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PERCY ANDREWS

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Died 04/05/1918 aged 29 in Calais, France.

CHARLES JOHN FRANCIS BELCHAMBERS

DoB 16.09.1882 in Hendon, Middlesex. Private, S/No 207213 Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, 2nd Battalion. Died of his wounds 11/10/1917 aged 35 received at the Battle of Poelcapelle

CHARLES HENRY BIRD

DoB 18.05.1893, Harrow Middlesex. Private S/No 703 18th Battalion, Royal Australian Infantry.
Killed in Action on 31/08/1918 aged 25 in Péronne, during the assault on Mont St Quentin

HENRY (HARRY) JAMES BOWELL

DoB -.04.1878. Born in Acton, Middlesex Lance Sergeant S/No 3/10684, 7th Northants Regiment.
Died of his wounds aged 38 27/09/1915 in the Battle of Loos.

RUSSELL WILLIAM BRADBERRY

DoB -.10.1884. Lance Bombardier S/No 70878, Royal Garrison Artillery 301st Siege Battalion.
Died of Fever aged 33 in Rouen 03/12/1917.

WILLIAM HENRY COZENS

DoB -09.1877 in Fulham, London. Private S/No G/19948 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.
Killed in Action on 21/03/1918 aged 41 in the Battle of St Quentin at Shepherd's Copse

FREDERICK FARMBOROUGH

DoB c1881 Private S/No TF/265283, 1/9th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.
Died 12/10/1916 aged 35 though his death was not confirmed until August 1918.

GEORGE RICHARD (DICKY) GOODEGE

DoB -.1888, Private S/No TF/1651 Middlesex Regiment 9th Battalion, later attached to the 2nd Norfolk Regiment. Killed in Action aged 27 near Baghdad on 22/11/1915.

WALTER LANGTON HOWMAN

DoB -.04.1885 Private, S/No PS/2879 though deaf, recruited in the 24th then 16th Middlesex (Public Schools) Regiment. Killed in Action 19/08/1916 aged 31 in the region of High Wood on the Somme.

FRANK TINGEY MARTIN

DoB --.12.1888 in Hendon. Corporal S/No B/2070 Enlisted in 7th Rifle Brigade
Killed in Action 30/07/1915 aged 26 at Hooge, near Ypres, Belgium.

JAMES J ROBERTSON

DoB c1888 in Belfast. Private S/No 58824 (formerly S/No 2209 joined the 11th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) Died of Wounds received at Vignacourt 16/08/1918 aged 30.

1939 - 1945

KENNETH GEORGE EDWIN BALDWIN

DoB 25.02.1920 Private S/No 5956838 7th Battalion Royal Hampshire Regiment
Killed in Action 28/03/1945 aged 25 during Operation Plunder, part of a coordinated set of Rhine crossings.

ROBERT WILLIAM BIDEWELL

DoB 25.09.1919 in Watford, Herts. Lance Sergeant S/No 5950925 4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment,
Killed in Action 25/09/1944 aged 25 in Holland

CHARLES ERNEST BUNCE

DoB 13.03.1913 in St Albans, Herts. Lance Corporal S/No 5832498 1st Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment
Serving in Singapore, captured on 15/02/1942 died of Cholera as a Prisoner of War 25/06/1943 aged 30

WILLIAM AINSLEY BURTON

DoB 17.10.1892, A former player who survived the Great War.
A civilian killed as a result of enemy action 03/12/1940 aged 48

WILLIAM WILFRED PARR

DoB 23.04.1915 in Blackpool. Sergeant Pilot S/No 1375471 Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 233 Squadron.
Killed in a crash at Lower Treburrick Farm, St Ervan, Cornwall 08/03/1942 aged 26

ERNEST WILLIAM WALKER

DoB ---.1906 Able Seaman S/No P/JX321616 Royal Navy serving on HMS Quorn, Hunt Class Destroyer.
Killed in Action 03/08/1944 aged 38 when HMS Quorn sunk by a human torpedo

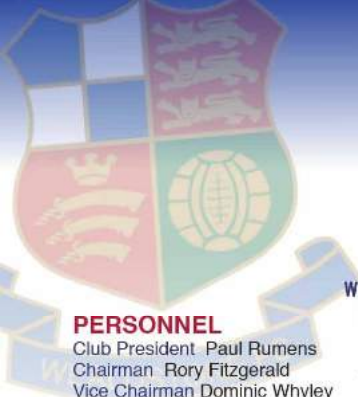
ROBERT WILSON

DoB --.01.1919 Private S/No 98369 Royal Army Service Corps.
Died of Pneumonia in Red Hill Hospital Edgware 09/01/1943 aged 24

THOMAS WILLIAM WINTERBOTTOM

DoB 09.10.1923 Acting Sub Lieutenant Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, HMS Saker
Killed in Action 28/03/1944 aged 20

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BY MARK HYDE



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Written in Stone



As is tradition at this time of year we will be honouring the memory of all those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

We do many things well at our club and one that makes me and many other fans especially proud is the way we honour our 19 Wealdstone FC war heroes every November.

Over the years we have sponsored seats in their names so that they are always among us

and dedicated a permanent memorial in their honour. We have published their stories several times over the years within the programme and we even reverted to our 1919 club colours to commemorate them on the Centenary of the Armistice a few years back.

As we observe a minutes silence and wreath laying before this afternoons match please take a moment to reflect on their sacrifice and keep their names alive.

Mark

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Derek passed away in January aged 86; an avid sports fan following Arsenal, Brentford, Middlesex CCC and of course Wealdstone. One Stones away trip resulted in a half-time arrival after taking the wrong train, but he still took time to challenge Dorking's exorbitant entry fee for pensioners; post-match he declined a lift home as he'd paid for a return fare and was going to use it! A proud family man with an enquiring nature, Derek was great to be around. His son David and daughter Sandra are attending this afternoon with family members, and friends.



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BY STUART MAYNARD

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From the Gaffer

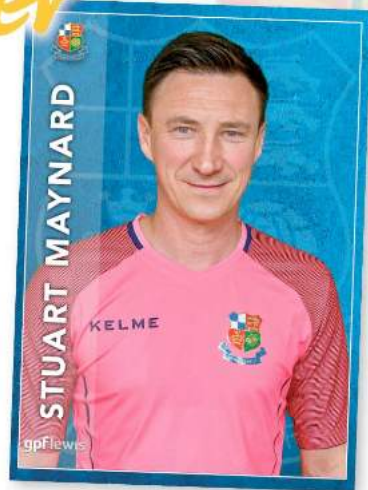
Today is a big game and we are aware what it means to you our fans

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to The Vale again.

It's been a while since our last game and it's felt like an eternity in truth. Two weeks in football is a long time and having no game has had its positives and also some negatives. One of the major plus points is that we have had time to nurse a few injuries but that said we have still had to be careful with the lads. It's frustrating that we've not been able to build on the momentum of the brilliant home win against Grimsby in our latest home game, and that came off the back of a really good performance against Weymouth away, where if we are being really honest we should have won the game.

To beat league leaders Grimsby was a great feeling and was a deserved reward for all the work and effort that has been put in. We stuck to our beliefs and our game plan and the credit has to go to the players for executing it and sticking to our philosophy. We are a team that can dominate the ball and take it away from other teams, but we're also a team that can hurt you in other ways. It was good to see our patterns of play that we work on relentlessly in training come to fruition in a game of that magnitude.

Today will be another big game for the club, and we are fully aware of how much it means to our fans and everyone involved at Wealdstone. The rivalry is fierce to say the least and we need to make sure that we leave everything out on the pitch as we have done in every game this season. We did it in this fixture last season and we need to do the same today. Barnet are in good form and they're a team that will have aspirations to



break into the top part of the league this season. They feel they are a big club at this level and have no excuses to not be competing with the bigger teams in the division. They have invested heavily in the summer and they will be expecting to be in or around the playoffs come May. As a full time team with huge resources and Championship facilities their expectations of finishing in the playoffs is probably fair and realistic in relation to how much they've invested.

Our expectations are slightly different and we've shown many times now that we have bridged the gap this season with all these full time, big spending teams, and we are as tough a game as anyone else in the division. We've got a style of play which isn't easy to play against and we're only going to keep getting better and better. We have set ourselves a target this season that we are well on track to achieve and winning today will push us even closer to that target.

I have no doubt that as you are reading this, the stadium will be starting to fill up nicely and we're going to need our fans in different periods of the game today. The way you sang against Grimsby was massively appreciated by us and the players, and it helped us get across the line. Hopefully we get the place full to the brim and if we play the way we have all season, hopefully the weekend will be one to remember for us as a club.

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Remembrance Day 2021

Joining us as our three special guests for this afternoon's wreath laying ceremony will be..

Simon Brown

From Morley in West Yorkshire brown join the army in 1997. After been posted to Germany for most of his career and serving operationally in Kosovo and two tours of Iraq. In December 2006 Simon was shot in the head by a sniper whilst commanding a recovery mission in southern Basra. Fortunately, the round didn't knock him out and he was able to do his own first-aid for 25 minutes until getting to medical facilities at Basra Palace. He was back in the UK within 72 hours after receiving emergency treatment in theatre. Waking up from a drug induced coma Christmas Eve 2006. It became evident that the extent of his injuries was much worse than he feared.

Not only had the round smash both cheekbones, destroyed his jaw, caused severe facial damage it had ripped the optic nerve off his left eye and cause scarring on the interior of his right eye.

After 10 years of surgery and rehabilitation Simon retains 20% vision in his right eye "it's like opening your eyes underwater" he says.

After losing friends on the battlefield he decided not to give up and dedicated himself to supporting those who had been injured or wounded in the service of the nation. As well as working for blind veterans UK he also does what he can and his local community support in veteran organisations. One of his proudest achievements is becoming a rugby coach "I'm helping young people you sport to develop who they are".

Through his mate Gibbo, Simon became associated with Wealdstone FC. And having found the club to be a great place to be continues their friendship. "It's always an honour to represent those who serve our nation. To do it on the pitch again at Wealdstone is massive because they treat it with such respect and make the veteran community feel so welcome"

Jane Anderson

Jane Anderson is an Early Years specialist, currently working as a Reception Teacher at St Martin's School in Northwood. She has worked there for 32 years, beginning her time as a Junior Matron in the boarding house, then moving into the Kindergarten as an assistant where she spent 26 years supporting the Head of department. Following lockdown, it was felt that she should continue to support her class as they made the transition into Reception and she became their class teacher. She has risen to this challenge and enjoys creating positive relationships with

parents and inspire to give the boys the 'best start in life'. In her 'spare' time, she plays cornet in the Northwood Headquarters Volunteer Band, French Horn in Harrow Symphony Orchestra and Trumpet in Abbots Langley Orchestra. Several other orchestras and bands also ask Jane to deputise for their concerts. Jane has been a Brownie leader in Northwood District Guides for 30 years, also taking on the role of Northwood District Commissioner for a considerable amount of time, overseeing all the units in the District. Outside the musical circle, Jane enjoys a relaxing game of golf with friends and spending time in her beloved homeland of Forfar in Scotland, where she hopes to retire to in a year or two.

Andy Gibbs

Chief Petty Officer Andy "Gibbo" Gibbs joined the Royal Navy in 1987 having grown up in the village of Chinnor in Oxfordshire. Gibbo has served on numerous ships and shore bases. Highlights include deploying around the world in 208 days in 2000, assisting in the evacuation of Beirut in 2006 and supporting counter narcotics operations in the Indian Ocean in 2014. Gibbo is currently based at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire, which has

hindered his efforts to attend as many games as he would like to this season.

Gibbo said "It's always a pleasure and an honour to lead Wealdstone out on the Remembrance Day game. An occasion which allows us to remember those that have fallen in combat for our country, to be with a real hero, Simon Brown is a true honour once again"

Gibbo has followed Wealdstone since 2011 and always enjoys a nice away day with the Stones family.

BY SUDHIR RAWAL



The Elmslie Ender

Football, like life, can change in a minute. The run-up to the game v Grimsby was filled with gloom and doom. Ninety odd minutes later there was joyous celebrations as we deservedly beat the league leaders at a bouncing Vale.

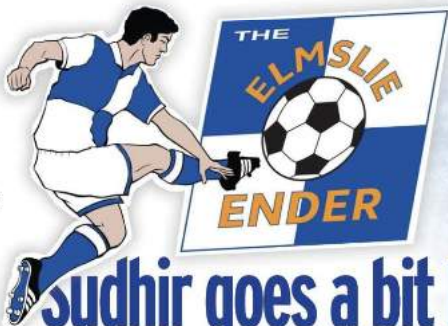
Nearly 1,900 people, our biggest-ever midweek crowd in the National League, saw Stones outplay the Mariners in the first half and then defend stoically in the second, backed by a cacophony of noise from the Bullia End, singing non-stop and creating the best atmosphere since we pulled our caravan into HA4.

Even the Belts of Grimsby had to admit that we deserved the three points. To a man the team were superb across the pitch. Josh Umerah had his best game in a blue shirt, despite missing a first half penalty; Matt Buse, making a rare starting appearance, was deservedly man of the match; young Zach Dornfield, returning from his loan spell at the blazers, looked at home at this level; and our defensive unit were magnificent. Cook, Okimo, McAvoy, only playing his second game of men's football, and debutant Mundle-Smith held the line, alongside the imperious Tavares.

The list goes on. I could name every single player in that list for a sterling performance. Relief and a plan well worked no doubt for the management team after a difficult spell, but the team now know the standard has been set and the levels which have to be maintained.

The huge crowd included a brilliant 794 from North Lincolnshire, a total which on a Saturday would have been excellent, let alone a Tuesday night in October.... although for all their numbers, they were pretty quiet for most of the night, understandably shocked at little old Wealdstone keeping them under control.

I think I have mentioned previously that our support, both home and away, has been a little



Sudhir goes a bit heavy on more people are watching the

lighter than I would have thought.

I probably expected our current home average 1,476 to be a couple of hundred higher and our away average, whilst pretty consistent with a high of 208 midweek at Notts and a low of 132 at a Torquay during the fuel crisis, of 176 is around 70 or so lower than expected.

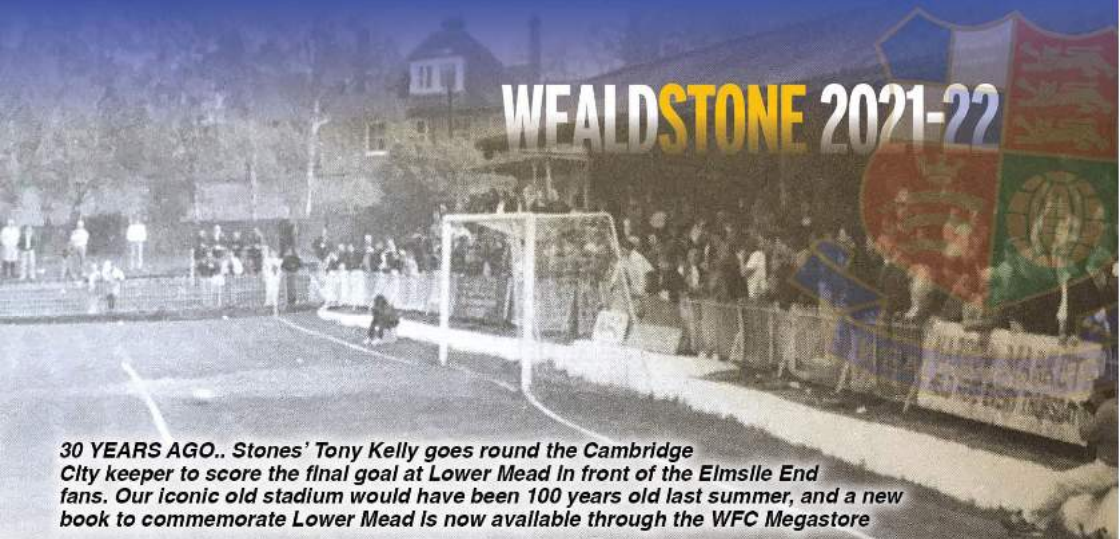
In absolute terms, the Hollywood A-listers of Wrexham are the best supported side on their travels, as well as home, with an average of 917, including taking over 1,700 to Stockport (pictured below left). Bottom of the pile on the road are unsurprisingly Boreham Wood with only 42 fans watching their away games on average. Raw data doesn't tell the whole story necessarily.



A statistician will take the raw data apart, apply weights to the numbers and spit out a new set of figures. I have merely taken the raw data of average crowds, from the Turnstile Table website, taken away numbers from the Non-league Forum which takes data from published attendances, adjusted for estimates (which I suspect are normally inflated) for non-segregated games or matches where segregated attendances are not published and produces an away average.

That website also does a weighted average based on distance travelled which I have ignored for this exercise. Anyway, by taking the away support and dividing by the average home

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

the crowd stats but it's undeniable that Stones, home & away than since mid-70s

gate, we get a very basic matrix of percentage of home support that travels away. No account has been taken of away support boosting a home average; for example, we have had both Southend and Grimsby that have brought around eight hundred fans each which has massively increased our home crowds, so the data is pretty raw and uncleaned.

Using the percentage of home support as a reference point, Wrexham, with their massive home gates, drop from first to sixth. Top of the pile are Southend who are taking 17.24% of their home support to away games despite a terribly start to the season, jumping up from third; Grimsby are second in both absolute and percentage of home support and take 15.52%; Dagenham rather surprisingly come in third at 12.44%. **Wealdstone jump from twelfth to be the fourth best supported side on the road with 11.92% joining the #stonesontour hashtag.** In reality, when you strip out away support, we are probably taking nearly a fifth of our home support away from home. Our visitors from Edgware only take 7.92% of their home

support on their travels, though they should sell at least eighty five percent of their allocation today. The average away as a percentage of the home crowd for the league is 8.62%, with Eastleigh being the worst supported side on the road at 2.85%, followed by Kings Lynn at 3.65%, Solihull 4.19% and our friends from Maidenhead at only 4.49%. Today, being the biggest match in London today, should see our record National League crowd and our biggest since 3,400 were at Lower Mead for the visit of Wimbledon in 1975. Could that figure even be beaten today?

Finally, there will be a few familiar faces in the team et al from PEPF today. We never really got to celebrate the title with the team properly due to Covid, so it will be very appropriate for the likes of Aston Oxborough to get a fantastic reception at the Vale, despite now playing for Harrow Council's favourite team. He was an instrumental part of our promotion-winning side and due a loan move to a League Two club until picking up an injury - it's great to see that he's fully recovered and can only wish him well as his career progresses... especially after the end of this season!



FANS IN THE STAND: THE LANGMANS

The father-and-son Langmans came to the Havant game four years ago and loved everything about the club

Would you like to be a 'Fan in the Stand'? Send an email to tim.fparts@gmail.com

Your names and ages?

Michael (50) and Jack Langman (16)

Whereabouts do you live?

Ickenham, so it's nice and local.

Have you always lived in that area?

We used to live in Ruislip, literally next road from Grosvenor Vale. Even more local!

When was your first Stones game?

Havant & Waterlooville 2017. Was at a loose end and thought we would give it a try.

What were your first impressions of the club?

Made to feel welcome from the very first step inside the ground. Was surprised at quality of the football and loved the atmosphere. Being so close to the action and able to hear literally everything.

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

MICHAEL: Watching the 1980 Arsenal v West Ham FA cup final on TV with my Dad. I was

supporting West Ham that day as most of my school friends supported Arsenal. Remember jumping around the room when Trevor Brooking scored. JACK: Leicester v Man United when Vardy broke the record for most consecutive games scoring in the Premier League.

Do you follow any other team?

MICHAEL: Yes, Watford. Used to go with my dad and uncle in the 80's. But for me I prefer the lower leagues. JACK: Man United, but don't get the chance to visit very often, and when I do its always near the top of the stand and you don't seem to get the atmosphere like you do at Wealdstone.

What do you think of the bars and catering at the Vale?

MICHAEL: Love the burgers ...probably a bit too much!

What was the most memorable game you've EVER seen?

MICHAEL: A couple stick out. England v Luxembourg was my first memory of going to a live match - England won 9-0. And of course the Watford v Leicester play-off semi final "dont scratch your eyes". JACK: England v Italy in this summer's Euro 2020 Final.... so near yet so far.

And the best Wealdstone game?

MICHAEL: Probably the one I missed: Wealdstone 7 Bath 0. I couldn't make the game due to work commitments



but i kept getting texts from my son with score updates. I did wonder if he was joking or not! JACK: The same. My sister agreed to take me and I'm very glad she did!

Favourite away Wealdstone trip? MICHAEL & JACK: Not been to many, but we have to both agree on

Stones fans at Chesterfield



Showing their true colours:
Jack and Michael
Langman



First game v Havant & Waterlooville.. we lost 1-0 but it was on a knife-edge

'Chesterfield this season was the best away trip.. great stadium & atmosphere'

Chesterfield this season. Great away atmosphere and a great stadium.

What level of football do you prefer?

MICHAEL: Definitely non league. Players seem to play for the team more and interact with the supporters. JACK: Non league as you can get up close to the action and yes, more interaction with players.

How big a part of your life is the game? Very much a part of our life. Jack plays Sunday league so we have training Wednesdays & Saturdays and games on Sundays. Along with the

ete... he held the ball up superbly and always gave 100%. JACK: Jonathan North. Some of his save were outstanding.

Is the squad strong enough to survive this season in the NL? I think so, but it all depends on injuries. The first few games have shown we can compete at this level. It's difficult for semi-pro sides in this league.

...and do you think Stones can aspire to playing in the EFL? To be honest , we are both quite happy where we are. The ground would need a lot of improvements to allow us to compete at that level. Maybe one day.

Do you visit the Megastore? Yes , we always like to pop in for a browse to check out if there is any new merchandise.

How are you coping football-wise with the Covid restrictions? Like everything , we have to adapt and accept it. It's nice to see we are gradually getting back to some sort of normality.

Did you watch the various streams of the live games last season? Were they okay? Yes , we managed to watch them all. Quality was good for non league and commentary was informative and non-biased ...which made a change from some other team's streams.

Finally, where do you think Wealdstone FC will be in the year 2025? Hopefully maintaining a top half finish in the National League.

Wealdstone fixtures.

How do you fit watching football in with your family/working life? It's nice to relax watching a game or two on telly on a Sunday afternoon.

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THE BIG STONES INTERVIEW

Paul Gbogidi

Paul Gbogidi is one of those players that stick in the memory, despite the revolving door policy that operated at Wealdstone when he played just 34 games at the turn of the 1990s.

It was a crazy time of mind-boggling transfer fees for that level of Southern League football. Sean Norman, a pretty ordinary fullback, was signed from Wycombe Wanderers for £9,000 and then sold on to Chesham United for £20,000 six months later; a club record £10,000 was splashed out for striker Tony Kelly from Hayes, £7,500 on Steve Tapley from Yeovil, and around £8,000 for John Margerrison from Barnet - and he was sold back to the Bees 18 months later for the same sum. And midfielder Paul Gbogidi was snapped up from Dulwich Hamlet for £9,000.

"I know, it was an unprecedented time" marvelled the now-55-year-old Paul, who witnessed many bonkers years in a football career that spanned Croydon, Dulwich and the Stones, then Kingstonian, Bognor and Weymouth before deciding to retire at the age of 32 and take up a career as a Met Police community officer.

He has come back into the club's consciousness following the sad recent death of Eddie Presland, the former Stones manager who was also Paul's team boss at Dulwich.

"I got back in contact with Wealdstone because of the Eddie connection; I just wanted people to know what a great man he was. A true, honest, human being who put the players first... and as you travel through football you meet many people who put money and themselves first, and Eddie just wasn't like that".

Paul came along to join the minute's applause for Eddie - and Stones fan Brian Kelly, who died that same week - before the opening game of the season against Woking. And he is sponsoring the matchball today as a mark of respect for his former mentor. "I can honestly

The man from Dulwich who has stayed in the club consciousness... thirty years later!

say that Eddie was the making of me, because he forced me to give up a cosy life in South London at Dulwich and sign for Wealdstone" he said.

Paul had grown up in Bermondsey and played eight years for Croydon, through that club's youth system before making his Isthmian League debut at the age of 17.

"We were playing the Wycombes and Yeovils and Enfields of this world, and within three weeks of making my first team debut, Dulwich signed me for £2,500 to play in the same division. I wasn't a confident lad, but I lived two miles from the Dulwich ground and it was a great community there - and still is" he said.

"You'd go down to Dulwich Park on a Sunday and every other person seemed to be a Dulwich fan who wanted to talk about the game. I was working then as a clerk for the Crown Prosecution service and I was a known face. Football breaks down all the barriers: even lawyers and solicitors wanted to talk to me about the game!"

Dulwich manager Eddie Presland was 'precise, and knowledgeable, and straight as a dye' according to Paul but one day he called the young midfielder over after training and said that Wealdstone had made a bid for him.

"To be honest, I told Eddie that I didn't want to go. I'd just been chosen to play in the Isthmian

Right: The Harrow Observer reports on the capture of Gbogidi from Dulwich... the latest in a mind-boggling series of big-money signings that we'd never seen the like of before... or since

THE BIG STONES INTERVIEW... CONTINUED

a long coach journey on top of that for away games. I hated the travelling, but I knew I had to do it, to keep stretching myself, to be as good as I could be. And you know, I loved visiting these new grounds... Bromsgrove, Cambridge, Weymouth, Margate. Wealdstone provided everything, food, training kit and it was a proper professional environment.

"And the money was good! I was on £65 a week at Dulwich and very happy with that, but when Wealdstone offered me £150 I snapped their hands off! Some of the others said I should have asked for more but I was just proud to be at the club with all those good players... little Steve Smart, the full-back, was signed for £2,000 and I remember joking with him that he should stand behind me in training 'cos I'd cost nine grand".

It really was a time of Moneyball at Wealdstone. It was with a supreme lack of irony that, within weeks of shelling out tens of thousands on new players, chairman Alan Clifton was bemoaning the fact that the club was £1m in debt and blaming on previous administrations... circumstances that led, in the end, to the tragic sale of Lower Mead.

But back to Paul. He provided the ball-winning element in midfield that the Stones craved and Rugby were swept aside 5-1 in front of the baying Lower Mead crowd (see match report below). With Goyette bagging two penalties in a bad-tempered match, he also scored a well-taken goal on his debut.. as the match report says "Goyette pulled



● Wealdstone's Paul Gbogidi (left) and John Margerrison (right) have shined in Saturday's match at Lower Mead.

the ball back from the byline and the impressive Gbogidi fired home from 14 yards".

I asked him if he'd remembered that first game. "No, not at all really. I remember it being a short walk out onto the pitch and the ground was very enclosed and tight, so there was always a good atmosphere. I remember my second game though, at Dartford as Paul Taylor was player-manager and it was an honour to be out on the pitch with the former England international".

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Best win
of season
as Stones
see off
physical
Rugby

Wealdstone 5 VS Rugby 1

WEALDSTONE recorded their best league victory of the season on Saturday with this emphatic win over VS Rugby.

The visitors proved to be very tough competitors and Tony Kelly, for one, was the victim of some highly dubious challenges, notably from Liam Halton. The referee took no action and when Kelly was again clattered to the ground in the 22nd minute the Wealdstone striker amazingly found himself booked for dissent.

Soon after the referee, rather belatedly, booked McGinty for a two footed tackle and the remainder of the half was a bad tempered affair with Rug-

By
Steve Marshall

by's Butterworth and Stones' Olaley, Margerrison and Byatt all being cautioned.

Tony Lynch suffered a knee injury and was replaced by Paul Wilkins midway through the half and there was little goalmouth action until the 37th minute when the game suddenly came to life when Margerrison's splendid 25 yard free kick curled into the top corner of the net to put Stones in front.

Rugby replied with Ross crashing a 20 yard drive against the crossbar, but there was no let off for Stones a minute from the interval when Shearer can-



Wealdstone defender Smithers con

Paul picked up an injury after half a dozen games which contributed to his stop-start Stones career.

"It didn't help that I was parachuted into the club in November, only knowing a couple of the players like Tony Lynch and Paul Morris. If it had been in the summer I'd have had a chance to integrate into the team".

By the start of the following season, the unpredictable Clifton was beginning to get twitchy about the number of well-paid players on the club's books and was urging Gane. But with half a dozen players - including Paul Gbogidi - waylaid with injuries the manager was hamstrung.

"How could I offload players when I was waiting for others to return from injury? Many were on them good contracts that had been agreed before I arrived, so they don't want to go" said Gane, quite reasonably, in the local press.

I have to confess that this was a period in my Stones-supporting life when I probably only saw

half of the games, often working on Saturdays for LBC Radio. And the dynamic midfielder was often absent through injury when I was on the terraces.

So my first real look at Paul was in his second season, when he returned to the first team for the visit of top-of-the-table Worcester City on October 6. Stones were third in the table after a decent start and should really have won the points instead of subsiding to a 1-0 defeat. With serial underperformer David Gipp (another £10,000 signing from Barry Fry's Barnet) up front, who'd have thought it?

But the midfield and defence had a beautiful balance and in Gbogidi and Mark Harrison Stones had the best players on the field - 'Stroller' almost breaking the crossbar with one typically meaty strike in the dying minutes.

"I really liked Mark Harrison" said Paul. "He'd be listening in to the team talks and would interrupt in a playful manner, keeping Alan Gane on his toes. He was great for the changing room".

Two weeks later we were back at Lower Mead for back-to-back games against Weymouth and Poole Town that would go a long way to deciding if the Stones could mount a promotion challenge.

And I couldn't take my eyes off the one-man wrecking ball that was Paul Gbogidi.

If one moment summed up his career it came after ten minutes of the Poole game. Stones had

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noned a 20 yard thunderbolt onto the inside of an upright and Halton was on hand to slot in the rebound.

Fortunately the second half saw more soccer with Rugby making a promising start which saw Riley clip the top of the Wealdstone crossbar.

However, in the 55th minute Olaleye and the excellent Steve Browne combined well and when Browne was tripped as he broke into the box, Goyette scored with ease from the penalty.

Wealdstone increased their lead in the 75th minute from another penalty when Angus charged Wilkins from behind. Goyette again made no mistake from the spot.

Harrison replaced the injured Wilk-

ins and Wealdstone finished the match in style.

Goyette's astute pass from the byeline allowed the impressive Gbogidi to fire home from 14 yards and just on time Olaleye pulled the ball back for Kelly to fire a goalbound shot which was helped home by Margerrison, capping a fine individual performance.

It's a pity the same could not be said for referee New who completed a most unhappy afternoon by cautioning Steve Tapley for dissent.

Wealdstone: Foster, Tapley, Gbogidi, Byatt, Morris, Margerrison, Browne, Goyette, Olaleye, Kelly, Lynch (Wilkins, Harrison).



● **John Margerrison - had fine game and scored twice.**

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dispensed of Weymouth 4-2, the all-action Gbogidi joining Barry Blackman, Solomon Eriemo and Michael Brown on the scoresheet, and there seemed no danger as a Poole defender played the ball back towards his keeper Michael Hughes. The ex-Welsh youth international, who had played 160 games for Swansea City, seemed set to clear it comfortably but he had reckoned without the express-train arrival of Gbogidi - Paul got there a split second before the keeper and bundled both ball and keeper into the Cinema End net.

Today's National League referees would probably rule out the goal, and red-card Gbogidi to boot, but Mr Leach from Bedford was happy to allow it to stand and the terraces erupted!

Stones went on to win 4-1, with new signing Brown (2) and Blackman again on target, and it was only a few weeks later that it became obvious that Paul's good form would soon see him leave the club.

The chairman returned from a winter holiday to find that manager Gane had still not shifted any players from the wage bill - and took advantage of the fact that Gane had not committed to signing a contract himself by sacking him!

It was also handy for Clifton that Brian Hall, the man who had been in charge when Stones won their unprecedented non-League double five years earlier, was now available after leaving Yeovil Town.

"I never even played one game for Hally" said Paul. His last game was at Waterlooville where he again scored in a 2-2 draw.

"Kingstonian put in a £10,000 bid and that was exactly what Wealdstone wanted to hear. So I was off to Kingston".

The Ks had just moved into their new ground at Kingsmeadow (now the home of Chelsea Ladies) and were gearing up for winning the Isthmian League and FA Trophy over the next decade. Their manager was Chris Kelly (who had found fame as the 'Leatherhead Lip' in the mid-70s) but he was "Totally mad - too enthusiastic for his own good" according to Paul. The sensible head was worn by coach Mickey Droy, the ex-Chelsea centre-half.

"We had a great start, winning eight of my first ten games but then I needed an operation on my knee and Kelly was livid! But to be fair to the Ks, they had health insurance so I was looked after at Harley Street - I had the same surgeon who'd



● Wealdstone's Peter Bartlett in an aerial duel with an opponent during Saturday's clash with Worcester at Lower Mead.

operated on Gazza's knee after he bust it in the 1990 Cup Final".

Paul was back to his best the following season but fell out with the management after the Ks had stormed to the the FA Cup First Round. "I realised how much it meant to the fans: some were in tears after we beat Welling in the final qualifying round" he said.

But the home tie with Div Three Peterborough United - which should have been a high point in

Stones miss their chance to take over at top of table

By
Steve Marshall

Wealdstone 0 Worcester City 1

WEALDSTONE lost their unbeaten home record and the chance of going to the top of the table on Saturday when a 65th minute goal from Paul Johnson gave Worcester a victory that takes them out in front in the chase for the Beazer Homes League Championship, writes Steve Marshall.

Stones played into the strong wind in the first half and it was Worcester who enjoyed most of the play. Chris Vagg made three excellent saves to deny Green twice and Dornon and Solomon Eriemo excelled when he dispossessed Dornon when he seemed set to score.

After the break Wealdstone tore into Worcester. Leon Donnellan's perfect corner was met by Mark Harrison who shot just and then the excellent Mark Gayloe denied Paul Gbogidi.

Just one minute after Steve Jenkins had replaced the injured David Gipp, Worcester shook the Stones by taking the lead. Ferguson's cross found Johnson unmarked in the six yard area and although his header was held by Chris Vagg, the ball somehow squirmed from his grasp and rolled agonisingly over the line.

This spurred Wealdstone into a splendid period of attacking but Gayle saved a deflected Gbogidi effort and then blocked Browne's follow up.

In injury time Mark Harrison almost saved a point for Wealdstone but his magnificent 30 yard free kick struck the angle of bar and post and Samson Olaleye, on for Steve Smart, volleyed the rebound over the bar.

A sad end to a say day, but with the majority of their suspended players now available, Wealdstone look set to continue their title challenge despite this setback, which drops them from second to fifth in the table.

Wealdstone: Vagg, Bartlett, Harrison, Eriemo, Smart (Olaleye), Donnellan, Browne, Blackman, Gbogidi, Gipp (Jenkins), Kelly.

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of Paul's time in the red and white hoops.

"Jack Pearce, who had managed the Isthmian rep side, asked me to play for him at Bognor - and I had two great years down there. It was good to get out of South London, I was on good money with travelling expenses and the pitch was lovely. Then a brief spell at Weymouth, and I called it a day at the age of 32".

Paul says he knew that always knew that he was going to work for the police but, after joining as a regular in the mid-90s, quickly realised that that side of the Met wasn't for him.

"The workload, the information that you have to take in.. it just wasn't for me. I just wanted to work with people, relate to people and one of the senior officers told me that they'd like me to work as a Met Community Officer. Within six months I was in senior management and I only found out years later that Brian Hall had given me a recommendation when I first joined the force.. he'd been a top police officer, of course, all through his management career and I think that was his way of helping me out after his awkward return to Wealdstone.

"A life in non-League football really teaches the basics of respect and honest graft. I can name about 30 ex-players who are working in the Met and they all have that broad outlook that accepts everyone.

"I just loved helping people in my job - I'd talk to anyone and was accepted everywhere. My parents said I was a fool for going back to Bermondsey and Millwall to work there, but I was there for the community and I was recognised for that... I didn't cross the line, and neither did they. The Met is so important in any community and the work they do is not always recognised".

Paul retired from the force in 2013 and it was good to see him here at The Vale to pay tribute to his guiding light, Eddie Presland.

"I was so sorry to hear about his passing because he always did the right thing - often the unexpected thing" said Paul.

"In my first season at Dulwich I should have been on top of the world but I slipped into depression and went missing for a couple of months... Eddie came round to my Mum's house and said 'Where is he?' He left a message to say that the club has some money for me that I'd not collected so I'd better turn up!

"That got me back on an even keel. And then I found that Eddie had written 'summer money' into my contract which was something you just didn't get in those days.

"Can you imagine Barry Fry doing that? Eddie wasn't in it for himself, he genuinely cared for other people and that's why he was loved".

his career - ended in acrimony when manager Kelly used the occasion as a lever to try to get Paul to sign a new contract. "I was stalling on signing but he told me that if I didn't sign I wouldn't be playing against Peterborough.. so all my mates turned up to see me play in the First Round but I wasn't out there. I just went home and watched it on telly later". Kingstonian drew 1-1 and lost the replay, but it was the end

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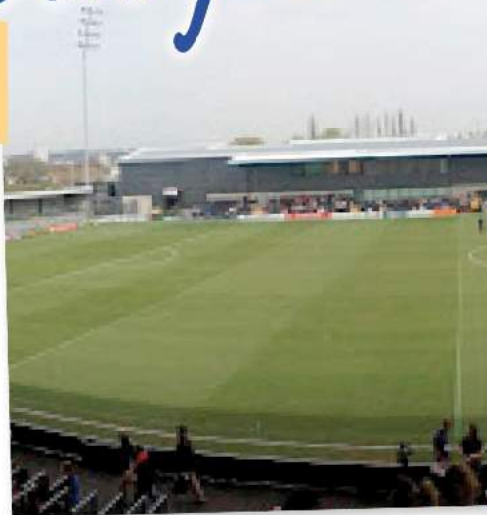
THE BEES

Football in Barnet can be traced back to the formation of the original Barnet FC in 1888, with the club plying their trade in the London League until folding in 1902. Local rivals Avenue FC subsequently took over their name and their Queens Road ground before merging in 1912 with near-neighbours Barnet Alston, a works team playing in a distinctive black and amber kit. In September 1907, they established a ground at Underhill where the current club continued to play for more than a century.

Founder members of the Athenian League, Barnet & Alston reverted to the name Barnet FC after the First World War and enjoyed moderate success, finishing outside the top half just once in the 1920s and recording a Herts Senior Cup triumph over St Albans City during the same period. The emergence of local boy Lester Finch at outside-left coincided with consecutive Athenian League championships in 1931 and 1932, the first of which saw Barnet win all but four of their 26 matches. Finch went on to become the greatest amateur player to feature for the Bees, with an England wartime international cap alongside the likes of Eddie Hapgood, Sam Bartram and Stan Cullis testament to his ability.

Although the Second World War curtailed competition to regional Cups, of which Barnet won more than their fair share, the resumption of the League in 1945-46 brought three major trophies to Underhill in consecutive years; two more League championships in 1947 and 1948 and a 3-2 win over amateur giants Bishop Auckland at Stamford Bridge in the 1946 FA Amateur Cup final. The Bees went on to lose to Leytonstone in the final of the same competition two years later. Barnet were also featured in the BBC's first ever 'live' televised game in October 1946 against Wealdstone and became the first English club to play Hong Kong opposition, beating the League winners 5-3 the following year.

Success eluded the Bees throughout most of the following decade, although another Athenian League title in 1959 dulled the pain of Wembley defeat against Crook Town in the Amateur Cup final



the same season. Two further consecutive League successes in 1964 and 1965, plus a narrow FA Cup third round defeat to Preston North End, were the catalyst for the Bees to turn professional, which they did when joining the Southern League Division One in time for the 1965-66 season. A 10-1 rout of Hinckley Athletic at Underhill in Barnet's first game whetted the appetite for a third successive league title, and elevation to the Southern League Premier Division at the first attempt.

Another Wembley final in 1972, a 3-0 defeat to Stafford Rangers in the newly-created FA Trophy, and an epic FA Cup battle with Queen's Park Rangers the following season proved to be the highlight of a quiet decade that saw the likes of Bob McNab, Terry Mancini and the mercurial Jimmy Greaves appear for the Bees. Barnet became founder members of the Alliance Premier League (later re-named the Conference) in 1979-80 but, despite new manager Barry Fry's attempts to rebuild the team, the Bees flirted with relegation almost constantly during the early part of the 1980s.

Saved from receivership, the club persuaded Fry to return to the Bees from rivals Maidstone for what proved to be a tumultuous 10 years at Underhill. After finishing runners-up three out of the previous four seasons, Fry finally led Barnet to the Football League after a dramatic 4-2 win at Fisher Athletic in their final game of the season. The Bees' maiden Football League season began

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with an extraordinary 7-4 home defeat to Crewe Alexandra and ended in play-off heartache, losing to Blackpool over two games that Barnet dominated. Promotion to the third tier was achieved the following season but, following off-field turmoil in which the club escaped expulsion and lost virtually the whole playing staff, new manager Gary Phillips was unable to prevent the inevitable relegation back to the lower level.

Under Ray Clemence and John Still, the Bees quietly established themselves in the fourth tier, twice making the play-offs, before being relegated to the Conference in May 2001 following a dramatic 3-2 home defeat at the hands of Torquay, who saved themselves in the process. It took Barnet four years to reclaim their Football League place as, following play-off misery at Shrewsbury in 2004, they secured the title at in Paul Fairclough's first full season as manager.

The 2008-09 season started poorly for the club and it wasn't until late September that the team recorded its first victory in any competition. Manager Fairclough subsequently brought forward his announcement to step aside and become a club director with special responsibility for a training ground complex that would help

develop young players. Ian Hendon subsequently took charge of the first team and successfully steered the club away from relegation.

In 2009-10 League status was only guaranteed on the last day of the season under reinstated caretaker boss Fairclough.

In the close season of 2012 the entire backroom staff were released as the club entered a new era with the appointment of Fairclough as director of football and Mark Robson assuming the role of head coach, with the emphasis very much on youth. Many of the previous season's players were also released, including skipper Mark Hughes who had scored the winning goal at Burton.

In mid-October, with the team yet to record a victory in any competition, the world-famous Dutch international Edgar Davids was named as joint head coach alongside Robson. This appointment stunned the football fraternity and attracted worldwide media coverage for the club.

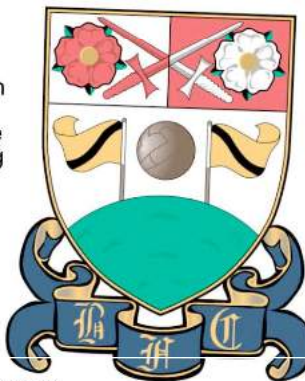
Davids became a fixture in the team and soon took sole charge of team matters. Despite many impressive results, including an away win at eventual champions Gillingham, defeat to Northampton on the final day of the season sentenced the Bees to the Conference on goal difference; the poor start to the campaign proving an impossible handicap to overcome.

There remained a mood of optimism at the club, boosted by the fact that Davids would again be at the helm for the Bees for the 2013-14 season but the club narrowly missed out on the Conference play-offs, and Davids was replaced in the latter stages of the season. Ulrich Landvreugd and Dick Schreuder temporarily steadied the ship, before Martin Allen returned for his fourth spell as manager and led Barnet to the Football Conference title the following season.

A bright start to the 2017 season including a narrow defeat at Premier League Brighton in the Carabao Cup and a 4-1 win away to Swindon saw the Bees get off to a good start, but a poor run of form saw Mark McGhee replace Rossi Eames as manager in November.

McGhee was charged with appointing his successor and hired Graham Westley in January but with only 2 wins on the board in 11 games, Martin Allen was brought in for a fifth time. The Bees would win 5 of their last 7 matches but this wouldn't be enough to keep them up, relegation to the National League was confirmed.

Barnet finished last season second bottom and three places below Wealdstone.



Opposition in focus

WHO'S WHO?



2. JORDAN THOMAS - DEFENCE

Jordan Thomas joined the Bees on a two-year deal after a successful spell in Norwich City's development teams. The full-back also tasted First Team experience with the Canaries, making his Premier League debut against Manchester City. During his career so far, the young defender has also represented League Two side Leyton Orient.

4. JOSH PAYNE - MIDFIELD

Josh Payne joined the Club in the Summer of 2021 after leaving Ebbsfleet United. Prior to playing for the Fleet, Payne racked up over 150 appearances in the EFL playing for the likes of Crawley Town, Cheltenham Town and Oxford United. Josh has also enjoyed impressive spells in The National League, representing Eastleigh and Woking.

5. JAMIE TURLEY - DEFENCE

Jamie Turley joined the Bees in July 2021 after a three-year spell at Leyton Orient. A few weeks after his arrival, the experienced defender was handed the Captain's armband for the 2021/22 season. During his time at the O's, Turley achieved promotion to Sky Bet League Two after the East London Club won The National League. Previous to that, the centre-back has played for the likes of Notts County, Eastleigh and Newport County.

6. BEN RICHARDS-EVERTON - DEFENCE

Richards-Everton joined in January 2020 on a free transfer from League Two side Bradford City. Richards-Everton moved to The Hive London with a vast amount of experience in the EFL, where he made close to 100 appearances between spells with Bradford City and Accrington Stanley.

7. ROB HALL - MIDFIELD

8. MITCH BRUNDLE - MIDFIELD

Mitch Brundle joined the Bees in Summer 2021 after a spell with London rivals Dagenham and Redbridge. The box-to-box midfielder likes to be effective in attacking areas and is very experienced at National League level at the likes of Dover Athletic, Gateshead and Braintree Town.

9. MASON BLOOMFIELD - FORWARD

Former Hartlepool United striker Mason Bloomfield joined the Bees in the summer of 2021. Prior to his time with the Bees, the tall striker has spent time with Dagenham and Redbridge, Billerica Town and

Crawley Town.

10. DANIEL POWELL - FORWARD

Daniel Powell joined the Bees in August after spending the previous two seasons at Crewe Alexandra. The versatile winger is a product of the Milton Keynes Dons academy, the attacker also had brief loan spells with Crawley Town, Forest Green Rovers and Darlington.

11. EPHRON MASON-CLARK - MIDFIELD Ephron signed his first professional deal with Barnet in July 2016 after graduating from the youth academy.

12. JAMES CALLAN - GOALKEEPER James Callan made Vanarama National League history during the 2020/21 season when he became the youngest goalkeeper ever to play in the league after he came on as a substitute aged 16 against eventual champions Sutton United. Callan is a product of the Barnet FC Academy.

14. ADAM MARRIOTT - FORWARD

Adam Marriott joined the Bees following a successful spell at Kings Lynn Town where he scored 66 goals in 99 games. The striker finished as the National League North's Top Scorer in 2019/20, scoring 28 goals in 31 matches as the Linnets achieved promotion. Marriott has also spent time at Cambridge United, Cambridge City, Lincoln City and Stevenage.

15. REISS GREENIDGE - DEFENCE

Reiss Greenidge joined on-loan from Bolton Wanderers in the summer of 2021. The 6'6 centre half has played for the likes of Port Vale, Ipswich Town and Ebbsfleet United. Greenidge has also tasted first-team football in Norway playing top-flight football for Sogndal, whilst also representing Guyana on the international stage.

16. KIAN FLANAGAN - MIDFIELD

17. SAM GRANVILLE - MIDFIELD

18. WESLEY FONGUCK - MIDFIELD

Wesley was a youth talent picked up by Barnet from local side Croydon and went on to graduate from the youth academy. Originally

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training with Crystal Palace, he's always stayed local to London, enjoying loan spells at Hendon and Hampton and Richmond Borough. Wes also has featured for the England 'C' team.

19. HARRY TAYLOR - MIDFIELD

Taylor's career started as part of the Chelsea youth system in 2005, where he left in 2012 to join Barnet along with his brother Jack. Harry had two loan spells for Hampton and Richmond Borough and Staines Town.

20. SERHAT TASDEMIR - MIDFIELD

Serhat Tasdemir signed for AFC Fylde at the age of 15, following his release from Blackburn Rovers. He made his first-team debut at just 16 in the Lancashire FA Challenge Trophy vs A.F.C. Darwen, scoring a first-half hat trick. In July 2019, EFL League One side Peterborough United signed Serhat on a 3-year deal. Following a loan move to Oldham Athletic in February, he was made available for transfer by Peterborough in May and subsequently joined Barnet FC on a season-long loan in July.

21. JOE WIDDOWSON - DEFENCE

Widdowson made the move to The Hive London in the Summer. Joe has represented the likes of Grimsby Town, Rochdale, Northampton Town, Dagenham and Redbridge and most recently, Leyton Orient.

22. ANTONIS VASILIOU - MIDFIELD

Vasilioiu signed his first professional deal with the Bees in the summer of 2019. The Cypriot midfielder has also represented his country at youth level already.

23. SAM BEARD - DEFENCE

Sam Beard joined on-loan from Dorking Wanderers in April 2021 before penning a permanent contract in July. Beard played an instrumental part in the Wanderers run to the play-off semi-final in the 2019-20 season, before being a regular as they went top of The National League South before its curtailment. After a successful loan spell with the Bees, the defender was offered a permanent one-year deal at The Hive London in the Summer.

24. JAKE ASKEW - GOALKEEPER

Jake Askew joined the Club following a spell as Chelsea's Under-18s first choice goalkeeper. The exciting young prospect has also spent time on loan at Wealdstone, where he won their young player of the season award. Askew played an instrumental part in Chelsea's Youth set up, keeping 10 clean sheets in 19 appearances, but after suffering an injury in a

pre-season friendly.

25. AYMEN AZAZE - GOALKEEPER

The big Belgian goalkeeper is a product of the Barnet FC Academy system and made his debut against Leiston in the FA Cup in October 2020. Following an injury to Scott Loach, Azaze made several First Team appearances during the 2020/21 season before suffering a season-ending injury at the back end of the campaign.

26. DAVID SESAY - DEFENCE

Having been born in Brent, Sesay came through the Watford FC academy before penning a permanent deal with League Two side Crawley Town in 2018.

27. ASTON OXBOROUGH - GOALKEEPER

The Norfolk-born goalkeeper signed a season-long loan from Norwich City on the 31st of August. Oxborough came through the Canaries' academy after being scouted by the Club whilst he was aged 12. An England call-up soon followed for the goalie as he went on to make four

appearances for the national team's U16 side. During the 2019/20 season, the 6ft 5ins goalkeeper was sent out on-loan to Wealdstone where he made 27 appearances for the Stones, helping them become League Champions. Since then, the 23-year-old has made a number of appearances in the Premier League 2 for the Norfolk-based side, but a lengthy injury has kept him sidelined for the past year.

28. SAM WOODS - MIDFIELD

Having come through Crystal Palace's youth system, Woods was sent out on loan to Hamilton Academical in 2020, where he made three appearances and scored on his debut against Livingston. The 23-year-old defensive midfielder also adds EFL experience into the ranks following a short loan spell at Plymouth Argyle last season, which saw him play nine times for the League One side.

33. RYAN DE HAVILLAND - MIDFIELD

Ryan De Havilland joined the Bees in October 2021. The central midfielder enjoyed a successful youth career at Fulham FC, where he spent 11 years but was released at the end of last season.





RESULTS 2021/2022

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

AUGUST	Comp	Score	(Total)	(Away)	Lge	Goal scorers	George WICKENS	Jack COOK	Andrew ELEFTHERIOU	Nikola TAVARES	Jerome OKIMO	Craig FASANMADE	Matt BUSE
21 WOKING	VNL	1-2	1,405	380	16	Umerah	1	2	12	17	6	7	8
28 Chesterfield	VNL	0-2	5,336	167	18		1	2	12	17	6	7	8(18)
30 SOUTHEND UNITED	VNL	0-0	2,151	800	18		1	2	12		6	7(10)	
SEPTEMBER													
4 Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	2-2	1,735	170	18	Umerah, Lewis	1	2	12	17(34)	6	7	
11 ALTRINCHAM	VNL	1-0	1,013	N/A	15	Elito (Pen)	1	2	12	6		7(9)	
14 Notts County	VNL	2-3	5,213	208	14	Umerah (2)	1	2	12	6		7(9)	
18 ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL	2-2	1,106	N/A	15	Umerah, Jackson	1	2	12		6	7(9)	8(20)
25 King's Lynn Town	VNL	1-0	885	180	13	Cooper	1	2	12	17			8(21)
OCTOBER													
2 Torquay United	VNL	0-5	2,097	132	16		1	2	12	17			8(20)
5 SOLIHULL MOORS	VNL	0-0	1,501	120	16		1	2	12	17			8(18)
9 EASTLEIGH	VNL	1-2	1,267	95	16	Umerah	1	2	12	17			
16 DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	FAC4	1-2	718	N/A	17	Bird	1	2	12	17	6		8(11)
23 Weymouth	VNL	1-1	1,024	170	17	McAvoy	1	2	17	6		7(9)	8(18)
26 GRIMSBY TOWN	VNL	1-0	1,892	794	16	Buse	1	2	17	6		7(9)	8

NOVEMBER													
13 BARNET	VNL												
20 Wrexham	VNL												
23 Dover Athletic	VNL												
27 STOCKPORT COUNTY	VNL												
30 BEDFORD & FELTHAM	MCC2												
DECEMBER													
4 Bromley	VNL												
11 FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL												
18 TBD	VNL												
26 MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL												
28 Boreham Wood	VNL												
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8 YEOVIL TOWN	VNL												
22 Woking	VNL												
25 NOTTS COUNTY	VNL												
29 Grimsby Town	VNL												

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12 Barnet	VNL												
19 WREXHAM	VNL												
22 Solihull Moors	VNL												
26 TORQUAY UNITED	VNL												
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12 WEYMOUTH	VNL												
19 Stockport County	VNL												
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26 BROMLEY	VNL												
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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

In Black = Start
In Blue = Substitute
number of plays
(brackets)

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 MUNDLÉ-SMITH	Connor McAvoy	Zach DRONFIELD
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)							
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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)		
	11	24		4	18	20(4)		16(22)				22			
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Above: pictures from last our fantastic 1-0 win here against Grimsby Town in front of 1,892 fans. Pictures courtesy **Adam Williams**.

VIEW FROM THE AWAY END

The facilities at the Hive are obviously better than Underhill but it's still home for me

NORTHANTS CRICKETER ADAM ROSSINGTON ON HIS PASSION FOR THE BEES, GROWING UP JUST AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE OLD GROUND

What was the first Barnet match you saw? I think it was the first league game of the 2000-2001 season, Scott McGleish scored the opener and Barnet beat Shrewsbury Town 3-0!

Who brought you along to your first game?

Family or friends? We used to go as a family. I'm the only one out of the five of us who still supports them now though.

Were you living nearby?

Yes, I grew up just off Mays Lane about a five-minute walk from the ground.

Was that at Barnet's old ground, Underhill? Yes, we used to get tickets through school which was also called Underhill.

How do you compare the old stadium with the Hive?

The facilities and stadium itself are obviously bigger and more state-of-the-art than Underhill.... but Underhill was always Barnet's home for me.

Do you think it was the right decision to move the club out of Barnet?

For financial reasons it may have been but for me as a fan, no. I used to enjoy being able to walk to the ground and actually being in Barnet.

Who was your favourite Bees player growing up? Scott McGleish, I always looked forward to his acrobatic goal celebrations!

Could you name a favourite all-time Barnet line up, and why did you select those players?

In goal, Lee Harrison (always used to stand behind the goal and saw him make many a save); Ian Hendon (old-fashioned no-nonsense defender and great penalty taker) and Mark Arber (the twin centre-backs during my early days of watching Barnet); Greg Heald and Mauro Vilhete (I went to

school with him at Mill Hill so was lovely to see him play for the Bees); Darren Currie (what a free kick taker!), Nicky Bailey (box to box midfielder he and also loved a challenge); Jason Puncheon (a class above at that

level, was great to watch him terrorise defences); Albert Adomah (similar to Puncheon, too good for that league); Scott McGleish (what a goal scorer and that backflip!); and finally John Akinde (goal Machine, my favourite recent player). I also have a

strong bench, especially tough on Bolasie, Grazioli and Devine to miss out...Maik Taylor; Edgar Davids; Stevie Searle; Neal Bishop; Yanick Bolasie; Ricky Holmes; Giuliano Grazioli; Sean Devine.

Have you watched Barnet home and away? Yes I have. But not as much as I'd have like to since moving to Northampton and spending a few winters abroad playing cricket though.

What is your most memorable Barnet game and why? Beating Sheffield United in the Cup a few years ago. I wasn't at the game but I remember pacing up and down the living room and shouting at my phone for full time with about 20 minutes to go!

And your most memorable away game? Peter-



Adam salutes a boundary for Northants



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Scotty McGleish performs his famous back flip when scoring for Colchester (top) and here for the Stones at Kingstonian In 2014, the only goal in a 1-0 win



I only signed for Everton cos they wear a Wealdstone kit

Yanick Bolasle played for Palace and Everton but he didn't make Adam's top Bees XI

A young Scott McGleish in his Barnet days (left) and of course in the blue of Wealdstone in the 2013-14 season when he hit 28 goals



borough away in the league cup in 2017 when we won 3-1. It was a cold, wet evening and we outclassed them.

Did you know Barnet have had 33 managers since you were born in 1993? What does that say about the club? (In contrast, Wealdstone have had six) The club has been very up and down the last few years and hasn't seemed very stable for a while now. The turnover of players and managers consistently has been alarming. It would be nice to see the club get back to the football league but it seems a way off at the minute.

Who do you consider to be Barnet's major rivals? Leyton Orient. I was there the day they sent

us down from the old Third Division in 2000-01 season. Boreham Wood being local rivals as well.

Are you aware of the history surrounding Barnet and Wealdstone? Not as much as I probably should, especially now the grounds are even closer together!

Have you always concentrated on cricket since your schooldays? Yes, I played my first game for Middlesex U9's when I was six and then played all the way through until turning professional.

Was football ever on the agenda? As a wicket keeper I imagine you've played the odd game in goal? I played a fair bit of football growing up and played for the borough in goal. I stopped playing when I was about 15 years old.

What has been your high point in cricket so far? Winning the T20 trophy back in 2016 with Northants would definitely be the highlight

Did you prefer living in Northampton to North London? (Apart from having the Rumens nearby, obviously) I do enjoy Northampton but did really enjoy growing up in around Barnet. I still get back down that way every now and then. And I'll be at today's game of course!

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BY MARTIN READ



The World of Ball

Local derby alert! It's a welcome back to the Amber & Black

Last season's weird season saw us play Barnet competitively for the first time since 1988. And now, with the supporters back in grounds, it's surely time for us to re-assign 'Bitterest Local Rivals' status to Hertfordshire's least Hertfordshire-based club (in a few paragraphs that, full disclosure, first appeared in this programme when we played Barnet back in February).

Could you take a second to imagine something for me? Imagine you're an Arsenal fan. Go on, just for a minute, it won't take long. Ready? OK, now imagine that, over time, your fiercest rivals have changed. Arsenal's biggest enemies are no longer Tottenham, they're Leyton Orient. What's more, while you've been trash-talking the inhabitants of Brisbane Road, you've not played Tottenham for more than thirty years. Ludicrous, right?

Unbelievably, that's pretty much what has happened between us and Barnet. Where once we eagerly awaited the fixtures to see when Barnet were due in town, we've instead had to make do with, pfft, Harrow Borough. Sure, we've always had that most local of connections with Borough - but as bitter league rivals? Hardly ever. Today marks our 99th league game against Barnet, a club we've played in four different leagues over the years. Borough? Just 18 games in one league.

Chances are you'll think none of this matters if you're relatively new to our supporter base. Fans joining us from our days in Edgware, Northwood or now Ruimsip may be dumbfounded at the animosity shown to those in amber by a bunch of angry old blokes. And that's fair enough. But in the 33 years prior to 1988, just know that we played Barnet a remarkable 56 times. And in the 33 years since, it's been just twice - those two National League fixtures last season. So as you can see, there really is quite a remarkable history between us.

Kicking Barnet into touch as our main rivals, and affording Borough that status instead, transpired only once we'd left Lower Mead. To an extent, it's another function of our self-inflicted yet life-saving relegation down the divisions in 1995. The road back to playing in the same league as Barnet took 32 long years during which, let's be fair, they've enjoyed some rather

more positive experiences.

Of course, both clubs controversially leaving their long established old homes have stirred the pot somewhat. Remarkable quirks of fate have led to Barnet residing in Harrow while we, ostensibly a Harrow side, now "ply our trade" in Hillingdon. The difference appears to be that we actually quite like where we are now. From what I read and hear, the typical Barnet fan is perhaps not quite so content.

Obviously there's been a long history of results between us, some quite remarkable. The Boxing Day Massacre of 1982 - 6-0 at Lower Mead - is a personal highlight. Barnet can point to the time they took their revenge by the same score in 1988, also at Lower Mead, in our last meeting before that 32 year break. And over the years the fixture has come up with some other dramatic score lines, too...

Seven nil to Barnet? Oh yes, that happened alright, albeit in the most sublime of circumstances. Days after we'd won the National League (then dubbed 'Gola League'), we were due to finish our league campaign at Underhill. With the FA Trophy the following weekend, no one wanted to be injured, and thus was played out the weirdest of drubbings.

Hive and Direct

In the grand scheme of things, it's Barnet who have notched up more wins. These include a 12-2 in 1927, a 9-1 in the Herts & Middlesex League in 1942 and a 9-0 in the FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round in 1961 - all at Barnet's former Underhill home. We can point to a 7-1 in 1948, two 6-1s (1936 and 1958) and a mad-as-anything 9-7 in 1943.

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Action from the first Stones-Barnet home clash in 32 years back in February - picture courtesy of Jon Taffel

Not that past form should be any guide to future clashes, of course. I'm sure we'll all be expecting today's Stones to stand as much of a chance of victory as Barnet. We're in similar league positions, with the delicious clash of management styles of interest to anyone aware of our two clubs' very recent histories.

The time, then, is surely right to re-evaluate who our local rivals really are in 2021. Maidenhead? Too far away. We could, I suppose, focus on Hayes & Yeading, while Hampton & Richmond are reasonably close by. But no, not for me. We have 'form' with Barnet that goes back generations, and with neither of the Enfield clubs available it's the Bees who surely fit the bill.

Hang about, though. Before we re-assign Bitterest Rivals status to Barnet, we need first to offer some credit where credit is due. We must acknowledge how, in the course of that 32 year Stones-Barnet fixture hiatus, our opponents managed to become a Football League club, employing high profile players (Edgar Davids!) and managers (Tim Flowers! Martin Allen! Martin Allen! Martin Allen! Martin Allen!)

Every footballing rivalry is prone to changes in circumstance, of course. Historically, we've actually played more competitive games against Hendon and Enfield, with the latter arguably stoking a more potent rivalry. But for Stones fans coming to the club in the 1970s or 1980s, it was Barnet who continually vied with Enfield for the status of our true nemesis.

The Herts of the Matter

Now, how should we go about marking the long-awaited rekindling of Stones-Barnet hostilities? Well, I'm pretty sure there'll be enough muscle

memory amongst our more established support to trigger the kind of vociferous welcome such local rivalra deserve. For anyone else, I hope this piece puts the scale of our rivalry into context so that you can cheer the Stones just that little bit more as we go all out for the win.

Every now and then, we find ourselves up against a club for whom we have developed some kind of animosity, perhaps Concord Rangers, Lowestoft Town or the aforementioned Harrow Borough. But there are grudges, and then there are true rivalries. This February we marked 100 years since first playing Barnet competitively (19th

February 1921, Underhill, 0-2, Middlesex Senior Cup). And let's not forget the other ties that bind: Barnet vs Wealdstone was the first football match ever televised live. Straight up! 1946, Athenian League, BBC1. Naturally, they cut away to see Murray the famous Australian escapologist "escape from a strait-jacket while suspended upside-down from the roof of Alexandra Palace", but

they returned to Underhill afterwards. I swear, all of this actually happened...

So, will this season prove the first in a fresh run of competitive league campaigns between our two clubs? Will we again see the kind of outlandish scores that characterised our clashes in the past? Will we ever again be physically present to offer effusive praise and best wishes to the opposition for their on-field endeavours?

Time will tell on all fronts. But I'm just happy we're playing Barnet again, if for no better reason than it's further evidence of our recent advancement as a club. Here's to more blue on amber battles in the years ahead, and to the fixture being afforded the kind of full-throated atmosphere it richly deserves. Welcome back Barnet!

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The Football and War Network

Alex Alexandrou

The origins of the Football and War Network date back to 2015, with the aim of bringing together all those carrying out football and war research. Along with Professor Gary Sheffield, the esteemed international military historian and passionate football fan, we worked on this hare-brained idea! One thing led to another and with the financial backing and support of Darryl Eales (now Chairman of Solihull Moors) and the University of Wolverhampton, the Network was formally launched in 2016, based at the university's Centre for Historical Research. It is a vibrant network of like-minded military, football and other historians, as well as enthusiasts and fans who have an interest in this subject. The Network is involved in a number of activities supported by an active Twitter account - @footballandwar and a free access website - Football and War Network - University of Wolverhampton (wiv.ac.uk) that includes an ever-expanding Network Blog Article series.

The Network's activities include holding seminars at football clubs such as Charlton Athletic, Dulwich Hamlet, Exeter City and Solihull Moors. The Covid-19 pandemic put a halt to them but as of late 2021, seminars will take place again, with first one to be held Wealdstone FC, on the 30th November.

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REWIND >>> ON THIS DAY



BY TIM PARKS

26 years ago our two clubs were a million miles apart ..well, six divisions to be precise

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 1995, RYMAN LEAGUE DIVISION THREE: TRING TOWN 1 WEALDSTONE 0

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 1995, FA CUP FIRST ROUND PROPER: BARNET 2 WOKING 2

Football's fluctuating fortunes is a theme that regular readers will recognise from this column. The ups and downs are just part of life ... and long-in-the-tooth Barnet fans have been just as badly afflicted as their Wealdstone counterparts.

Let us look back 26 years: November 11 1995. Ten years earlier the Stones were the best football club outside the League, becoming the first-ever to win the Conference and FA Trophy double. Barnet, our long-standing rivals going back to the amateur days, were ducking and diving under the colourful duo of Barry Fry and



FULHAM 1 BARNET 1
WHERE THE BEES WERE PLAYING



TRING TOWN 1 WEALDSTONE 0
WHERE THE STONES WERE PLAYING

chairman Stan Flashman but languishing in lower mid table.

By the middle of the next decade though, everything had been turned on its head. Our own maladministration had lost Lower Mead; we tumbled through two divisions and then willingly took another three demotions to play in the Ryman Isthmian League Division Three as the vultures circled.

Barnet were on another trajectory as they found their mojo and a whole string of exciting signings (Nicky Evans, Robert Codner and the Enfield trio of Ashford, Ironton and Barrett) saw them storm to eventual promotion to the Football League on the back of four and five thousand crowds at Underhill.

The Stones were attracting just a couple of hundred to our temporary

Left: Barnet's programme for the home Cup tie with Woking 26 years ago, and for the Fulham game at Craven Cottage the following week



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IN LEAGUE 2, NOVEMBER 1995



IN RYMAN DIV 3, NOVEMBER 1995

a club now five divisions below the Bees.

In fact, once the National Leagues North and south were established in 2004 it would be six divisions! Barnet were facing clubs of the stature of Brighton, Cardiff, Swansea and Fulham in Division Three, as the football league's basement division was known in those days.

Only two years earlier they had actually won promotion (for one season) to the third tier, known then as Division Two.

So while Barnet were facing an FA Cup 1st round tie against Conference side (and noted giant killers) Woking at Underhill in front of a 3,034 crowd, Stones travelled to face Tring Town at their quaint little Cow Lane ground. Just 193 people were there to see if the Ryman Div Three's biggest hitters could sail through the season at this 'park football' level .. and we couldn't!

We ended up losing this game to the side who would finish sixth from bottom. It was Bartlett's fourth defeat in the opening ten games as he struggled to mould a whole new squad into a winning XI.

Strangely enough, he plucked Steve Bircham from the Hertfordshire team (despite the midfielder being sent off in the final moments of the game) and 'Birchy' would be a key competent as the Stones won the division by holding off Braintree the following season. That was Gordon Bartlett's major talent: identifying players of the right temperament who could do a great job for the club.

What of Barnet? The atmosphere over at Underhill, 20 miles away was a little more intense as Woking, with their ex-Chelsea winger Clive Walker supreme, ground out a 2-2

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home at soulless Yeading after the disastrous Vicarage Road groundshare. We weren't even on Barnet's radar as serious rivals.

And this 1995-96 season kicked off with our new manager Gordon Bartlett (a serial winner at this level, his capture a real coup by chairman Paul Rumens) trying to attract players to sign for

Brathwaite is sent off as late goal sinks luckless Wealdstone

Tring Town 1 Wealdstone 0

A LATE goal saw Stones unluckily stumble to their first away league defeat of the season on Saturday in a match that they ended with 10 players after having the placid Rod Brathwaite sent off, while Tring had two players dismissed for minor offences.

Stones must have known it wasn't going to be their day from the very first minute when Brathwaite received an excellent pass from Kolvin Stone but with only the keeper to beat he pushed the ball too near to keeper Gregory who gratefully gathered it.

Three minutes later the unlucky Brath-

**By
Graham Smith**

waite hit a post from a Chris Walton pass.

The flourishing of coloured cards by referee Wells, who had a very poor game, began eight minutes into the second half when Tring's Blaik and Brathwaite were booked in an off the ball incident.

30 seconds later Blaik fouled Brathwaite and Mr Wells harshly sent off the Tring defender but unbelievably he also dismissed Brathwaite, allegedly for elbowing Blaik. Not surprisingly it left both managers fuming.

After 65 minutes Bircham hit a post for

the home side and Rob Tenkorang saved well from Benton, but a minute later Neil Yates struck the woodwork for the visitors.

The game seemed to be heading for a goalless draw but with five minutes remaining Cavanagh headed home from a corner to give Tring a winner.

In the last minute Tring were reduced to nine men when Mr Wells, whose decisions ruined a good game, sent off Bircham for time wasting, having already booked him earlier.

Wealdstone: Tenkorang, Smart, F.Moore, Smith, Croad, Brathwaite, Walton, Yates, Stone, Tekell, Birch (Sheldrick). Other subs: Bhatia, Hart.

draw against a Bees side containing midfielders Alan Pardew and Mark Cooper, dad of current Stones star Charlie. The rest of the Barnet side was Maik Taylor, Paul Wilson, Sean Devine, Dave McDonald, Danny Mills, Shaun Gale, Linvoy Primus, Jamie Campbell and Peter Scott. Primus and Devine scored the goals.

The following week Barnet went to Craven Cottage and drew 1-1 with Fulham in the league, before surprisingly bowing out of the Cup 2-1 in the replay at Woking in front of another 3,000 crowd.

The Stones had bounced back from defeat at Tring by walloping Southall 9-0 at Edgware (where we were now happily groundsharing) but, in a stark reminder of how Mickey Mouse was the league were now playing in, Southall only had nine players after a protest walk-out by half of their team following the pre-match sacking of manager Dave Anderson.

Stan Flashman had threatened to do the same to Barry Fry on many occasions in the past but even the porcine book-maker wouldn't have been so daft as to do it an hour before kick-off!

Talking of which.... Among the many fascinating stats between Wealdstone and Barnet the most striking comparison is how many managers the club have employed in the intervening 26 years since the Stones took on Tring and the Bees wobbled against Woking. Wealdstone kept Gordon Bartlett for 22 years, and he was succeeded by Bobby Wilkinson, then Dean Brennan and now currently Stuart Maynard. That's four bosses in 26 years.

Barnet's total in the same period? 31.

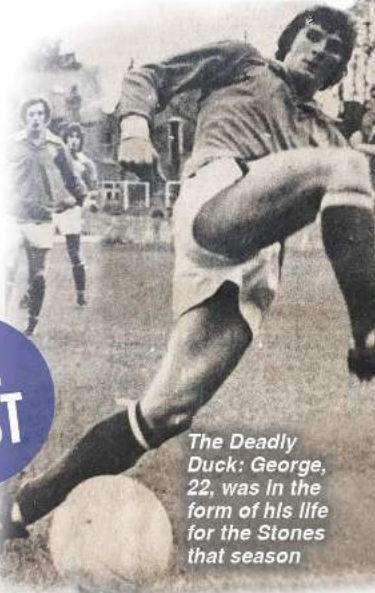
How we've missed facing the now, thanks to THAT stadium,

Monday September 10 1973, London Challenge Cup 1st round: Wealdstone 4 Barnet 1

Amidst the maelstrom of the Stones facing The Bees this afternoon, for the first time competitively in front of a home crowd for 33 years, this little-remembered clash at Lower Mead 48 years ago sprung to mind.

Blimey yes! Everybody was talking about when Wealdstone were promoted to the Southern League Prem in 1974 and thus faced the Underhill mob for the first time on a professional stage, overlooking this extraordinary game a year earlier. The sides had played out many a feisty clash in their amateur days - 60 in the Athenian League between 1929 and 1964 when the Stones were surprisingly invited into the closed ranks of the elitist Isthmian League while Barnet (with a much better record of winning that league) were surprisingly ignored. It rankled so much that the Bees applied to join the paid ranks of the Southern League, were invited, and were quickly elevated to the top division where we were to join them (having turned semi-pro ourselves) ten years later.

Yet in fact the first meeting of the sides in the 'professional era' came on a wet Monday night in September 1973 in the London Challenge Cup. The Stones were being moulded into the winners of the Southern League's Southern Division while Barnet were a very decent Southern League Prem outfit that had appeared at Wembley in the FA Trophy Final



THE FIRST

The Deadly Duck: George, 22, was in the form of his life for the Stones that season

(losing to Stafford Rangers) 15 months earlier. The London Challenge Cup, in case you're wondering, was a very popular competition in those days with the capital's semi-pro clubs given the chance of winning some notable Football League 'scalps' with some big crowds thrown in. In our first pro season, 1971-72, we were drawn at home to Arsenal and 3,000 saw a mix of 1st XI and reserves beat the plucky Stones 3-0.

The carrot for the winners of the Wealdstone-Barnet clash meanwhile was a trip to White Hart Lane to face Tottenham in the Second Round... which must have been mouth-watering for our ace striker George Duck (an ex-Spurs youngster) and our veteran winger Terry Dyson who was of course a member of Tottenham's Double-winning side a decade earlier. So could we

Bees! Long-time rivals and genuine pantomime villains

Duck's three too much for Barnet – now it's a visit to Spurs

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 4, Barnet 1

WEALDSTONE qualified for a visit to 'Spurs in the second round of the London Challenge Cup with a magnificent victory over Southern Premier League side Barnet on Monday evening — and at the same time partly erased memories of that catastrophic defeat at Canterbury two days earlier.

George Duck took his season's goals total to 13 with his second hat-trick, and Barnet must be now hate the sight of the tall striker, for he netted twice against them in a pre-season friendly. Neither can the Hertfordshire club be too fond of Eddie Presland, for the burly full-back produced a carbon copy of the 35 yards goal he scored in the same friendly to complete the scoring.

If the score line makes it sound easy, it wasn't. Throughout this was a tremendous battle with both sides playing cultured football up front, the midfielders often clashing in bitter battles and defenders constantly under pressure.

After 'Stones had taken a two goals lead three-quarters' through the game Barnet hit back to reduce the leeway and only four magnificent saves by McKenzie kept the home side ahead.

Such confidence did McKenzie inspire that 'Stones came again in the last ten minutes and added two more to finally crush the spirit of a brave, if ragged Barnet side.

With Presland remaining in the back four, Burgess moved into the middle, with Godfrey and Dixon and Brown replaced the suspended Henderson up front.

beat the odds-on favourites? I'm sure the match report (above) is

too small for you to wallow in the memories of that great night. Duck opened the scoring from the penalty spot (one of 22 he netted that season, only missing once) and the rest is a bit of a blur but I do remember how the game fizzed and crackled as these two fine teams swept from one end of the pitch to the other.

The best moment is laughably ignored - or at least, poorly observed by reporter Phil Sugden who was often seen in the Press box with a tumbler of whiskey in his hand. He states "from 35 yards Presland picked his spot and let fly, the ball beating Barnet's competent keeper Derek Edgson as it flew in off the upright".

Well, behind the Cinema End goal we were hugging ourselves with mirth about what **REALLY**

happened. Eddie Presland, our tall, ex-Palace and West Ham fullback decided to have a pop from 35 yards from a free kick which was plainly indirect.

And his teammates were remonstrating with him even as the ball left his foot and travelled like an excocet towards poor Mr Edgson's left-hand post.

The keeper, making a very rare appearance standing in the

ex-Arsenal gvoeman Jack McClelland, flew across his goal in an attempt to save - and the ball whacked against the post, smacked him full in the face and rebounded into the net!

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Well, the Stones were duly promoted but the Barnet side was clearly growing old together, and were relegated the following (1974-75) season along with Romford, Dartford and Guilford & Dorking United. Yet both league meetings (with their programmes shown left) resulted in 1-1 draws, the first at Underhill on Boxing Day morning in front of their biggest gate of the season, 1,115,

and the second at Lower Mead on Easter Monday when a 1,600 crowd saw former Barnet striker Bobby Moss put the Stones ahead only for the Bees to equalise in injury time. These were the days of rampant hooliganism and both games had an

undercurrent of 'aggro' with the Stones possessing some hardcore fans while Barnet boasted the eccentric-looking 'Clockwork Orange', Steve Percy, who prowled the terraces with his mates looking for confrontation. Years later it was amusing to find Mr Percy working as a clerk at Barnet Magistrates Court!

The Bees' crew took it as a personal affront to be relegated and yet, just like Wealdstone half a dozen years later, it proved to be the making of Barnet as they regrouped in the Div One South and then stormed to the Div One North title (after making the switch) the following season. They certainly appeared a side re-born when they next turned up at Lower Mead in August 1976 for a Southern League Cup (first leg) tie, the first game of the new season.

The Stones hadn't recruited well in the summer, causing the caustic Sugden to trill "Twinkle twinkle little Southern League star" as we captured deadbeats from Romford and Tonbridge, while Barnet had on display the former Chelsea star Marvin Hinton, aided by ex-Arsenal Terry Tapping and ex-Hornet Walter Lees. And up front John Fairbrother and Ray Aggio were fast, powerful and confident.

But what really got on our t***s was the way Barnet paraded themselves before kick-off, marching across to the centre-circle (in the Leeds United style that goaded the away fans and delighted their own) in a set of cool orange Adidas

teeshirts (apparently their new kit hadn't yet arrived) before turning and waving to all four corners of the ground. Lower Mead had never seen anything like it. Arrogance or just supreme confidence?

When Barnet won the game 2-0 with a goal apiece for Messrs Aggio and Fairbrother (and then repeated that 2-0 scoreline at Underhill a few days later in the second leg) it seemed like the latter...and we weren't happy!

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Wealdstone: McKenzie, Presland, Fulton, Kinnear, McCormick, Burgess, Godfrey, Brown, Byrne, Dick, Dixon, Sub: Fardough

Barnet: Johnson, Lyle, Tomlin, Ferry, Embrey, Pym, Turley, Court, Meadows, George, Gibby, Sub: Eason.

...and Duck scolding over all in the first two minutes.

McKenzie saved 'topping from a Meadows blast and then clutched a header under the bar from the same player.

Brown finished a jinking run with a left inside wide and McKenzie's header looked certain to go in until Tom appeared on the line to clear.

Three minutes after the break Wealdstone were ahead. Perry handled a Presland long and Dick converted his fifth-minute of the season.

Barnet full-back and McKenzie produced the save of the match, diving in to hit an another Meadows cannonball drive. Then the home side further



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Christmas 1982.. Enfield beaten 1-0, Barnet beaten 6-0 and life as a Stones fan has never felt better

*Monday December 27th, 1982,
Alliance Premier League:
Wealdstone 6 Barnet 0*

What a time to be a Wealdstone fan! Newly promoted and riding high at the top of the APL, devastating football with the Cordice brothers and Mark Graves running riot... and this crushing defeat of Barry Fry's side came four days before Allen Batsford took his boys to table-toppers Enfield and won 1-0!

We look back on wonderment at those days and recall how mid-table teams like Barnet were left reeling by the fast, incisive attacks that saw FIVE second half goals rip past Bees' keeper Gary Lewin. The whole season hinged, in my eyes, at the savage foul on Neil Cordice by Maidstone United's Thompson in the crunch Easter clash - Stones won 3-0 but the loss of Neil saw us weakened in midfield and the Stones ended up third behind champions Enfield and Maidstone. Barnet finished 15th.

THE
BEST

...and we might not have actually seen it, but the demolition of the Bees last Easter was amazing!

*Easter Monday, April 5 2021,
Vanarama National League:
Wealdstone 5 Barnet 1*

Beating Chesterfield and Wrexham last season was fantastic, but the Easter pasting of our old rivals Barnet at Grosvenor Vale was probably the fans' highlight of the season.... even if they could only watch it on the live stream. I was lucky enough to be commentating that afternoon, alongside our left-back legend Lee Chappell and we were in dreamland as the goals flew in. Skipper Jerome Olimo leaped unchallenged for 1-0;

Dennon Lewis saw his shot deflected in (top, right) for 2-0 and although Courtney Baker-Richardson soon made it 2-1 the Barnet striker was then sent off on the hour mark for an off-the-ball incident.

The Stones were rampant from that point and sub Craig Fasanmade scored with his first touch from Lewis' devastating cross. Jacob Mendy-Mendy's penalty made it 4-1 and we were pinching ourselves as the unstoppable Lewis fired in for 5-1 (right) after Fasanmade and Dyer had opened up the defence.



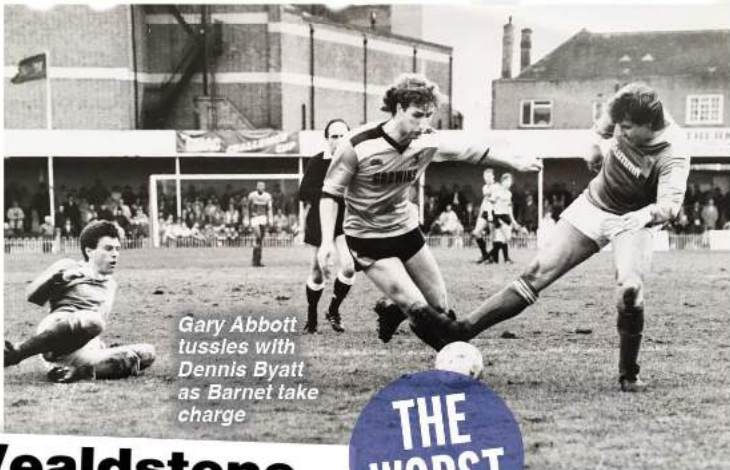
BEFORE...

It's Boxing Day 1982 and Mark Graves celebrates his second goal in the 6-0 mauling of the Bees at Lower Mead with Alan Cordlee



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...and then the flip side, as the high flying Bees wallop doomed Stones



Gary Abbott tussles with Dennis Byatt as Barnet take charge

Sad Wealdstone are hit for six

Wealdstone 0 Barnet 6

IF evidence was required as to why high flying Barnet are Barclays League bound while Wealdstone are making similarly rapid progress in the opposite direction, there was ample on view at Lower Mead on Saturday.

Wealdstone's biggest crowd of the season (1556) saw the champions elect Barnet hand out a footballing lesson to Tony Jennings hapless outfit and at the same time hammer another nail in Stones' relegation coffin.

Even the introduction of two more new players - Wealdstone have now used 39 in Conference fixtures this season - did nothing to halt the slide. Danny Bailey and Greg Zacharia, both signed from Kingsbury, made promising debuts but Wealdstone now need more than mere maybes if they are to survive the drop.

They opened brightly enough with the effervescent Tony Lynch a constant threat but although Tom English and Samson Olaleye both had good efforts clawed away by keeper Lomas, they were unable to make any breakthrough.

And somewhat inevitably they were made to pay in the 20th minute when Abbot forced home Codner's cross to put Barnet ahead in their first serious attack of the game.

Wealdstone wobbled visibly as Barnet suddenly snarked into life

By

John Comfort

and a second goal came as no surprise as Abbott was given the freedom of the park to head home Stein's cross a minute from the break.

A third goal just one and a half minutes into the second half erased any wild thoughts of a Wealdstone recovery and effectively ended the game as a contest. Stein again supplied the cross and Evans scored with a fine glancing header.

32 minutes and a stack of chances later it was 4-0. Stones defence failed to clear a corner, and the ball was laid back to substitute Smith who drove home a low shot from 20 yards.

Three minutes later Smith struck again, smashing home Barnet's fifth after Parsons had crashed the ball against an upright.

Evans, looking suspiciously off-side from Brown's through ball, rounded Welsh and shot home off the retreating Bowgett to make it 6-0 two minutes from time and Wealdstone's small consolation was that at least this drubbing was not Barnet's biggest win of the season. They hammered Wycombe 7-0 at Loakes Park earlier in the season.

Wealdstone: Welsh, Harrison, La Ronde, Byatt, (Hirst), Bowgett, McCarthy (Zacharia), Davis, Bailey, English, Olaleye, Lynch.

THE WORST

Saturday March 19th 1988,

Football Conference:

Wealdstone 0 Barnet 6

SIX years later the turn-around in fortunes was complete. Barnet hailed the return of boss Barry Fry from Maidstone by suddenly competing at the top end of the Conference (as the APL was now known), thanks to new investment from owner Stan Flashman... and suddenly the local populace responded by filling Underhill on a weekly basis. I remember seeing one brilliant midweek 5-2 win over Wycombe in front of a 3,500 crowd and was blown away!

They were runners-up to Scarborough in the first season of automatic promotion to the league (1987) and after they had crushed our relegation-bound side in this game at Lower Mead (before a 1,550 crowd) they were again agonisingly pipped to the title by Lincoln. Fry's side finally made it into the EFL in 1991... but after 30 years of yo-yoing Barnet are back where the Wealdstone rivalry all started. Bring it on!

BY STEVE DUCKER



Random Sightings

Past encounters with today's visitors as recounted by someone who was there

Saturday 11 January 1992

In 1991, Barnet became the fifth team to win automatic promotion to the Football League, and only the third to do so after spending their entire history to that point outside it.

They scored 103 goals that season and carried their attacking instincts straight into the higher grade - in their first two home games of 1991-92, against Crewe and Brentford, they smashed in nine goals. Unfortunately their opponents responded with 12. Barnet managed to shore up their leaky back four and win 16 of their 21 home league games, but another defensive nightmare was always possible, and on this winter afternoon visitors Rotherham United - who had been two divisions above Barnet a year earlier - provided it.

By half-time the Millers were 3-0 up, and they comfortably maintained the advantage during a more even second 45 minutes to win 5-2. Despite this mauling, Barnet reached the play offs and went one better the following season. In their first two years of league football they had taken 100-plus points from home games alone, but the third tier

Most appearances, league 1991-92 (max 42)

Bull 42
Poole 39+1
Showler 39
Bodley 36
Pape 36

Top scorers

Bull 21
Carter 19
Willis 12
Showler 7
Murphy 5

proved a step too far and they came back down in 1994 after one season.

Saturday 7 May 2011

Barnet's first spell in the Football League ended in 2011 after they lost the ultimate relegation six-pointer against Torquay on the final Saturday.

Ten years later, it looked nailed on that their second stay was coming to an end as well. This time, winning their own game was the bare minimum for the Bees' hopes of survival. For the great escape to work, it had to be teamed with Lincoln City, Barnet's old foes from the Conference title race of 1987-88, losing at home to Aldershot. The second part of the equation was settled much more easily than

Most appearances, league 2010-11 (max 46)

Marshall 45+1
Devera 43
Parkes 37+3
Hughes 31+2
Southam 31+2

Top scorers

McLeod 14
Kabba 11
Byrne 6
Marshall 6



The Bees trying to save their league status against Port Vale, 7/5/2011



Barnet at Potters Bar Town, 19/10/19

the first, as Lincoln found the pressure too much and the away team took advantage decisively. In the second half Underhill was ringing with chants of "Three-nil to the Aldershot" (have you noticed how football teams acquire the definite article in otherwise non-scanning chants and at no other time in their lives?).

At least it saved the magic sponge man going on to treat an "injured" player, issuing a few clandestine score updates that way. In the end, Barnet got the win that kept them up, Izale McLeod scoring the only goal from the penalty spot, but after another near miss the following season they eventually returned to non-league in 2013.

Saturday 19 October 2019

Is there a better cliché in football than the one about the FA Cup being "a great leveller"? In 2019, Barnet experienced it from both sides.

At the start of the year, the third round draw sent them to face Sheffield United, a famous old name of the game now engaged in what would ultimately be a successful promotion chase to the sunlit uplands of the Premier League.

Nine months later, they were drawn away in the qualifiers to nearby Potters Bar Town. If this club had registered with the Bees at all in recent years would have been as the sort of pre-season fixture where you send a "Barnet XI" to "get some minutes into their legs" while the first team simultaneously hosts the "Spurs XI" who haven't been picked for the prestigious friendly v Real Madrid.

Only one of these ties got the live TV treatment, and it wasn't the one at Brammall Lane. Because TV schedulers invariably dismiss any chance of

a shock unless the little team is at home, ideally on a mudheap / ploughed field / pitch with a slope worthy of hosting a mountain stage of the Tour de France (delete as appropriate).

But that's enough criticism. Long may live FA Cup football between non-league teams continue - it really is one of the greatest innovations since the wheel. And there was nothing wrong with Potters Bar's pitch either.

Along with segregation, a temporary beer tent and several other features not normally seen on more normal Saturdays when the home side hosted Isthmian League football, the game was all-ticket. I bought one and set the TV to record as an insurance against not being able to seem much in what was, by some distance, Potters Bar's record attendance, later confirmed as 2,011.

It ended 1-1. Josh Walker put Barnet ahead and they still led on 90 minutes, despite missing a penalty just after half time. They led on 101 minutes as well, after lengthy second half injury time, before Andy Lomas levelled it up in the 102nd.

I'd missed the goal in the ground - I was in a futile attempt to make a 3pm kick off a few miles away - and I missed it on the box as well. There was so much stoppage time the recording cut off before the final whistle.

Barnet won the replay, but Potters Bar emerged with great credit. Not least because they offered free admission during November to anyone who had bought a ticket for this game. So having seen Barnet, I got a league game against Merstham thrown in, and came within a late postponement of watching Haringey Borough as well. Nice touch, PBT, I hope it worked out well for you.

IT'S A RECORD!

The vital facts on recent Stones matches...

v Grimsby Town at the Vale,
National League Matchday 13

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THE WHAT**

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**DATE AND
CONDITIONS**

1,892 (794 away fans)

ATTENDANCE

WEALDSTONE: Wickens, Cook,
McAvoy, Okimo, Tavares, Charles,
Dronfield (Bird 59), Buse, Mundle-
Smith, Jackson (Lewis 65), Umerah (Fasanmade 82).
GRIMSBY TOWN

TEAMS

McKeown, Sears, Waterfall, Towler, Crookes, Bapaga,
Coke, Fox, Sousa, McAtee, John-Lewis

STONES 1 GRIMSBY 0
Buse 32

RESULT

POSSESSION

Wealdstone 48% Grimsby 52%

MATCH STATS

SHOTS ON TARGET Stones 3

Grimsby 4 **SHOTS OFF TARGET** Stones 5 Grimsby 1

CORNERS Stones 3 Grimsby 4

STONES VIEW

A glorious evening at the Vale
as Stones, missing Dyer and
Cooper, saw the recalled Matt Buse and Zach Dronfield

together with Ashley Charles as midfield revelations.
There was early dismay as Josh Umerah saw his penalty
saved by McKeown (after Buse was caught in the box)
but on the half hour Buse rifled in from 25 yards after
Okimo's flick from a Charles corner. Grimsby's huge
following looked on in disbelief as Stones then ground out
a surprise but very well-deserved victory

SOCIAL MEDIA

What a truly wonderful night to be

a Wealdstone fan. I had to pinch
myself at times last night as the football we played at was
worthy of the many superlatives that have already been
used. The atmosphere was, by a long way, the best I have
ever been part of at the Vale. Aside from it being almost
constant, it was raise-the-roof loud and I bet sounded
fantastic for anyone walking their dog around the local area.
For sure, Grimsby knew we were there as did the players.

-Hillsy, Stonesnet forum

Only one team turned up tonight and it wasn't us. Weald-
stone were up for it and deserved to win, Town seemed
sluggish from the start and Coke and Fox too similar to work
together. Just chalk this one off to fatigue in the team and a
lot of first team players being out of the picture for various
reasons. Sometimes have to take the loss and say the other
team wanted it more. **- Kris 2, Grimsby Fishy Forum**



Matt Buse leaves keeper for dead



Ira Jackson sees this one blocked



The mighty Nik Tavares denied



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Great debut for Jaydn Mundle Smith



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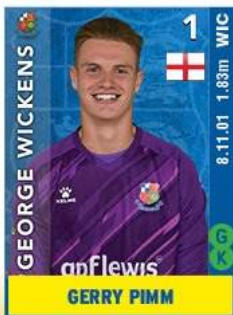
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You can donate by clicking on the link below, speaking to any club official or e-mailing harveyhicks@wealdstonefc.com or paulrumens59@gmail.com

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
- CG = Centre Forward



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Saturday
11th December
3:00pm



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Saturday
18th December
3:00pm

FA TROPHY 3rd ROUND

(Visit www.wealdstone-fc.com to find out who we're playing and where)

Vanarama National League 2021/2022 – @7th November 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 Boreham Wood	14	9	3	2	20	11	7	5	2	0	10	3	7	4	1	2	10	8	9	30	
2 Grimsby Town	14	9	2	3	27	13	7	6	0	1	18	5	7	3	2	2	9	8	14	29	1-0
3 Chesterfield	14	8	5	1	27	13	6	4	2	0	13	7	8	4	3	1	14	6	14	29	0-2
4 Bromley	13	8	3	2	26	13	7	5	1	1	15	4	6	3	2	1	11	9	13	27	
5 Halifax Town	14	8	3	3	21	11	7	6	0	1	15	5	7	2	3	2	6	6	10	27	
6 Solihull Moors	14	7	5	2	20	16	8	4	3	1	14	9	6	3	2	1	6	7	4	26	0-0
7 Notts County	14	7	4	3	24	17	7	4	2	1	12	11	7	3	2	2	12	6	7	25	2-3
8 Dagenham & Redbridge	14	7	2	5	29	19	7	4	2	1	22	12	7	3	0	4	7	7	10	23	2-2
9 Stockport County	13	6	2	5	16	17	6	2	1	3	5	9	7	4	1	2	11	8	-1	20	
10 Altrincham	13	6	1	6	23	20	6	4	0	2	13	8	7	2	1	4	10	12	3	19	1-0
11 Woking	13	6	0	7	23	20	6	3	0	3	9	9	7	3	0	4	14	11	3	18	1-2
12 Eastleigh	13	5	3	5	17	19	7	4	2	1	14	10	6	1	1	4	3	9	-2	18	1-2
13 Wrexham	12	4	5	3	18	15	5	2	3	0	5	3	7	2	2	3	13	12	3	17	
14 Barnet	14	4	4	6	17	27	7	2	2	3	6	13	7	2	2	3	11	14	-10	16	
15 Yeovil Town	12	4	3	5	11	12	7	2	2	3	5	7	5	2	1	2	6	5	-1	15	
16 Torquay United	13	4	3	6	19	23	6	3	0	3	10	10	7	1	3	3	9	13	-4	15	0-5
17 Weymouth	14	4	3	7	17	24	7	2	3	2	8	8	7	2	0	5	9	16	-7	15	1-1
18 Maidenhead United	13	4	2	7	17	22	7	3	1	3	14	14	6	1	1	4	3	8	-5	14	
19 Wealdstone	13	3	5	5	12	19	7	2	3	2	6	6	6	1	2	3	6	13	-7	14	--
20 Southend United	13	3	2	8	11	21	6	2	1	3	9	11	7	1	1	5	2	10	-10	11	0-0
21 King's Lynn Town	13	2	2	9	11	22	7	0	1	6	2	9	6	2	1	3	9	13	-11	8	1-0
22 Aldershot Town	13	2	1	10	14	24	6	0	0	6	4	12	7	2	1	4	10	12	-10	7	2-2
23 Dover Athletic	13	0	3	10	9	31	7	0	2	5	4	11	6	0	1	5	5	20	-22	-9	



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G George Wickens 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	27 Aston Oxborough G
Jack Cook 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Jordan Thomas
Dan Wishart 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Josh Payne
Ashley Charles 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Jamie Turley
Connor Stevens 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Ben Richards-Everton
Jerome Okimo © 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Rob Hall
Craig Fasanmade 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Mitch Brundle
Matt Buse 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Mason Bloomfield
Josh Umerah 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Daniel Powell
Stephan Browne 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	11 Ephron Mason-Clark
Dennon Lewis 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 James Callan
Andrew Eleftheriou 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	14 Adam Marriott
G Alfie Marigliani 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	15 Reiss Greenidge
Connor McAvoy 14	<input type="checkbox"/>	16 Kian Flanagan
Elijah Hearn 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	17 Sam Granville
Ira Jackson Jr 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	18 Wes Fonguck
Nikola Tavares 17	<input type="checkbox"/>	19 Harry Taylor
Alex Dyer 18	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 Serhat Tasdemir
Zach Dronfield 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	21 Joe Widdowson
Medy Elito 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	22 Antonis Vasiliou
Jay Bird 22	<input type="checkbox"/>	23 Sam Beard
Jaydn Mundle-Smith 23	<input type="checkbox"/>	24 Jake Askew G
Charlie Cooper 24	<input type="checkbox"/>	25 Aymen Azaze G
Tecane Shrowder 29	<input type="checkbox"/>	26 David Sesay
	<input type="checkbox"/>	28 Sam Woods
	<input type="checkbox"/>	33 Ryan De Havilland

REFEREE Scott Simpson
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BOOST FROM BUSE Matt Buse takes the plaudits after his 25-yarder sunk league leaders Grimsby Town 1-0 at The Vale in our last game

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