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**TODAY'S
GAME...**

WEALDSTONE v WORTHING
Saturday August 14, 2004 Kick-off 3pm
Ryman League Premier Division



GOOD AFTERNOON and welcome to the White Lion Ground for our opening league match of the 2004/05 season in the newly organised Ryman Premier League. May I extend our welcome to the players, officials and supporters of today's opponents, Worthing; also to today's match officials, referee D. Ford and his two assistants M.W. Ford and D. Coe

WORTHING start the season as one of the promotion favourites following a fine season last year in the Ryman Division

1 South, where they finished runners-up to Lewes having lost only 6 league matches all season; including a good F.A. Trophy run where they lost to eventual winners Hednesford Town, in a 4th round replay.

Previous encounters with Worthing have gone very much in our favour having lost only once in eight meetings ...

In 1998/ 99 season the Stones got a great result and beat Worthing 4-1 at the White Lion Ground; with goals from Mick Swaysland, Steve Bircham 2 and

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MANAGEMENT TEAM: 1st XI manager: Gordon Bartlett Assistant: Leo Morris
 Coach: Fred Cummings Physio team: Richard Crook, Richard Price Reserve and
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 team coaches: Paul Lawrence, John Smith Therapists: Becky Price, James Smith

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- Entering the ground by any means other than through the proper turnstiles and entrances;
- Entering the field of play before, during or after a game without prior authorisation to do so;
- Being drunk, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- Carrying items which may be considered dangerous to others, including cans, bottles or drinking glasses containing alcoholic beverages;
- Throwing any article onto the field of play;
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- Using obscene or offensive language (racial or otherwise) likely to cause offence to others;
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The consumption of alcoholic drinks is only permitted INSIDE the social club bar and board room areas

All vehicles parked on the White Lion Ground site are at the owner's risk.

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Chris Walton, before beating them 2-1 at Woodside Road with a goal from Carl Holmes and a Rocky Baptiste penalty in injury time.

1999/00 the Stones managed a 2-1 home win with goals from Mick Swaysland and Brian Jones after drawing 1-1 at Woodside Road earlier in the season courtesy of a Stuart Maynard goal.

2000/01 gave Worthing their only win against the Stones, leaving the White Lion Ground with a 1-0 win, with Spencer Mintram the Worthing scorer; this was avenged as the Stones walked away from Woodside Road with a 1 goal win, thanks to a second-half screamer of a goal courtesy of Wayne Carter.

In 2001/02 Wealdstone came away from Woodside Road with 3 points thanks to goals from Dennis Greene and Danny Tilbury, which was followed by a hard fought 1-1 draw at the W.L.G. in February 2002 with Mick Swaysland scoring for the Stones.

Let's hope we continue this good form today & celebrate with 3 points for the Stones

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES – Prior to this afternoon we have played 8 and if these games are anything to go by this is going to be another rollercoaster of a season – with wins against Flackwell Heath (4-0), Edgware (1-0) & Bishops Stortford (5-0), draws against Kingsbury (2-2) and Brook House (2-2), and defeats against Chesham (2-8), Hemel Hempstead (2-9) and Maidenhead (0-3).

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Wealdstone FC are delighted to introduce and welcome the Carthium Group Limited as our new Football Club sponsors.

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ucts, decorative glass products and glazing components to the private and industrial markets. Carthium are also sponsoring Hornchurch FC this season and we are thrilled to welcome them to Wealdstone and hope the sponsorship will be very rewarding for both parties.

On behalf of the Club I would like to publicly thank Fleetline, our sponsors for the past two seasons for all their support and commitment.

Welcome also to all our new advertisers this season and of course welcome back to those who continue to support us. We are grateful to you all and we will be featuring more about our sponsors in this season's matchday programme.

COMING UP NEXT – We are on the road in our next two matches; firstly at Kingstorian, who were relegated from the old Premier last season, on MONDAY 16th August 2004 kick-off 7.45 and Slough Town who incidentally are ground-sharing with Windsor & Eton this season, which is always a great day out, on SATURDAY 21st August 2004 kick-off 3pm. All travel details can be found later in this programme.

Our next two home games are Tuesday 24th August 2004 against Billericay Town – kick-off 7.45, and Saturday 28th against Northwood, where ball donors are urgently required for both games, so any takers?

KIT SPONSORSHIP – While the begging bowl is still out, as always we are asking for your help fill in our kit sponsorship grid, that can be found later in the programme. There are still a few players without full kit, and due to Ryman League rules half-clad players are not allowed on the pitch, so if you are interested in sponsoring a kit please see Roy Couch, Howard Kraiss or any board member.

Call the New Wealdstone FC Club Call Line

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Over the summer we have transferred to a new premium rate call information service to replace the Stones Soccerline. The cost of calls will remain the same (60p per minute at all times) but we will have a more efficient operating service and we hope will continue to improve the service generally as the season progresses. The club is grateful to Dave Boddy of Sportslines for assisting us with this transfer so quickly. So, please do call the new number – 0901 560 7001 and by doing so you will also earn valuable revenue back to the club. Gordon will be continuing with his very popular Manager's slot on line 3 and other features will continue as before. We are now looking for a Sponsor for this line – can you help us? The Sponsors name would be mentioned in the intro to each call and is a great form of advertising. Also, if anyone wishes to help update the line or has any good ideas to further improve this service please give Nick DuGard a call on (01727 872675).

ARTICLES NEEDED – As you will notice this year's Stones magazine has a new programme team; Tim Parks has called it a day after one glorious season as editor ... we have decided there is no point in trying to compete with the quality of the prog from last year but hopefully this seasons will still be a good read and value for money. Thanks to Tim for all of his efforts last year, which included joint 3rd place in the Wirral Programme Survey.

We are trying to make this programme for the supporters, though are totally new to this editing lark, so bare with us ... if you have anything you would like to see featured in this years programme please feel free to send them to us either via e-mail (terry@wealdstonefc.co.uk) or at any home

match this season. You can pass any information/articles on to any member of the programme team whether it be Attic ... lording it up on the touchline with camera in hand, Tubbs as he sneaks in through the side gate (don't worry, he is a season ticket holder!), Megaphone who will probably be seen running along talking to the linesman, or even me – I am at most games handing out fags, except when dragged off to Spain a few times a year.

LAST SEASON – I am not going to reminisce too much, as there are several articles going into depth about specific games, emotions & results, although I would like to congratulate the Stones on beating Harefield United in the final to lift the Middlesex Charity Cup, & keeping their heads in the penalty shoot-out against Dulwich Hamlet to gain promotion. Also, congratulations to the reserve team for winning the treble, & the youth team too deserve a very large pat on the back for the same achievement. All in all a trophy filled season we can all be extremely proud of!

Finally, I would just like to say that this being my first editorial I didn't realise what thirsty work it would be – Yes, I will see you in the clubhouse after the game for a drink, thanks!!!

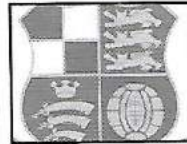
Team Draw Results

Team Draw continues to provide a very valuable source of revenue to support the team playing budget, as well as giving members the opportunity to win nine monthly cash prizes. See Nick DuGard if you wish to join - only £1 per week!

The results for July 2004 were:

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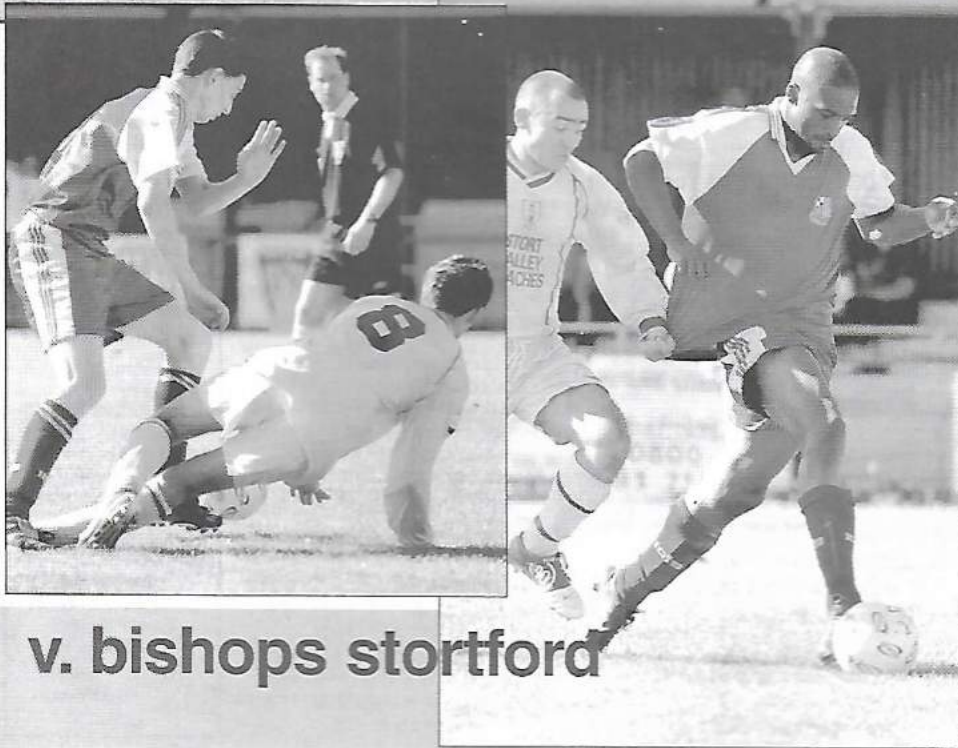
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1973-74
Southern League
Division One South
Winners
1981-82
Southern League
Champions and
Southern League
Cup Winners
1984-85
Football Conference
Champions and
FA Trophy Winners
(first-ever club to achieve
the non-League 'double')
and Middlesex
Senior Cup Winners
1996-97
Isthmian League
Division 3 Winners
1997-98
Promoted from
Isthmian League
Division 2 (3rd)
1998-99
Third in Isthmian
League Div One
(but promotion denied for
ground grading reasons)
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Middlesex Charity
Cup Winners
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Season 2004/2005

As I sit down to write this article outlining the plans for the future I can't help but take a minute to reflect on the outcomes of last season. On the pitch it was possibly one of our most successful ever with trophies and a promotion won with the last kick of the season on an exceptionally emotional night at Dulwich Hamlet. It's nights like that which are the reasons we all do it.

Off the field the PEPF seemed to be progressing well until our development partners Stadia management Ltd got into financial difficulties. Work stopped on the building in the first week of April just some four days before the structure would have been made watertight. Since then we have had to sit back and watch the site become somewhat overgrown and a little dilapidated; however the board and project team have continued behind the scenes. The Scarborough Development Group have been signed up as our joint venture partners and many hours have been spent investigating what needs to be done to bring the scheme to fruition. Much time has also been spent negotiating a new financial basis for the project with Scarborough and Harrow Council. Our latest proposals are with the council at the moment and we should hear the councils view in early September. There is approximately four months work and four million pounds expen-

diture outstanding.

We are taking steps to ensure that all the good work on the pitches is not lost and a cutting programme is being instigated at the PEPF next week. Remedial work to secure the building from damage from vandals has also recently been undertaken. If you've passed the site on the tube you will also have seen diggers back on site building the environment agency's flood relief scheme.

I am still optimistic that we will be back on site this year and that the facility will be opened during the playing season. As a club we will have to decide whether we play the whole season at Edgware or whether we move in mid season but that's one for later.

Realism

Whilst it was fantastic to go up last year we must approach this season with a sense of realism. It will be a very competitive league and I know many sides have invested heavily for success. Unfortunately we must remain prudent and focus on the new stadium and our long-term future. This of course will put pressure on our very loyal management and playing staff to do the 'biz' on the field. Lets hope we have another great season.

Regards Nick

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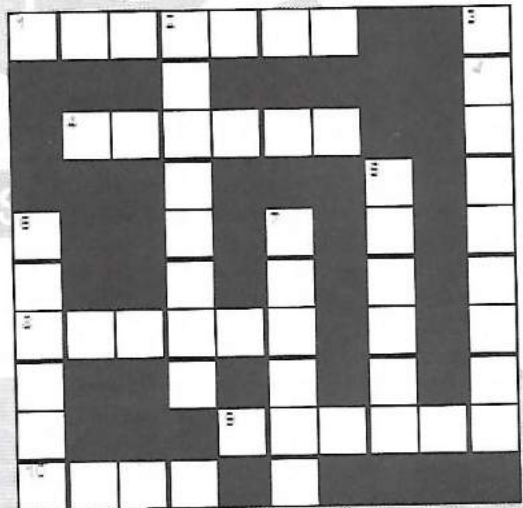
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- 1 Dockers (7)
- 4 Shopping for the ladies (6)
- 8 We have two of these (6)
- 9 Pricey toys (6)
- 10 Saving his privates (4)

Down

- 2 Golden balls (8)
- 3 The great (9)
- 5 Guvnor in reserve (6)
- 6 Jenkins he's not (6)
- 7 He's no minor coach (6)

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The irony will not be lost on those that were there on that barmy night in Dulwich at the beginning of May, but had Wealdstone been able to hit a barn door from twelve yards during the season proper, the need for the play-off match against the south Londoners would have been superfluous.

In true Wealdstone style, why have a boring and predictable top six place when you can underachieve throughout much of the season, then have a glorious late surge that is then dashed at almost the final hurdle with defeat at home to Hemel in front of our biggest crowd of the season, only to sneak into a play-off that we eventually win on penalties. I think we failed eight times during the season from the spot, yet, apart from Dave Ryan's first strike, every Stone penalty unerringly hit the back of the net. Ask any Stone fan what they would have preferred: promotion with a top six finish or that night in Dulwich, and the latter would win every time. Not sure if the management would have agreed, though.

The atmosphere at Dulwich was electric. Indeed it may have played a very important part in persuading one player to stay at the WLG rather than take a more lucrative offer at another club. The Hamlet fans played their small part, but our huge support that night was truly amazing. To think we took more supporters to South London at just two days notice than we had attracted at any home game last season. To emphasise why Wealdstone are the biggest club in the borough, if you ever needed it, we took more than DOUBLE the total crowd at the Harrow Borough play-off match the day after against Kingstonian. I know that Attie and Terry are going to feature the match at Dulwich at length elsewhere in the programme, so I will not wax lyrical any further.

The team were fantastic in that run towards the end of the season, proving conclusively that they did have the stomach for the fight that matched their undoubted ability. Wins at Arlesey and at home to Wingate in three days stood out for me. Both teams are physical and

we rarely seem to do well against sides of that nature, but two wins set the stall for the final charge.

While Richard Jolly rightly took the plaudits for his goals, three players proved pivotal in our "promotion": Gary McKeown, Andy Carter and Danny Butler. Butler didn't settle well to start with, maybe even trying to get a route back to Northwood if rumours were to be believed, but he provided a real strength at the back just when we needed it. Andy Carter seems to have his critics at this club; one wonders why as he seems to save us week after week, and his performance in the play-off was sensational. McKeown's been there and done it, but his calm assuredness in the middle of the park was central to our good form.

Danny Butler has now moved onto Hendon. Strange when you consider the big bust up he had with the then Northwood manager Tony Choules was the reason why he came to Wealdstone in the first place, and Choules is now manager of Hendon. Money makes strange bedfellows, I suppose. I don't blame any player that moves for more money; some rely upon the funds they earn from football more than others and Butler will be difficult to replace, as we have already seen in the pre-season friendlies.

A mystifying element though is that Butler left us to go to Hendon. The atmosphere that night at Dulwich or even Thurrock and Maidenhead is something that Hendon will never be able to create. Hendon also turned down promotion to the new Conference South citing financial concerns at the travelling. Fine, the officials of a club should always have the club's long-term future at heart but surely they could have put out a team of players that fitted within their budget, whatever it is but it is considerably bigger than ours. If they went down, so be it, but they may never get the chance again. It smacks of no ambition. Had the Wealdstone board told our manager, players and above all supporters; "sorry chaps, we'll have the smallest budget in the premier division by far, so we are not going to take our

position in the higher division," there would have been mayhem. The unmentionables from the edge of the borough once, believe it or not, won promotion to the Conference. The blazers decided that they would refuse to accept the invitation into the premier competition for non-league clubs – they have never come close again nor, in my opinion, ever will. To cap it all, Hendon are to move to Cophthall Stadium, a desolate, soulless athletics stadium. Maybe Danny just likes peace and quiet!

Doesn't the new fixture list look great? Instead of the likes of Maldon Town, Chatham Town and Beaconsfield, we will have trips to Dover, Chelmsford and Salisbury. No doubt some will think the highlight of the season will come on 25th September. Well, ridiculous scheduling – why wasn't it on Boxing Day – or not, does not hide the fact that for a true derby match – the olden day tussles with Barnet and Enfield spring to mind immediately – you need two to tango. Fire and brimstone from one set of supporters, even if we will make up ninety percent of the crowd, just isn't anywhere near enough fun. I will be interested in seeing whether the darts team will have any supporters below the age of forty.

The season will be tough. Our tiny budget has to compete against teams that have mountains of money to spend, and in one case are even full-time. Realistic ambition is that by the time we go down to Salisbury on the last game of the season – anyone that has been on booze trips to Salisbury before will know that they are fantastic, fun-filled drunken frolics – Wealdstone are safe from relegation. It will be interesting to see what the ambitions of the management are.

Finally, footballers come in for plenty of criticism from the media and such like, but I would like to say what a credit to the club both Marvin Morgan and Gary Burrell were at the junior section's end of season presentation. Nothing was too much trouble for them, handing out the trophies, having photographs taken with the boys and signing autographs even.

my wealdstone stones

adam 'atticman' williams

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To be perfectly honest I was never that interested in football as a child. Apart from a few trips to Wembley for England games and the occasional, usually laughable attempts at playing for the School team, I was never going to become someone who's frame of mind for the week could be determined by how my team had fared over the weekend. I was much happier playing with my train set, playing with fire and messing about with cameras. (Nothing's changed there then! ED). The year was 1984 and a group of schoolmates started telling me how much fun it was going to 'that football team who play behind the ABC cinema' and it being a place where supporters used to sing, get drunk and go absolutely mental when a goal was scored. I reluctantly took up their offer and attended a game in February against Enfield in the Gola League. Wealdstone won 2-1, I was hooked! I attended a few more games that season and began to recognise a few more faces in the crowd from school and even a few older lads from the 13/21st Cub Scouts, whose behaviour was even worse at football than it was on patrol camps! The next season of course was the stuff of legends and culminated in that afternoon at Wembley where we achieved what no other team had managed and won the non-league double. I also had my first taste of away games that season. The half time interval during our Trophy semi final at Enfield being particularly memorable! However, the decline of the team was fairly rapid. Out went my heroes like Alan Cordice, Mark Graves and Andy Graham and in came the likes of Mike Pittaway and Martin Hirst! The next few years saw me attending virtually every home game despite the gradual fall in standards, attendances and the fact non of the original group of school mates I had been dragged along with attended any more. Most of them were now spending their Saturday afternoons at Highbury or even worse, Vicarage Road. And it was Vicarage Road that I began spending my Saturday afternoons watching Wealdstone, as we had managed to

secure a wonderful deal there, so good in fact, that within 2 years we were off to Yeading where I was a regular home and away for some of our darkest moments ever. The 6-0 home defeat to Newport in front of barely 150 fans stands out as being the worst of all time. Things began to finally look up though as we once again moved homes, this time back to the Borough of Harrow and into the White Lion ground at Edgware. It was not the football that had kept me coming to games though. It was without a doubt the supporters. A different class and far more genuine and passionate than the average prawn sandwich connoisseur to be found at Premier League grounds these days. After all the heartache, the future indeed looks bright. Keep the faith.

Best Moments:

Easy to say I know, but without doubt the play off at Dulwich, which had me buzzing for several weeks afterwards. That to me is going to take a hell of a lot to beat. Others include the 3-2 win a home to Dover in 1989 where several supporters who these days are the first to condemn bad language etc but would have been quite happy to commit GBH against a match official that day! The 2-0 win at Wivenhoe in 1992 when we were due to go out of business. We knew it too and spent most of the game signing 'we'll never die' in a show of solidarity and mutual bonding that has not been seen since. Finally, that 1-0 win at Braintree in 1998 having lost 3 on the bounce and ultimately set up our winning run in to achieve promotion from Division Two. We took around 250 fans there and was possibly, along with Dulwich our best vocal performance or modern times.

Favourite XI:

Have based my team solely around the Bartlett era:

1. Noel Imber: Very assured and his save at Braintree was one of the best I've ever seen
2. Jason Shaw: Just seems to keep going on and on! His attitude is first class.



3. Dominic Sterling: Was too good for us unfortunately. Has made a name for himself at Aldershot.
 4. Dave Ryan: On his day, simply immense as we saw at Dulwich.
 5. Roy Marshall: The cool old head at the back that made younger and far faster forwards look no hopers.
 6. Gary McKeown: Obvious pedigree and the catalyst to our promotion run last season.
 7. Chris Walton: Probably the best signing Gordon made. Was the centrepiece of the team that moved from Division 3 to Division 1 in rapid succession.
 8. Brian Jones: A genius. Often took games by the scruff of their neck and turned a defeat into victory.
 9. Marvin Morgan: Becoming a cult figure now. His pace, skill and enthusiasm would have been the perfect foil for....
 10. Dennis Greene: The best all round centre forward for a long time. A little lazy, but some of his goals were breathtaking.
 11. Steve Bircham: When he played, few noticed him. However when he didn't play, his influence was obvious.
- Subs:
Simon Garner, Ian Waugh, Andy Carter, Richard Jolly, Danny Tilbury

welcome to our visitors
worthing

Worthing FC was founded in February 1886 and played home matches mostly in the People's (now Homefield) Park until the Club moved to Beach House Park in 1889. The early years were spent playing friendlies and competing in the Sussex Senior Cup, in which our first tie on November 27 1886 resulted in a 1-0 home win over Brighton Hornets.

Worthing reached their first Senior Cup final in 1891-92 (losing 5-3 to Brighton Hornets) before winning the 1892-93 final 2-1 against Eastbourne at the County Ground, Hove. This was the first of a record 21 Senior Cup wins, the most recent being in 1999.

Worthing were founder members of the West Sussex Senior League in 1896, along with their local rivals Worthing Athletic (founded 1891). The first of 7 championships was won in 1898-99, qualifying Worthing to play the East Sussex League champions Brighton Athletic in the Sussex Charity Cup donated by the Royal Irish Rifles. This match was lost 2-1, but we went on to win the RUR Cup (as it became known) 13 times (including twice jointly with Horsham).

In 1899-00 the club entered the FA Cup and FA Amateur Cup for the first time.

In May 1900 Worthing and Worthing Athletic merged and in 1901 the Club moved to its current home at the Sports Ground. The team of 1903-04 contained 3 players who would become full internationals, S.S. Harris and F.G.D. Wright for England and Charlie Webb for Ireland.

Worthing withdrew from the West Sussex League for the 1904-05 season, so as not to be in competition with the newly promoted Worthing Rovers (founded 1901). We rejoined the League in 1905 after merging with Rovers during the summer. In 1907-08 Worthing reached the quarter-finals of the FA Amateur Cup, where we drew 1-1 away to eventual winners Depot

Battalion Royal Engineers, before losing the replay 1-0 before a crowd later claimed to number 4,500.

After World War I. in 1919-20, Worthing competed in 2 leagues, being founder members of the Senior Division of the Brighton, Hove & District League and rejoining the West Sussex League. The following year we helped found the Sussex County League and resigned from the West Sussex League in protest at a rule change. The County League championship was won for the first two seasons and another 6 titles were won during our stay in this league.

The FA Cup First Round Proper was reached in 1936-37, Worthing losing 4-3 at Yeovil & Petters United. This year also saw the first of 3 AFA Senior Cup finals reached, Worthing losing 7-1 to Harwich & Parkeston at Bromley. The other 2 finals were both lost to Cambridge Town (4-2 in 1947 and 3-0 in 1949).

In 1948-49 Worthing joined the Corinthian League. Little success was had in this league, finishing bottom 4 times. The best season was 1949-50, when a highest placing of 5th was achieved along with reaching the Corinthian Memorial Shield final for the only time (losing 2-1 to Erith & Belvedere at Eastbourne).

The Corinthian League became Division 1 of the Athenian League in 1963 and Worthing enjoyed immediate success, being promoted as runners-up to Leatherhead as well as reaching the Athenian League Memorial Shield final (losing 2-1 to Chesham United on aggregate) and winning the AFA Invitation Cup (3-1 away to Harwich) for the first of 4 occasions.

Three seasons were spent in the Athenian League Premier Division before two successive relegations saw

us languishing in Division 2.

Worthing started their revival in 1971-72 by returning to Division 1 as runners-up to Staines Town and the following season reached the Athenian League Cup final, losing 2-0 away to Amateur Cup finalists Slough Town after extra-time.

Worthing left the Athenian League in 1977 to become members of the newly formed Isthmian League Division 2.

Barry Lloyd was appointed manager in 1981 and the Division 2 title was won in 1981-82, with prolific goalscorer Micky Edmonds scoring 53 goals. In 1982-83 we won the Division 1 title and reached the 2nd round of the FA Cup, losing 4-0 at Oxford United. The next 2 seasons saw Worthing finish as runners-up in the Premier Division to Harrow Borough and Sutton United. At the end of 1984-85 the Club's main stand burnt down and, apart from reaching the last 16 of the FA Trophy the following season, a decline set in. Barry Lloyd left to join Brighton & Hove Albion in 1986 and the following year Worthing were relegated from the Premier Division. Four years later we had a disastrous season, finishing bottom of Division 1 with only 10 points and having conceded 157 goals.

Ex-Northern Ireland international Gerry Armstrong was appointed manager in 1991-92 and the following season Worthing became the first Club to win Division 2 for a second time, having dropped only 12 points from the last 27 matches.

Armstrong left in the summer of 1994 to be replaced by his coach John Robson. Premier Division status was regained as runners-up to Boreham Wood in his first season and the FA Cup First Round was reached again (losing 3-1 at AFC Bournemouth after taking the lead).

meet the worthing players

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Worthing finished bottom in their first season back in the Premier and Robson was replaced as manager. Others followed before Brian Donnelly became manager at Christmas 1996. Under Donnelly's leadership, Worthing staged a remarkable late season recovery, winning their last 5 games to escape relegation on the last day.

In 1998-99 we were finalists in the Puma Cup; had our record unbeaten away sequence; completed a league "double" over local rivals Bognor for the first time since 1939; won the Sussex County League Reserve Section; and won the Sussex Senior Cup for the first time in 21 years.

99-00 saw us reach the FA Cup First Round for a 4th time, losing at Rotherham United, and our reserves retained their championship.

Last season was our 100th season of League football and this season we are celebrating 100 years playing at Woodside Road.

Taken from - <http://www.worthingfc-online.co.uk/>

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Isthmian League
1998-99 (Division One) Home W4-1
Away W2-1
1999-00 (Division One) Home W2-1
Away D1-1
2000-01 (Division One) Home L0-1
Away W1-0
2001-02 (Division One) Home D1-1
Away W2-0

Will Packham - Former Brighton & Hove Albion goalkeeper who joined Worthing FC from Conference side Farnborough Town late in 2003. Spent a loan period with Eastbourne Borough

Andrew Beech - Skillful central defender who joined the Rebels in 2001 from Brighton and Hove Albion. Has notched up over 100 appearances for the club and at 21 years of age will be an asset for a long time to come.

Christopher Dicker - Versatile defender who can play at centre-half or left-back. Joined Worthing in the summer of 2003 from Withdean 2000, and has previously played at Langney Sports (now Eastbourne Borough), Lewes and Shoreham.

Andy Lutwyche - Very quick right-sided defender who moved to the Rebels from Horsham YMCA in 2003. Is also captain of Worthing Cricket Club.

Clay Lamont - Powerful & imposing central defender with a good turn of speed, who joined Worthing in the summer of 2003 from Withdean 2000.

Sam Francis - Prolific young striker who notched up over fifty goals for Withdean in the 2002/2003 season, and moved to Worthing from that club this summer. Regularly scored goals for his previous clubs, which include Lewes and Burgess Hill.

Paul Rogers - A central midfielder and true professional bringing vast experience to club having skippered Brighton and Hove Albion and played for Sheffield United, Notts County and Wigan.

Glenn Davies - Accomplished defender who is another of this summer's signings from Withdean 2000. Has plenty of experience at spotting trouble gained at clubs such as Burnley and Hartlepool

Owen Hill - Composed right-sided midfielder who can usefully turn his hand to defence. Previously played for Withdean

2000, Lewes and Brighton and joined the Rebels in July 2003.

Mark Knee - Last season's top scorer for the Rebels and a tireless forward who has recorded well over 200 appearances for the club since joining from Lewes in 1997. Many of these were as a left-back and Mark has bagged over fifty goals in less than two seasons as target man.

Nko Ekoku - Tall and physical striker with a wealth of non-league experience, who was signed from Leatherhead in February 2004. Has previously played for Harrow Borough and Sutton United.

Mark Pulling - Creative and hard-running midfielder brought in from Withdean 2000 in 2003.

Roy Pook - Tenacious young midfielder who carries the ball well with a penchant for attack and will give the Rebels plenty of options. Has previously played for Withdean, Burgess Hill and Southwick.

Ian Payne - 27 year old defender signed from Crawley Town in July 2004

Marc Pullan - 30 year old defender signed from Crawley Town in July 2004

Sam Rents - 17 year old midfielder signed from Brighton & Hove Albion in July 2004

Phil Ruggles - 20 year old forward who joined the club in July 2004. Previously with Leatherhead

Brahim Elouhman - 20 year old midfielder who joined the club from Windsor & Eton in July 2004

Andy Alexander - 24 year old utility player who rejoined the club from Three Bridges in July 2004

Alan Pook - Manager
Has experienced much success and respect leading clubs such as Peacehaven and Burgess Hill Town to a succession of Sussex County League and cup honours. Was a major influence on the development of Withdean FC in the Combined Counties League, before moving to Worthing, where the club have been challenging for a place amongst the pace-setters in the Ryman's League Division One South during the 2003/04 campaign.

Welcome to the first game of our new season in the restructured Ryman Premier League against a strongly fancied Worthing side who did so well, particularly towards the end of last season.

Our play off success last May, which looked an impossible task at the beginning of March, has proved what can be achieved with the right mental approach, work ethic and team spirit. That's undoubtedly the combination which brought the success and now given us the opportunity to compete with the 'big boys' of the Premier. We go into this campaign as the underdogs, being the only team to qualify through the play offs and with probably one of the lowest budgets in the Division, but that has not stopped us in the past and I don't intend to let it happen this year.

That promotion place left us wondering what the re-structure had in store for us and to be honest we have come out of it very well in terms of travelling. Poor old Hemel and Chesham have some horrendous journeys by being in the Doc Martins section but we have ended up with loads of local derbies to look forward to and I'm sure the fans are looking forward to the Harrow Borough games.

The squad has remained pretty much the same with the exception of Danny Butler's departure to Hendon. We will not only miss his playing ability, but also his strong character, which had such a major influence in our success last season. I'd like to thank him for his short spell at the club and wish him well for the future. As usual, we've had lots of new faces around during pre-season and with two games to go this week and a few decisions to be made, I will resist welcoming anyone until my next programme notes.

Personally, I think pre-season has gone really well despite a couple of setbacks. The attitude of the players and quality of the work was excellent during the first few weeks on the stamina and fitness. Then through no fault of our own, we lost three friendlies, the Cheshunt weekend tournament and the Hendon match which completely threw our preparations. A 4-0 win in our first game at Flackwell, a couple more good training sessions, all the players seemed happy, most of them had signed and despite a goalkeeping problem with Carts away and Charlie injured, I was reluctantly (don't tell the Mrs) heading off on holiday happy and content with the way things were shaping up.

Text messages kept me in touch with proceedings whilst I was in the States and it certainly wasn't good reading. Leo, Fred and Roger kept me up to date and despite the shock of the scorelines as they came through, their brief explanation of the circumstances and general feelings, I remained pretty upbeat and positive. Improvements and return of players against Edgware and Maidenhead made better reading and I arrived home last Friday, refreshed after a good break looking forward to getting back into things again. A 5-0 win against Bishops Stortford only enhanced my positive feelings, particularly with some of the football we produced and with a busy schedule this week and hopefully a couple of new signings, I can't wait to get underway.

What are our expectations for this season? I'm sure we will hear numerous different thoughts on expectations, but we have to be realistic.... we are going into the unknown.

On reflection, we under achieved for long spells of last season because we put ourselves under too much pressure. We expected promotion from day one and when results went the wrong way, too many people only saw the negatives, criticism increased, the confidence drained and the vicious circle had taken over. Hindsight is a wonderful thing, sitting in 6th place, our good performances against Leyton, Yeading, Hemel and Boreham Wood in early December all ended in defeat by the odd goal and the 'doom and gloom' had taken over. We were better than all of them during those games, but the physiological effect was devastating and we promptly collected only 15 points from the next 13 games.

Actually, we put ourselves through hell for those few months, but with continued hard work and belief, it just goes to prove what can be achieved, even when things do look so bad.

This season will be difficult and all of us have a duty to be positive and try to bring the best out of everyone at the club. We are the small fish in a big pond and I know we will have some tough games, but if we are going to compete and stride forward we must learn from all our experiences...both good and bad.

My personal expectations only go as far as the end of September. My initial target is to get 50% of the points on offer, which gives a reasonable platform and time to judge the standards of our new environment. However, I feel we should look beyond just results. That feeling of success at Dulwich last season came from ten months hard work by an awful lot of people and I certainly want to feel that emotion again. If all of us involved at this club could set themselves new standards and give that little bit extra; who knows what we could achieve. With the new stadium now almost certain to be ready before the end of the season, we must strive to be in the highest position possible and lay the platform for further progress in the future.

The management and players certainly need to set themselves personal targets and goals for this year. Generally the attitude to training has been excellent so far, but it mustn't slip. Our reaction when things goes wrong must be better, set pieces, work rate, concentration, time keeping, appearance and discipline all need to be improved. Every member of staff and player knows they have a particular area which needs to be improved and if we can all be that little bit more professional about our tasks, who knows what we could achieve again this season.

Alex Welsh, an ex' Wealdstone goalkeeper who played for Leo and me at Hounslow, always said "you need a fire in your belly to be a success".

Well, as we start the new season, hopefully all the fires have been lit, it's now up to each individual to keep them burning. Motivation comes from within; the rest of us can only help.

With everyone getting behind the team, let's hope our players fire is still burning brightly as the season reaches its climax.

Enjoy the season
Gordon

how we stand

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wealdstone 1st XI appearances & goals 2003-04

Appearances (League & Cup matches only. Substitutes who played are in brackets).
Martin Carter 56, Richard Jolly 55(2), Andy Carter 49, Marvin Morgan 48(6), Jason Shaw 45(2), Tommy Williams 43(7), Rob Courtnage 43(3), Dave Ryan 38(14), Robin Tucker 37, Danny Butler 31(5), James Duncan 25(9), Billy Amarteifio 24(2), Danny Julienne 20(5), Danny Tilbury 19(13), Matt Carvell 19(6), Gary McKeown 17, James Fisher 15(7), Ben Alexander 13(25), Brett Freeman 11, Alon Hemmerdinger 10(5), Charlie Leary 8, Chris Attwood 7(1), Gary Burrell 5(7), Matt Kidson 5, Mick Swaysland 4(8), Marc Cumberbatch 4, Jermaine Beckford 3(7), David Godfrey 3, Guled Adan 1, Alan Delahunty 1, James Shipperley 1, Alec Gediking (2), Lee Holland (2), Joe Sparrowhawk (2), Papa Agyemang (1), Matt Graves (1), Carl Hunt (1), Elis Kodra (1), Callum Martin (1). - Maximum possible 60.

Goals (All Matches, including Friendlies).

Richard Jolly 34(1 pen), Marvin Morgan 19, Ben Alexander 12, Dave Ryan 10(1 pen), Tommy Williams 7(1 pen), Martin Carter 6, Mick Swaysland 6, Danny Tilbury 6, Robin Tucker 6, Jermaine Beckford 5(1 pen), James Duncan 5, Rob Courtnage 3, Danny Butler 2, Matt Carvell 2, Lee Holland 2, Danny Julienne 2, Elis Kodra 2, Gary McKeown 2, Billy Amarteifio 1, Daley Palmer 1, Darren Raymond 1, Own Goals 3. - Total 137(4 pens).

wealdstone predict-a-score 2004-05

This will be the 12th successive season that we have run this popular competition. Last season we had 145 entrants and we are hoping for at least the same again. Membership will once again be £10. You can have as many memberships as you like and the more you have the greater your chance of winning.

All you have to do is predict the result of all Wealdstone's 42 league matches and our opening matches in four cup competitions plus the George Ruffell Shield. **In cup matches only the score after 90 minutes will count.** For a correct **score and result** you receive 3 points, for a correct **result only** you receive 1 point.

Prize money depends on the number of entrants. Last season Dave Parish and Nick Woolford finished equal first and received £150 each. There are prizes for second, third and fourth and a consolation prize for last place.

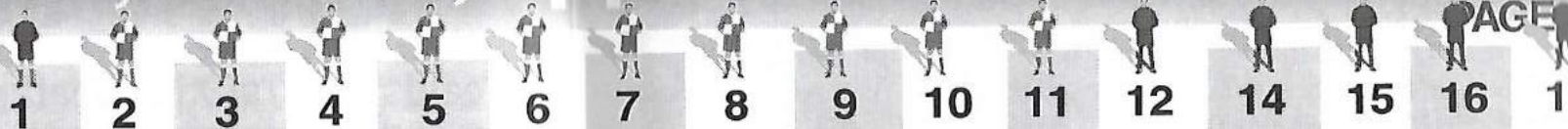
To enter collect a form and hand it to Roy Couch with your payment for £10 (cheques payable to Wealdstone FC) or post to 31 Jersey Ave., Stanmore, Middx. HA7 2JG. **Remember you will score no points from today's match if your form is not received by 3.00pm today.**

Good luck.

competitive games

date, opponents, comp, venue, result, att, posn

Aug 14	WORTHING	RLP	H
Aug 16	Kingstonian	RLP	A
Aug 21	Slough Town	RLP	A
Aug 24	BILLERICAY T	RLP	H
Aug 28	NORTHWOOD	RLP	H
Aug 30	Eastleigh	RLP	A
Sep 4	YEADING	RLP	H
Sep 7	Braintree Town	RLP	A
Sep 11	Folkestone Inv	RLP	A
Sep 14	LEYTON	RLP	H
Sep 18	BANBURY UTD	FAC	H
Sep 25	HARROW BOR	RLP	H
Oct 2		FAC	
Oct 9	Heybridge Sw	RLP	A
Oct 16	CHELMSFORD	RLP	H
Oct 19	CHESHUNT	RLP	H
Oct 23	Staines Town	RLP	A
Oct 30	HAMPTON & R	RLP	H
Nov 6		FAC	
Nov 13	Tonbridge Ang	RLP	A
Nov 20	SALISBURY C	RLP	H
Nov 27		FAC	
Dec 4	Dover Athletic	RLP	A
Dec 11	Worthing	RLP	A
Dec 18	KINGSTONIAN	RLP	H
Dec 27	Hendon	RLP	A
Jan 1	EASTLEIGH	FAT	H
Jan 8	Yeading	RLP	A
Jan 15	BRAINTREE T	RLP	H
Jan 22	Leyton	RLP	A
Jan 29	FOLKESTONE	RLP	H
Feb 5	Harrow Boro	RLP	A
Feb 12	HEYBRIDGE S	RLP	H
Feb 19	Chelmsford City	RLP	A
Feb 26	WINDSOR & E	RLP	H
Mar 5	Cheshunt	RLP	A
Mar 12	STAINES T	RLP	H
Mar 19	SLOUGH TOWN	RLP	H
Mar 26	Billericay Town	RLP	A
Mar 28	HENDON	RLP	H
Apr 2	Northwood	RLP	A
Apr 9	TONBRIDGE	RLP	H
Apr 16	Hampton & Rich	RLP	A
Apr 23	DOVER ATH	RLP	H
Apr 30	Salisbury City	RLP	A



RYMAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE NORTH 2003-04 FINAL TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Yeading	46	32	7	7	112	54	58	103
Leyton	46	29	9	8	90	53	37	96
Cheshunt	46	27	10	9	119	54	65	91
Chesham	46	24	9	13	104	60	44	81
Dunstable	46	23	9	14	86	61	25	78
Hemel H	46	22	12	12	75	72	3	78
Wealdstone	46	23	7	16	81	51	30	76
Arlesey T	46	23	7	16	95	70	25	76
B Wood	46	20	13	13	82	59	23	73
Harlow T	46	20	10	16	78	51	24	70
Wingate	46	19	13	14	68	63	5	70
E Thurrock	46	19	11	16	62	54	8	68
Uxbridge	46	15	14	17	59	57	2	59
Aveley	46	15	14	17	67	71	-4	59
Thame U	46	16	9	21	72	83	-11	57
Waltham F	46	15	13	18	62	60	2	55
Wivenhoe	46	15	10	21	79	104	-25	55
Barton R	46	16	6	24	52	80	-28	54
Oxford C	46	14	11	21	55	65	-10	53
B'hamsted	46	12	10	24	66	88	-22	46
G Wakering	46	10	13	23	47	97	-50	43
Tilbury	46	10	9	27	56	100	-44	39
Barking	46	8	7	31	37	100	-63	31
Enfield	46	5	7	34	44	138	-94	22

ball donors 2004-05

BALL DONORS (£50 a match)	
14 Aug v Worthing:	NICK DUGARD
25 Sep v Harrow Borough:	GRAHAM CLARK
18 Dec v Kingstonian:	KEN WIGGINS
28 Mar v Hendon:	TONY SHORT
9 Apr v Tonbridge Angels:	KEN WIGGINS
23 Apr v Dover Athletic:	RON MOORE & FRIENDS
16 Oct Chelmsford City:	JON TAFFEL
28 August Northwood:	K.I.W.E.E.
1 January Eastleigh:	ADAM & GUY EDWARDS
26 February Windsor & Eton:	MARK SNELL

pre-season results and fixtures

Pre-season results			
Tues July 20	Flackwell Heath (A)	W4-0	(Doua, M.Carter, Haan, Ryan)
Sat July 24	Chesham U (A)	L2-8	(Jolly, Clarke)
Tues July 26	Hemel H (H)	L2-9	(Jolly, Tilbury)
Thu July 28	Kingsbury T (A)	D2-2	(o.g. ?)
Tues Aug 3	Maidenhead (A)	L0-3	
Sat Aug 7	B Stortford (H)	W5-0	(Carvell, Williams, Morgan, Jolly, Cl)
Tues Aug 10	Brook House (A)	D2-2	(Morgan, Jolly)
Middlesex Millenium Trophy			
Sat July 31	Edgware (A)	W1-0	(Jolly)

reserves & youth

After the success of last season when both the Reserve & Under 18's completed trebles the teams start the season with a fresh page and much to look forward to.

Having won the Suburban League South championship the reserves kick-off their season today in the Premier Division with a home fixture against last seasons defending champions Dulwich Hamlet in what promises to be a difficult match.

On Monday evening they are at home again this time to Maidenhead United, once again all our home games will be played at Chalfont St Peter and this game kicks off at 7:45pm. So if you can't make it over to Kingstonian, why don't you go and lend your support to the second string?

These two games are followed up by away games at Walton & Hershaw, runners up to the Stones, on Monday 23rd August & then another tough fixture at Whyteleafe on Saturday 28th August.

The reserves start their defence of the Suburban League Cup with a home tie to Maidenhead in late September and success here would see them play away at Thame United in the second round.

Meanwhile the defence of the Middlesex Premier Cup starts with a tough trip to Uxbridge, last seasons North Division champions. The Stones have also been drawn against Uxbridge in the Champions Trophy and this tie is played over two legs. The other tie sees Dulwich matched with Oxford City.

The Under 18's start their defence of the Allied Counties Premier Division Trophy away at Barton Rovers on Wednesday 1st September, before playing at home to newly promoted Maidenhead United on Wednesday 8th September.

Following last seasons successful run to the second round of the FA Youth Cup, the young Stones start off on the long road to the final with a 1st Qualifying round trip to St Margaretsbury. Success here would see them play away to Long Buckby, Brook House or Uxbridge in the next round. Should they get to the 3rd Qualifying round they will be

away again to one of Thurrock, Witham Town, Chelmsford City, Buckingham Town or Northwood

The Stones await the draws of the Allied Counties League Cup & Middlesex Senior Youth Cup to see who the open title defences against.

The Under 19's kick-off the season in the new look Conference Football Youth League at home to Beaconsfield Sycob on Wednesday 22nd September. Once again these matches take place at Ruislip Manor FC and kick-off at 2pm

In the League Cup they have a bye until the 2nd round when they will be at home to either Barton Rovers or Stevenage Borough.

This season the Stones also have a side playing in the Middlesex College League under the banner of Stanmore College and the lads start their season with an away fixture at Drayton Manor on Wednesday 15th September and then on Wednesday 22nd September they play their first home fixture against West London Academy.

Home fixtures will either be played at Whitchurch Playing Fields, Broadfields or Kodak and all games have afternoon kick-offs.

They also have ties away to Southgate in the Tye Cup and are in a group of five in the Brigg Cup along side Christ College, Hendon High, Kingsbury and Whitfield.

I'm sure you'll join me in wishing all our teams the best of luck this season.

Answers to crossword page 9
Across: 1 Tibbury, 4 Morgan, 8 Carter, 9 Fisher, 10
Ryan.
Down: 2 Bartlett, 3 Alexander, 5 Joseph, 6 Tucker, 7
Morris.

from the terraces

Hello everyone, and welcome to the White Lion Ground for our opening league game of the season, as we welcome Worthing in this Ryman Premier Division clash. Ryman Premier Division doesn't that sound well!

There's only one Meshach Nugent..... Yup, he is the Dulwich Hamlet player brought off the substitutes bench to take their fifth and final penalty in the shootout that dramatic evening back on the 3rd May. As he strode confidently to secure Dulwich's 'promotion' there were many among the Wealdstone contingent who had reverted to praying to anyone that would listen, and boy, were those prayers answered! Nugent's spot kick struck the top of the bar and went out of the ground to spark joyous scenes that were suddenly tempered when we realised Martin Carter had to score to take the shootout to sudden death. This he did, Carter saved and Richard Jolly fired home to spark some of the most amazing and emotional scenes I have ever had the privilege to be part of. What a night! Try telling any Stone's fan present that day that we didn't get promotion!! Oh, and we have one other player to thank for our shoot out success that day, a certain

Danny Murphy of Liverpool. Apparently our players decided to mimic his cool penalty at Old Trafford last season and they did just that.

The summer saw the Euro 2004 tournament bring up surprise winners in Greece. England, on the other hand, lost out on penalties to hosts Portugal. Maybe they should get penalty shootout lessons from our Wealdstone players! Perhaps more disappointing than the actual defeat was the negative approach taken after Michael Owen had given England an early lead. The game was there to be won but instead of breaking quickly we lost possession far too easily and therefore it was no surprise when Portugal equalised. Forgetting his off the field antics, these next couple of months will be important to Sven, as the nation seems to be split 50/50 as to whether they want him as head coach or not. Also, this summer saw the England cricket team continue their steady improvement as a Test side. Blimey, even Ashley Giles came to the party! This winters tour to South Africa and next summers Ashes series will show exactly how far they have progressed.

Back to Wealdstone and pre-season. Certainly two very

heavy defeats were not ideal, but then after his steady performances last season I think Andy Carter deserved a holiday. Unfortunately his replacements at Chesham and here against Hemel Hempstead did little to inspire confidence, but Andy's return and our 5-0 drubbing of Bishop's Stortford here last Saturday should help to restore the equilibrium.

So what can we expect this season? One fan suggested if we finish one place above the relegation places and beat a certain team twice that would do. I for one would take that, but Gordon, Leo and Fred will be aiming for mid table respectability or higher. It certainly will be a tough test this time around, so keep believing and keep supporting. Your support could be crucial this coming campaign, as there will no doubt be difficult periods. Remember, the new ground is looming, we can still be playing there soon. One thing that will help is three points today, so get your vocal chords primed and scream yourself hoarse between 3pm and 4.50pm, and with a little luck we can start off with a win.

See ya in the pub
Megaphone

sponsor-a-brick 2004-2005

We have over 100! Thanks to everyone for the great early response to Wealdstone's **Buy A Brick** campaign – the opportunity to have your own piece of the new stadium.

101 have now been sold in the first month or so of the publicity drive... but we'd like to see 200 sold among our loyal supporters. That's £10,000 towards putting the finishing touches at the new ground.

Whether for an individual or for a company, a dedication or a sign of your support for the club, you will be buying a **personalised place in history** that will be on permanent dis-

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6. Michael Woods	30. Peter John-Baptiste	55. Graham Brown	82. Eddie Collins
7. Graham Clarke	31. Peter John-Baptiste	56. Trevor Davies	83. Tony Drew
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13. James Bartrick	37. Miriam & James Goodman	62. Adam Williams	89. Patrick George O'Neill (senior)
14. Rob Harries	38. Roger Slater	63. Adam Williams	90. Roy Couch
15. Rob Harries	39. Roger Slater	64. Nick Brown	91. Mick Fishman
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17. Reg Ware	41. Keith Stonestreet	66. Ken Wiggins	93. Nick Young
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a view from the attic dulwich revisited

Monday the 3rd of May 2004 will go down as many a Wealdstone fan's most memorable and emotive game of the modern era. It was of course, the night that Wealdstone took their place in the Ryman's Premier Division, an achievement that only 1-month earlier had looked impossible. However, our excellent winning run which included the convincing wins over fellow promotion hopefuls Arlesey, a bad tempered game against Wingate and Finchley and then the 8-0 thrashing of Enfield set us up to virtually guarantee promotion against Hemel Hempstead. The result was not good though and this left us needing to win our final League game of the season at East Thurrock United to put us in a 'play off' against the 7th placed team in the Ryman's League Division 1 South. A professional performance saw us win 2-0, which meant we would play Dulwich Hamlet away 2 days later on the Monday evening in a 'winner takes all' showdown.

Monday dawned an overcast and rainy day. By midday, it was still raining fairly heavily, doubts began to surface as to whether the game would be played and some people even started to make suggestions about when the rescheduled game would take place. However, by 2 o'clock, the rain had subsided and glorious sunshine was upon us. The news from Dulwich was that their pitch was draining well and only another heavy and prolonged downpour would cause any further doubt. Several Stones fans now began the short journey across London, and met up in the 'Fox and Hounds' pub which is about a 10 minute walk from the ground. Kick off neared and the well-watered travelling support made their way to the ground.

On entering the ground around 5 minutes before kick off, our vast numbers were readily apparent. Many faces who have not been seen for a few years were recognised. The Wealdstone players took to the field of play and were greeted with a pretty rousing reception and the first songs of the evening were loudly aired. The game kicked off with Wealdstone playing controlled and attacking football, although Dulwich looked dangerous on the break with their two fast and skilful for-

wards causing our back line all kinds of problems. And it was almost Dulwich who took the lead after 20 minutes but a superb triple save from Andy Carter kept them at bay. After a sustained period of Wealdstone pressure, a corner was half cleared to Martin Carter who looked up and sent a superbly crafted lob over the stranded keeper to send the large contingent of away fans into pandemonium! Rather than ease off the gas, the Stones poured forward and could easily have been 2 or 3 goals up at the break.

The second half started with the Stones looking the better team again, but disaster struck not long into the half when a break down the left by one of their pacy forwards resulted in a tap in for one of their midfielders. The game evened out although there was only set of supporters who were making all the noise, although credit must be given to the Dulwich fans for at least trying. Just as the Stones were beginning to get on top with about 10 minutes remaining, another break down the left saw Andy Carter parry a fierce shot but luckily for Dulwich the rebound fell to one of their forwards who made no mistake. The response from the Stones fans was to raise the roof and we equalised not long afterwards with a free kick from 20 yards being driven home by Dave Ryan to spark the 2nd scene of celebrations of the night! The clock wound down and the referee blew up. Extra time.

Almost immediately after the restart, Dulwich had the ball in the back of the net but the referee had spotted a handball. The rest of the first period of extra time was very tense with both teams not really mounting any meaningful attacks. The second period saw the Stones finish stronger with sub Ben Alexander twice testing their keeper. The referee blew up after 120 minutes and one could almost here the collective sigh from the Wealdstone fans as this meant a penalty shoot out, and penalties were something the Stones had made a fine art of missing all season!

With 80% of the Stones contingent and manager Gordon Bartlett now packed behind the goal, Dulwich struck first giving Andy Carter no chance. Dave Ryan, who had been mag-

nificent all evening placed the ball on the spot, but he fired weakly into the arms of the keeper. Dulwich made no such mistake with their 2nd spot kick. Everything was going to plan! However, Danny Butler drove our 2nd kick home and the next 4 penalties were put home convincingly, Tommy Williams and Gary McKeown being our scorers. This meant though, that Dulwich only had to score their 5th and it was game over as far as Wealdstone's promotion plans were concerned, with some Stones followers packing their scarves away, their player blasted his spot kick against the bar and from this moment on, you could sense there was only going to be 1 winner. There was still our 5th kick to be taken though, but Martin Carter fired into the far corner giving the keeper no chance. Sudden death.

The Dulwich spot kick taker seemed hurried and took a short run up. The result was inevitable; Andy Carter dived to his right to save with ease. Up stepped Richard Jolly who until the last minute, didn't realise his kick would mean the difference between the mediocrity and tedium of level 4 or the relative glamour of level 3. He put the ball confidently on the spot and then in superb style, drove the ball past the despairing dive of the keeper to trigger the most passionate celebrations I have ever personally witnessed in any game of football. The hoards of blue and white swept over the barriers and onto the pitch to join the players in a magnificent celebration. This went on for a good 20 minutes with players and fans alike dancing with joy and some even weeping, overcome with emotion that we had finally achieved a promotion that had been denied to us in 1999.

My final thoughts are firstly, the magnificent composed performance from the players and then the nerve shown by our spot kick takers. And secondly, the fans; to have taken well over 300 supporters to a game that was only arranged 2 days earlier was an achievement to be proud of. The support from the terraces was magnificent. One player who has played at a much higher level was quoted as saying "absolutely brilliant support" as he celebrated with a fan. It was one of those nights that makes all the heartbreak seem worth it.

Last season was a very productive one for all involved with youth section with all the teams finishing either mid-table or above.

For me in particular it was a great season and one I was very proud of. My team, the under 11's, gained promotion by finishing runners up to St Andrews. This was a fine achievement considering we had only been together for two seasons, one of which was at 7-a-side.

We only lost three games out of eighteen one of which was the last game of the season when nothing was at stake. The only disappointment was that we were knocked out in the first round of both cup competitions.

I was awarded the Manager of the Year Award by my fellow colleagues and that was a moment, on a personal level, I was very proud of. The coming season we step up to Division One, it will be a tough league but as long as the boys play to their maximum capabilities we will hold our own and see how we go from there.

The under 10's A team had an excellent first half of the season but found it tough going towards the end of their second season at 7-a-side. Having said that vast improvement has been made and they can be positive about the coming season. The boys won a highest aggregate finish award, which is a fine achievement.

The B team had a role reversal of the A team. They had a fine second half of the season and were pushing for a top three finish towards the end of it.

Manager Brian Laney virtually ran both teams on his own for long periods of the season and deservedly

won the Chairman's Award for his commitment.

Both teams will now gel together to form one 11-a-side team to compete in the under 11's Division 3.

Brian will be looking to build on his team's development over the past two years and should do well and be challenging for a top three finish.

The under 12's finished third in their league and can count themselves unlucky not to be promoted. Only losing 5 of 20 matches is a pretty good record. The only negative side is that amount of goals they conceded (52), which probably cost them that vital top-two spot.

Carl Blair's team will be looking to be fighting for the Championship in the coming season and I am sure they will be. He has some good players and with the addition of a few others he can look forward to a good season ahead.

The under 13's can look back on a good season as well. Finishing 4th and only losing 5 of 22 matches in the league. The league itself was of a high standard with the top team scoring 184 goals; the second 132, the third 130 and John Moran's team scoring 113!

Mark Zoel who again had a fantastic season scored over 50 of those goals. Like Carl's team John can expect his side to be challenging for honours this season. Pre-season seems to have gone well for them, with the boys reaching the Final of one tournament and Semi Final of another.

The under 14's finished mid table in the league but can be proud of their efforts. Having been promoted the

season before they managed to consolidate their position in the league. After a bad start the boys gained more and more confidence and more than held their own.

Mark Britton's side will be looking to build on what they have learnt from last season and with the addition of some new players may well be pushing for promotion.

Some sad news is that last seasons under 16's have now disbanded. Manager Richard Bird made the decision after some of his players, including his son, Liam were accepted onto the Scholarship Scheme, meaning he would not be able to field a team.

Richard has dedicated a number of year's service to the club and will be missed. His team eventually finished in mid-table, despite regularly being short of players, which is a creditable position considering this.

There is a new team at that age group looking to take over Richard's team's place and we wish them well if they do.

The under 17's despite also managed to finish mid-table. Cliff Arnett's side also got off to a poor start but gathered momentum in the second half of the season. Cliff is going to carry on with his team into what will be his last season with that team.

We will be running our regular results and reports updates throughout the season and hope to do a feature on individual teams throughout the season.

The youth teams are important for the club and so any support would be much appreciated.

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Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome back to the White Lion ground for our first game in the new look Ryman Premier League.

The Stones always seem to have to do things the hard way and we earn our promotion to the Premier Division in a nail biter of a play-off at Dulwich Hamlet. Perhaps it was fitting that after so many penalties missed in the league over the season, that promotion was earned with a Richard Jolly in a sudden death shoot-out. We then had little while to wait to find out if we would still be playing in the Ryman League or be one of those clubs transferring over to the Southern League.

Obviously from a supporters point of view many of us were looking forward to a return to the Southern League, with many a good day out to look forward to. From a Football Club point of view the extra travelling cost would have been a nightmare with the club already on a shoestring budget. In the end common sense held out and we stayed in the Ryman League, but can still look forward to at least five good days out with trips to today's opponents Worthing, Folkestone, Dover, Salisbury & Eastleigh in the coming months. We also have the never before seen local league derby with our old friends & foe over at Earlsmead to look forward to as well.

Anyway back to today's game and it gives me great pleasure to welcome Worthing's Rebel supporters and wish them a safe journey home after game. Many of you will recall that Worthing brought a Supporters team up to play in last summer's five-a-side tournament & no doubt many of them are here again this afternoon.

Today also sees a new look programme which this season is being put together by Terry Dolman, Paul Cooke, Adam Williams and Mike Vincent, good luck in

the new venture lads, you have a hard act to follow after the excellent production of last season from Tim Parks. On behalf of the Supporters Club I would like to thank Tim for great effort and wish him well in his retirement, although I still understand that he plans to carry his playing career on for another season.

Talking of retirement, I have decided to make this my last season as Chairman of the Supporters Club, what with my commitments to the Football Club & to the Football Scholarship my time for the roll on the supporters club committee is down to zero & I feel it's time to move on and let someone take the reins. Certainly I've always approached the chairman's job very hands on, but over the past year or so it's been getting near impossible to keep three balls in the air. So with the risk of the Supporters Club becoming stuck it's time for a fresh face to push the committee on.

We were all saddened here of two deaths over the close season, firstly came the very sad news that Val Shearer had passed away. It was good to see Val at a couple of Stones games last season and I think just like everyone else I will sorely miss Val. Farewell to a very dear and loving Stones friend may you rest in peace.

Just over three weeks ago came the sad news that Peter Fuller had passed away, I know Peter will be missed by all his friends here at Wealdstone.

Onto supporters club business and today you will notice there are very few of the committee around, both Sudhir & Sarin Rawal are elsewhere. Dave Albert is on a family holiday. Grim has gone walkabouts and the rumour is we won't see him for

another three years. Whilst, I might just make 20 minutes or so of the game after jetting back into the fine county of Middlesex. No doubt Hillsy is somewhere playing football or bursting spots. So that leaves Jez Albert, Megaphone, Chicken in a Bunner & Mike Canning to run things. Those four gentlemen are under orders to sell all the Golden Goals Tickets today, so I want to hear how busy they have been when & if I make it to the game.

Don't forget Golden Goal Tickets cost just £1 and you could win £50 for the correct first timed goal or £10 for the last timed goal.

You will be able to renew your Supporters Club membership as from Tuesday 24th August when we play Billericay Town here at the White Lion.

Meanwhile we hope have the Junior Stones membership renewal forms at the turnstiles as our younger supporters come into the match.

This coming Monday we make the short journey to Kingstonian; I know a few Stones supporters saw the K's play Harrow Borough in last season's play-off, which the K's won on penalties at Earlsmead. I think all of us came away thinking how poor the standard of football in the Premier League was, certainly in all my years of watching football I've never seen two teams who looked like they didn't want to win a match.

On that note I'll say goodbye, get behind the lads today from the off and let's have a winning start to the season.

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Shorts:
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...or you can also help the club by kitting out our management team.
Bench jacket £20, track suit £15, throat lozenges (children only) £3



Gordon Bartlett's jacket: -
Track suit:
Throat Lozenges:



Leo Morris' jacket: -
Track suit:
Throat Lozenges:



Fred Cummings' jacket: -
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Throat Lozenges:



Becky Price's jacket:
Track suit:
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The WFC Supporters Club have sponsored the management's, physios' and players' tracksuits and tee-shirts. Players' polo shirts have been sponsored by COMPUWARE

today's line-ups

WEALDSTONE

Blue and white shirts, Blue shorts, Blue and white socks

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Red shirts with white trim, Red shorts, Red socks

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Jason SHAW	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ian PAYNE
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