaster. The upside is that a lot of people put in a lot of effort to save the club and get us to where we are now.

I am looking forward to the future. The romantics see us in the EFL. However, this is not just achieved on the playing field. The guardians of our precious club, the directors, have to find the financial wherewithal for upgrading everything, and that is far from easy. We all have a part to play in supporting OUR club. Encouraging new attendees; volunteering for odd jobs especially on match days; encouraging the supporters club by buying from the Megastore.

I've got a club shirt. Have you? PS a big thank you to my son Peter who sponsored the Halifax match to celebrate my 80th birthday a few weeks ago.

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# WOKING FC

## The Cards

Woking Football Club, known as the Cards (from the Cardinal red of the red and white halves), was formed in 1889. The Club joined the West Surrey League in 1895/96, winning the title by one point on the final day of the season. However, within 21 years of being formed, the Club was in danger of folding for financial reasons. The turning point came when, in January 1908, Woking played Bolton Wanderers in the First Round of the FA Cup, having battled through five qualifying rounds. Despite losing the away game 5-0, the Club made it into the national press. Bolton Wanderers, impressed by the minnows they had defeated, travelled to Woking for a friendly match the following season, which kept the Club solvent.

In 1911 the Club joined the Isthmian League, maintaining their place in the top division for 72 years and finishing as runners-up to Wycombe Wanderers in 1956/57. That achievement was eclipsed the following season when, in front of a 71,000 crowd, the Cards beat Ilford 3-0 in the last FA Amateur Cup Final to be televised live. Sadly, the Club then went into decline, culminating in a first-ever relegation in 1982/83. By the end of the 1984/85 season the Club had plunged to Division Two South of the Isthmian League. It was during that season that former player, Geoff Chapple, was appointed as manager. Although he was not able to save the Club from relegation, the renaissance was underway. Just missing out on promotion at the first attempt, the Club clinched the Division Two South title in 1986/87 and, after two third place finishes in Division One, they were promoted back to the Premier Division at the end of the 1989/90 season.

The next season saw the Club become part of FA Cup folklore. Entering the competition at the Fourth Qualifying Round, they beat three Conference sides to set up a Third Round tie away to West Bromwich Albion. Recovering from being a goal behind, Woking triumphed 4-2, thanks to a superb team effort



and a never-to-be-forgotten hat-trick from Tim Buzaglo. To be drawn out of the hat with a home game against Everton was beyond everyone's wildest dreams. The tie was switched to Goodison Park and, against a team packed with internationals, the sides were separated only by a solitary Kevin Sheedy goal. Over 34,000 people remained in the ground to give the players a rapturous standing ovation.

Promotion to the Conference was achieved in 1991/92. The Isthmian League title was clinched in early April, with seven games still to be played.

The FA Trophy was won in 1994, 1995 and 1997 and the Cards also achieved five successive top five finishes in the Conference, including being runners-up in 1994/95 and 1995/96.

At the end of the 1996/97 campaign, having just clinched the FA Trophy for the third time, Geoff Chapple and his coach, Colin Lippiatt, left the Club and joined Kingstonian. John McGovern, the former Derby County, Nottingham Forest and Leeds United midfielder, was

appointed. Hopes were high that he would lead Woking into the League but, although the Club finished in third place, his style of play and his personality did little to endear him to the fans. A poor start to the 1998/99 campaign led to his dismissal. Brian McDermott, the former Arsenal





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player, joined Woking on a non-contract basis and achieved a temporary upturn in fortunes, guiding the team to a ninth place finish.

Significant events had taken place off the field. The downturn in the Club's fortunes had led to a financial crisis. With the Club facing administration or worse, successful businessman and long-time fan, Chris Ingram, came to the rescue, becoming Chairman in February 2002. He continues to own the ground, with the Club enjoying a 125-year lease at a peppercorn rent, but his financial backing of the Club and involvement in its running ceased at the end of the 2010-11 season.

The Club went full-time in the summer of 2003. The fans' hopes were borne out by a much better season, with the Cards achieving a ninth place finish, having been on the fringe of the play-off places until the last few weeks. Again, only a poor finish the following season deprived the Cards of a play-off place, but a final placing of 8th with 68 points was the best achievement since 1997/98. Disappointingly, the Cards failed to mount a challenge for a play-off place in 2005/06, finishing in 11th place. 2006/07 was another season of underachieving and, despite bringing in fresh faces during the January transfer window, the Cards finished in 15th place.

The reprieve proved only temporary, with the following two seasons producing more disappointment, culminating in the Cards' relegation in summer 2009 from the BSP after 17 years in the top flight of non-League football.

A storming end to the 2009-10 season saw the Cards clinch 5th place. Dover Athletic were beaten in the play-off semi-final but the Cards lost to Bath City in the final.

The Club went part-time in summer 2010, with Baker and Dack both being awarded new two-year contracts. But, in spite of good runs in the FA Cup and the FA Trophy, both decided to leave the Club in January 2011, with Garry Hill taking over the reins till the end of the season, with Steve Thompson as First Team Coach. A dramatic upturn in league fortunes took the Club into 5th place, but the Cards lost to Farnborough in the play-off semi-final.

The revival continued apace in the 2011-12 season, with the Cards reaching the top spot in late September and staying there throughout the campaign in spite of being pushed hard by Dartford. The BSBS title was won by nine points, with only five games lost all season.

The Cards finished in a comfortable 12th place in their first season back in the Conference Premier, playing an entertaining brand of football, and did even better the following season, ending in 9th place after showing great form in the second half of the campaign. The 2014-15 campaign saw the Club finish in a commendable 7th spot, missing a play-off place by only three points. Garry Hill maintained his record of top-half finishes the following season as the side ended in 12th position. But the summer of 2016 saw the loss of some experienced players and the side struggled throughout the 2016-17 season, eventually averting relegation thanks to generally improved form from the new year onwards, finishing in 18th place.

In May 2017, following an announcement that new investment would take place in the Club, Anthony Limbrick was appointed manager, with Jason Goodliffe joining him as assistant manager shortly afterwards. The Club also announced that it would be moving gradually to full-time status.

2018/19 saw the Cards promoted back to the National League after beating Welling 1-0 in the play off final.

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# WOKING FC - WHO'S WHO?



## 13. CRAIG ROSS - GOALKEEPER

Craig is a former Woking academy graduate who returned to the club after a ten-year absence in 2018 to become his boyhood team's first-choice goalkeeper. Previous Clubs include Carshalton, Hampton & Richmond, Cambridge Utd, Eastbourne, Whitehawk, Macclesfield & Barnet

## 31. MARK SMITH - GOALKEEPER

Mark started his senior career at Brentford before joining Woking's local rivals Aldershot Town in 2016. He made a handful of appearances for the Shots in the National League before becoming a regular at Eastbourne Borough in the National League South. After a brief spell with Billericay Town he joined Dartford, where he spent the entirety of the 2019/20 campaign.

## 2. JACK COOK - DEFENCE

Jack began his career at Charlton Athletic, where he spent two years in the youth team, before leaving the professional game to focus on his studies at Brighton University. During his time at university he continued to play for Isthmian League side Worthing, where he caught the eye of Dowse, leading to him joining Hampton in 2017.

## 3. JOSH CASEY - DEFENCE

He began his career with neighbours Aldershot Town in 2009. From there, he moved to Salisbury and Bashley, before linking up with Dowse for the first time at Kingstonian in 2013. He spent two years with the K's, reaching a play-off semi-final, before moving to Hampton in 2015.

## 5. BEN GERRING - DEFENCE

Started his senior career with Weymouth back in 2010, after leaving boyhood club Plymouth Argyle. However, it was only after earning a switch to National League club Torquay United in October 2015, that he truly began to establish himself. He spent the best part of two seasons with the Gulls. A move to Truro preceded a short-lived spell at Billericay Town followed at the start of the 2018/19 campaign before he joined up with Woking

## 6. MOUSSA DIARRA - DEFENCE

Moussa joined the Cards for a third time in January 2021. He began his career with St Albans City and Hemel Hempstead Town, before joining Dowse at Hampton in early 2015. He joined Dover Athletic in the summer of 2018 but after falling down the pecking order moved on loan to Woking before making the move permanent four months later.

## 12. NATHAN COLLIER - DEFENCE

Woking fans caught a first glimpse of the player when he made his debut for Dartford in the National League in August 2012. He spent the following year at Eastbourne Borough before joining Dowse and Hampton & Richmond in 2016. Nathan joined Woking in 2017/18.

## 16. KYRAN LOFTHOUSE - DEFENCE

On loan from Oxford United, Kyran joined fellow Oxford youngster Malachi Napa and Slavi Spasov at Woking in late October 2020, signing a short-term loan deal. The pacey wide player, who is comfortable at either as a right-side winger or at right-back, has already made two appearances for the U's this season, featuring in both the EFL Cup and EFL Trophy.

## 24. LEO HAMBLIN - DEFENCE

Leo is a second-year academy player who was awarded a first-team contract in the summer of 2020 after impressing in pre-season.

## 4. CHARLIE COOPER - MIDFIELD

Charlie joined Woking in the summer of 2020 after impressing manager Alan Dowson during a brief trial period. The ball-winning midfielder player spent last season with fellow National League side FC Halifax Town. He started his senior career at Birmingham City & enjoying time on loan at York City before joining Forest Green Rovers.

## 8. KANE FERDINAND - MIDFIELD

Kane extended his stay at the Laithwaite Community Stadium into a fifth consecutive season in the summer of 2020. The midfielder began his senior career at Southend United in 2010 then moved to Championship side Peterborough United followed in 2012. He spent time on loan at Northampton Town, Luton Town, and Cheltenham Town before joining Dagenham & Redbridge in 2015 then East Thurrock United that September.

## 10. MAX KRETZSCHMAR - MIDFIELD

Max signed a new contract in the summer of 2020 ahead of a fourth season with the club. He started his career with Wycombe, where he graduated from the club's academy, playing 85 times for the Chairboys' senior team across a three-year period. After a year with Woking under former manager Garry Hill, he joined Hampton & Richmond Borough, coached by current Cards' boss Alan Dowson.

## 11. MATT JARVIS - MIDFIELD

He started his career with Gillingham, making his Football League debut in what is now



the Championship in November 2003. Championship side Wolves swooped in 2007. It was at Molineux where he enjoyed the most successful years of his career. He was a key part of the side which won the second-tier and promotion to the Premier League in 2009. From Wolves, he moved to West Ham United in 2012, where he made another 78 Premier League appearances before injuries started to take their toll. He joined Norwich City in 2015 but after featuring 21 times spent over three years sidelined with knee, hamstring, and hip injuries.

## **15. JACK SKINNER - MIDFIELD**

Jack signed for the first-team in the summer of 2019, after graduating from the club's academy.

## **18. BEN DEMPSEY- MIDFIELD**

On loan from Charlton Athletic. Ben joined the Cards for a second loan spell in October 2020, shortly after the start of the new National League season. A tough-tackling central midfielder player, he originally enjoyed a month's loan starting in February of the same year, making an immediate impact and helping the team to two wins and two draws in five league outings before the season was cut short.

## **20. MALACHI NAPA - MIDFIELD**

On loan from Oxford United. Malachi joined the Cards on a short-term loan deal on the eve of the 2020/21 National League season and returned again on a similar deal in January 2021

## **21. TOMMY BLOCK - MIDFIELD**

Tommy joined the Cards in the summer of 2020 after a successful trial. A former Woking academy player, he started his senior career with Pagham before joining hometown club Bognor Regis Town in 2017. A surprise move to Scotland beckoned in January 2019 as he joined Hibernian.

## **22. JOHN GODDARD - MIDFIELD**

John re-joined Woking for a second spell in the summer of 2020. Before joining Woking, he started his career with Hayes & Yeading United. His Football League career also started strongly after he swapped Woking for Swindon in 2016. Has also represented Stevenage, Aldershot Town & Ebbsfleet United.

## **26. JAMAR LOZA - MIDFIELD**

Jamar joined Woking for a third time in December 2020. Having previously enjoyed two successful loan spells with the club during the past two seasons. The Jamaican

international began his career with Norwich City for whom he made six first-team appearances. HAs represented Maidstone United, Billericay Town, Chelmsford City & King's Lynn Town

## **7. DAVE TARPEY- FORWARD**

The experienced forward began his career in the Hellenic Leagues with Henley Town before his performances earned him a move to National League South side Basingstoke Town in 2007. Has played for Hampton & Richmond, Farnborough, Maidenhead and Barnet.

## **9. JONTÉ SMITH- FORWARD**

earned his first professional contract at Sutton United in 2010. Following a move to Crawley Jonte enjoyed a spell with PS Kemmi in Finland and Flekkeroy in Norway before returning to England with Gloucester City in 2015 then Lewes in 2016 before a move to Oxford United then Cheltenham.

## **17. SAM EVANS - FORWARD**

Sam is a second-year academy player who signed contractual forms with the first-team in the summer of 2020.

## **19. NIKO MUIR - FORWARD**

On loan from Hampton & Richmond. Experienced striker Niko joined the Cards on an initial one-month loan deal in March 2021.

## **23. JAYDEN WAREHAM - FORWARD**

Jayden is a highly-regarded second-year academy player who joined the Cards youth setup on a two-year deal in the summer of 2019.

## **25. SAM ASHFORD- FORWARD**

On loan from Crawley Town. Versatile forward player Sam, who can play out wide or through the middle as a central striker, joined the Cards on loan until the end of the season in March 2021.

## **MANAGER. ALAN DOWSON**

Alan, better known as 'Dowse', took over as Woking manager in May 2018 following the Cards relegation from the National League. Despite starting the season with just one contracted player as well as a whole host of other issues to be resolved both on and off the pitch, Dowse enjoyed a superb first season as boss, earning an immediate return to the top flight of non-league football with promotion via the play-offs.

Alan's previous management positions inc. Walton & Hersham, Kingstonian & Hampton & Richmond. As a player Alan represented Milwall, Fulham, Bradford, Darlington, Slough, Gateshead and Walton & Hersham.

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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	PHI	OKI	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
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27	King's Lynn Town	VNL	3-2	0,000	6	⊙ 10	☁ 8c	12m	IST	EFE	MEN	PHI	OKI	CAW
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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	PHI	OKI	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
<b>DECEMBER</b>														
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
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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	ALDRSHOT 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
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6	Darlington	FAT5	1-4	0,000	18	⊙ 24	☁ 3c	40m	IST	EFE	MEN	OKI	LAN	PHI
9	Torquay United	VNL	1-1	0,000	18	⊙ 18	☁ 0c	80m	IST	OLO	MEN	CAW	LAN	OKI
20	Sutton United	VNL	1-4	0,000	18	⊙ 20	☁ 13c	42m	IST	OLO	MEN	CAW	CHA	OKI
23	EASTLEIGH	VNL	0-0	0,000	18	⊙ 15	☁ 12c	41m	IST	OLO	OKI	CAW	MEE	MEN
27	Wrexham	VNL	1-4	0,000	19	⊙ 4	☁ 12c	89m	IST	EFE	MEN	CAW	PAR	OKI
<b>MARCH</b>														
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## PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

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25th August	Luton Town	H	L	0-3	
27th August	Southall	A	L	2-3	Emmanuel, Tahir
29th August	Colchester United	H	L	1-2	Emmanuel
1st September	Northwood	A	W	6-0	Lafayette, Parish 3, Charles, Maloney

## PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

5th September	Dartford	H	L	1-2
8th September	Hayes & Yeading	A	W	5-2
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12th September	Havant & Waterlooville	H	W	3-1
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CHA	Ashley Charles	4
DAL	Deshane Dalling	27
DEB	Joshua Debayo	3
DIA	Mohammad Diallo	26
DYE	Alex Dyer	18
EFE	Michee Efete	2
EMM	Moses Emmanuel	19
EVE	Lewis Everett	21
GAF	Adel Gafaiti	3
GON	Ryan Gondoh	23
GRE	Danny Green	10
GSM	Grant Smith	22
HAR	Riley-Jay Harbottle	15
HEA	Elijah Hearn	30

ID	Player	Number
HUG	Charlee Hughes	12
IST	Harry Isted	1
KOU	Maxim Kouogun	23
LAF	Ross Lafayette	9
LAN	George Langston	31
LEN	Matt Lench	28
LEW	Dennon Lewis	11
MEE	Josh Meekings	24
MEN	Jacob Mendy Mendy	2
MOO	Stuart Moore	1
OKI	Jerome Okimo	6
OLO	Joseph Olowu	22
PAR	Danny Parish	14
PHI	Michael Phillips	7
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BY MARTIN READ



# The World of **Ball**

## Stop tinkering! - let's limit any changes to football's laws

From the 'kick-in' to the latest tweaks to offside, football's administrators have at best a patchy record over the past 30 years when it comes to changing the regulations

The 1994-95 season was not a good one for Wealdstone - and I'm pretty sure I'm understating the fact. It was our second and last season sharing with Yeading at their ground, The Warren, a stadium near impossible to get to by any other method than car. When you arrived, part of a crowd that struggled to surpass 150, you watched turgid Southern League Southern Division football so utterly execrable on our part that we ended up third bottom of the league. Wealdstone's very should was being sapped and urgent, revolutionary action was required.

Behind the scenes, a project to re-boot the club back in the borough of Harrow was taking shape. But even though it involved us choosing to relegate ourselves three divisions, said project still proved far more successful than another project that same season - one that, thankfully, we escaped being part of by one season.

### Taking a good kicking

Back at Earlsmead, indeed at any other Diadora Isthmian League ground that season, clubs were obliged by FIFA to participate in a season-long experiment. The idea was that when the ball went out of play on the touchline, teams could opt to kick the ball back into play instead of throwing it in. Incredibly, this project involved the Japanese, Belgian and Hungarian leagues with the Isthmian League being England's representative competition for the purpose (even the Isthmian League Cup games were played with the kick-in rule in place).

To put it mildly, the idea was controversial. Intrigued by the idea and depressed by the experience of a typical Wealdstone home fixture that season, your correspondent - oh God, I'm so, so sorry - paid to watch... to watch... damn

it, to watch Harrow Borough play a league fixture using the kick-in. (Obviously I supported whomsoever Borough were playing - Staines Town, I think.) Basically, teams would try to kick the ball off an oppo player into touch anywhere in the half they were attacking in order to create what was effectively a long free kick. The game was a stop-start nightmare; managers hated it, and the spectacle was of long balls launched into the box and little else; it was ugly and tedious.

This was one of two fundamental changes to the game proposed during the 1990s. The other, introduced two seasons prior to the kick-in debacle, proved far more successful. Making a pass-back to the goalkeeper illegal was the result of a FIFA review that decided the recent Italian World Cup finals tournament had been too dull. In practice, it ensured the ball stayed in open play and helped stretch the game. 25 years on, no right-minded administrator of the game would consider going back to a game in which play could be snuffed out by the keeper picking up every ball passed back to the keeper.

### Offside goes completely hat-stand

So, big idea changes to the game can succeed and fail. Fine. But what on EARTH is going on with the offside rule this season?

This idea that a player can be deemed to be offside but only adjudged as such when the ball goes dead is borderline insane. What possible value is there in a referee's assistant keeping his or her flag down despite the full knowledge that one or other player has been in an offside position? You get the ridiculous situation of goals scored or chances missed, all the final-stage action you want to see, but all it completely bogus because as soon as the ball goes dead the flag





*For some reason, this Adam Williams picture from our defeat at Weymouth seems to embody the messy nature of both game and result from our perspective*

will go up and it'll all have been for naught. Why not save everyone the time, and avoid unnecessary injury (as happened recently with Liverpool's keeper) by sticking the bloody flag up at the time the infringement occurs?

It's the latest in a long line of tampering, tweaking and tinkering with the offside rule, and it's surely amongst the most egregious examples of an idea that can't possibly have been thought through before its introduction. But unlike the back-pass or the kick-in experiment, the dicking about with offside has become something of an annual pastime for the game's administrators. Add to it the jaw-dropping lack of consistency applied by video assistant referees over in Stockley Park, home of the VAR command centre that is, funnily enough, only a couple of miles west of The Warren, and if anything even more soulless than that ground.

We now see offsides for an hilarious millimetre's difference between an attacker's upper arm and a defender's leg, the kind of thing no human eye would have seen and thus no human would have complained about had the game continued and the goal allowed.

Recently we've seen obvious, glaring penalties declared not to be so by a video assistant referee because of some ludicrous distinction between what is and isn't the purview of referee. Cue experts and pundits throwing their hands up at the utter absurdity of it all, and rightly so.

### **Not sure I really need this third subhead**

So what does all this say about the rules of the game? Essentially, that you fiddle with them at your peril. Most changes are partial successes at best, many end as total failures.

Hell, even competition formats are tinkered with in absurd ways. I'm still waiting to see how on earth a 40-team World Cup finals tournament is remotely possible, while I note that next season UEFA is introducing a third European club competition, the European Conference League, into which England will submit, amongst others, the League Cup winner. It's like going back in time to the days of the European Cup, UEFA Cup and UEFA Cup-Winners' Cup.

What comes around, it seems, goes around. So, the FA, FIFA, UEFA et al – stop tinkering!



Finally, I understand Roger'd book on our former home Lower Mead is being reprinted, such has been the demand. If you'd like a copy, at a cost of £7 + P&P each, get your order in by emailing [roge.s@btinternet.com](mailto:roge.s@btinternet.com)



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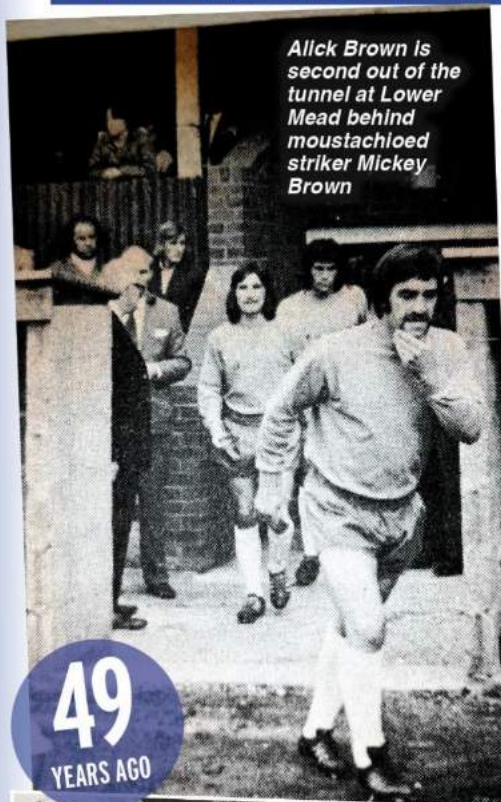
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*Allick Brown is second out of the tunnel at Lower Mead behind moustachioed striker Mickey Brown*

49  
YEARS AGO

## The Early 70s: moustaches & chairman's lad season alive

*Tuesday March 21st 1972, Southern League Division One North: Wealdstone 2 Bury Town 1*

Strange how the memory plays tricks. I know it was 49 years ago but for some reason this game will forever (in my mind) be associated with the emergence of teenage winger Allick Brown - son of chairman Don Brown - who disappeared shortly afterwards.

That's my recall anyway. In fact, young Brown, pictured right, was with us for the whole of the next season (1972-73) and even figured in our Southern League Div One South championship campaign the year after, before being quietly shipped out to Staines Town. But as the match report





# WEALDSTONE 2020-21

SOUTHERN LEAGUE, DIV. 1 (NORTH). TUESDAY, MARCH 21st, 1972.

PRICE: 1p

## WEALDSTONE Vs. BURY TOWN

Care to take a bet that by the time you read this, the March heat-wave has broken, the skies are dark, and it's pouring down with rain? That's usually the case when we have a mid-week game, but we're keeping our fingers crossed tonight and so have a good gate for the visit of BURY TOWN, whom we are delighted to welcome on their first visit here. Our friends from Suffolk have the odd reputation of playing better away from home, but even so, we are hopeful of completing the double tonight, for we won 1-0 over them a few weeks ago. In fact that match signalled a big improvement in our fortunes. As you know, we lost by one goal at Kettering on Saturday, but the 2,400 spectators must have gone home feeling we were hard done by not to get one point.

Well, as you all know by now, our new manager is Sid Prosser, who has been in the chair for the last five years at St. Albans, and he takes over in time for the Easter programme. We have a lot of faith in Sid and he can be assured of whole-hearted support by both the Committee and our faithful supporters. Incidentally former manager Alan Humphries had a nightmare start to his new managerial career at Stevenage, when Barry Town gained their first win of the season on the Hertford ground on Saturday 2-0. Coming only four days after we had trounced Barry 5-1 made it all the more news-worthy as far as we were concerned.

We've got a feast of football in the weeks ahead, starting this coming Saturday when the first team are at home to Kings Lynn, 3 p.m. King's Lynn are an attractive side to watch and beat us 3-1 there, so we have a grudge to settle. Then next Tuesday March 28th we are at home to HAYES in the Premier Midweek League, 7-30. On Easter Saturday we entertain BANBURY 2 p.m., on Easter Monday travel to RUGBY TOWN (11 am) and the following evening, Tuesday, April 4th we are at home to Rugby in the return match, 7-30 p.m.

By the way, this Sunday's charity match (3 p.m.) between Harrow Round Table and a Show Bis XI promises to be a splendid afternoon's sport, and we are told by the home team that a gate of 2,000 is virtually certain admission by programme.

Tonight's Wealdstone team shows only one change from that which lost at Kettering. Young reserve Alick Brown makes his senior debut, coming in at No.7 in place of Gary Townend. We are continuing to play 4-2-4; therefore Bill Byrne and Mickey Brown will be twin-strikers, with Terry Dyson and young Brown playing wide on the flanks. Although Alick is a midfield player, it was felt unwise to re-vent the side to enable him to come in at his normal position. If John Purie's knee injury has not responded to treatment, Dixie Hale will take his place. Otherwise Dixie will be substitute.

### WEALDSTONE

1. John Barr
2. John Beyer
3. Eddie Presland
4. Dave Cockell
5. John Pearce
6. Trevor Watson
7. Alick Brown
8. Mickey Brown
9. Bill Byrne
10. John Purie
11. Terry Dyson
12. Dixie Hale

### BURY TOWN (ALL RED)

1. Rodney Slack
2. Tony Turner
3. Jimmy Hewitt
4. Dickie Row
5. Bob Heffer
6. Trevor Gardiner
7. Geoff Porter
8. John Mansfield
9. Billy Crighton
10. Mick Boggis
11. John Doherty
12. John Campbell

Mick Boggis, incidentally, is one of the League's top scorers and is a brilliant ball player. Popular Ray Whitaker is expected to be fit in time for Saturday's match.

Referee: Mr. C. G. Watts (Stansted); Linesmen: Messrs. P. J. Brown (Bidcup) and J. H. Bush (Cheshunt).

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coincidentally, the chairman's lad Alick.

Now I'm not inferring any Glenn Tamplin-like nepotism here - in fact precisely the opposite as he's stuck in my mind as the player who saved our 1971-72 season. It's difficult to forget how pedestrian the Stones team was before Prosser

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# Sideburns, how the kept our



(overpage) shows, his match-winning debut had him marked down as a player of huge promise.

But what of this Springtime, almost five decades ago? Well, the Stones were struggling in our first-ever professional season, having ditched all but one of our promising amateur players and signed a whole raft of over-the-hill ex-pros who quickly landed us in lower mid table in the Southern League Division One North.

But riding to the rescue was the highly-rated St Albans City manager Syd Prosser. Not sure how he was sweet-talked into leaving the high-flying Isthmians for the quiet despair of Lower Mead - presumably by the persuasive Don Brown - but Prosser quickly introduced a string of new, exciting young talent. Foremost among them was,

Left: Stones' new manager Sid Prosser addresses his players as he rallies his troops for the Easter Saturday home game v Banbury (won 3-0, Mickey Brown hat-trick). Who else can identify the players? They are (from left) Mickey Brown (receiving treatment from trainer Fred King), John Furie, substitute Gary Townend, Unidentifiable but must be Dixie Hale, Eddie Presland, Ray Whitaker, goalkeeper John Barr, John Beyer, John Pearce, Trevor Watson (bald head, bending over), Terry Dyson, and Dave Cockell (injured). Also playing that day, and presumably out of shot is Bill Byrne. Alick Brown was unavailable

# Story-book debut for young Alick Brown

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 2, Bury Town 1

IT WAS a story-book start, or ending, whichever way you care to view the matter, for 18-year-old Alick Brown who having twice previously been selected for the Southern League side only to be thwarted by illness, finally made it on Tuesday evening and slammed Wealdstone's winner in the 89th minute of a fluctuating game.

Throughout young Brown, normally a midfield man, playing out of position on the right wing, had shown deft touches, good pace and as he gained confidence a willingness to go and look for the ball and then take on his full-back on either side.

This former West Drayton Boys' Club player (a youth club which has turned out top Midlands players for several years) had produced one of Wealdstone's most telling shots of the first half and had worried Bury's defence constantly in the second.

His goal was a fitting reward for a good evening's work and certainly we shall see more of



## ON THIS DAY CONTINUED

worked his magic. There was one home defeat, 3-1 to Ilkeston Town just before manager Alan Humphries got the sack, when I was in utter despair at how incompetent, ponderous and uninspiring the whole team was. Just 350 people suffered in silence as the whole idea of this proud amateur club embracing professionalism simply unravelled before our eyes.

But then the clear-out began. Big striker Bill

Byrne was signed from Ilford, as an amateur, before stylish young defender John Pearce was considered surplus to requirements at Watford - and Prosser pounced. Perhaps the best signing of all, though, was one of experience: the capture of Spurs double-winner Terry Dyson from Guildford City. The winger was at the heart of the brilliant 1960-61 Tottenham team and now, a decade later and in his mid-30s, his guile and sheer ability was a telling addition.

But still, in the memory of this 14-year-old fan, Alick Brown's debut this misty night at Lower Mead is the one that summed up the sudden and marvellous transformation of the Stones.

With the strong, pacy Mickey Brown and the presence of Byrne up front, and with Dyson and Alick Brown on the flanks we had become a



side that asked real questions of the opposition instead of the usual 'How many would you like to score tonight?'

**B**ury Town were a decent top-six side yet we'd beaten them a few weeks earlier 1-0 away (just as Humphries was on his way out) with a rare Trevor Watson goal. As mentioned in the team sheet (see this page) Bury's away record was much better than their home and they were looked certain to win as we trailed 1-0 going into the last 10 minutes. But another youngster, right back John Beyer, surged into the box to equalise before Alick Brown sent the 606 crowd into delirium (well, me anyway, unused to such heroics after a season of trips) when he galloped onto a deep cross from namesake Micky Brown and walloped it high into the Cinema End net from an awkward angle.

My watch showed 9.12pm. In those days, midweek games ALWAYS finished at 9.10, even after a good ten minutes of time wasting by cynical opposition, so this was a remarkable oversight by the referee who clearly didn't know that I only had 12 minutes to get to Harrow & Wealdstone station to catch the 9.22 train home to Hatch End.

Just this once, I was prepared to spend an extra 28 minutes shivering on the Northbound platform, warmed by the memory of the 92nd minute goal (officially 89 mins) that secured an unexpected two points and sent us on the way to the heady heights of 12th place.

**S**o what happened to Alick Brown? I put Pete Worby, super sleuth, on the case and he came up with the full stats, as expected. Young Mr Brown made 49 starts and nine substitute appearances for the Stones across those two and a half seasons (far more than I had imagined), and was eventually loaned out to Hillingdon Borough. Boro were a division above us at the time, in the process of being relegated from the Southern League Prem, and in fact we passed them going in the opposite direction a few months later.

Pete put on his deerstalker and also came up with the info that Brown was at Woking (Isthmian League Prem) between 1976-78, and then moved to Chesham United where was assistant coach, finally playing for Maidenhead United (Isthmian Div One) between 1982-84 where he made 40 appearances and scored three goals. Maybe one day we'll track him down, grey moustache and all, for an interview....



**Alick Brown**

hero this time. He overlapped down the flank, forced his way past a clear case of obstruction and when Flack appeared to have the situation in hand forced the ball past the 'keeper.

Bury lost Hewitt with a cut head and Alderton went on to at once floor Alick Brown with a late tackle. Bury came back and Buckle forced Barr to make a superb point blank save.

Finally came Alick Brown's moment of glory. Micky Brown found space on the left, sent a high cross over the defence and young Alick was past Alderton in a flash to slam the ball high into the net for a goal he will remember.

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

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Wimbleton	24	17	4	3	64	38	38
Woking	24	14	5	5	7	50	34
Carrollton A	25	11	6	8	9	45	33
Craydon	25	11	6	10	41	37	33
Hampton	25	11	4	8	38	29	33
Cor Gouals	25	9	5	12	28	18	32
Met Police	25	8	6	9	27	25	32

But, to get everything in perspective, Stones were a shade lucky to get away with two points, or to put it another way, Bury were certainly worth one.

For some of the match much of the home play was dull and lethargic and in the first half there were times when some players seemed so disinterested it might have been fair to send a letter of complaint about the game to the Trades Description Act authorities.

Stones double striker plan of using Byrne and Micky Brown up front seldom came off because Micky has currently lost his edge and little is going right for him.

And Byrne is sadly missing those swinging crosses from Whittaker which he relishes so much.

Fortunately for Wealdstone, Pearce, Beyer and Cockell, particularly the latter, were in a give away nothing mood and generally held a lively Bury attack spearheaded by 27-goals-this-season Mick Boggis.

Alick Brown gave the 606 crowd something to shout about after five minutes when he forced Flack to save well with a flashing 20 yarder, but apart from shots each from Micky Brown and Watson and a tremendous save by Barr from Boggis, there was little else of

WE'VE PLAYED YOU BEFORE



BY TIM PARKS



*It's Sunday May 5th 2019, the play-off semi-final at Woking and Freddie Grant (No.3)*

## Ah, the anguish of Kingfield and that two years ago.. 2-0 up, 2-2 and then

**W**riting this very column before the Stones met Woking in August 2018 - the first league match-up between our clubs in 48 years - it was tricky to recall many memorable encounters. The odd FA Cup clash perhaps. And certainly Wealdstone's last season as amateur Isthmians when Alan Humphries' desperately mediocre side actually managed to rack up a league double against the mid-table Cards.

In fact the uninspiring 3-0 win at Lower Mead in April 1971 was the club's final match outside the professional ranks.

But as for clashes seared on the memory? This was all to change in the space of one season as the sides met in three epic encounters two years ago. It was to end in unexpected drama and you could have got seriously long odds on Bobby Wilkinson's Wealdstone going all the way to meet Woking in the play-off semi-final.... for the Cards had spent all season locked in a two-way contest for the National League South title with Torquay United, and automatic promotion, while the Stones' stuttering challenge for a play-off place seemed to have fizzled out with three defeats in four games at Torquay, Hampton and at home to Dulwich.

Our hopes had been raised by an unlikely

league double over Woking - 1-0 at Grosvenor Vale on a balmy August evening thanks to Matt Lench's late penalty and then, even better, a terrific 2-0 win at a stunned Kingfield in February with Tarryn Allarakhia and Dave Pratt's opportunistic goals.

The Cards fans might have been forgiven for thinking that the Stones were their bogey side ... especially after just half an hour of the play-off semi final when Wealdstone led 2-0. I think both sets of fans were incredulous!

Stones had only just crept into the knockout stage on that crazy last-day win over Hemel Hempstead. At 4pm, trailing 1-0, we were 11th in the table. At 4.45pm, after Jake Sheppard's outlandish winner, we had somehow overtaken four clubs and ended up seventh! And with an away eliminator at our own bogey side, Bath City.

Stones took 500 fans to Wiltshire on the Wednesday evening and scored an unbelievable 3-1 win to set up the big game at Kingfield the following Sunday.

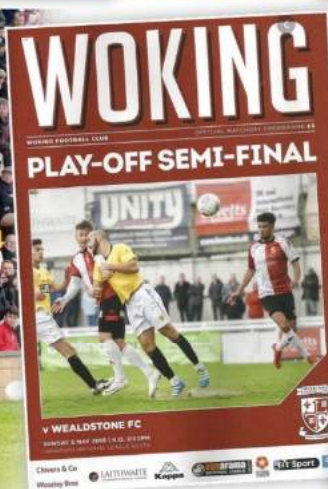
**A**nd so the stage was set: A towering header from Freddie Grant and a cool finish from a corner by Connor Stevens had the 650+ Wealdstone contingent dancing in disbelief. But there was still a long hour of football to play. And while full-timers Woking



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has just headed Stones into a 1-0 lead



## play-off semi final the 'offside' winner

had had eight days to rest and prepare for the game, Stones had half a dozen walking wounded from the battle royale at Bath - including goalkeeper Jonathan North who almost had his head taken off by a brutal challenge from home striker Ryan Brunt.

Stones management spent the four days between that win and the game at Kingfield in a desperate search for a keeper - and play-off rules decreed that any specialist replacement could not be brought in from a higher level. Which left the yellow jersey filled by Mark Scott, the former Slough keeper who had broken his neck in a NL South game two years earlier and was finally back playing for Chertsey Town after a long lay-off.

Did Northy's absence affect Stones chances? Well, it certainly didn't help as Woking threw everyone forward in a titanic second half. Scott was buffeted and unable to

get to the corner from which Diarra headed Woking's first goal, with 20 mins to play, and he had no chance when Max Kretzschmar broke Stones hearts with an 86th minute leveller from close range.

**W**oking had all the momentum and extra time would have meant only one winner. But Stones were denied the chance to extend the game three minutes into injury time when a high up-and-under was nodded on to a clearly-offside Jake Hyde, who lifted the ball over the slowly-advancing Scott and into the net.

The crowd went bananas. The official (shared) attendance was 2,027 but Kingfield can seat 2,500 and pretty much every seat looked full to me. And the claim that there were less than 1,000 on the terraces was just laughable. There were over 3,000 in the ground for the play-off final the following week as Welling were beaten 1-0 and promotion assured. But that's a minor gripe and cannot disguise the pride felt by the 700 or more Stones fans who trooped along to Kingfield that afternoon, underlining our claims to be the best-supported club at that level away from home... claims backed up by the phenomenal following at Havant last season.

What a shame our fans are locked out at present. But how good will next season be!



Two views which both show Jake Hyde (circled, above left) to be offside as the ball is flicked into his path for the winning goal. Not that it rankles or anything!



BY STEVE DUCKER



# 50-year flashback

2021 marks the 50th anniversary of our step up to professionalism. To mark the occasion we are 'live blogging' our final season as an amateur club by examining a programme from each of the 92 Football League clubs in 1970/71. Here are programmes 65 to 68

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Tuesday 9 March, 7.30pm, Division 2

**Sheffield United 1** (Gil Reece)

**Hull City 2** (Chris Simpkin, Ken Wagstaffe)

Ref D Lyden, Birmingham | Att 40,227

**Summary:** With both teams in a top seven separated by just two points, the Blades lose their unbeaten home record at the worst possible time. 1

**Programme highlight:** The 'Lane' motif. 'Lane Line Up', 'Lane Chatter', 'Lane Statistics'. No doubting where you are for this game.

**Programme lowlight:** At this distance, new signing David Ford posing with what appears to be a foot-long cigar seems somewhat ill-advised. 2

**Programme bingo:** A lot of stuff about 'luck' in journalist Peter Howard's column.

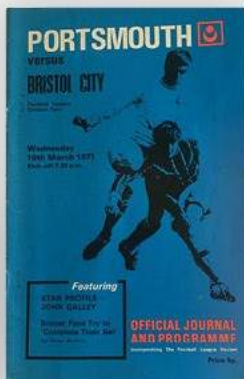
**Ahead of their time:** Whoever put seats in the Brammall Lane end. Anything other than standing behind the goals was as rare as hen's teeth back then.

**Any other business:** The crowd was United's biggest of the season so far, beating the Steel City derby (as nobody called it then) by 244. It was surpassed in late April, when a huge promotion clash against Cardiff drew 42,963.

**What about the Stones?** A 2-0 home win over Oxford City, Premier Midweek Floodlight League.



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Wednesday 10 March, 7.30pm, Division 2

**Portsmouth 1** (Eoin Hand)

**Bristol City 1** (Chris Garland)

Ref C Thomas, Treorchy | Att 8,676

**Summary:** Hosts in freefall meet season-long strugglers. Draw surprises nobody. 3

**Programme highlight:** Interesting article about fans trying to complete the 92 league grounds.

**Programme lowlight:** A photo of City's Chris Garland in a feature about his team-mate John Galley. At least Pompey had the class to put a stop press apology in the same issue. Garland's appearance on the scoresheet suggests the article was all the motivation he needed.

**Programme bingo:** With manager Ron Tindall having gone and trainer Gordon Neave in temporary charge, Pompey found comfort in a friendly face, and asked club legend and twice Football League title winner Jimmy Dickinson to write the programme notes.

**Ahead of their time:** The programme compilers proved early adopters of social media and real time match updates. Knowing these innovations would make half time scoreboard obsolete, they steadfastly refused to print any fixtures for it. 4

**Any other business:** The game should have been played on Boxing Day before wintry weather intervened. So few copies of the original programme survived that one of them was auctioned off for £110 on the BBC television programme 'Flog it' a couple of years ago.



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## PEN PICTURES — CAMBRIDGE UNITED

**IES, Terry** — Commercial bus footballer with Chelmsford City. Transferred United in 1968/69. Born in Northern Ireland, is one of the three United players to have won a Southern League Championship Medal three seasons on the trot.

**IEY, Richard** — Signed 1968/69 in a test from York City. Formerly with Asham. Big, strong and very enthusiastic.

**IS, George** — Newport-Warford-Road-ambridge United. A prolific scorer, never played left wing, now plays as a centre-forward. Exceptionally good in the air. A top professional, George was signed from Woking with Colin Moldovan for a second fee.

**IRIGORSON, John** — Most widely travelled player on the United staff. This inside forward is a natural ball player, preferring to operate in midfield.

**MELDRUM, Colin** — This Scotsman joined Cambridge from Reading in 1969. He had been Reading's Captain and was formerly with Watford and Arsenal. A student of the game to which he is dedicated. An excellent professional.

**WALKER, Dominic** — As a youngster played a few First Division games on the left wing for Manchester United, but on leaving Old Trafford became a half back of some repute. Joined Cambridge from York City in 1968. Captain 1969/70 and elected 'Player of the Year' by United Supporters in May, 1970.

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1969/70, Sir John (right) and colleague Joe Wenden (left) have a chat at the club's offices, adjacent to the club.

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Monday 15 March, 7.30pm, Division 4

## Darlington 2 (Peter Graham, Allen Gauden) Cambridge United 0

Ref G Hartley, Wakefield | Att 2,809

**Summary:** So-so basement clash ends in a home win as the new boys from East Anglia continue to adjust. 5

**Programme highlight:** The programme notes calling the game 'something of an occasion', it being Cambridge's first visit to Feethams.

**Programme lowlight:** The Wearside League table, showing Darlington Reserves being held off a top six place by the likes of Murton Colliery Welfare and Roker. Still, they were above Hartlepool's second eleven, so it wasn't all bad.

**Programme bingo:** The time-honoured fourth division grumble about a forthcoming away game at the other end of the country, namely Exeter.

**Ahead of their time:** We're all familiar with mind games - long grass in the corners, cold dressing rooms, no sugar in the half time tea, too much sugar in the half time tea... Darlington seemed to be using the pen pictures of the Cambridge players to try and convince their opponents that they had only brought half a team with them. 6

**Any other business:** In the 1970s, when the bottom of the fourth tier was a different place and terrace humour was on a more sophisticated plane, Darlington were known as the team who had 'applied for re-election more often than Richard Nixon'.



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Wednesday 17 March, 7.30pm, Division 3

## Fulham 1 (Les Barrett) Wrexham 0

Ref D Lyden, Birmingham (gets about, doesn't he?) | Att 8,856

**Summary:** An English team meet a Welsh team on an Irish saint's day. With no Scotsman available, Londoner Barrett provides the punchline. 7

**Programme highlight:** The feature on 'Old Timers' Jack Smith and Joe Wenden's combined 150 years of service to the club, is lovely. 8

**Programme lowlight:** Some snifty comments about the previous Saturday's visitors Rotherham (although - declaring an interest here - that could just be me being over-sensitive). 9

**Programme bingo:** Over the years, how many teams have punted one of their young players as a future international, or even grander, an international captain? This was Fulham's turn to mug themselves off. Subject, that well known England star Barry Lloyd.

**Ahead of their time:** General manager Graham Hortrop's 'Promotion Race' feature suggested only the current top four of Preston, Fulham, Halifax and Aston Villa would have any say in the top two. He was right.

**Any other business:** Though never prolific in his Fulham career, Les Barrett finished top scorer that season with 15 league goals. Next highest was Steve Earle, whose winner against Rotherham features in Ken Coton's Picture Parade. Earle eventually left Fulham for Leicester, and was still there on 9 April 1977 when the Elkie Brooks single 'Pearl's a singer' entered the top 30. Having worn number nine at Fulham, our Steve was more likely to be found in the 11 shirt at Leicester, traditionally issued to the outside-left. So by now, 'Earle's a winger'. If he didn't get the most uniquely personalised chant of all time, he should have.



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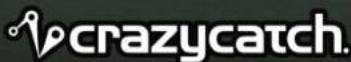
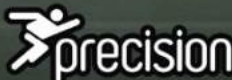
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Opposition	All					Home					Away					+/-	Pts	Results	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A				
1 Sutton United	27	17	6	4	46 23	15	9	4	2	31 12	12	8	2	2	15 11	23	57	3-3	1-4
2 Hartlepool United	30	15	8	7	39 27	16	10	3	3	23 13	14	5	5	4	16 14	12	53		1-3
3 Torquay United	28	15	6	7	48 29	14	7	3	4	22 13	14	8	3	3	26 16	19	51	1-2	1-1
4 Stockport County	28	13	8	7	40 24	13	6	5	2	16 9	15	7	3	5	24 15	16	47	2-5	
5 Wrexham	29	13	8	8	40 29	14	7	5	2	22 9	15	6	3	6	18 20	11	47	4-3	1-4
6 Notts County	26	13	6	7	34 21	15	8	2	5	24 14	11	5	4	2	10 7	13	45	1-2	0-3
7 Bromley	28	12	8	8	46 35	16	6	5	5	27 22	12	6	3	3	19 13	11	44		
8 Halifax Town	28	12	7	9	43 33	12	6	3	3	21 14	16	6	4	6	22 19	10	43	1-2	1-0
9 Eastleigh	28	11	10	7	36 28	15	7	5	3	18 11	13	4	5	4	18 17	8	43	0-0	0-2
10 Boreham Wood	30	9	13	8	36 32	13	3	6	4	13 14	17	6	7	4	23 18	4	40	1-0	
11 Chesterfield	26	12	3	11	38 28	13	7	1	5	23 11	13	5	2	6	15 17	10	39	3-2	
12 Maidenhead United	25	11	6	8	40 36	12	6	2	4	25 19	13	5	4	4	15 17	4	39		0-4
13 Aldershot Town	27	11	5	11	41 40	13	6	2	5	20 20	14	5	3	6	21 20	1	38	3-4	
14 Yeovil Town	30	11	5	14	43 47	14	7	1	6	22 18	16	4	4	8	21 29	-4	38		2-2
15 Altrincham	31	10	8	13	34 39	13	4	3	6	14 15	18	6	5	7	20 24	-5	38	1-0	0-2
16 Dagenham & Redbridge	28	10	7	11	28 35	13	4	5	4	14 15	15	6	2	7	14 20	-7	37		0-1
17 Solihull Moors	26	9	5	12	28 32	11	6	1	4	15 12	15	3	4	8	13 20	-4	32		
18 Woking	27	8	7	12	30 31	14	5	6	3	17 10	13	3	1	9	13 21	-1	31		
19 Wealdstone	27	8	5	14	34 56	13	6	2	5	24 24	14	2	3	9	10 32	-22	29	--	--
20 Weymouth	28	7	6	15	31 42	16	5	2	9	20 26	12	2	4	6	11 16	-11	27	2-1	0-4
21 King's Lynn Town	27	6	6	15	33 54	14	3	5	6	20 24	13	3	1	9	13 30	-21	24	3-1	3-2
22 Barnet	27	3	4	20	21 65	15	2	2	11	8 30	12	1	2	9	13 35	-44	13		0-0
23 Dover Athletic	15	3	1	11	12 35	9	3	1	5	9 18	6	0	0	6	3 17	-23	10		





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**INSIDE** Dan Wishart is the big guy in the Big Interview