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BY MARK HYDE



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# Written in Stone



Wealdstone can in a League full of expensively assembled ex Football League Clubs (who's ranks have just been swelled by Grimsby Town and most likely Southend United.

Our financial constraints should be acknowledged but not viewed as a complete negative, we are as rich as any club in the country when it comes to dedicated people.

Take a look up the road at Sutton who we have always looked at as a club very much in the same mould as ourselves, they stand a very good chance of gaining promotion this season. Maidenhead are another, its taken a couple of seasons but they look an established National League side now. Good old Non League clubs may now be the exception rather than the rule in this league but the beauty of the English pyramid is reputation counts for nothing - if you are good enough, you are good enough.

**G**ood afternoon and a very warm welcome to Darren Sarll, his staff and the players and officials from Yeovil Town FC. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us and have a safe journey back to Somerset after the game.

Thanks to everyone who made such a success of our Meet the Manager, Meet the Chairman and Shareholder Zoom meetings over the last few weeks.

Although this season grinds on to its eventual end next month the main takeaway from Stuart, Matt and Rory was that we are very much preparing for next season and with every intention of making as big an impact as a club like

Up the Stones

Mark

## TEAM DRAW - APRIL

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Wealdstone FC Board of Directors

**G**ood afternoon and a warm welcome to Darren Sarll's Yeovil Town.

It's been a tough period over the last few games and today will certainly not be any easier. Yeovil have some serious quality in their team, so we need to make sure we're ready for what's to come and make sure we execute the game plan correctly so we come out of it with credit.

There's no hiding from the couple of heavy defeats we've taken recently, but we need to make sure they don't ever happen again. For anyone who watched the games, we actually started both really well. We should take the lead against Hartlepool and probably should have had another in that first 30mins.

Again, against Maidenhead the game was very even and we moved the ball well in the first half. A costly error from us meant we went in 1-0 down, but we then came out 2nd half and should have made it 1-1 around the 60 minute mark. We're not taking our chances, plus we're conceding silly goals - and the lads having to play every minute of every game, so physically they're shot to pieces, which is why mistakes creep in.

We've had players having to play injured, just so we can field a team and not incur fines etc. But I want to make it clear that none of them are giving up, or not giving everything. The best analogy I can use currently is cup football. Lower league teams can compete for large periods of games, but when the first goal goes in against them, their energy reserves become low, and often more goals follow. It can be perceived that they may not be trying late in games, but it's more that they can't quite cover the gaps as efficiently as they could when they had something to hang on to.

We've all been put in an impossible position, and the players are no different. But I maintain that they shouldn't be judged in this period, as they're giving everything in ridiculous circumstances. They need a rest, but instead they're having to play a silly amount of games with no prospect to freshen the group up. Nobody else would like to be judged in this scenario, so we shouldn't use this period as a stick to beat the players or anybody else with.

Goals will always change games and it's not surprising that we're finding it

# From the Gaffer

## STUART MAYNARD



hard to convert, as 90% of our goals from last season have been taken out the side for one reason or another. I'm not sure exactly how many Michee, Ross and Mo got combined last season, but it was a huge chunk of our goals that we've not been able to replace due to the situation we're in.

If you take that amount of goals out of any team, it's going to seriously hurt you. Chuck in the fact we're now missing Harbottle, Langston, Stevens, Meekings and Efete it's not surprising to see the problems we're encountering. Liverpool lose two players and they go from a team that won the league last season, to a team that look like they won't even make the Champions League this season. For us to lose all our experience, goals and key players, it becomes incredibly difficult to combat.

**We're missing so many.. Liverpool lose two players and they look like they won't make the Champions Lge**

**W**e performed with credit against Aldershot in another tight game. The game changes

around 5 mins before half time when Dennon goes through to score, and is flagged offside.. see the picture below. At no point did anyone in the ground think he was offside, except the linesman. We've seen it back and not only is he onside, he's 2 or 3 yards in his own half!!! Mentally that's tough to take because when you come up short, you can stomach it, but those types of decisions just shouldn't be happening.

Ultimately sometimes these periods are tough to take, but actually make you stronger. If we use this period to unite, we will come out the other side better for it. All the decisions that have been made recently, are so we all have a club to support and get behind next season, so let's stick together and we will thrive in the future.

**UTS! Stuart**



Dan Wishart (circled, far right) pictured as he strikes his pass to Dennon Lewis (circled, above).. what was the assistant referee looking at?

TIM PARKS



## STONES INTERVIEW

Scoring against Barnet with his very first touch was a dream come true for Stones' speedy newcomer

# Craig Fasanmade

**C**raig Fasanmade experienced the highs and lows, the joy and despair of National League football in the space of just five extraordinary days last month.



The 21-year-old striker, on loan from Hungerford Town, put the ball in the Barnet net with his first touch on Easter Monday after coming on as a substitute in the 68th minute.... but then was handed a straight red card in the defeat at Boreham Wood the following Saturday.

How did those experiences compare? "Well, I was buzzing after the Barnet game - it was only my 3rd appearance off the bench and to score within a minute was amazing. Not exactly a long-ranger though as Dennon put it on a plate!

"Then the game at Wood... I've watched the incident back a couple of times and I'm still not sure if it's a foul. I caught the defender with my arm but it was a natural movement. It was a 'Football League foul' if you like, with the defender (ex-Stone Tom Champion) making the most of it and referee took the bait a bit. It's something I'll have to learn from because this level is quite a step up from the National

*Craig holds off Boreham Wood defender Femi Ilesamni... before he was red-carded*

League South - the pace of the game is much quicker so it will be quite a challenge for me to excel in the National League. But I think I'll adapt."

Craig's sheer pace has already drawn comparisons with the Stones' legendary front man Alan Cordice, who was the non-League 'Player of the Year' in 1985... and he was impressed both with the goals that Alan scored and the number of penalties he won for the club during those glory years of the 80s. In the Southern League winning season of 1981-82 he was brought down for 20 spot kicks, all but one converted by skipper Paul Bowgett!

"Well, I hope my speed and trickery will excite everyone at the Stones.. that's what I'm all about really. We haven't practiced sprints in training so far but I can't imagine

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anyone's quicker" he said. Let's just hope Dennon's not reading this Craig!

**F**asanmade (pronounced Fah-san-mar-day, by the way) has a Nigerian father, and a mother who is half Scottish and half Ghanian. He was born in North Somerset before the family moved to Oxford - where his football education began with the Reading FC Academy between the ages of 13 and 17.

"After I was released by Reading I took up a scholarship at Oxford City's academy, mixing football with a B-Tech qualification and playing in the National League. I played against the Stones a couple of times - in the 3-0 win at Oxford three years ago, when City got a couple of late penalties, and then in the 1-0 defeat at Grosvenor Vale when Mich Efete got the late winner last season.

"That was a great atmosphere and great game to play in. The Wealdstone fans are really something! That helped with my decision to join as I really wanted to play here, and also test myself at the higher level."

Craig joined Hungerford in the summer and was part of an over-achieving Crusaders team, under new manager Danny Robinson, that was standing in 7th place in the NLS table before the season was declared null and void.

"If we'd won the final game before the season was cut short we'd have been in line for making the play-offs through points-per-game. That would have been amazing for a small club like Hungerford".

So does he think the coaching and preparation here at Grosvenor Vale will make the most of his abilities - as Hungerford so clearly did?

"Well, there's no doubting the football knowledge of Stuart and Matty" he says. "We do a significant amount of work on pattern of play, and I find it really useful to have a set basis for movements. For exam-

ple, the fifth goal against Barnet was a classic up, back, then in and out passing movement that left Dennon on his own to score".

So have you always been a striker? I asked.

"I started out as a winger but I'd rather play through the middle... my game is all about running the channels, on the shoulders of defenders and hoping for the right delivery. I think I've improved my hold-up play but I love a low through ball behind the defence".

Craig is currently living the student life - having completed his B-Tech at Oxford City, he took a couple of gap years and is now in his first year of studying Politics and Economics at Bath University. "I love Bath, and I actually like the football ground too! This has given me a chance to study the place (and not just football-wise) and we're back on campus now after three months stuck at home in Oxford."

Now Craig is hoping to have to choose between Hungerford and Wealdstone when his loan deal expires at the end of the season. The travelling might be less, but surely there's no choice?...

"I'm a simple man" he laughed. "I'll go wherever I can get a game of football and yes, hopefully the Stones will want me but I'll honestly be happy playing at either level. I'll leave it up to the people who matter, the managers and coaches".



*Surprise package:  
Craig celebrates a goal for  
Hungerford Town*



*The only way to stop  
him: Craig is crudely  
taken out by Boreham  
Wood skipper Mark  
Ricketts*

NEXT UP: It's Alex Dyer, once a Stone ten years ago and now back in the fold as an established international....

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# MARTIN ALLEN

## Fan in the Stand

**'I had a spare Saturday in March 1975 when Watford were away at Halifax, and came to Wealdstone v Chelmsford ...it was the best decision that I have ever made'**

**Your name and age?** Martin Allen, aged 63

**Whereabouts do you live?** Rushden (as in Rushden and Diamonds) in Northamptonshire

**Have you always lived in that area?** No - I was brought up in Rickmansworth.

**When was your first Stones game?**

27th March 1975 - Wealdstone 2 Chelmsford 1. Prior to the match I had never heard of Duck, Watson or Moss but over the next few years they were to become heroes of mine. Funnily enough I have a Watford v Millwall programme from a match I went to as an 11 year old and in my handwriting on the programme I have entered the substitute's name - George Duck, not knowing that years later how much influence that name would have on my life.

**Who first brought you along to a game?**

I came along with a friend. I was a Watford supporter and as I got older I started to go to away matches in the south of the country. I had a friend at school who was always talking about his local team - Wealdstone. He was always suggesting that I went along but it never interested me. Then on this particular day I had a spare Saturday as Watford were playing away at Halifax. For some reason (and I really don't know why) I got on the train from



**Martin is pictured in his 'shrine' at home in Rushden... a room devoted to all things Wealdstone. Lucky man!**

Rickmansworth to Harrow on the Hill and descended on Lower Mead. It was the best decision I have ever made.

**What were your first impressions of the club?** I loved every minute of it, being so close to the action, being able to change ends at half time. I really felt that I had influence on the game. In the crowd behind the goal you really thought that you could suck the ball into the back of the net.

**What was the first football match you remember ever seeing live? Or on TV?**

My dad took me and a couple of friends to see Watford play Bournemouth as a birthday present in 1966.

**Do you follow any other team?** No, just Wealdstone. I have no interest in the professional game

**How devotedly? Home and away?**

Between 1976 and 1985 I only missed 3

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games home or away. I didn't go to Italy for the Anglo Italian Cup and I missed a Southern League Cup match against Hillingdon Boro on Christmas Eve that was organised at such short notice that I only found out about when the result appeared in the Harrow Observer - no internet in those days!!

I used to drive to away matches in my mini with Toby (Jackson), Phil Jeffreson (PJ) and his dad JJ. I can remember going one full season without a league away win so I must have been committed. Currently I haven't missed a match home or away since 2011 excluding a handful of friendlies arranged at the last minute and obviously this season's matches behind closed doors - although I have seen

everyone on the stream. I now normally travel with my wife Syl for Saturday matches although she won't venture out for evening ones (except for the Play Off match at Bath City) so I am then on my own. Syl will normally video every goal from behind the goal and the post on Twitter and these often get very complimentary comments from those unable to attend.

**What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen?** One of the first matches I ever saw on TV was the Brazil v Italy World Cup Final in 1970. What a brilliant team Brazil were.

**And the best Wealdstone game?** I am going to mention two matches. Firstly the FA Trophy Final against Boston United at Wembley in 1985. Secondly the Ryman League winning match at Margate in 2014. What a fantastic evening that became when Charlie Penney scored the winning goal! There have of course been many other great matches over the years, including those last season away at Havant and Waterlooville and at home to Bath City.

**What was your favourite away Wealdstone trip?** In the 1980s we played a friendly in Douai, France as part of the celebrations for its twinning with Harrow. After the match we all went to the civic reception organised in the town hall

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Would you like to be a 'Fan in the Stand'? Send an email to [tim.fparis@gmail.com](mailto:tim.fparis@gmail.com)



*It's Martin's first Stones game and Bobby Moss (centre) heads the opening goal*

# MARTIN ALLEN FİS CONTINUED

where I have never seen so much free food and alcohol in my life. When it finished at about 2am in the morning we went back to our guest house - only to find that we had been locked out and had to spend the night sleeping in the car

**What level of football do you prefer?** Non-league.

**How big a part of your life is the game?** It is my life.

**How do you fit watching football in with your family/working life?** In 2014 I retired after nearly 40 years in the civil service. Luckily I worked flexi time so getting time off for midweek matches was no problem... I remember going to Gateshead in 1985 when I left work at 10.30am to get to Euston to board a train for the North East. After the match I got the overnight train back into Watford Junction at about 7am the following morning and then went straight to work. The small but hardy band of supporter who made the trip even got a mention in the following weeks programme

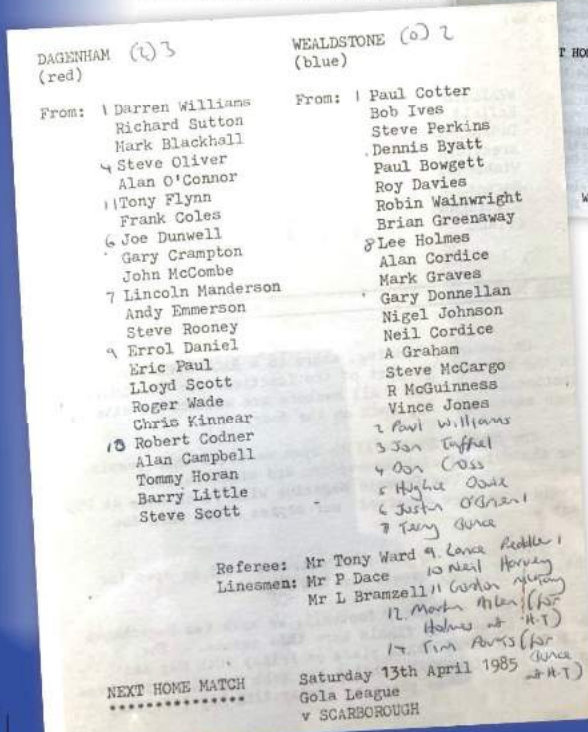
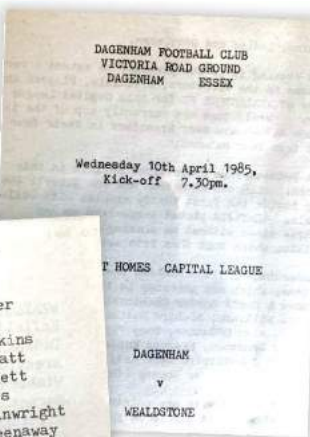
(photographed (left) - those were the days! Since I retired I have got two 'zero hour' jobs. Firstly working as a chauffeur for a holiday company collecting passengers from their home and taking them to their airport or port and then collecting them on their holiday return and taking them home. Secondly I work for the Royal Mail in the local sorting office. I therefore can choose my days of work and always make myself unavailable on days Wealdstone are playing. This does need a bit of forward planning. For example if we have a cup match on a Saturday I have to also make myself unavailable on the following Tuesday in case there is a replay that I need to attend

**Have you played football yourself?** I

played for the supporters Sunday League football team, SFC Wealdstone in the 1980s. On the Wednesday before the FA Trophy semi final against Enfield in 1985 Wealdstone had a Capital League match at Dagenham (programme is reproduced on the left) and Brian Hall didn't want to risk injury to any first team players. As such, eight members of the SFC side were asked to represent Wealdstone in the match. At 0-2 down at half time the manager felt that we

needed a bit more 'steel' in midfield and so I was brought on to replace Lee Holmes - yes the same Lee Holmes who scored the winning goal for Wealdstone at Wembley a few weeks later!!! We eventually lost 2-3 to a very strong Dagenham first team. I seem to remember that it was a double substitution at half time but I can't for the life of me remember who the other substitute was .....

**Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen? Could you name a best-ever Stones side?** 1. Bob Iles (the best Wealdstone goalkeeper that I have seen), 2. Fred Barwick (would run through a brick wall for you - it is a travesty how



NEXT HOME MATCH  
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**Martin (centre) during his own playing days collects a 5-a-side trophy from Watford midfielder Ray Train 40 years ago. The goalkeeper (far right) looks familiar**

he was allowed to leave the club) 3. Stuart Pearce (needs no introduction), 4. John Watson (6'2", eyes of blue) 5. Paul Bowgett captain - awesome), 6. Robin Wainwright (so magestic in midfield), 7 Tom Pett (clever dribbler), 8. Steve Brinkman (great player on his day), 9. Alan Cordice (faster than Usain Bolt), 10. George Duck (legend), 11. Abo Eisa (oh what we could do for a player like him now). Subs 13. Jonathan North (true club legend), 14. 15. Neil Cordice (another true clubman) 16. Richard Jolly (goalscorer extraordinaire), 17. Tony Lynch (on his day untouchable) 18. Jacob Mendy Mendy (destined for a career in the EFL). Manager. Allen Batsford, Assistant. Gordon Bartlett

**What do you think of the bars and catering at the Vale?** Love the Kronenburg and I must also put in a special mention for Pauline in the tea bar who reserves me a Twix at half time

**Do you visit the Megastore?** Of course I do - I have virtually every item. I have a room reserved for all my Wealdstone memorabilia.

**Do you think Stones can aspire to playing in the EFL?** Certainly not at the moment. With the National League being virtually a full time league to compete I believe that we are going to need to find a significantly bigger

budget than we have at the moment.

**How are you coping football-wise with the Covid restrictions?**

I have just had to sit it out and wait for fans to be allowed back like everyone else

**How do you rate the various streams of the live games?** All clubs have done their best but it certainly is nothing like being in the ground in person

**Have you seen any live football this season apart from the Weymouth game?** When I retired in 2014 I decided to add to the number of grounds that I have visited. This list currently stands at 273

although visits to most of these grounds will have been with Wealdstone. I have just completed my local league, the United Counties Premier Division and when the lockdown ends hope to make inroads into the United Counties Division One, Midland League and Spartan League. As such so far this season I have seen matches at Godmanchester Rovers, Coventry Sphinx, Bedford, Lincoln United, Langford, Aylestone Park, Raunds Town, Downham Town, Sleaford Town, Amptill Town, Melton Town, Wisbech St Mary, AFC Rushden and Diamonds and finally the last match I have seen at Colney Heath plus of course Bedford Town and Northwood.

**Finally, where do you think Wealdstone FC will be in the year 2025? Syl couldn't even imagine the Stones being in the Conference South when she was the FiS a few years ago!** I would like to say being a mid table team in the National League. However in my mind we are punching massively above our weight and I fear that unless we can find a way to compete with the full time teams in this league off the pitch we are going to struggle to compete on it.

# YEOVIL TOWN

## Welcome to our Visitors The Glovers

**F**ounded in 1895, the club initially joined the Somerset Senior League and competed in a multitude of leagues up until the outbreak of World War II. During this time they won titles in the Southern League, Western League, Bristol Charity League, Dorset District League and Somerset Senior League.

The Glovers (named due to the long history of glove making in the town) played in the Southern League after the war ended, winning the championship in 1954–55, 1963–64 and 1970–71, before becoming members of the Alliance Premier League from 1979 to 1985. They spent the next three years in the Isthmian League, and were elevated into the Conference after finishing as champions in 1987–88. Relegated in 1995, they were promoted again two years later after winning another Isthmian League title. Yeovil won the 2002 FA Trophy Final and secured a place in the Football League after winning the Conference in 2002–03 under the stewardship of Gary Johnson. They then won the League Two title in 2004–05, before reaching the Championship with victory in the 2013 League One play-off final in Johnson's second spell as manager. However they suffered consecutive relegations, and were relegated once more following the 2018–19 season, ending their 16-season spell in the Football League.

Yeovil are one of the most successful non-league teams in the FA Cup, having defeated major Football League teams, most famously Sunderland in the fourth round in 1949, before going on to play in front of more than 81,000 spectators away at Manchester United in the next round. For some years, as the only Football League side in Somerset, they had few local rivals since Dorset-based side Weymouth declined as Yeovil climbed the divisions in the 1990s and 2000s.

It was in 1990 the club moved into their current



YEOVIL'S 9,565 CAPACITY HUISH PARK STADIUM

home 'Huish Park', with a capacity of 9,565. Much of the club's success has been in this stadium and is also home to the club's Ladies team.

### HONOURS

**Sky Bet League One** -  
Play-off winners: 2012/13

**Sky Bet League Two** -  
Winners: 2004/05

**Vanarama National League** -  
Winners: 2002/03

**FA Trophy** - Winners: 2002

**Isthmian League** - Winners: 1987/88,  
1996/97

**Southern League** - Winners: 1954/55,  
1963/64, 1970/71

**Southern League Western Division** -  
Winners: 1923/24, 1931/32, 1934/35

**Western League** - Winners: 1921/22,  
1924/25, 1929/30, 1934/35

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Pic. Yeovil Town



## YEOVIL STATS

**Record EFL attendance at Huish Park -**  
9,527 v Leeds United, April 25th 2008  
(League One)

**All-time record attendance -**  
17,123 v Sunderland, January 29th 1949 (FA  
Cup Fourth Round)

**Longest Serving Player -**  
Len Harris, 14 years (1958-72)

**Longest Serving Manager -**  
Billy Kingdon, eight years (1938-46)

**Highest League Finish -**  
24th Championship (2013/2014)

**Highest Transfer fee received -**  
£1.2m (Arron Davies and Chris Cohen to  
Nottingham Forest, July 2007)

**Highest transfer fee paid -**  
Undisclosed (five figure sum) (Pablo  
Bastianini from Quilmes Atletico Club, 2005)

**Highest margin of victory in the EFL - 6-1 v**  
Oxford United, 16 September 2004, 5-0 v  
Crawley Town December 3rd 2016



Back in October Yeovil were our first opponents on our return to the National League and it finished 2-2 Pic. Jon Taffel

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v YEOVIL TOWN

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# YEOVIL TOWN - WHO'S WHO?



## 1. ADAM SMITH - GOALKEEPER

After a short stint on loan during 19/20, Smith signed for the Glovers on an extended loan deal until the end of the season.

## 13. MAX EVANS - GOALKEEPER

Young goalkeeper Max Evans is yet to make his first start for Town, but has previously enjoyed a successful loan spell at Frome Town.

## 3. CARL DICKINSON - DEFENDER

The former Stoke City graduate joined Yeovil from National League rivals Notts County. Having represented Stoke in the topflight, Dickinson has also had spells with Leeds, Barnsley and Portsmouth on loan before joining Watford for a fee of £250,000 in 2011.

## 14. MICHAEL KELLY - DEFENCE

Born in Scotland, Kelly played for Aberdeen's academy before moving south of the border to represent Leicester City, but later departed the Foxes in 2016. A short spell back in Scotland followed as Kelly represented Hurlford United. After a successful trial period, Kelly signed for Bristol Rovers in 2017, and has made 46 appearances in all competitions for the Gas.

## 4. LEE COLLINS (C) - DEFENCE

Captain Collins joined the Glovers from Forest Green Rovers after guiding them to the League Two play-offs. He has made over 350 appearances in the Football League and now enters his second season in the National League with Town.

## 6. LUKE WILKINSON - DEFENCE

Darren Sarll's first signing having been together at Stevenage. He has featured for clubs such as Luton, Portsmouth and Northampton. Wilkinson featured in the National League's team of the season in 19/20.

## 32. JOSH STAUNTON - DEFENCE

After playing every minute for Halifax in their 19/20 campaign, Staunton ventured south to sign on in Somerset for Sarll's Glovers this Summer.

## 26. MAX HUNT - DEFENCE

After a successful short spell on loan, the towering central defender signed until the end

of the 2021/22 season. During his loan stay, Hunt played four times for the club, winning on three occasions, and keeping two clean sheets alongside Luke Wilkinson at centre back.

## 35. BILLY SASS-DAVIES - DEFENCE

At just 20-years-old, the defender has already enjoyed his fair share of mens football, making his professional debut against the Glovers in April 2019. The Wales U19 defender is familiar with the non-league circuit too, having already enjoyed seven loan spells with six clubs

## 10. JIMMY SMITH - MIDFIELD

Smith is already becoming a fans favourite in Somerset. Another of the Glovers squad with lots of experience in the EFL with over 400 appearances to his name. He came through the Chelsea academy and made his Premier League debut in 2006 when Jose Mourinho introduced him away at Newcastle.

## 7. MATTHEW WORTHINGTON - MIDFIELD

In his second spell with the club when arriving in January 2019, he signed a two- and half-year deal from AFC Bournemouth. He has also had a spell at Forest Green Rovers on loan.

## 8. LAWSON D'ATH - MIDFIELD

Rejoined the club for a second spell this summer signing a two-year deal. He has won promotion at his last 3 clubs, winning the title at Northampton and Luton and gaining promotion with MK Dons last season.

## 16. GABRIEL ROGERS - MIDFIELD

Signed a professional contract with the club in December 2018, he made his senior debut against Aston Villa in the EFL Cup.

## 18. ALBI SKENDI - MIDFIELD

Signed from Stratford Town after helping them to their highest ever league finish in the club's history in 2018/19. He has also played in America with Los Angeles Wolves and Marymount California University.

## 22. CHARLIE LEE - MIDFIELD

Starting his career at Tottenham, Lee helped



Leyton Orient regain their EFL status last season. He made 118 appearances under Sarll at Stevenage, as well as three promotions in four years in a spell at Peterborough. He also has played for Walsall and Millwall in his 450 plus EFL appearances.

## 21. TOM KNOWLES - MIDFIELD

Knowles began his career at Cambridge, and after graduating from his hometown club's academy in 2017, has played a handful of games for the League Two side, scoring a late free-kick against Morecambe in April 2019 and netting this season against Fulham U23's. Last season, Knowles received much praise during a successful spell on loan at Chelmsford City in the National League South, where he scored five times in 24 appearances, including the winner against eventual league champions Wealdstone.

## 22. EMMANUEL SONUPE - MIDFIELD

A Tottenham Hotspur academy graduate, Sonupe never appeared for the Lilywhite's first team, and moved onto Northampton Town in 2016 following a brief loan spell north of the border at St. Mirren. First team football was hard to come by at the Sixfields Stadium so an initial loan move to Kidderminster Harriers became permanent, with the former England youth international netting 15 times in his first full season with the club.

## 11. MATTY WARBURTON - MIDFIELD

Experienced at non-league level, Warburton joined the Glovers on loan from Northampton in September, providing a new attacking spark for the Glovers.

## 9. RHYS MURPHY - FORWARD

The 28-year-old scored 28 goals in a superb last campaign at Chelmsford City in the National League South. He started out at Arsenal and spent time on loan at Brentford and Preston. Before a season overseas in Holland with Telstar. He returned to England to play for Oldham, Crawley where he scored 9 goals in 15 appearances, AFC Wimbledon winning promotion to League One and Forest Green. All before spells at York, Torquay and Gillingham, until joining Chelmsford where he starred for the Essex club.

## 19. JOE QUIGLEY - FORWARD

Joe Quigley signed for Yeovil just moments before making his debut against FC Halifax Town in October 2020. The 23-year old began his career in the Bournemouth academy, but after a number of loan spells across seven different clubs, Quigley decided to settle within the National League on a permanent basis signing for Maidstone United in 2018/19.

## 33. REUBEN REID - FORWARD

Spending the majority of his career in the South West, the 32-year-old forward has enjoyed stints at Plymouth, Forest Green Rovers, Torquay United, Exeter and most recently Cheltenham Town. Reid was part of the 12/13 League One play-off winning squad, netting six times in all competitions that season before a loan spell to Plymouth.

## 34. CHRIS DAGNALL - FORWARD

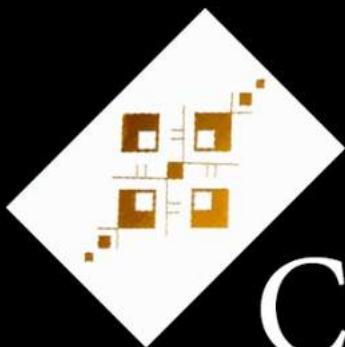
A familiar face to Yeovil fans, the forward joined the Glovers last October, making his debut against Woking in a 3-1 win at Huish Park. The 34-year old netted his first two goals in Green and White against Haringey Borough in the FA Cup, and also found the net against Torquay United and Welling United during his first spell in green and white.

## MANAGER - DARREN SARLL

The 36-year-old joined Yeovil in June 2019 and has the task of trying to get the Glovers promoted at the first attempt. He has had a 15-year coaching career where he has been at Brentford, Rotherham and Stevenage.

He had a 2-year spell as Stevenage first team manager, guiding the club to a 10th place finish in 2016/17 and producing talent such as Ben Willmott and Ben Kennedy. The former earning the club a seven-figure fee when he joined Watford. Watford is where Sarll has been most recently with his role as Head of Academy.

In his first season in Yeovil, Sarll guided Town to fourth place, earning a play-off place, however the Glovers fell short against Barnet.



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 <b>FC HALIFAX TOWN</b> Saturday, 6th March Vanarama National League	Megafone, Roge, Sudhir, Mark Mc & Jez	Norman Goldsmith's 80th
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COMPETITION	Comp.	Result	Crowd	Lge Pos	Wind Dir/Spd	Sky/Temp	Elev. (Mtrs)	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>OCTOBER</b>													
6 Yeovil Town	VNL	2-2	0,000	15	⊙ 11	☁ 11c	87m	IST	EFE	MEN	OKI	PHI	BEN
10 Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	0-1	0,000	19	⊙ 8	☁ 20c	10m	IST	EFE	MEN	WAK	PHI	OKI
13 STOCKPORT COUNTY	VNL	2-5	0,000	23	⊙ 11	☁ 10c	41m	IST	☑	MEN	SMI	PHI	OKI
17 WREXHAM	VNL	4-3	0,000	18	⊙ 4	☁ 12c	41m	IST	☑	MEN	PHI	OKI	BEN
20 CHESTERFIELD	VNL	3-2	0,000	9	⊙ 7	☁ 15c	41m	IST	☑	MEN	SMI	OKI	WAK
24 HAYES & YEADING UTD	FAC40	0-2	0,000	9	⊙ 17	☁ 15c	41m	GSM	☑	MEN	SMI	OKI	STE
27 King's Lynn Town	VNL	3-2	0,000	6	⊙ 10	☁ 8c	12m	IST	☑	MEN	PHI	OKI	CAW
<b>NOVEMBER</b>													
7 ALTRINCHAM	VNL	1-0	0,000	3	⊙ 4	☁ 20c	41m	IST	☑	MEN	CAW	OKI	PHI
10 FC Halifax Town	VNL	1-0	0,000	2	⊙ 7	☁ 11c	190m	IST	☑	MEN	PHI	CAW	OKI
17 Eastleigh	VNL	0-2	0,000	3	- 0	☁ 13c	12m	IST	☑	MEN	CAW	PHI	OKI
21 SUTTON UNITED	VNL	3-3	0,000	4	⊙ 11	☁ 11c	41m	IST	☑	MEN	PHI	OKI	SMI
27 Notts County	VNL	0-3	0,000	9	⊙ 4	☁ 3c	29m	IST	☑	MEN	CAW	PHI	OKI
<b>DECEMBER</b>													
1 TORQUAY UNITED	VNL	1-2	0,000	9	⊙ 4	☁ 3c	41m	MOO	☑	MEN	PHI	CAW	OKI
5 Barnet	VNL	0-0	717	7	⊙ 11	☁ 9c	57m	MOO	☑	MEN	PHI	OKI	DYE
12 WEYMOUTH	VNL	2-1	772	4	⊙ 10	☁ 8c	41m	MOO	☑	MEN	PHI	DYE	OKI
19 EASTLEIGH	FAT3	4-3	0,000	6	⊙ 14	☁ 9c	41m	MOO	☑	MEN	CAW	DYE	OKI
26 Maidenhead United	VNL	0-4	0,000	11	⊙ 14	☁ 5c	27m	MOO	☑	MEN	CAW	DYE	OKI
<b>JANUARY</b>													
9 Hartlepool United	VNL	1-3	0,000	14	⊙ 13	☁ 12c	10m	MOO	☑	MEN	WIS	PHI	OKI
18 GLOUCESTER CITY	FAT4	3-1	0,000	15	⊙ 12	☁ 8c	41m	MOO	☑	MEN	MEE	PHI	OKI
23 ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL	3-4	0,000	17	⊙ 8	☁ 3c	41m	MOO	☑	MEN	PHI	MEE	OKI
26 Altrincham	VNL	0-2	0,000	18	⊙ 4	☁ 5c	38m	MOO	☑	MEN	CAW	PHI	OKI
<b>FEBRUARY</b>													
6 Darlington	FAT5	1-4	0,000	18	⊙ 24	☁ 3c	40m	IST	☑	MEN	OKI	LAN	PHI
9 Torquay United	VNL	1-1	0,000	18	⊙ 18	☁ 0c	80m	IST	☑	MEN	CAW	LAN	OKI
20 Sutton United	VNL	1-4	0,000	18	⊙ 20	☁ 13c	42m	IST	☑	MEN	CAW	CHA	OKI
23 EASTLEIGH	VNL	0-0	0,000	18	⊙ 15	☁ 12c	41m	IST	☑	OKI	CAW	MEE	MEN
27 Wrexham	VNL	1-4	0,000	19	⊙ 4	☁ 12c	89m	IST	☑	MEN	CAW	PAR	OKI
<b>MARCH</b>													
2 BOREHAM WOOD	VNL	1-0	0,000	19	⊙ 6	☁ 4c	41m	IST	☑	OKI	CAW	CHA	MEN
6 FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL	1-2	0,000	19	⊙ 6	☁ 4c	41m	IST	☑	OKI	CAW	CHA	MEN
9 KING'S LYNN TOWN	VNL	3-1	0,000	19	⊙ 13	☁ 7c	41m	IST	☑	OKI	CAW	CHA	MEN
13 NOTTS COUNTY	VNL	0-1	0,000	19	⊙ 21	☁ 8c	41m	IST	☑	OKI	CAW	CHA	MEN
20 Weymouth	VNL	0-4	0,000	19	⊙ 9	☁ 9c	3m	IST	☑	MEN	CAW	HAR	CHA
23 WOKING	VNL	0-1	0,000	19	⊙ 9	☁ 7c	41m	IST	☑	BOW	OKI	CHA	MEN
30 Solihull Moors	VNL	0-3	0,000	19	⊙ 2	☁ 12c	124m	IST	☑	TAV	MEN	CAW	CHA
<b>APRIL</b>													
2 Bromley	VNL	2-2	0,000	20	⊙ 15	☁ 9c	55m	IST	☑	HAR	MEN	CAW	OKI
5 BARNET	VNL	5-1	0,000	18	⊙ 16	☁ 6c	41m	ASK	☑	HAR	OKI	MEN	CHA
10 Boreham Wood	VNL	1-3	0,000	18	⊙ 9	☁ 5c	87m	SHE	☑	MEN	OKI	HAR	PHI
17 HARTLEPOOL UNITED	VNL	2-7	0,000	18	⊙ 8	☁ 12c	41m	SHE	☑	OKI	CAW	HAR	GON
20 MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL	0-6	0,000	18	⊙ 5	☁ 12c	41m	ASK	☑	OKI	CAW	MEN	GON
24 Aldershot Town	VNL	0-2	0,000	18	⊙ 15	☁ 16c	91m	ASK	☑	CHA	DYE	LEW	MEN
<b>MAY</b>													
1 YEOVIL TOWN	VNL												
3 Stockport County	VNL												
8 DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	VNL												
11 BROMLEY	VNL												
15 Chesterfield	VNL												
22 SOLIHULL MOORS	VNL												
29 Woking	VNL												
<b>TO BE ARRANGED</b>													

## KEY TO SYMBOLS

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

- ☑ = First substitution
- ☑☑ = Second substitution
- ☑☑☑ = Third substitution
- ☑☑☑☑ = Caution
- ☑☑☑☑☑ = Caution that = suspension
- ☑☑☑☑☑☑ = Two Cautions = Red Card
- ☑☑☑☑☑☑☑ = Straight Red Card
- ⚽ = Goal
- ⚪ = Penalty

Match date in red = Midweek kick-off

Team order from 01 to 11 and substitutes follows the order on the team sheet supplied by the club to the competition authorities.

## KEY

- ID
- ASK
- BEN
- BOW
- BRO
- CAW
- CHA
- DAL
- DEB
- DIA
- DYE
- EFE
- EMM
- EVE



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## TO PLAYER IDS

Player	Number
Jake Askew	25
Kundai Benyu	15
Daniel Bowry	16
Rhys Browne	27
Jack Cawley	25
Ashley Charles	4
Deshane Dalling	27
Joshua Debayo	3
Mohammad Diallo	26
Alex Dyer	18
Michee Efete	2
Moses Emmanuel	19
Lewis Everett	21

FAS	—	Craig Fasanmade	26
FIE	—	Jamie Fielding	27
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
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
LOE	—	Sonny Blu Lo-Everson	16
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
PRT	—	Dean Parrett	24
SHE	—	George Shelvey	1
SHR	—	Tecane Shrowder	29
SLE	—	Jerome Slew	20
SMI	—	Connor Smith	8
STE	—	Connor Stevens	5
WAK	—	Charlie Wakefield	23
WIS	—	Dan Wishart	13

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# Thirty years ago, the Final Day at our beloved Lower Mead. And how it could all have been so very different

**Saturday April 27 1991, Beazer Homes Southern League Premier Division: Wealdstone 1 Cambridge City 1**

Well, maybe not exactly 30 years to the day, but this weekend three decades ago was one that grown men (and women) still regard as one of the saddest days of their lives. The day that Wealdstone FC played its last competitive match at its iconic Lower Mead home. This mid-table draw with Cambridge.

The occasion was immortalised in a booklet at the time - *The Final Day* - and more recently in a book collated by Roger Slater to commemorate what would have been the old stadium's 100th birthday this summer.

Older Stones fans grew up in that place. The close proximity to the pitch and the ribald

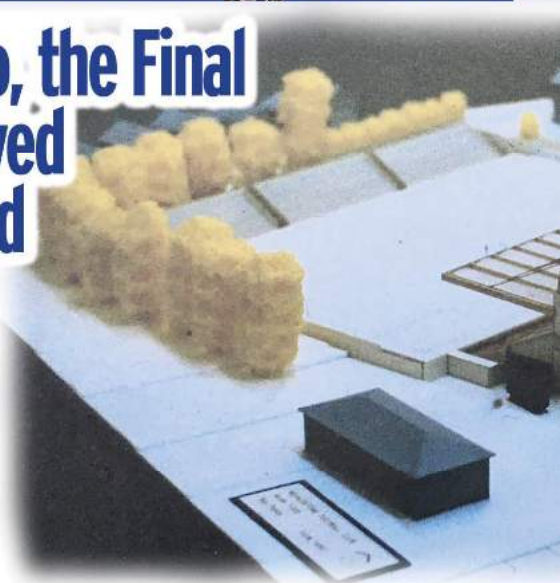
crowd made for an atmosphere unrivalled anywhere at that level. As Kerry Miller's excellent book published in the mid-1990s, *The History of Non League Football Grounds* put it: "Lower Mead was not one of the prettiest of football grounds, shoe-horned into a space behind a cinema and a row of shops, but it had character and atmosphere by the bucket load".

On midweek nights particularly, even with only about 1,000 in the ground, the sound reverberated from the Elmslie End to the Cinema End. It was literally spine-tingling.

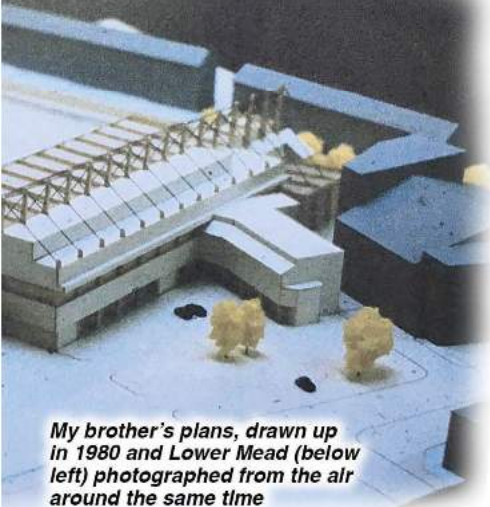
I saw my first game as a 12-year-old in 1969

and couldn't wait to go back - my family were Chelsea and Watford fans but watching matches there was a detached experience. Maybe it was the greyhound track around Stamford Bridge or Vicarage Road. Maybe it just wasn't as vociferous.

Whatever the reason, my heart was lost to Wealdstone and, to my utter joy, I managed to engineer a career in journalism that pretty soon had me watching the Stones for a living for the



# WEALDSTONE 2020-21



*My brother's plans, drawn up in 1980 and Lower Mead (below left) photographed from the air around the same time*

Harrow Observer.

For years, the club had sought ways to maximise its Lower Mead site - holding the valuable freehold - but for one reason or another every grand idea had gone up in a puff of smoke.

Meantime, my brother Guy was in the middle of his training as an architect and decided to choose the **Redevelopment of Wealdstone FC** as his main project, producing plans to fit in with any sightline objections etc... and the scale model is shown (above). It was all very feasible, with a bank of squash courts, flats and office space behind the main grandstand providing a handsome

income. The pitch would be turned around 90 degrees with the main structure and concourse standing on the area where the shops and Cinema End stand previously stood. Trees would be planted to hide the terraces and keep the stadium in a low profile.

The chairman,

David Morritt, proudly showed the scale model off to all and sundry but he kept quite about the fact that the shops and area next to the Dominion Cinema was NOT part of the club's property. And so sadly this scheme, like all the others in the previous 20 years, was doomed to failure.

Of course, with a site worth (conservatively) £12m at the time of the sale to Tesco's in 1991 you may wonder why Wealdstone FC ended up close to oblivion just a few years later. Maladministration, greed, incompetence are three words - plus financial insanity - that saw the Stones entering into a hastily-arranged groundshare agreement with Watford that summer. Add 'vanity project' to the mix as new chairman Alan Clifton played the role of strutting club 'owner' to the max.

It wasn't his fault that Harrow Council failed to identify ANY site within its borders to the desperate club. But it was his fault that he signed the ground away to Tesco's without first establishing an independent new home for the Stones. Yes, we were £1m in debt, but with an asset worth at least 12 or 15 times that it shouldn't have been too hard to find an alternative strategy.

Grosvenor Vale has been a marvellous home. It has real problems with access, and of course a short lease that prevents the club from fully developing the site, but it's a million times better than Vicarage Road.

The article I penned for the programme on the Final Day at Lower Mead (partly reproduced below) is cringingly hopeful for our ground share at The Vic. If only I'd known then that we would be throwing away some £3m on a two-year stay.

And of course, there have been some great memories from Lower Mead. I remember the Sunday morning in '85 (Jabez Barnes would never have agreed to that one) that set us up for the Jola title; Duck's trio and a 25-yarder from Willie Watson against Telford in '76; Eddie presland's venomous freekicks against Barnet in '73; Danny Bailey against Alvechurch a couple of years ago; you could go on and on. Yes, we've had our money's worth from Lower Mead. Not bad entertainment for £1,650 over 69 years.

In my youth I spent long summers working on the ground along with others, repainting, resurfacing and weeding. I love this place but we've become blind to its imperfections over the years.

Incredulous, I've heard visiting supporters criticising Lower Mead as being: "a slopy pitch poked in behind a Cinema" and last year the News of the World, in a feature on our former player Stuart Pearce, described the ground as a "corrugated iron arena". I was horrified. Then I looked at Lower Mead, for once, with a critical eye and saw that it was true.

Perhaps this move will be our salvation for you can't stand still in football. This club has really been marvellously progressive over the years, embracing pro football when all around were umming and aching and then leaping headlong into the Alliance Premier League when to be honest we had no right to be there. The one time Wealdstone tried to tread water was after the 1985 'double' year ... and that was when the financial troubles started that have led to today's sad, sad final game at Lower Mead.

So let's make the best of it. Like a house, a football ground is only earth and mortar; it's the people inside who make it a home. Vicarage Road can spawn some great Wealdstone memories for the future, when folk will look back and say: Yes, I remember Lower Mead. But you can still get Wrigley's Spearmint Gum at Vicarage Road and the programme smells the same.

# The Stones and the Glovers are back in combat after 35 years.. and a host of earlier memories



Weeks after the Yeovil game, Stones were held Alan Morton (far right) holding off Eric Burgess

**J**ust imagine for a moment that you'd fallen into a coma 35 years ago - perhaps celebrating too enthusiastically and inebriatedly Wealdstone's famous capture of the non-League 'double'.

And then woken up this week.

You might flick through the newspaper (or even online if that's a concept quickly learned) to find out how the Stones were doing.

Ah, still in the Conference. Not doing brilliantly, but then take a look at some of the other clubs in that division! Notts County! Wrexham! Chesterfield! Hartlepool! Stockport! Torquay! Halifax!

Who's still in there from the mid-80s? Only Dagenham, Altrincham, Barnet and Yeovil. Ah Yeovil. They must have come back up again.

The truth, of course, is that Yeovil Town, opponents this season for the first time in 35 years, are a far different animal from the club we met pretty much every season from

the mid-70s to the mid-80s.

When Stones won the Gola League (Conference) famously in 1985, Yeovil were relegated that same season. This was a real shock to the system for the club who were just a couple of votes away from being voted onto the Football

League in 1976, and (like the Stones) had joined the Alliance Premier League in 1979 in the hope that one day, promotion to the League would be automatic.

**O**ur paths diverged. Our coma patient would be horrified to know that, just as the Stones were dropping from the Conference to the Southern League and thence to the bottom of the Isthmian League within the space of ten years, Yeovil were financing a new out-of-town stadium (Huish Park) to replace their charming but dilapidated Huish stadium, and on their way not only into the Football League but all the way to the Championship by 2013.

Since then, of course, they have fallen from grace. Relegated three times, and now in their second season as members of the National League.

At one time there were six divisions separating our clubs. But the next few pages show what wonderful (and horrible) ups and downs there are in football...

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**WEDNESDAY, 11th September, 1974**  
**WEALDSTONE** Kick-off 7.30 p.m.  
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**6p**

**YEovil TOWN**  
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1. Tony CLARK
2. Cecil IRWIN
3. Tony COTTLE
4. Dave VERITY
5. Terry COTTON
6. Mike HARRISON
7. Ray PICKETT
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1. MORTON
2. EVANS, D.
3. WATSON
4. BURGESS
5. McCORMICK
6. GODFREY
7. FULTON
8. EVANS, T.
9. BYRNE
10. DUCK
11. HENDERSON

Substitute:  
12. KINNEAR





## Fiery 'Stones give the points to Yeovil

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 1, Yeovil Town 2

Not so much a defeat as a sheer give-away. That is the fairest summary of this Southern League Premier Division battle, often entertaining and occasionally revealing flashes of brilliance, which resulted in another unhappy result for Wealdstone.

But, looking back on the night, one must admit that Wealdstone were a shade unlucky against what is probably the best team in the league, a side I would confidently tip to lift the champions' cup.

The difference between the teams, perhaps, was that Yeovil are very, very professional. In player-manager Cecil Irwin they had the most commanding man on the park and he has built up a most accomplished side in which every man plays a full part.

Of them all goalkeeper Tony Clark, in his sixth year with the West Country club, was probably the one who carved out victory.

In the first ten minutes he made half a dozen heroic saves and when Yeovil scored after 12 minutes they must have reflected that they could, at that stage, have been three goals down, no bother at all.

Had Wealdstone been as solid at the back as their visitors they would have won. Alas, two terrible defensive blunders underlined the difference between the sides.

Yet Wealdstone played better than for some time. In the opening stages we saw George Duck looking like the player we knew last season.

The Evans twins, obviously attempting to impress all and sundry that they are far from being spent forces, both did well and Eric Burgess played with the fire and firmness we saw last season.

Godfrey had splendid moments in midfield and I felt there were signs that any moment now we may see a revival and a change in Wealdstone's fortunes.

One question mark continues to hang over the side. Are they fit enough at the moment? Practically every side we see at Lower Mead appears to be a yard or so faster. Yeovil were certainly that.

### CAUGHT

'Stones must also learn to combat the offside tactics used so successfully by many Premier teams. Duck, Byrne and company were caught in Yeovil's trap so many times that the business became somewhat monotonous.

Referee J. Flynn, from Aylesbury, did not always help with his border-line decisions.

'Stones made a fierce, penetrating start with Duck causing

many problems. He thumped the ball against Clark's body from Byrne's cross, angled a header into the 'keeper's outstretched fingers and then cracked a superb drive which was sensationally caught by Clark.

Terry Evans was twice thwarted by the goalkeeper, once as he raced in on a perfect through ball from Duck.

Amazingly Wealdstone were one down after 12 minutes. Harrison found himself with half the pitch to move in and Plumb had almost as much room and time to pick his spot.

The home side kept pegging away but the off-side trap continued to thwart them — once four were caught as they made a mass assault.

Duck continued to worry Yeovil in the second half. He did well to intercept a clearance and sweep through but Clark was there.

Ten minutes after the break the Yeovil 'keeper had no chance. Henderson quickly spotted Duck in a good position and George hooked home the pin-point pass with his left foot.

Eight minutes later Wealdstone gave it all away when Thompson raced through a wide open space and Ken Brown nodded into a gaping goal.

Thereafter Yeovil turned on the power and Morton distinguished himself with two splendid saves, one from point blank range when Plumb shot powerfully.

Wealdstone can take heart from the fact that they will play worse and win.

**Wealdstone:** Morton, Kinran, Evans (D), Burgess, McCormick, Godfrey, Fulton, Henderson, Byrne, Duck, Evans (T). Sub. Fairclough.

1-1 at home by Maidstone with to beat namesake John Morton

Wednesday September 11 1974, Southern League Premier Div: Yeovil Town 4 Wealdstone 1

What a great time to be a Stones fan, with three coachloads of excited youngsters (and a few oldies) setting off on weekly adventures against new opposition. And this

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THE FIRST

## Yeovil on the way up

Yeovil 4, Wealdstone 1

YEovil moved close to the top of the Southern League table last night when they maintained their 100 per cent home record with a fine victory over Wealdstone.

It was a game the Middlesex side will not soon forget. They were far better than the margin of their defeat would suggest.

There was nothing to choose between the sides for the first half hour, but then fortune swung Yeovil's way and they made the most of it when Ken Brown scored a lucky goal at the second attempt.

Ten minutes later the Town scored again through Dick Plumb but Jim Godfrey reduced the arrears with a header.

A fine solo goal by Dick Plumb restored Yeovil's confidence and Ray Pickett added a fourth.

Attendance: 1,997.

## 'Stones crash

Yeovil 4, Wealdstone 1

"A travesty of justice" was how the Yeovil chairman summed up his side's win over Wealdstone at Yeovil on Wednesday night.

Although Wealdstone lost substantially they played some magnificent football only to be "killed" by a blatantly offside goal in the 40th minute, writes a correspondent. Brown put the ball into the net while Wealdstone stood waiting for the referee's whistle which never came. Even the home players could hardly believe their luck.

Shaken, 'Stones went two down just before the interval but in the 50th minute Godfrey brilliantly headed in a Henderson corner and for the next 25 minutes Yeovil had to defend desperately to hold their lead.

Then in the last ten minutes two more lucky goals settled the issue of a match played in teeming rain and marred by some refereeing decisions incredible to the Wealdstone players and supporters.

Opposing views: But even the Western Daily Press (far left) was kind enough to admit the Stones were unlucky losers in Somerset. Above: the return game in October saw Yeovil win again

## WE'VE MET BEFORE

trip to face the famous Yeovil side on their sloping Huish pitch was one of the highlights of the coming season for the newly-promoted Stones. The fact it fell on a Wednesday night didn't seem to bother the regular 250 who followed the Stones away those days - not dissimilar to the numbers 47 years later, though in the 70s the majority piled onto the Supporters Club's 'Yellow Peril' coaches, clutching their green tickets lovingly written out by travel secretary Barbara Robson.

For me, it was a schoolnight and I was thus unable to travel. But how I wanted to be there! Four days earlier our beloved Stones had shocked the '72-73 champions Kettering Town by winning 3-2 on their own Rockingham Road ground in front of a 2,233 crowd... and there was fervent belief that this side boasting the mercurial George Duck, Johnny Henderson and the effervescent Evans twins could repeat the dose to the highly-fancied Yeovil. How disappointed was I to read next morning the Yeovil 4 Wealdstone 1 scoreline in the Daily Express classified results small print. In those days there was always a chance that the smudged scorelines were wrong, and it wasn't until two days later that the Harrow Observer carried confirmation in its abbreviated report shown on the previous page. Although going by that report, and the glowing one in the next home programme it was clear that Eddie Presland's side had let nobody down in front of another 2,000 crowd.

Only a few weeks later we took on the highly-fancied Glovers in the return game at Lower Mead and as you can see from the big report (previous page) we were undone by the sheer professionalism of the Somerset side. It mentions the Yeovil offside trap and even now I still recall our heavy-legged centre back Eric Burgess somehow breaking clear on the halfway line as the trap suddenly capitulated. The veteran Eric had a 15-year start on the defenders yet he seemed to be running in custard as they caught up and gently dispossessed him 20 yards from goal!

It was going to be a season of adjustment for the Stones yet, after a string of wins and draws in the New Year in front of crowds averaging close to 1,500, took us up to 4th place we eventually finished eighth... but what a memorable season.

# Duck hits 250 mark as 'Stones win easily

Wealdstone 4,  
Yeovil Town 0

**George Duck.** Wealdstone's faithful goal machine, notched his 250th goal for the club as the 'Stones marched to an emphatic Southern Premier League victory over a jaded Yeovil Town at Lower Mead on Saturday.

Duck, who could well have had four, then scored a second time and prompted further scores from the hard-running Bobby Moss and young midfielder Terry Boyle — his first league goal for Wealdstone.

However, Duck's milestone goal was worthy of the occasion. Indeed, it had all the hallmarks of a George Rest classic: balance, close, skill and clinical finishing.

And even more so when you realise that eight minutes previously, George had missed the easiest method of scoring — from the penalty spot. But my, how, he atoned for his mistake.

### Gem

Galloping on to an excellent through ball — one of many throughout the match — from the aggressive Paul Brannigan, Duck split two defenders, rounded Yeovil goalkeeper Parker, and coolly side-footed the ball into the empty net. A gem!

Once in front, the 'Stones never looked back and one had the feeling that many goals would follow. Wealdstone manager Alan Fogarty had the rare luxury of being able to field, probably, his strongest team. With Fred Barwick restored to full fitness alongside Seamus Horgan,

By  
**Pat Mooney**



George Duck — classic goal

Jim McVeigh and Alan Furstun, the defence looked watertight.

Midfield dominated throughout, with John Watson, the ever improving Terry Boyle and Paul Brannigan in no-nonsense mood. The front three of Duck, Moss and the admirable Johnson looked as sharp as I have seen them, and it was a total miscarriage of justice that Johnson didn't get his name on the scoresheet.

### Refreshing

After Wednesday's disappointing display at bottom club, Bridgend, Wealdstone gave a refreshing performance of attacking football on Saturday and this victory almost assures them of qualification for the new Alliance Premier League.

Yeovil, playing their fourth match in a week, looked a jaded tired side. And with a high ball position already secured, Town, it seems, are content to play out their remaining fixtures at a leisurely pace.

### Terminated

However, Town almost scored in the opening minute when Finnigan seized on a defensive mistake but pulled his drive wide of goal.

Wealdstone soon settled down and a couple of promising moves terminated

due to bad finishing. After Horgan had two headers well saved by Parker, his opposite number, Cranstone, was forced to rush out of goal and clear with his feet to prevent Sturges from opening the scoring.

Then after 24 minutes Duck was handed a golden opportunity to draw first blood and notch his 250th goal when he was brought down in the box by Flay. But Duck's spot kick was pushed away by Parker and Johnson, following up, failed to shoot on target.

But all was forgiven eight minutes later when Duck scored that classic goal.

### Farcical

Moss almost made it two before the break when he stormed through, rounded Parker but shot wide. The nearest Town came to snatching one back was when Watson almost put through his own goal but Cranstone got down well to concede a corner.

The pattern continued in the second half with the 'Stones completely on top. Duck should have scored in the opening minute but in attempting to lop, Parker only managed to hit the ball straight at the keeper.

Duck eventually scored a second time six minutes later following a farcical goal-mouth scramble. McVeigh hoisted over a corner, Horgan headed against a post, the ball bobbed as if it nudged it home with the easiest of headers.

Johnson set up Wealdstone's third when he turned the Yeovil defence inside out and his shot cam cross was touched home by Moss.

Duck created the final 'Stones goal with another glimpse of his immense skill. He elegantly chested down a Johnson cross, flicked the ball into the path of Boyle, who hammered past Parker for a well deserved score.

**Wealdstone:** Cranstone; McVeigh, Furstun, Horgan, Barwick; Watson, Brannigan, Boyle; Duck, Moss, Johnson. **Sub:** Pearce.

# Alas, poor Yeovil!

# Flawless 'Stones

Wealdstone 5,  
Yeovil Town 0

**SUPERB** Wealdstone made a mockery of the Alliance Premier League available with a scintillating, five star performance against high-flying Yeovil Down at Lower Mead on Saturday.

The super 'stones, who started the game third from bottom, came off our goals up at half time in a tumultuous standing ovation from their 650 wildly excited supporters.

And how those Wealdstone players earned such a rare honour at Lower Mead. Third placed Yeovil were clinically and coolly laid to rest in a riveting 45 minutes of attacking football.

Alas, poor Yeovil! They had no slope to save them from the 'Stones lethal three-prong strike force of Nigel Johnson, Bobby Moss and Neil Cordice who all scored.

But it was the coloured Cordice who really quickened the pulse. He capped a tremendous display with two great goals, the second was the sort of score all strikers dream about — a cleanly struck volley from over 30 yards.

And just to show that the half time cup of tea had not mellowed their ambition, Wealdstone made it five just two minutes after the re-start.

By  
**Pat Mooney**

"We have been threatening to do this all season and today it came off" said a delighted Wealdstone manager Ken Payne afterwards.

This was undoubtedly the best all round team performance I've seen from Wealdstone. They played relaxed, attractive football and in Cordice and Nigel Johnson have two of the most skilful and lethal strikers in the league. They were a delight to watch.

Yet it was a Yeovil player who gave the 'Stones the platform to launch their onslaught for the rest of the match. After 14 minutes of

explorative football Wealdstone began their first serious attack. Wainwright sent Moss clear on the right and his low cross was calmly turned into his own net by defender Brian Thompson.

## Rocked

It was the breakthrough the 'Stones had waited for and they rocked Yeovil with three further scores before Brian Parker presented Wealdstone with the second after 20 minutes when he failed to hold a hanging Stu Pearce free kick and Nigel Johnson coolly dummed two defenders to side foot the ball into the net.

It was all Wealdstone now and shortly after Uxbridge referee Mr D. V.

Reeves had cautioned Cs ville for a foul on Moss 'Stones made it three through Cordice. Teri Boyle sent the former Northampton player clear and he calmly dragged the ball past Parker and into the net.

Bobby Moss seemed I have added a fourth with header from a Watso corner but the ball was hacked off the line.

However, right on the stroke of half time, Wealdstone scored a fourth goal of stunning quality. A cross was headed up in the air by Nigel Johnson and Cordice hit a tremendous volley from well outside the penalty area which Parker never saw never mind touched.

And just in case Yeovil had any ideas of a dramatic second half revival, the now rolling 'Stones added number five just two minutes after the re-start when Bobby Moss touched home.

Wealdstone: Cranstone Brannigan, Pearce, S. Watson, Horjan (Furston), Boyle, Wainwright, Johnson, C. Johnson, N. Moss, Cordice.



Just like that! Wealdstone's Nigel Johnson sends Yeovil defenders Thompson and Harnison one way and the ball the other for his side's second goal at Lower Mead. Picture by Doug Avent

Sat May 5 1979, S Lge Prem: Wealdstone 4 Yeovil 0  
Sat Oct 27, 1979, Alliance Prem: Wealdstone 5 Yeovil 0  
FIVE years had elapsed since the clubs' first meeting - and although Yeovil had finished runners-up to

Wimbledon in 1976 they had since lapsed into mid-table mediocrity. Yet both clubs managed to qualify for the new APL... and these two amazing results within a few months spanned the end of the old and the beginning of the new. One was memorable for George Duck's final goals for the club, the other a brief 're-birth' of the side under new boss Ken Payne who threw off Alan Fogarty's defensive shackles. The reports above are joyous!

THE  
WORST

Saturday Jan 14  
1984, FA Trophy 1st rd  
Yeovil 4 Wealdstone 3

THIS category is an obvious one for Stones fans in this vintage era.. our last Trophy defeat for over two years and it came after Dennis Byatt (with two long range freekick) and Robin Wainwright had given us a 3-0 lead after half an hour. Yet the Yeovil comeback was all too predictable with Mick Docherty scoring a late winner in front of an incredulous crowd.

THE  
BEST

BY STEVE DUCKER



# 50-year flashback

To mark the 50th anniversary of our step up to professionalism, we're 'live blogging' our final season as an amateur club through a programme from each Football League club from 1970/71. Herewith programmes 77 to 80

Tuesday 6 April, 7.30pm\*, Division 3

**Bury 1** (John Murray)

**Chesterfield 1** (Ernie Moss)

D Pugh, Chester | Att 3,638

(\*Programme says 3.15pm but suspect this might be a typo)

**Summary:** One of eight games in their final nine that Bury failed to win, with predictable consequences for their third division status.

**Programme highlight:** Lovely photo of George Jones scoring in the surprise 2-0 win against Fulham a couple of weeks earlier. **1**

**Programme lowlight:** The cover gives more prominence to the following home game, against Plymouth (which actually was a 3.15pm kick off) than this one. **2**

**Programme bingo:** The 'Out of Focus' column asking for more attention for smaller clubs from national newspapers.

**Ahead of their time:** Bury's 'Cemetery End Choir' who noticed in a previous programme that the club were short of a match ball sponsor for the final game and fronted up there and then. A proto-social media operation if ever there was one.

**Any other business:** Bury's social club, situated at the ground, closed at 3pm, hence the 3.15 kick off. They were the last league club to move to a 3:00pm start, holding out until well into the 1980s and only relenting because they were threatened with expulsion from the pools coupon. **3**

**What about the Stones:** Something of a 2021 vibe to the scoreline as we lose away 3-6 to Slough Town in the Premier Midweek Floodlight League.

**2****3****1****4**

Wednesday 7 April, 7.30pm, Division 2

**Cardiff City 1** (Brian Clark)  
**Bolton Wanderers 0**

Ref J Finney, Hereford | Att 21,305

**Summary:** A fortnight on from one of the biggest games in their history, Cardiff shade this 'after the Lord Mayor's show' affair to keep their promotion push moving.

**Programme highlight:** The colour action cover photo was one of only two (Swindon was the other) in the league at that time. **4**

**Programme lowlight:** Not mentioning the club's run to the last eight of the Cup Winners' Cup on the stats page, which included a home win over Real Madrid before bowing out on aggregate.

**Programme bingo:** A page about Roger Hunt, England World Cup winner of 1966 and now easily the household name of the Bolton squad. **5**

**Ahead of their time:** The 'Follow the clues and win the money' quiz - if it wasn't answered one week, clues were added until it was. Great format.

**Any other business:** The advert for the forthcoming Wales v Scotland Home International, taking place at Ninian Park on 15 May. Best seats in the house £2, pay on the day standing 35p. Tell that to the young people today... **6**



**Good Friday, 9 April, 3pm, Division 2**  
**Bristol City 3** (Chris Garland 2, Dickie Rooks)  
**Luton Town 2** (Viv Busby, Malcolm MacDonald)  
 Ref D Nippard, Bournemouth | **Att 17,846**

**Summary:** With Luton's early season promise of back-to-back promotions starting to fade, throwing away a 2-0 lead does little to help their cause  
**Programme highlight:** The editor's comment that football on television (City's game at Cardiff the week before was covered by ITV) 'is a poor substitute for the real thing' still stands up 50 years later, maybe even more so now.

**Programme lowlight:** Asking fans to vote for the club's Player of the Year after the season they were enduring didn't just border on the satirical and absurd, they could have justifiably got the cast of Monty Python to present the awards.

**Programme bingo:** Space to write in the goalscorers under the team line ups. Though it has to be said that allowing six for each side was a touch optimistic.

**Ahead of their time:** City chairman Harry Dolman, realising that the club needed to explore non-matchday routes to boosting revenue, had invested in a new stand with room underneath for bowling greens. The Football League Review, given away with the programme, thought it worth a two-page feature. **7**

**Any other business:** Manager Alan Dicks was the brains behind 'All in the Game', a mid-1970s TV show that was a cross between 'The Big Match'

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**Saturday 10 April, 3pm, Division 4**

**Aldershot 1** (Henry Bennett pen)  
**Northampton Town 1** (Ray Fairfax)

Ref R Challis, Tonbridge | **Att 4,461**

**Summary:** The only league team with a ground in a public park hosts one of only two clubs in the 92 sharing a first-class county cricket ground. A draw is perhaps unsurprising.

**Programme highlight:** The mention of Aldershot keeper Mike Dixon, who doubled as a match official for local Sunday league games. With modern day fixture scheduling, it would be impossible.

**Programme lowlight:** The 'Meet the Visitors' page. Surely it couldn't have been that hard to get the first names of two of the Northampton players.

**Programme bingo:** A predictable reference to Northampton's place from the first division to the fourth in the space of five years.

**Ahead of their time:** The Torquay chairman, quoted in the programme, who was in favour of four-up-four-down throughout the divisions. We never quite got it, but the introduction of the play offs went a long way towards creating more excitement for more teams at the end of the season.

**Any other business:** For a team whose entire league history had been spent at third division south or fourth division level, Aldershot enjoyed a modicum of cheer in 1970-71 by drawing Manchester United and Liverpool in the domestic cups. They eventually won their first promotion in 1973, and this version of the towns' club went out of business in 1992. **9**

**Turn over for: Huddersfield, Leeds, York and Arsenal**

BY STEVE DUCKER



# 50-year flashback



To mark the 50th anniversary of our step up to professionalism, we're 'live blogging' our final season as an amateur club through a programme from each Football League club from 1970/71. Here are programmes 81 to 84.

Easter Monday, 12 April, 7.30pm, Division 1

## Huddersfield Town 0 Leeds United 0

Ref D Lyden, Birmingham | Att 43,011

**Summary:** Huddersfield were in the top division for the first time in 14 years, and this was the first fixture the fans looked for. With Town in no danger of relegation, it was their title chasing opponents who had most to lose here. 1

**Programme highlight:** When most programmes gave only basic information on match officials, Town's detailed biography of referee Lyden, down to the fact that Cambridge joining the Football League the previous summer meant he had no longer taken a match at all 92 grounds, was most impressive.

**Programme lowlight:** While Huddersfield's excitement at the upcoming Anglo-Italian Cup was impressive, giving four pages to it was overdoing things. 2

**Programme bingo:** The respectful reference to visiting manager as Mr Don Revie was by no means limited to Huddersfield.

**Ahead of their time:** The Terriers' Titbits column reporting on new cars for Les Chapman and Frank Worthington was 21st century level trivia.

**Any other business:** For most clubs, Easter meant three games in five days. Leeds rearranged their Good Friday match against Stoke to a spare November midweek, but still played eight times during April including a two-leg Fairs Cup semi final.

Saturday 17 April, 3pm, Division 1

## Leeds United 1 (Allan Clarke) West Bromwich Albion 2 (Tony Brown, Jeff Astle)

Ref R Tinkler, Boston | Att 36,812

**Summary:** Leeds face an Albion side with no away win since December 1969, only to lose to a goal so offside it could have been scored in a neighbouring postcode. A frankly scary pitch invasion captured on Match of the Day - makes no difference. 3

**Programme highlight:** The item on West Brom's last visit to Elland Road included goal times - a level of detail most national Sunday newspapers didn't bother with. 4

**Programme lowlight:** Unlike other programmes, which had the Football League Review loose or stapled in the centre, Leeds bound it between two separate sections, making the centre spread impossible to read in one go.

**Programme bingo:** The cover advertisement for the next home game. Leeds weren't the only club to do so, but they were the highest profile example.

**Ahead of their time:** BBC commentator Barry Davies, whose summary of the offside goal - 'That is a decision, or a non-decision, that will be talked about for years' - has proved correct with the passing decades.

**Any other business:** Apart from the damage to their 1970-71 title bid, Leeds' punishment for the invasion was to play their first four home games of 1971-72 away from Elland Road, so various Yorkshire grounds hosted the faithful. Leeds dropped two points in those games, the same as in their 17 proper home fixtures, and missed out on the title by a point to Derby.



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Monday 19 April, 7.30pm, Division 4

**York City 0**  
**Oldham Athletic 1** (Maurice Whittle)

Ref R Tinkler, Boston\* | Att 14,120  
(\*As per programme, if it's correct and Mr Tinkler did take charge it means he was mentally strong enough to survive the Siege of Elland Road and referee a vital promotion battle two days later, so fair play to him).

**Summary:** Fourth-placed Oldham (86 goals and counting) visit York (76) in third. Ironically, a single goal - by a full back - is all they can manage between them. 5

**Programme highlight:** Quickly turned around match reports from Easter games against Darlington, Hartlepool and Chester.

**Programme lowlight:** The less quick Football League Review - its cover photo was of the League Cup Final almost two months earlier.

**Programme bingo:** The call to fans to attend the final home game would have been echoed by cash-conscious clubs throughout the league.

**Ahead of their time:** The editorial comment that 'both sides have an excellent chance of promotion' proved true not just for this season but also three years later when York and Oldham went up to the second division together.

**Any other business:** The attendance, York's seasonal best in the league by nearly 4,000, was also bigger than the crowd to see first division Southampton in the FA Cup fourth round, a two-page feature.



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Tuesday 20 April, 7.30pm

**Arsenal 1** (Charlie George, pen)  
**Burnley 0**

Ref T Dawes, Norwich | Att 47,484

**Summary:** Leeds' wobble hands the initiative to Arsenal, but first they have to negotiate a banana skin at home to a Burnley side fighting for their first division lives. 6

**Programme highlight:** The double-page photo spread of the previous week's 3-0 win at Nottingham Forest shows a team with its eyes firmly on the prize. 7

**Programme lowlight:** The pre-match entertainment. I don't know how the average 1970s football fan could contain themselves at the prospect of hearing 'Funiculi Funicula' and a selection from Mary Poppins. 8

**Programme bingo:** The photo of visitors Burnley would be appearing in an away programme for the 19th time this season, and the last before their relegation was mathematically confirmed.

**Ahead of their time:** Ken Aston's referee's column blazed a trail, in its own small way, for the later media careers of the likes of Mark Halsey and Howard Webb. 9

**Any other business:** Charlie George had missed over half the season through injury, but he soon made up for lost time. This was his second winning goal in consecutive home games, to be followed with the FA Cup final decider against Liverpool.

**What about the Stones:** A 1-1 draw against old enemy Hendon at Clairmont Road. Local derbies against the club, who we'd played every year for generations, were to be lost to professionalism.

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Ken Aston writes ...



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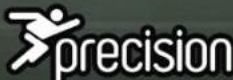
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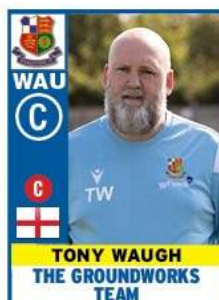
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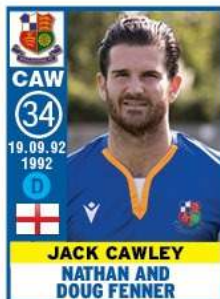
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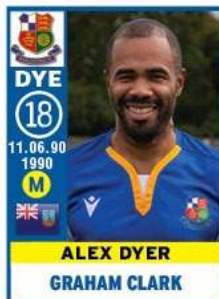
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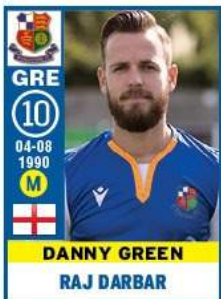
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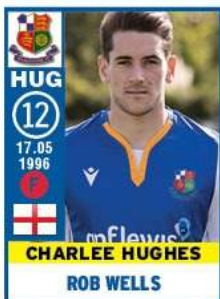
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