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BY STUART MAYNARD

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From the Gaffer

We need to be ambitious but also realistic

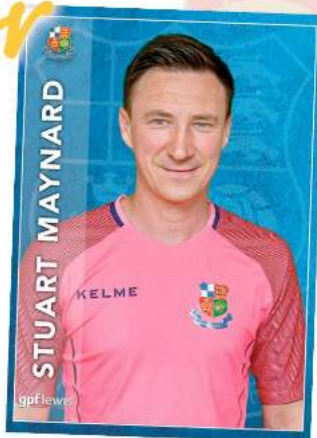
Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Daryl McMahon and his Dagenham & Redbridge side

Today we get our FA Cup journey started with a draw that possibly could have been kinder to us. That said we back ourselves against any team in this division. We traveled to Victoria Road at the start of last month with the Daggers unbeaten and sitting top of the league and we took the lead twice only to get pegged back late in that game so we hope to put that right today.

Dagenham are a top team as shown by their early form this season. They play a very similar style to us and they are very difficult to play against. They have been in a tough run of form recently, but every team will experience that at some stage this season.

Focusing on ourselves now, we probably have not got the points we would have liked by this point in the league but there are plenty of positives in our game currently and we have accumulated enough to sit in 16th position. As a management team we know we have a few areas we need to tweak and that will take patience and time. The positive is that we have gone from a team way out of their depth last season to one that is competitive in every game. A lot of that is down to the work we have done with the lads on the training ground and it is a credit to the groups receptiveness.

The foundations and identity we are installing have given us winning opportunities at places like Notts, County and Dagenham, so we need to stick with it, but also improve it. What our style does and which is so important for teams like ourselves is to nullify the oppositions threat a lot more than if we turned the ball over a lot. The more times we turn the ball over the more the



quality of the opponents can become effective.

So our process is to stick to what we are good at and to our keep our identity as it's enabled us stay competitive even when we perform poorly.

Going forward we are looking to push on and to get a few more bodies in front of the ball to allow us to go forwards earlier and quicker, that process however will take time as anything does when you are trying to create habits.

At times this season we have looked so adept at this level that it is natural to want more. Our early performances against Notts County and Dagenham have probably increased the expectation levels across the club. We have got to be ambitious but also realistic in our approach and reactions to games, it's vital we don't become outcome based where if we don't get the result we want that we seek to change too much and throw the baby out with the bath water.

We are a proper National League team for the first time, we are competitive in every game (home or away) and our recruitment and the way we play has bridged the gap in fitness levels and also given us winning opportunities against better resourced clubs so far. With a bit of tweaking and patience, we're not far away from being a team that can start looking up rather than down. But we all have to be on the same page and as a club we have to stick together for us to prosper. Hopefully today can go our way and nothing would make me happier than to be in the hat for the 1st Round proper.

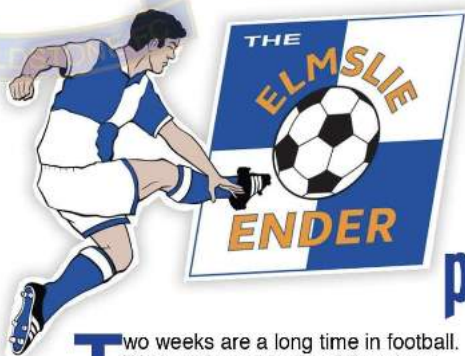
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BY SUDHIR RAWAL



The Elmslie Ender



Talking about points, performances and the impressive crowds posted here at The Vale

Two weeks are a long time in football. We had the euphoria of the win at Kings Lynn and then have had a run of three games where we picked up one point when we were hoping for four or five, with barely a shot in anger.

I wrote about the Torquay game last week and can totally understand the need to shore up the back after the five-goal drubbing on the south coast and we certainly did that against Solihull live on television. It is interesting how your take on a game can change after a little bit of

post-match introspection. At the time, I thought it was a bore fest with us having little ambition in getting the ball forward, lots of passing back and sideways and not enough moving the ball forward. In hindsight we had three or four decent chances, with Solihull only having one chance which hit both posts early in the first half. After that George Wickens had probably his quietest game of the season. Had one of the chances had been taken against the Midlanders, there would have been talk of another masterclass in snuffing out the opposition and getting all three

30 years ago... Tony Kelly scores the final goal at Lower Mead in front of the Elmslie fans (April 1991)





Two great Adam Williams images from the Vale as the crowds bulged the Holywell Stand to see our live BT Sport game with Solihull. The Elmslie End was a great place to watch the Stones in our youth... and now the West End, Grosvenor Vale is becoming an iconic spot too

points, such as Kings Lynn.

Small margins but there is no doubt to me that it was two points thrown away rather than one gained. Interestingly, I had a few friends who hadn't seen Stones before, come to the game and they were impressed with what they saw. These are Premiership club fans, so probably liked the way we kept the ball and passed it around. And they were stunned at how big the crowd was. More of that later.

Next we took on Eastleigh at the Vale, another decent crowd, and we were the ones snuffed out. Eastleigh worked incredibly hard and whilst we continued to play our possession game, we had little opportunity to get the ball into dangerous areas.

Managers and supporters see the game differently, for sure. Supporters scream "where's the Plan B?" which normally means launching the ball forward as quickly as possible, but we know that isn't the style of football this management team will play. We did go longer as the game went on, but it was having little effect as Eastleigh were defensively very strong.

Sometimes players are missed more when they don't play, and it would be fair to say that Josh Amerah is a little bit of a "Marmite" character amongst our supporters. His goals to games ratio is decent but there have been mutterings over his overall contribution.

Yet, when he came on, we saw exactly what we miss if he doesn't play. He put himself about, being a more physical presence and then fashioned a goal from nothing. He was strong, held players off and got off a great shot. Six goals in eleven league games is a very

good return from a forward, scoring sixty percent of our goals.

Having pulled level with six minutes to go, at the very least you bring home a point, yet we conceded a shocker really with two minutes left on the clock. Whether we deserved a point is a moot point, but having pulled level so late on, that's exactly what we should have got.

The crowd for the Solihull game was 1,501, our fourth-best-ever National League crowd, which is excellent when it was live on TV. When the game was announced in the summer as being our TV game, with Solihull having one of the smallest away followings, I thought we'd end up with around 700-800, so double that number is a great testament to the initiatives from the football club to get people through the gate for only a fiver.

There are a lot of good things the club is doing at the moment within the local community and much of this is being initiated by Darren Linden. We spoke with Darren on the **Stonescast** earlier in the season and he talked us through some of the ideas which the club were looking to bring through into the community that would improve engagement and ultimately, hopefully, lead to bigger crowds.

Our gate against Eastleigh was 1,267, which was our sixth thousand-plus gate on the spin. We have to go back to season 1974/75 to see crowds at this level watching Wealdstone at home.

Yet, was our crowd versus Eastleigh disappointing? It was international break and we would have got similar in the NLS, as the away support wasn't much. Bromley got over 2,000, Dulwich over 3,300 and even Boreham Wood had more than 1,100, whilst Woking had nearly 4,500 for the visit of Grimsby. We just have to keep working to grow our club, and our crowds.

'It is interesting how your original take on a match can change with a bit of introspection'

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH: THE EDDIE

Footballers were white; the crowds were white. Eddie was a trailblazer

OCTOBER 2021 has been designated Black History Month... a time to celebrate the rich and remarkable past of black men and women who have been pioneers in many walks of life. Here at Wealdstone FC, with a wide-ranging diversity both in the current playing squad and on the terraces, we look back at the very first non-white player to wear the shirt. And indeed, one of the very first in this country...

When 18 year old Eddie Dillsworth signed for Wealdstone in time for the start of the 1964/65 season, the world was a very different place to the one we know now.

Footballers playing their trade in England, both professionally and as amateurs, were white. Entire teams were white. The crowds were white. Eddie had been born in Sierra Leone, West Africa but had lived in England since the age of nine, and had been a part of Fulham's youth team set up. Eddie was most definitely black.

"I felt a bit of an oddity, to be honest" said the now 75-year-old mould-breaker when I managed to catch up with him last weekend.

Eddie has his own place in football history as the first black player to play in a winning cup side at Wembley. The South African Albert Johansson had appeared there in the 1965 FA Cup final but his Leeds United side were beaten 2-1 by Liverpool. A year later Eddie was a standout performer as Wealdstone lifted the Amateur Cup by beating local rivals Hendon 3-1 on the famous turf.

"I didn't know that" admitted the striker-turned-



That marvellous day at Wembley with Eddie second from the right



sweeper. "I knew all about Johansson as there so so few black players, but I didn't know I was the first black player to win a trophy there".

"What are your memories of that day?" I asked him. "Well, the whole occasion really. I had played up front and in midfield for the Stones in my 18 months with the club but in the 1-0 semi-final win over Alvechurch at Stamford Bridge the coach, Vinnie Burgess, put me alongside Johnny Ashworth at centre back, telling me to cover and pick up the pieces, but most importantly, to never, ever cross the halfway line!

"We had lost 4-1 at Alvechurch the previous season when I wasn't playing, so Vinnie devised a plan to keep their forwards quiet .. and it worked. I did feel sorry for our keeper that day though. Arthur Paisley came in for Brian Goymer and saved a penalty, but it was Brian who returned from injury to play in the final".

“Were there *any* black faces around in those days?" I asked him. "No, not really. I started playing for the

DILLSWORTH STORY BY TIM PARKS



ADDITIONAL WORDS
BY MICK FISHMAN



... above, Stones parade the trophy in front of 45,000 while (left) he saves the day with a perfect tackle

Alexander Boys Club in East London but football was looked down on then - even England players travelled to matches at Wembley on the bus, there wasn't the money around in those days.

"I was brought up in Sierra Leone but nobody had boots, we all played barefoot then as nobody had shoes even. This was the mid-1950s. My family came across to England in dribs and drabs, and when we played football at school our footwear was provided by the school. My friend Michael 'Chick' Maynard was the only other black player - he went on to play for Crystal Palace and Peterborough - and when you look back I was treated differently.

"I went on trial to Fulham and was playing in their South East Counties League, in all sorts of positions - including up front alongside Rodney Marsden. I learned his tricks and scored 38 goals that season when I was 17 or 18, but it seemed they were always looking for excuses not to play me. I even got dropped after we beat Charlton Athletic by eight goals and I scored seven of them...

"Then I went on trial to Portsmouth and thought I'd played really well.. then their coach said he couldn't fault my football but my stride was too long!"

This just sounds like discrimination to me, I told

Eddie. "I think I was just strange to them" he said. "They didn't know what to make of me. It's a bit like women's football being fully accepted like it is today, it's taken generations of people mickey taking but now it's part of everyday life"

Eddie admitted, however, that he wasn't always the easiest player to have around the dressing room. "I always said my piece.... after leaving Wealdstone I went to Brentwood in the Southern League, before that club merged with Chelmsford leaving city with two squads of players.

"The manager Dave Bumpstead had some strange ideas and after we'd played Ipswich in the FA Cup 3rd round (and right winger Dillsworth had apparently given England full back Mick Mills a torrid time) we played Wimbledon who set up in a 4-4-2 against our 4-2-4. We were over run in midfield and I pointed it out... but Bumpstead subbed me off, saying "What's up Dilly, no TV cameras today?"

Then Eddie later found out that Ipswich boss Bobby Robson had put in a £25,000 bid for him - but Bumpstead rejected it saying "you can't afford him".

Bizarrely, a year later Kettering's new manager Ron Atkinson bought Eddie for a reported £8,000 although the new signing reckoned the actual fee was considerably bigger, in those days of bungs and brown paper bags.

When Eddie arrived at Rockingham Road he didn't fit in immediately and felt he was being wasted out on the wing when the ball was just launched forward at every opportunity.

"I went out and bought a packed of Trill birdseed to sprinkle on the grass" he recalls with a laugh. "I told Big Ron that I'd get the pigeons to come down to pitch level to make more room for the passes. He found it very funny!"

Eddie cemented his reputation as one of the most dangerous wingers in non League football with subsequent seasons back at Chelmsford (where I saw him petrify the Stones' defence in two memorable games in 1974-75) and then again for Bishops Cleeve in an FA Cup tie at Lower Mead in October 1976.

"Wow, I remember that game because one of our strikers took the ball off my toe and missed an open goal - and the Stones keeper John Morton made lots of miraculous saves" said Eddie.

"But my most memorable games at Wealdstone were in 1965 when Hughie Lindsay scored those amazing goals as we beat Stevenage 6-5.... and then my last-but-one game at Lower Mead against Wycombe Wanderers the day after

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STOP PRESS: We have just heard that there is a black Wealdstone player who pre-dates Eddie Dillworth: The Moroccan goalkeeper J. Tur (his first name is never identified in any match reports) who first played for the club in 1950. More about this in the next prog!

EDDIE DILLSWORTH STORY CONTD



Five years ago, Stones staged a 50th anniversary lunch for the 1966 Amateur Cup Final team and Eddie, meeting the current team above, was careful to protect his pristine shoes beforehand!

my 21st birthday". Eddie was named substitute that day, a year and a day on from the Wembley triumph, and Stones were leading the high-flying Wanderers 2-0 at half time. Then 'Dilly' came on for the injured Hughie Lindsay and things got even better.... he scored four goals and Wealdstone won 7-0!

These days, Eddie - who latterly ran his own business providing skilled labour - has retired to Harlow, Essex where he's lived for 50 years and spends a lot of time tending his garden.

Mick Fishman, who has been a Stones fan even longer than myself, can recall seeing the powerful Sierra Leonean in the flesh, in a blue shirt. Says Mick: "Eddie made his Stones debut on 15 September 1964 and scored in a 5-2 home defeat to the powerful Kingstonian side.

"This was my second full season supporting the club, yet I don't remember anything about the game other than feeling deflated at being somewhat outplayed. I don't remember Eddie playing, or scoring. Was that because I was extraordinarily unobservant? Was it because I was 11 years old and noticed little of importance? Was it because I really took no notice of Eddie being the only black player on the pitch, and indeed the only black player I would probably see play live for another 10 years? I would like to think that was so."

Eddie played 20 games that season and scored eight goals. At some point during the campaign he started to turn out at right half for the reserves. Eddie was recalled to the first team in the withdrawn role he had occupied for the rubs, and in so far as his time at Wealdstone was concerned, he never looked back.

Says Mick: "The 1965/66 season saw 19-year-old Eddie seamlessly slotting into the defence alongside England's regular centre half, John Ashworth. His pace, reading of the game, crisp tackling and ability to stride out with the ball at his feet displayed a player of far greater maturity than his years.

"Playing to his left was the stylish full back, Gordon Sedgley. In front of him were the magnificent England pairing of Charlie Townsend and Hughie Lindsay. The beautifully balanced Bernie Bremer and pugnacious Brian Allen were the wingers; with the battering ram centre forward Jim Cooley and the clever Bobby Childs in attack.

"On its day this was as good a team as any in English amateur football of the time, and it brought back the Amateur Cup to Lower Mead for the one and only time, on Eddie's 20th birthday."

Unquestionably, says Mick, black footballers in 2021 still face problems of racism. "There are idiotic braindeads who abuse opposition black players despite their own clubs fielding black players; and social media has created platforms where inadequate and sick-minded individuals can sit on their backsides, and with no more effort than it takes to type on a keyboard, send out vile, nasty and personal abuse to black players.

"But times have changed. Those 1960s signs in windows barring Irish and black people would rightly lead to prosecution. And it is hard to imagine any Stones fans treating Jerome Okimo, Ashley Charles, Dan Wishart, Dennon Lewis, Josh Umerah, Ira Jackson, Craig Fasenmade or Medy Elito with anything but warmth and respect.

"Black opponents ARE barracked by our fans but it is a form of grudging respect for his ability, or that he is rubbish and we are enjoying his discomfort. I can say quite genuinely that I can't recall any of the abuse being related to skin colour.

"I have obtained Eddie Dillsworth's autograph, in 1966 and in 2016 at the event to mark the 50th anniversary of the Amateur Cup victory and I found him quiet, polite and dignified, very much like our current skipper, Jerome Okimo.

"In 1960s Britain, Eddie was a rarity, a black footballer. In 21st century Britain, Eddie is commonplace, an ex-footballer who just happens to be black. But back then Eddie was, and in 2021 remains, a true star."

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BIG INTERVIEW

Ex-Watford wing back
Andy is fired up to face
his old Dagenham &
Redbridge mates today

Andrew Eleftheriou

If you need a lesson in the technical ability, athleticism and intensity needed to play the game at the top level, 70 minutes on the same pitch with Kevin De Bruyne, Sadio Mane and Sergio Aguero isn't a bad start!

That is who Stones' wing back Andy Eleftheriou found himself up against when he made his debut for Watford four years ago... against current Premier League champions Manchester City at Vicarage Road.

"You don't realise the levels of concentration and application needed in the prem until you are in the middle of it" said Andy when I managed to catch up with him for a chat after the Kings Lynn game.

"The way these guys can thread the ball through the smallest of gaps; how they extricate themselves from tight areas and how everything they do is to a purpose, creating space for others with runs off the ball and all at such speed".

Andy got his opportunity on May 21 2017, Watford's final home game of the season. The Hornets were safe from relegation but City needed a win to ensure a top-four champions League place in Pep Guardiola's first season in



Andy in the win at Kings Lynn and (left) holds off Gabriel Jesus on his Premier League debut for Watford

charge. "I'd been involved in the first team squad 20 times since Christmas that year, first of all at West Brom so it wasn't overwhelming to get the chance to come on against Man City" he recalls. "The manager Walter Mazzarri said I'd get some game time at some point, but when Daryl Janmaat came off injured after 20 minutes I was straight away involved."

I was at the Vicarage that day thanks to a couple of freebie tickets from Jonathan North. The Stones' National League South season was over and I was keen to see just how good City were...



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and they were very good!

Vincent Kompany had headed city into the lead even before 19-year-old Andy was on the pitch as an early sub.

"Just being around the first team was eye-opening, it was a whole new level. You had to be switched on from the very first minute. I thought I did okay - it's hard to impress when you're mainly chasing shadows" he said.

City were 4-0 up by half time and the game was over, the razor-sharp Agüero scoring twice. And Andy so nearly prevented Gabriel Jesus making it 5-0 after the break. "I chased back as Jesus lifted the ball over our keeper, Huerlo Gomes, but Gomes just got a touch which took it into the roof of the net... otherwise I'd have headed it over the bar."

At the end of the season Watford announced that survival in the Premier League "was not enough" and manager Mazzarelli was sacked.

Javi Gracia was installed as boss and Andy was back in the under-23s, awaiting his chance again to rejoin the first team squad.

"I didn't think I was out of place at that level... I just wanted the chance to prove myself. And at the end of that season, although the transfer window was closed you could still sign for a foreign club and my agent sorted out a loan move to Sandefjord in the Norwegian top division".

Sandefjord, a small town near Oslo, were in the top flight for the first time and Andy was surprised by the standard. "There were players from across Europe, mainly Scandinavians and some older Norwegians and youngsters coming through ... a good mix, and it was comparable to lower Championship/League One level in England. Not so physical but technically very good."

The Norwegian season spans the summer months so Andy was back in England in August to see how the land lay with Watford - and he was told by boss Gracia that he was going out on loan to Braintree Town, then in the National League.

"It was good to be playing men's football again and I actually enjoyed my time there - although we were almost doomed to relegation when I joined at Christmas time. But we picked up good results against teams like Salford and ended the season with a draw at Leyton Orient... and we only went

down by two points in the end."

Andy was released by Watford that summer and quickly snapped up by Dagenham & Redbridge. "I had two seasons there and played about half the games each season... including the 6-0 at Grosvenor Vale a few months ago. We got an early goal and the floodgates opened - I don't think I've seen as much of the ball in any game as I did that day".

I was up in the commentary box for the live stream that afternoon and down below, on the touch line, Andy was in constant action up and down that flank, firing crosses onto the heads of Angelo Balanta and Paul McCallum as the East Londoners ran riot.

"We're a lot tighter this season!" he said. "The gaffer and coaching staff put in hours on the training ground, working on patterns of play and movement, getting bodies in the right areas to defend the ball and deny space, and also get up the pitch."

Andy was brought up in New Barnet in a tight knit Greek-Cypriot family. His dad Andrew and mum Loraine come to all his games. "I started off at the age of five playing for Whetstone Wanderers... alongside Connor Stevens!" he says. There wasn't a link between Wanderers and Watford, but the pair joined the Hornets' under-6 and under-7s in the first year of the Harefield Academy.

Before long they were mixing with Dennon Lewis (in the under-10s) and Ashley Charles (under-13s). "It's funny that we're all back together at Wealdstone but it makes for good team spirit.

"I loved the game at Kings Lynn because of that... we banded together and put our bodies on the line to get a result (see pic above). The other most enjoyable game was Woking at home; we didn't follow the game plan in the first half, but in the second half we just kept the ball and kept the ball and were really unlucky to lose".

So what's your favourite position? "I reckon right wing back, out-working my opponent and crossing the ball. *And making sure that he doesn't get past me*". And do you have a job outside the game? "Yes, I'm a delivery driver for DPD but I've only been doing it three weeks. Long hours but it fits around training and matches".

And where are you living now? "In Luton with my girlfriend, not far from the football ground. But don't ask me anything about Luton... I just go home to crash out, then it's back out to work and football!"



IT'S A RECORD!

The vital facts on recent Stones matches...

v Solihull Moors at the Vale,
Vanarama Nat Lge Matchday 10

THE WHERE & THE WHAT

v Eastleigh at the Vale, Vana-
rama National Lge Matchday 11

Tuesday October 5 2021, 7.45pm
Pleasant evening (14 deg) and a
great surface despite a day's rain

DATE AND CONDITIONS

Saturday October 9 2021, 3pm
Warm afternoon (18 deg) and a
perfect grass playing surface

1,501 (120 away fans)

ATTENDANCE

1,267 (95 away fans)

WEALDSTONE

Wickens Tavares Cook Barker
Eleftheriou Charles Dyer Cooper
Lewis Bird Umerah

TEAMS

WEALDSTONE

Wickens Tavares Cook Stevens
Eleftheriou Charles Lewis Dyer
Cooper Bird Elito

SOLIHULL MOORS

Boot Donawa Howe Gudge Cranston
Maycock Maynard Ball Sbarra Dallas
Newton

EASTLEIGH

McDonnell Hare Broadbent Maghoma
Boyce Pritchard Barnett House
Hollands Whelan Harper

STONES 0 SOLIHULL MOORS 0

RESULT

STONES 1 EASTLEIGH 2
Umerah 84 Barnett 36 House 88

POSSESSION

Wealdstone 54% Solihull 46%

SHOTS ON TARGET Stones 5
Solihull 0

SHOTS OFF TARGET Stones 6 Solihull 4

CORNERS Stones 4 Solihull 5

MATCH STATS

POSSESSION

Stones 47% Eastleigh 53%

SHOTS ON TARGET Stones 2 Eastleigh 3

SHOTS OFF TARGET Stones 3 Eastleigh 4

CORNERS Stones 3 Eastleigh 3

In front of the live BT Sport cameras and an animated 1,501 crowd - our biggest midweek attendance for a league game since 1983 - the Stones' diligent approach so nearly won all three points with Josh Umerah thrice being denied by keeper Ryan Boot.

STONES VIEW

Frustrating afternoon at The Vale as Stones made little headway against an impressive and organised Eastleigh... and even after sub Josh Umerah crashed in a great late leveller, poor defending allowed the deadly Ben House space to strike an 88th-minute winner

Really disappointing- miles off the pace but when you look at the likes of Boot, Gudge, Howe, Sbarra, Cranston, Newton, Dallas, we have some of the best players in the league. Somehow we don't seem to be ticking.

- Boris 1963, Solihull Forum

Takes too long to get the ball forward and we have to learn there's no harm in mixing our game up a bit. It get too predictable if the ball isn't played long now and then. But a wasted evening? Not for me. 1,500 crowd for a run-of-the-mill league game in October. Loved it. I don't regret any game I've attended. I only regret the games I never get to

-Worruz, Stonesnet Forum

SOCIAL MEDIA

Massively disappointing against a good Eastleigh side who I felt had another gear to step up to. They out-fought us everywhere, so much stronger and more will to win the ball. We need to show more ambition on the ball and lose the obsession with going backwards and sideways. But this is early days and we need to take a reality check

-Ronnie, Stonesnet

A good win and a better defensive performance. I was very worried Strevs had told them just to hold the 1-0. In particular Harper seemed to be made to not go forward as much in 2nd half. Something to build on.

-Spitfire Steve, Eastleigh Forum

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FAN IN THE STAND: ALEX GORDON

'My life revolves around football: It's a true escape from reality where absolutely nothing else matters'

Your name and age? My name is Alex Gordon and I'm 19 years old.

Whereabouts do you live Alex? I lived in Hillingdon all my life but recently moved to Gillingham in Kent during the pandemic, where I do sports coaching and refereeing on Sundays. I played for the Wealdstone youth team for about 5 years so I've always been around the club.

What was the first Stones game you saw? I can't remember my first game as when I was younger I always popped into games sometimes not knowing who were playing or even if it was a league or cup game - but the first game I can clearly remember was on the Tuesday night we played Concord Rangers in 2018. I went with a couple of mates and just love football, so what brought me back to our club was the freedom we had being so close to the pitch and the game without hundreds of stewards standing in the way.

What's the best Wealdstone game you've seen this season?

So far it was Chesterfield away (fans pictured left) at the start of this season - my first away trip with the Stones. Non league football is by far the best football in the world. Nothing comes close to it because of how close the fans



The man with the flag: Alex is pictured at Kings Lynn a few weeks ago



are to the club and the players, but there is that professionalism still there with the players. It just makes it the perfect balance.

How do you fit football in with your family/working life? My whole life revolves around

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football either refereeing, watching or playing it, everything else comes second because it's an escape from reality. It's somewhere where you can go, get p*****d up and nothing else matters! And that's all you're thinking of, that's why it's the best sport in the world.

I plan my week around watching Wealdstone so it's not difficult to get to these home and away games, but it does take about 45 minutes to an hour to get into London and with train tickets being quite expensive that's the only problem.

What do you think of the current squad? Is it strong enough to stay in this division? Of what I've seen this season we definitely have the quality to stay up this season with our starting 11. We have been getting the results we have needed so far and been unlucky in some games, so I'm sure the other wins will come flooding through the rest of the season.

The team looks like they've really built a great bond with the manager and the fans which is really good to see. Really confident we will stay up if we keep getting these results and playing like we are.

What do you think of the bars and catering at Grosvenor Vale? The Vale and all the staff around the club from the bar to the higher directors are a credit to the club and local area and on behalf of every fan of the club we thank them

for all they do in making this great club run.

For just a little small club in London with just a part time side, it's incredible how much Wealdstone has achieved and still yet to be able to achieve, with the improvements in the social

club and the stadium it's been amazing seeing the club from where we were 10 years ago when I first played for Wealdstone youth team to now supporting the first team.

At the rate we are growing with one of the best owners/chairman in the league with Rory Fitzgerald, and I'm convinced we can reach the EFL one day... that may be after a lot of years in the national league but it'll be worth the wait and with how close the club owners and directors are with the fans, every one of us understands the situation we are in and how well they have done with the Covid hit.

How did you survive last season with such few live games, and just the live stream service? I bought every live stream last year season, home and away to watch us... it was the only thing keeping me going through a very tough year so was always something to look forward to at the end of the week.

So you're a fan of the non-League game? The best thing about not just Wealdstone but the whole of non league is the financial side - whatever you put into the club it shows, whereas with these higher EFL and Premier League clubs, however much you put in it'll be the same each year and it just goes towards the owners' salaries. This is why non league and supporting your local club is the right thing to do, for proper football supporters.

And finally, where do you see the club in five years? In 2026 I still see us in the National League, hopefully as a full time outfit by then and with a big expansion in the ground, and better known and recognised in the local area.



Yado Mambo (No.5 of course) piles forward in Alex's first Stones game three years ago

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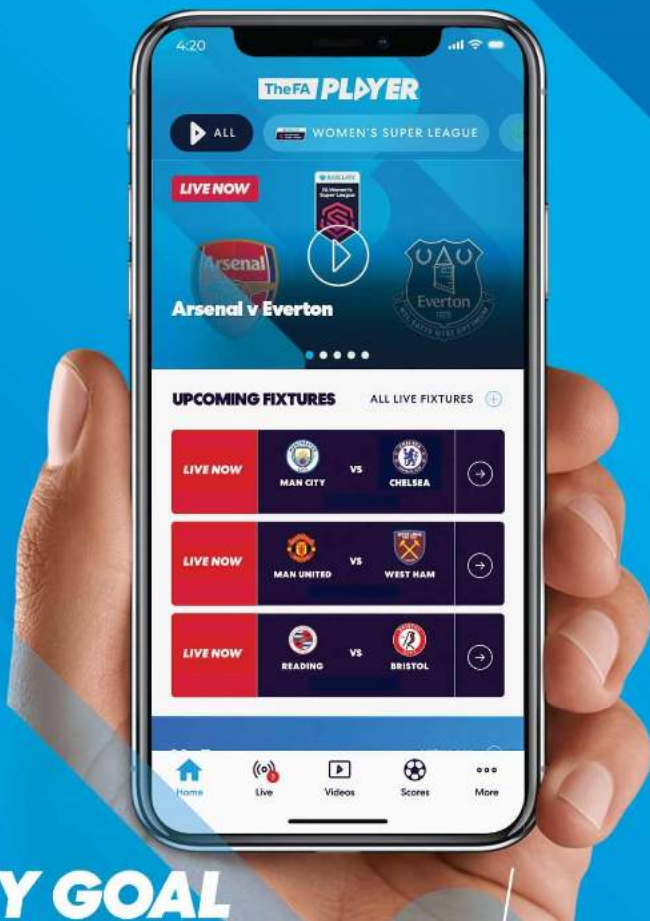
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Saturday, 18th September
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Harrow Windows



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Tuesday, 5th October
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Saturday, 18th October
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– Colin Walklate,
Harrow Windows

"Great Hospitality, great people – a superb way to visit the Vale and watch the Stones."

– Robert Barrett,
Rolfe-East

"The parents and boys of AFC Lightning had a great day sponsoring the mighty Stones: great food, hospitality, football, a proper crowd and meeting the Raider! We will do it again this season!"

– Keith Davies, AFC Lightning

MATCH

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 NOTTS COUNTY Tuesday, 25th January Vanarama National League	Rolfe-East	Your name or business here
 WREXHAM Saturday, 19th February Vanarama National League	Union Athletic	Your name or business here
 TORQUAY UNITED Saturday, 26th February Vanarama National League	Your name or business here	Your name or business here
 WEYMOUTH Saturday, 12th March Vanarama National League	Harrow Windows	Your name or business here
 DOVER ATHLETIC Tuesday, 22nd March Vanarama National League	Your name or business here	Your name or business here
 BROMLEY Saturday, 26th March Vanarama National League	Rolfe-East	Your name or business here
 CHESTERFIELD Saturday, 9th April Vanarama National League	Your name or business here	Your name or business here
 BOREHAM WOOD Monday, 18th April Vanarama National League	Your name or business here	Your name or business here
 DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE Saturday, 30th April Vanarama National League	Your name or business here	Your name or business here
 KING'S LYNN TOWN Saturday, 7th May Vanarama National League	Your name or business here	Your name or business here



RESULTS 2021/2022

George WICKENS
Jack COOK
Andrew ELEFTHERIOU
Nikola TAVARES
Jerome OKIMO
Craig FASANMADE
Matt BUSE
Joshua UMFRAM

Month	Comp	Score	(Total)	(Away)	Legs	Goal scorers	George WICKENS	Jack COOK	Andrew ELEFTHERIOU	Nikola TAVARES	Jerome OKIMO	Craig FASANMADE	Matt BUSE	Joshua UMFRAM	
AUGUST															
21	WOKING	VNL	1-2	1,405	380	16	Umerah	1	2	12	17	6	7	8	9
28	Chesterfield	VNL	0-2	5,336	167	18		1	2	12	17	6	7	8(18)	9
30	SOUTHEND UNITED	VNL	0-0	2,151	800	18		1	2	12		6	7(10)	9	
SEPTEMBER															
4	Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	2-2	1,735	170	18	Umerah, Lewis	1	2	12	17(34)	6	7	9	
11	ALTRINCHAM	VNL	1-0	1,013	N/A	15	Elito (Pen)	1	2	12		6	7(9)	9	
14	Notts County	VNL	2-3	5,213	208	14	Umerah (2)	1	2	12		6	7(9)	9	
18	ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL	2-2	1,106	N/A	15	Umerah, Jackson	1	2	12		6	7(9)	8(20)	9
25	King's Lynn Town	VNL	1-0	885	180	13	Cooper	1	2	12	17			8(21)	9
OCTOBER															
2	Torquay United	VNL	0-5	2,097	132	16		1	2	12	17			8(20)	9
5	SOLIHULL MOORS	VNL	0-0	1,501	N/A	16		1	2	12	17			8(18)	9
9	EASTLEIGH	VNL	1-2	1,267	N/A	16		1	2	12	17			9	
16	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	FAC4													
23	Weymouth	VNL													
26	GRIMSBY TOWN	VNL													
NOVEMBER															
13	BARNET	VNL													
20	Wrexham	VNL													
23	Dover Athletic	VNL													
27	STOCKPORT COUNTY	VNL													
DECEMBER															
4	Bromley	VNL													
11	FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL													
18	TBD	VNL													
26	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL													
28	Boreham Wood	VNL													
JANUARY															
2	Maidenhead United	VNL													
8	YEOVIL TOWN	VNL													
22	Woking	VNL													
25	NOTTS COUNTY	VNL													
29	Grimsby Town	VNL													
FEBRUARY															
12	Barnet	VNL													
19	WREXHAM	VNL													
22	Solihull Moors	VNL													
26	TORQUAY UNITED	VNL													
MARCH															
5	Eastleigh	VNL													
12	WEYMOUTH	VNL													
19	Stockport County	VNL													
22	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNL													
26	BROMLEY	VNL													
APRIL															
2	FC Halifax Town	VNL													
9	CHESTERFIELD	VNL													
15	Southend United	VNL													
18	BOREHAM WOOD	VNL													
23	Altrincham	VNL													
30	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	VNL													
MAY															
2	Yeovil Town	VNL													
7	KING'S LYNN TOWN	VNL													
15	Aldershot Town	VNL													



PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

17th July	Hayes & Yeading Utd	A	W	2-1	Charles, Fasanmade
20th July	St Albans City	A	D	1-1	Okimo
24th July	Bedford Town	A	D	2-2	Cook, Fasanmade
27th July	Chesham United	A	W	4-1	Fasanmade, Buse, Browne, Elito
31st July	Colchester United	A	D	1-1	Umerah (Pen)
7th August	Dorking Wanderers	A	W	2-1	Browne 2
10th August	Watford Under 23s	H	W	3-0	Fasanmade, Dronfield, Wishart
14th August	Hungerford Town	H	W	3-1	Umerah 2, Lewis

Rhys BROWNE	Dennon LEWIS	Charlie COOPER	Dan WISHART	Ashley CHARLES	Alex DYER	Medy ELITO	Jack CRAWLEY	Ira JACKSON	Dan WISHART	Charlie BARKER	Connor STEVENS	Jay BIRD	Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH	In Black = Started match In Blue = Substitute (with number of player replaced in brackets)
10	11				18(8)	20(7)								
10	11	24		4(24)	18	20(7)								
10	11	24	3(11)	4	18		34							
10(7)	11(3)	24	3	4	18		34							
10	11	24		4	18	20(18)	34	16(10)						
10(11)	11	24		4	18	20	34	16(18)						
	11	24		4	18	20	34							
10(9)	11(20)	24		4	20			16	3	21				
	11	24		4	20				3	21	5(17)	22(3)		
	11	24		4	18	20(4)				21		22		
18)	11	24		4	18	20			3(12)	5	22	23(5)		



Above: pictures from last Saturday's defeat here at Grosvenor Vale when Eastleigh took all three points by striking towards the end of the match. Pictures courtesy **Jon Taffel**.

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DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

THE DAGGERS

Despite only being in existence for 28 years, Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club have had their fair share of highs and lows their highest being promotion to League One following a 3-2 play off final victory over Rotherham United at Wembley Stadium.

The Club came about following a series of mergers which saw Leytonstone, Ilford and Walthamstow Avenue form Redbridge Forest who in turn merged with Dagenham FC in 1992 to form the current Club. All four had proud histories as amateur clubs in the past but due to dwindling attendances, had fallen on hard times.

The first season of Dagenham & Redbridge FC saw them finish third behind Wycombe Wanderers in the GM Vauxhall Conference and reach the 1st Round proper of the FA Cup, where they were defeated 5-4 in a thrilling game against Leyton Orient.

Unfortunately after this things began to go downhill for the club especially off the pitch when a Trustee of the Club illegally removing half a million pounds which he was later convicted of. Money was now tight and the 1995/6 season saw the Dagers finish bottom of the GM Vauxhall Conference and suffer relegation to the Isthmian League.

To ensure the Club didn't continue a downward trend Ted Hardy was appointed to stabilise it. and against all odds took the team to Wembley in the FA Trophy final unfortunately losing 0-1 in extra time to Woking having played for an hour with only 10 men.

League finishes of fourth, fourth and third meant that Ted had achieved the target of stability and on 1st March 1999 he announced his resignation.



The Dagers installed Garry Hill into the hot seat and in his first season they returned to the Conference having romped to the Isthmian League title recording 20 victories and a draw from their 21 home league games and an outstanding 101 points. The success story continued into the 2000/01 season as the Club achieved third place. The 2001/2 season saw the Conference championship turned

into a two-horse race with Boston United and the Dagers heartbreakingly missing out on promotion to the Football League on goal difference. The disappointment was

LAST FA CUP MEETING

Sunday 11th October 1992

Home - Lost 1-6 (823) Tate (P)

made even worse when the Lincolnshire side were found guilty of illegal payments to players but the points deduction was carried into the following season. The following season saw the Club miss out on promotion to the football league for the second season running again by the closest of margins.

Garry Hill departed at the end of the following season and the Club turned to John Still for a second spell in charge. At the

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Wembley 7-2 on aggregate. 32,054 attended the final on 20th May and saw goals from Paul Benson, Danny Green give the Daggers the lead on two occasions only for the Millers to equalise on both occasions. Barbados international Jon Nurse struck the winner after 69 minutes as the Essex side continued their amazing climb through the football pyramid.

The size of the task facing the squad in League One was evident & despite all the odds the club went in to the last day of the season with fate in their own hands but with over 1,000 Daggers making the trip to London Road Peterborough ran out easy winner to condemn the Daggers to relegation.

Wayne Burnett signed a two-year contract as manager in May 2013 and in his first full season in charge led the team to a ninth place finish in League Two, playing a more attractive style of football in the process however a poor start to the 2015/16 led to his departure and the return to management of John Still.

The Daggers' 2016/17 season was an eventful season both on and off the pitch for Dagenham & Redbridge, with the Essex side almost returning to the Football League at the first time of asking only narrowly missing out in the promotion Semi-final to Forest Green Rovers. Daggers captain Scott Doe reached 300 appearances for the Club

in March as well as the Daggers finishing fourth after being hit with a number of first team injuries.

In 2019/20 The Daggers embarked on their 4th successive season in the National League, looking to build on the solid foundations that have been put in place by the club's investors, Trinity Sports Holdings. Peter Taylor departed the club after a run of poor form at the start of 2020. Daryl McMahon joined as Manager in early January, with Terry Harris and Steve Gritt his joint-Assistant Managers, and Dave Jupp arriving as Strength and

Conditioning and First Team Coach.

Dagenham finished last season in 12th.

end of October the Club were ten points behind hot favourites Oxford United and a play-off place was seen as the best they could hope for, instead they kept up the pressure on the leaders and on the last day of 2006 they took top spot in the League, a position they wouldn't relinquish. On 7th April 2007, a 2-1 home win over Aldershot Town gave them the Championship and with it a place in the Football League they had been so close to achieving in the past.

The 2009/10 season saw the Club reach the end of season play off's by virtue of a seventh place finish. In the semi-final first leg they broke all previous play-off records with a six goal rout of Morecambe and despite losing the second leg 1-2, went through to the final at



WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

P 10 W 2 D 2 L 6 F 11 A 28

Opposition in focus

WHO'S WHO?



1. ELLIOT JUSTHAM - GOALKEEPER

Elliot joined the Daggers after being released by Luton at the end of the 2015/16 season.

He joined Luton Town in May 2013 having played previously for Waltham Forest, Leyton, Redbridge, Brentwood Town and East Thurrock United. Justham was superb throughout the 2018/19 campaign, winning the Daggers Player of the Year award and was rewarded with a new contract.

2. CALLUM REYNOLDS - DEFENCE

Reynolds joined the Daggers at the start of July in 2020 after leaving London neighbours Barnet at the end of June, having made 65 appearances for the Bees over the past two seasons. The 30-year-old central defender has also had previous National League experience with Aldershot Town and Boreham Wood, amassing 177 appearances in total in the National League.

3. ELLIOT JOHNSON - DEFENCE

27-year-old Elliott joined the Daggers in early August of 2020 having spent the entirety of his professional career at Barnet, before leaving at the end of July after his contract expired. Johnson is experienced in both the Football League and the National League, amassing 105 appearances in League Two, as well as 165 National League caps. Johnson is predominantly a left-back but can also fill in as a central defender if needed.

4. DEAN RANCE - MIDFIELD

The 29-year-old midfielder was our second signing ahead of the 2020/21 Vanarama National League Season. Rance is a player that manager Daryl McMahon knows well, having played in central midfield with the 29-year-old at Dover and more recently at Ebbsfleet United. He arrived at the Chigwell Construction Stadium after spending the

2019/20 season with Aldershot Town, where he was captain of the Shots. Rance appeared 28 times for the Daggers last season, scoring twice.

5. WILL WRIGHT - DEFENCE

The 24-year-old defender who can play in the centre and on the right joined the Daggers in July 2018 on loan from Colchester United before eventually making the move a permanent one the following year after being released by the U's. Will began his career at Luton Town as a part of the academy set up before joining Hitchin Town. Following an impressive spell, Will earned himself a four-week trial with then-Championship side Norwich City before opting to sign with Colchester. Will has made an impressive 93 National League appearances, including two in the FA Cup against Grimsby Town and Mansfield, the latter being the game that ended the Daggers' FA Cup run in 2020.

6. KENNY CLARK - MIDFIELD

Kenny joined the Daggers towards the end of November 2018, on a two-year deal. The central defender began his career at the Daggers, as a youth player, but joined Thurrock after his release from the club in 2006. Chelmsford fought off competition for his signature in the summer of 2011 and he quickly became a fans' favourite, establishing himself as captain in a side that reached the play-offs.

After two seasons with Chelmsford he was snapped up by Dartford where he made 31 Conference Premier appearances. The 30-year-old then joined Ebbsfleet United in July 2014 and went on to make over 200 appearances for the Fleet.

7. JOSH WALKER - FORWARD

Josh Walker signed for the Daggers in July 2021 following three years at Barnet where he made 56 appearances for the club, scoring 12 times with 3 assists and even helped the north London side into the Play-Offs in the 2019/20 season. Walker began his career in the youth set up at Tottenham before making the switch to Fulham where he progressed through to the Under 23 side, making an impressive 28 appearances in the Premier League 2 over the course of two seasons. Following his release from the Cottagers, he went on to join Hendon

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in the 2017/18 season

8. MO SAGAF - MIDFIELD

Having started his career North Greenford United, Sagaf made the somewhat surprising switch to the Ternana youth set up before returning to England to join Leatherhead for the 2016/17 season. Mo found form at Waltham Forest in the 2017/18 season which landed him the captaincy and eventually a move to Ipswich where he joined up with the Under 23 squad. Barking, Braintree and Carlisle were next for the 23-year-old before his eventual release would see him become a free agent until signing for the Daggers.

9. PAUL MCCALLUM - FORWARD

McCallum joined the Daggers in August 2020, after leaving Solihull Moors. The 6'3" centre forward started his career as a youth product at West Ham United before featuring for the likes of Portsmouth, Aldershot, Leyton Orient and Eastleigh before making the switch to the Midlands last summer. Before joining Solihull Moors, McCallum was prolific for Eastleigh, where he notched up 27 goals in all competitions

10. ANGELO BALANTA © - FORWARD

Angelo joined the Daggers for an undisclosed fee towards the end of September 2018 from National League rivals Boreham Wood. The Columbian born forward started his career in the QPR youth system, where he went on to extending a stay with the Hoops until 2014. In that time Angelo went on loan to several Football League clubs including Wycombe, MK Dons, and Yeovil Town. A year with Bristol Rovers followed. In 2015 Balanta moved from Bristol to Carlisle on a free transfer, where he would spend another year, before a move to his former club, Boreham Wood.

11. MYLES WESTON - MIDFIELD

Myles joined the Daggers in February 2020 after he left Ebbsfleet United, making four appearances before the season was cut short. Weston began his career in the academies of Arsenal and Charlton Athletic, and has featured more the 320 times at Football League level. Myles has represented England at U16, U17, U18, and U19 level, and has also been capped by Antigua & Barbuda.

12. MATT ROBINSON - MIDFIELD

Matt began his career as a youth player in the Leicester City academy before joining Luton Town in 2012. He went on to play 47 games for the Hatters including 27 starts in their Conference Premier Title success of 2013/14. He made his Football League debut in August

2014 & has also had spells at Kidderminster Harriers, Grimsby Town and Woking.

14. GEORGE SAUNDERS - MIDFIELD

The 23-year-old winger arrived at the Chigwell Construction Stadium after two fantastic seasons for Hornchurch. Saunders was voted the club's Player of the Year in the 2018/19 season. Saunders is a highly rated young player, so much so that he has had trials at the likes of Crystal Palace and Reading before joining the Daggers. He began his career at Kelvedon Hatch in the Essex Olympian League.

15. SCOTT WILSON - FORWARD

The 27-year-old has 54 appearances in League Two for Macclesfield and Oldham and has played 69 times with in the Vanarama National League with the Silkmen and Eastleigh. Scott began his career with Bristol City before working his way up the non-league pyramid. He had an impressive spell with Weston-super-Mare in 2015 which earned him a move to National League side Eastleigh. Wilson joined Macclesfield Town before joining Oldham Athletic before moving to Notts County.

16. HARRY PHIPPS - FORWARD

Phipps joined the in 2018 having been released by Maidstone United. After a string of impressive performances that saw him at the heart of a midfield that helped the Daggers soar up the National League table, Phipps was handed amonth contract extension.

18. RYLEY SCOTT - DEFENCE

19. SAM LING - DEFENCE

Sam Ling first joined Dagenham & Redbridge in 2016 from Leyton Orient on a free transfer. Ling opted for a move back to Leyton Orient in 2018 for an undisclosed fee and would go on to win the Vanarama National League the next season with the O's. Sam went on to make 45 EFL appearances for the east London club before his release at the end of the 2020/21 season.

20. MAURO VILHETE - MIDFIELD

Vilhete joined the Daggers in 2021 on a free transfer from Wingate & Finchley. The midfielder racked up 215 appearances in all competitions for Barnet where he spent 11 years, Mauro alsoenjoyed loan spells at Hendon and Boreham Wood.

26. JOEY JONES - MIDFIELD

Joey joined the Daggers in 2020 following his departure from League Two side Salford. Joey started his career at Woking, where he appeared 180 times for the club, before making it into League Two with his time with Salford.

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REWIND >>> WE'VE MET BEFORE.. IN THE CUP!

A funny thing happened to me just a few weeks ago before our National League game at Dagenham. I'd just parked up in an area of light industrial units just around the corner from the ground, and fell into talking to an old fella who recognised my Stones rain jacket.

"Good journey?" he enquired. "I've been over to your place quite a few times with the Daggers, not recently like, but in the old days, you know. I only come to the home games these days, with my hip, you know".

I was just about to ask him if he'd been to the FA Cup game at Lower Mead in 1975, one of my favourite-ever games in five decades of watching the Stones. A game so rich in drama it still remains vivid in my memory.

And then he said: "You'll be too young to remember it, but I'll never forget an FA Cup game at Wealdstone, blimey, mid-70s probably... we were such a good side we were beating everybody but we lost 2-0 and it was such a good game we didn't really mind. Those matches were better than these games today, all passing and never getting anywhere, that was real football in them days, with Huttley and Borland and Dennis Moore".

And so of course I had to tell him that it was one my favourite games too, flattered though I was at his comment about my supposed youth. And did he



OCT 18 1975
FA CUP 3RD QUAL
WEALDSTONE 2
DAGENHAM 0

Bobby Moss (right) steers the opening goal past Ian Huttley and the Elmslie End was bouncing

'Ah' said the old man, remembering with a smile. 'It was such a game we really didn't mind

remember George Duck's goal that clinched the 2-0 win?

His face lit up. "George Duck! Came to Dagenham you know. Now there was a player. Scored at Wembley, you know, when we won the Amateur Cup. Great header too. What happened to him I wonder?"

I didn't have the heart to tell him that it was FA Trophy final in 1980 when George opened the scoring, but I did fill him in on George's story since then having spoken to the great man only a week earlier - and reminisced on the very FA Cup

game in 1975 that we were now talking about.

George had told me that his goal, bulging the Cinema End net that October afternoon at Lower Mead, was one of the best he'd ever scored in a Stones shirt. And he had quite a few to choose from having netted 250 times in seven seasons.

We were coming up to the turnstiles at Victoria Road at this point so I didn't have time to regale my new friend with George's memory of how his low 18-yarder, off the instep,



BY TIM PARKS



Embering good losing"

beat the brilliant Ian Huttley at his near post and sent the Cinema End crowd into delirium, silencing the five coachloads of Daggars fans who filled the Elmslie End.

Nor how it was such a magnificent game that the curmudgeonly

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At last 'Stones turn on a great FA Cup show

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 2, Dagenham 0

WONDERFUL, wonderful stuff. Quite the best I have seen at Lower Mead this season. Some 1,400 people, one of the best gates to date, watched an absolute thriller. It was a match littered with mistakes by both defences but with both attacks looking for goals as they sought to reach the next round of the F.A. Cup.

Dagenham, who brought five coachloads of supporters who often outshouted the home fans, arrived with the awesome record of having reached the second round proper of the F.A. Cup twice and the first one in the last eight years or so.

They came with even more to encourage their fans, for the previous Saturday they won 7-1 at Kingstonian. No mean achievement.

They took the field with the obvious intention of running Wealdstone off their feet and it must be said that they just might have done that but for the agility of Wealdstone goalkeeper John Morton in the first few minutes.

Thereafter John had little to do until the end of the game when he pulled off what surely must rank as one of the best saves of his illustrious career.

At the other end was Ian Huttley, a Daggars favourite for over eight years with 500 club appearances behind him. A member of the Great Britain Olympic squad, twice a Wembley Amateur Cup final keeper, he has done it all. He was I understand, 32 on Sunday and he celebrated his birthday a few hours earlier with a masterly display.

But I give this game a five star ranking for the work of the forwards of both sides, linked with some fine midfield performances.

Vincent O'Kane, Bobby Moss and John Lewis were tire-

less in their grafting for 'Stones and George Duck, Bill Byrne and John Henderson were always looking creative until Henderson, not yet fully fit after a knock received at Bath, had to give way to Jim Godfrey in the second period.

Dagenham were splendidly served by Welch, Dear and Borland, and Fox and Holder were full of menace.

Both back-fours had their moments of apprehension in a game in which attacking was the dominant theme.

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McCormick, one feels, is short on training. A couple of times he was stranded as first Dear and then Harkins left him standing. Fairclough seemed to

spend as much time shadowing big Mac as concentrating on his own specific duties.

As a result Chris Kinnear and Willie Watson were often forced into difficult positions. But both had splendid games, particularly Watson whose overlapping on the left flank in the first half gave the Daggars a lot of problems.

Wealdstone had a period of anxiety just after the start when first Dear missed a more than reasonable chance and then when Morton made a wonderful recovery after Fox fired in, low and angled.

The Lower Mead side hit back and Henderson made a sensational break but when all looked lost for Dagenham, Huttley moved off his line to clear.

A great move by Watson sent Byrne clear on the left and his cross could not have been better but Duck, racing in, just failed to get a touch.

Chris Kinnear raced into an attacking role and fired a left-footed shot which Huttley turned away, but after 18 minutes Wealdstone went ahead. O'Kane sent over an accurate free-kick, Duck dummied and Dagenham's Bibby completely missed his kick. Bobby Moss came roaring in to give Huttley no possible chance.

SITTER

Henderson hit a pile-drive just outside and then Huttley



Harry O reporter Phil Sugden was normally in full grump mode in his Stones match reports... but his offering after the Dagenham FA Cup clash was extraordinarily positive! Within a few months though, Wealdstone were fighting a relegation battle and he was back on familiar territory

somehow got a hand to a McCormick header from Henderson's corner.

Just on half-time Bibby was booked for an atrocious foul on John Lewis and soon after the break Kinnear also went into the book for retaliation.

Wealdstone experienced their usual 15 minutes of loss of concentration, but finally climbed back into the fray. After Currie had replaced Harris for Daggars, Duck missed a sitter from

a wonderful pass by Lewis and Huttley produced two more near miracle saves from Henderson and Byrne.

Henderson was replaced by Godfrey ten minutes from the end and Morton was dropped firmly to the ground by Fox. He resumed after temporary repairs and at once Wealdstone clinched matters.

This was a really intelligent goal. Lewis pushed to Byrne who, seeing Duck off-side, took on two defenders and then

pushed left and wide. Duck, racing in at top speed, hit a most beautiful shot which gave Huttley no chance.

It was all very good stuff. More, please, Wealdstone.

Wealdstone: Morton; Kinnear, Watson, Fairclough, Henderson; McCormick, O'Kane, Lewis; Moss, Duck, Byrne. Sub: Godfrey.

Dagenham: Huttley; Dunwell, Bibby, Welch, Moore; Dear, Borland, Fox; Harkins, Holder, Harris. Sub: Currie.

Harrow Observer reporter Phil Sugden was almost effusive in his praise of Eddie Presland's side.

Eddie became manager of Dagenham a few years later and if I was the Daggers chairman I too would have appointed a man who could get his side playing the sort of football that Wealdstone side were playing 46 years ago.

Of course, this game is ephemeral. That golden area lasted only a few months in the autumn of 1975 and after we were finally KO'd from the FA Cup after the famous 4-3 defeat at Aldershot, Presland's side went into a tailspin that almost ended in relegation from the Southern League Prem.

But look at the report on this page and let the memories (if you were there) flood over you. And if you weren't there, just imagine the joy of watching such an enthralling game. If today's is half as good it will be absolutely bloody brilliant!

Cup cracker

Dagenham 0, Wealdstone 3

'STONES' turned in probably their best performance of the season so far at Dagenham on Saturday to move into the first round of the FA Cup.

They got off to a dream start, scoring after only a minute and confirmed their superiority with further goals in the 32nd and 78th minutes, writes Dave Free.

Manager Brian Hall dropped skipper Paul Bowgett to substitute and brought Dennis Byatt

in to partner Steve Rutter at the heart of defence.

And it was Bowgett's stand-in as captain, Steve Tapley, who set up that early goal.

His free kick from the right was flicked on by Paul Miller and Mark Graves rifled home past keeper Williams.

Lee Holmes, playing against his former team mates, quickly made an impression on the man who has taken over the No. 8 shirt, sending Andy Wallace flying with a vigorous challenge.

Rutter gave Stones their only first half scare when he almost scored a spectacular own goal

with a lob that beat Iles but trickled past the far post.

At the other end, Derek Doyle was the instigator of the visitors' attacks and his endless supply of pinpoint crosses caused the Dagenham defence all manner of problems.

In the 32nd minute he made yet another impressive run down the flank and his early cross was headed home by Brian Greenaway for the all important second goal.

Dagenham's only threats during the half came from Goyette's 25 yard shot that whistled over, and a spectacular overhead kick



Then 1986... Stones last hurrah in the top flight and a win to remember

Eleven years later a whole tsunami of water had flowed under the bridge. The Stones had been founder members of the Alliance Premier League (now the National League) along with Dagenham; been relegated in 1981, been promoted back in 1982 and won the league (and the FA Trophy of course) in 1985.

But after those heady days, Stones were now a team in terminal decline, currently in 18th place in the table. The good news was that, because of winning the Conference two years earlier we were still exempt until the final qualifying round and thus travelled to 19th-placed Dagenham with reasonable hopes of an FA Cup run.

As it turned out, this Saturday afternoon in front of a 617 crowd at Victoria Road was one of the high spots of a depressing season. On paper it was a decent side with the backbone of the double winners... but it was shorn of the injured Alan Cordice whose electric pace

OCT 15 1986
FA CUP 4TH QUAL
DAGENHAM 0
WEALDSTONE 3



Willie Watson (No.3) and John McCormick come up for this corner in the 1975 classic

for 'Stones

from former Stone Dave Pearce which clipped the top of the crossbar.

Within five minutes of the restart Doyle had been unceremoniously clattered by four different Dagenham players.

A third goal was always inevitable. It did not arrive, however, until 12 minutes from time.

Again, it was Doyle's handiwork which created the opening. His cross was expertly flicked on by Graves and Andy Wallace converted from close range.

Wealdstone: Iles, Tapley, McClure (Bowgett BB), Byatt, Rutter, Wainwright, Greenaway, Wallace, Miller, Graves, Doyle. Other subs: Tonge (not used).

'Just like the old days in the dressing room'

STONES' boss Brian Hall was delighted with the result — and the manner in which it was achieved.

"I think we were a little bit too well organised for Dagenham," he said. "We got good goals and gave nothing away. They never really caused any problems and we kept our heads up."

He added: "The whole side did well. The early goal lifted us and we kept our heads to weather a storm after the break. I enjoyed it and the dressing room afterwards was like the old days, with the jokes coming thick and fast. But someone's got to be the damp squib and it's always me. We've got a tough game at Northwich on Saturday and we've got to concentrate on that now."

1992 at the Vicarage. Not the best of times for us...

OCT 11 1992
FA CUP 3RD QUAL
WEALDSTONE 1
DAG & RED 6

The Stones' two-year ground share with Watford in the early 90s was disastrous. It was ill-thought-out.

Inexplicable. Catastrophic. It almost cost the club its very existence and yet, on the occasion of this FA Cup tie almost 30 years ago, it almost, very briefly, made sense.

Would it have worked if that bonkers agreement happened today? Well, we would now have prospective and sustainable crowds of several thousand watching National League football at Vicarage Road. The Wrexhams, Notts Countys and Stockports - and potential investors - would feel at home in that environment even if our traditional fans would kick against the lost homeliness of The Vale.

But it will never happen. Ironically, the very size, scale and splendour of Vicarage Road that make it an attractive proposition now was absent in 1991 and only kick-started, of course, by the Stones' unwitting £1.5m donation to the Watford coffers that allowed Jack Petchey & Co to build the giant Vicarage Road end stand. But play there we did, for two seasons, as the

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Above: The predatory Mark Graves, and the programme

on the counter attack was always the Plan A, and quite often the Plan B and C too.

Luckily we had the pace and trickery of Wimbledon's Paul Miller on loan for a few months, and alongside the still-potent Mark Graves and backed by the clever Derek Doyle, Brian Greenaway and Robin Wainwright we managed to gather enough points to just about stay up.

Victory at Dagenham ensured our place in the FA Cup first round draw. And we pulled out a plum: Home to Swansea City,

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second in Division Four.. and this was definitely the season highlight was we pummelled the Welsh side for 80 minutes before, desperately unluckily, conceding a goal. And then in the final minute midfielder Andy Wallace headed a brilliant equaliser at the Cinema End to force a replay at the Vetch Field. We lost that one 4-1 after a couple of postponements in biblical rainstorms. But the win at Dagenham will be long remembered.

REWIND >>> CONTINUED

result of Stones Chairman Alan Clifton's vanity project and rushed sale of Lower Mead. The Vicarage, circa 1991 was a vast, soulless and dilapidated bowl and it desperately needed a decent crowd to generate anywhere near the atmosphere of our beloved Lower Mead.

With relegation in our first season there, there was precious little chance of that - until the FA Cup run of autumn 1992.

Our Southern League Southern Division outfit had battled past Tiptree United, Witham, and then Wivenhoe (after a replay) before being drawn at home to the latest incarnation of the East London conglomerate now known as Dagenham and Redbridge.

Only the previous summer, Isthmian Leaguers Dagenham had joined forces with Conference side Redbridge Forest, the vastly wealthy result of a whole raft of mergers of famous non League sides who had sold their grounds: Leytonstone, Ilford and Walthamstow Avenue.

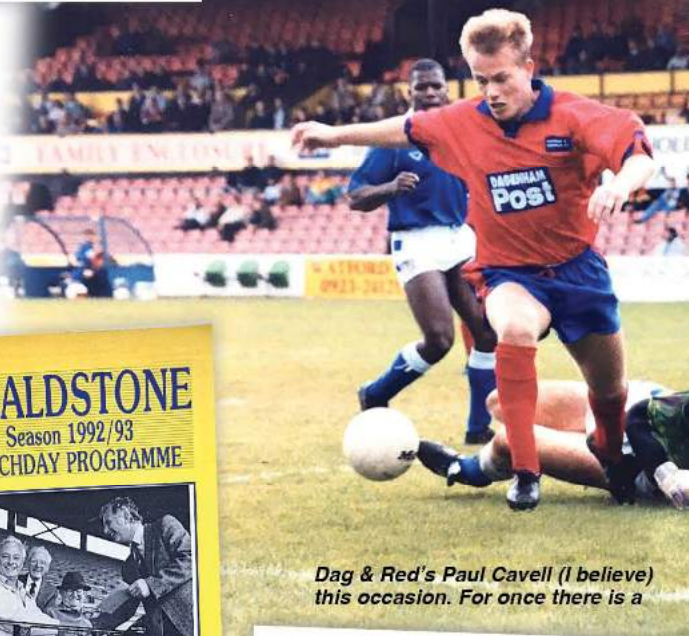
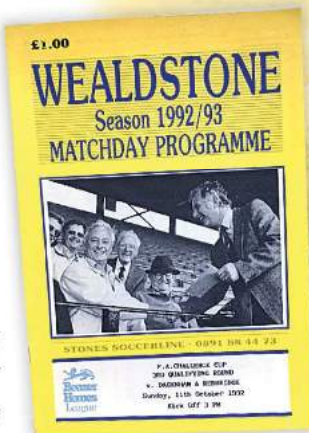
Dage & Red were in the top four of the Conference while Brian Hall's Stones were on a nine games unbeaten run in the Southern League South Division. And because the Dagenham-Redbridge amalgamation had led to a doubling of their crowds, a few hundred followed them across London for the novelty of playing in a division One stadium - making for a crowd of 847 and, at last, a decent atmosphere for a David v Goliath cup tie.

Sadly, as per the attached report, Stones weren't quite as up to it as the Daggers' expensively-acquired strike force put us to the er, sword.

It was a very brief taste of what

Alan Clifton was hoping for when he signed that preposterous deal with Jack Petchey. A glimmer in the recesses of his mind that the Stones would be capable of a return to the Conference despite the financial straitjacket he had forced the club to wear.

Watford got a big new stand out of the deal. We got to play 40 games on the turf and then sent on our way like naive, gullible schoolboys. Not that it rankles or anything.



Dag & Red's Paul Cavell (I believe) this occasion. For once there is a

Supporters flock to see Stones floundered

Wealdstone 1 Dagenham and Redbridge 6

WEALDSTONE'S fine run ground to an abrupt halt as Dagenham and Redbridge hit them for six in the fourth qualifying round of the FA cup on Sunday, writes Graham Smith.

The biggest attendance since the club moved to Vicarage Road last season - a crowd of 823 which included Wimbledon hard-man Vinnie Jones - saw a result which was rewording if flattering for the Vauxhall Conference side.

The visitors took the lead in the 17th minute, Paul Cavell shooting past David Hudson after a good build up.

Dave Venables was unlucky four minutes later when his header went inches over from a Dermot Drummy cross.

Stones equalised in the 32nd minute when Broom brought down Colin Tate in the penalty area and Tate got up and scored from the spot.

Two minutes later Dagenham restored their lead as Nuttells' free header beat Hudson following an Owers free-kick.

Stones pressed for the equaliser but in the 77th minute Dagenham went 3-1 up when Cavell headed against the

crossbar and Blackford tucked away the rebound.

After Shanahan suffered a back injury the Stones defence collapsed and Dagenham scored three goals in the last nine minutes.

Cavell headed in from a Blackford cross in the 81st minute and four minutes later Broom waltzed through the Stones' defence to score.

In injury time Georjion sent Cavell free and his shot past a helpless Hudson completed his hat-trick and a miserable day for the home side.

Wealdstone: Hudson, Shanahan, Tate, Watson, Gayle, Cordice, Drummy, Blackler, Hippolyte, Venables, Pearson. **Subs (not used):** Hodge, S. Adanson.



WEALDSTONE 2021-22



It's six years since that terrific FA Cup following saw Stones KO'd by Daggers

rounds keeper David Hudson but is foiled on decent crowd in the cavernous main stand

O er following saw Stones KO'd by Daggers

OCT 15 2016
FA CUP 4TH QUAL
DAG & RED 3
WEALDSTONE 1

In the intervening 24 years since we last faced the newly-formed Dagenham & Redbridge, the East London club had used its considerable financial clout to start moving up the divisions. In fact, not just content with winning promotion to the Football League they made it all the way to League One by 2010 - although the club lasted just one season at that exalted level.

So when the Stones were drawn away to high-flying Conference side Dag & Red in the 4th Qualifying Round six years ago (when we were still in the Conference South, and middling along) although our first thought was "damn, that was the toughest possible draw" our second thought was: "Okay, this is like an away game at a Football League club. We're going to enjoy it!" Over 300 Stones fans (pictured above) took advantage of the very decent away end at Victoria Road and how excited did we get when Matty Whichelow rifled in an equaliser from 15 yards in the first half?

It was a frustrating day though, with Stones handicapped by the loss of key defenders Wes Parker and Tom Hamblin through injury, and then losing Jonathan North with suspected concussion after just 30 minutes play. Two late goals saw us go out on an afternoon that could have gone either way.

Wealdstone: North, Urquhart, Brown, Cox, Oshodi, Hunt, Wellard, Green, Benyon, Whichelow, Wright.
Subs used: Xanthos, Kabba, Koroma.

Johnny Wright, Wright, Wright (right) puts the pressure on the Dag & Red defence



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KEY

CS = Coaching Staff
 GK = Goalkeeper
 CB = Centre Back
 RB = Right Back
 LB = Left Back
 DM = Defensive Midfield
 RM = Right Midfield
 LW = Left Winger
 RW = Right Winger
 CF = Centre Forward



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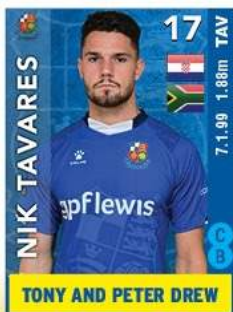
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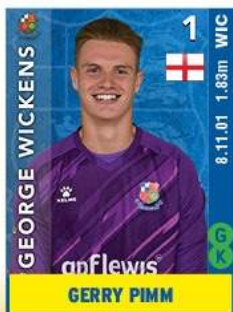
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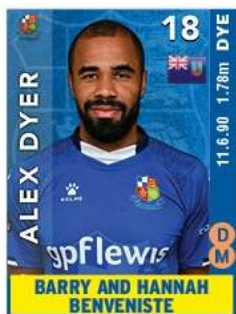


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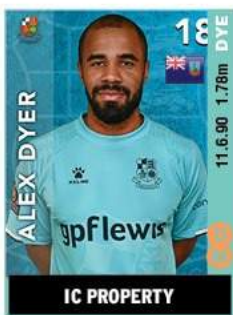


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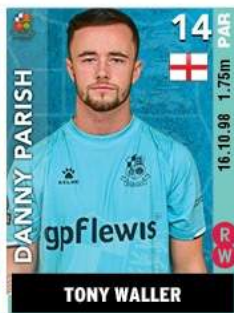
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Tuesday
26th October
7:45pm



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Saturday
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Saturday
20th November
3:00pm

WREXHAM (A)

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Tuesday
23rd November
7:45pm

DOVER ATHLETIC (A)

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Saturday
27th November
3:00pm



STOCKPORT COUNTY (H)

Vanarama National League

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Tuesday
4th December
3:00pm

BROMLEY (A)

www.bromleyfc.tv @BromleyFC Vanarama National League



Vanarama National League 2021/2022 – @11th October 2021

	ALL						HOME						AWAY						+/- Pts	RESULTS	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A			
1 Grimsby Town	11	8	2	1	25	11	5	5	0	0	16	4	6	3	2	1	9	7	14	26	
2 Boreham Wood	11	7	3	1	17	9	6	4	2	0	9	3	5	3	1	1	8	6	8	24	
3 Halifax Town	11	7	2	2	20	10	6	5	0	1	14	5	5	2	2	1	6	5	10	23	
4 Chesterfield	11	6	4	1	22	10	4	2	2	0	10	6	7	4	2	1	12	4	12	22	0-2
5 Bromley	9	6	1	2	20	10	6	5	0	1	15	4	3	1	1	5	6	10	19		
6 Dagenham & Redbridge	11	6	1	4	24	16	5	3	1	1	17	10	6	3	0	3	7	6	8	19	2-2
7 Solihull Moors	11	5	4	2	17	15	6	3	2	1	13	9	5	2	2	1	4	6	2	19	0-0
8 Altrincham	9	6	0	3	18	12	5	4	0	1	12	6	4	2	0	2	6	6	6	18	1-0
9 Notts County	11	5	3	3	20	15	5	3	1	1	9	9	6	2	2	2	11	6	5	18	2-3
10 Stockport County	10	5	2	3	9	11	5	2	1	2	4	7	5	3	1	1	5	4	-2	17	
11 Woking	9	5	0	4	18	11	4	2	0	2	6	5	5	3	0	2	12	6	7	15	1-2
12 Wrexham	9	3	4	2	12	11	4	2	2	0	4	2	5	1	2	2	8	9	1	13	
13 Eastleigh	10	3	3	4	14	17	5	2	2	1	11	9	5	1	1	3	3	8	-3	12	1-2
14 Torquay United	11	3	2	6	16	22	5	2	0	3	8	10	6	1	2	3	8	12	-6	11	0-5
15 Yeovil Town	8	3	1	4	8	9	5	1	1	3	2	6	3	2	0	1	6	3	-1	10	
16 Wealdstone	11	2	4	5	10	18	6	1	3	2	5	6	5	1	1	3	5	12	-8	10	-- --
17 Barnet	11	2	4	5	13	22	5	1	2	2	4	9	6	1	2	3	9	13	-9	10	
18 Maidenhead United	10	2	2	6	11	17	5	1	1	3	8	10	5	1	1	3	3	7	-6	8	
19 King's Lynn Town	10	2	2	6	11	18	6	0	1	5	2	8	4	2	1	1	9	10	-7	8	1-0
20 Southend United	10	2	2	6	7	16	5	1	1	3	5	10	5	1	1	3	2	6	-9	8	0-0
21 Weymouth	11	2	2	7	13	23	5	1	2	2	6	7	6	1	0	5	7	16	-10	8	
22 Aldershot Town	10	2	1	7	11	17	4	0	0	4	2	7	6	2	1	3	9	10	-6	7	2-2
23 Dover Athletic	11	0	3	8	6	22	6	0	2	4	2	6	5	0	1	4	4	16	-16	-9	



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WEALDSTONE

Royal Blue/White/White



DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

Red /Blue/Blue



G George Wickens 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Elliot Justham G
Jack Cook 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Callum Reynolds
Dan Wishart 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Elliot Johnson
Ashley Charles 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Dean Rance
Connor Stevens 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Will Wright
Jerome Okimo © 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Kenny Clark
Craig Fasanmade 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Josh Walker
Matt Buse 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Mo Sagaf
Josh Umerah 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Paul McCallum
Stephan Browne 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Angelo Balanta ©
Dennon Lewis 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	11 Myles Weston
Andrew Eleftheriou 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 Matt Robinson
G Alfie Marigliani 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	14 George Saunders
Danny Parish 14	<input type="checkbox"/>	15 Scott Wilson
Elijah Hearn 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	16 Harry Phipps
Ira Jackson Jr 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	18 Ryley Scott
Nikola Tavares 17	<input type="checkbox"/>	19 Sam Ling
Alex Dyer 18	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 Mauro Vilhete
Zach Dronfield 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	26 Joey Jones
Medy Elito 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jay Bird 22	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jaydn Mundle-Smith 23	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Charlie Cooper 24	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tecane Shrowder 29	<input type="checkbox"/>	

REFEREE Tom Bishop **ASSISTANTS** Craig Simpson and Thomas Holden **FOURTH OFFICIAL** Neil Bailey
OBSERVER To be announced

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NEXT AT THE VALE v GRIMSBY TOWN Vanarama National League, Tuesday October 26, KO 7.45pm
v BARNET Vanarama National League, Saturday November 13, KO 3pm

PLUS possible FA Cup 1st Round Proper tie on weekend of November 6/7th

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SO CLOSE TO GLORY Josh Umerah's flying header is denied by a crucial save from Solihull keeper Ryan Boot as Stones drew 0-0 in front of the BT Sport cameras here 11 days ago

PICTURE: ADAM WILLIAMS



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