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BY MARK HYDE



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Written in Stone

What a club. Following our home win a few weeks ago against Boreham Wood we secured a third season in the National League.

I guess you could say, as many of us have been for several weeks and more, that to all intents and purposes we were already safe. So you would assume it was just a simple case of finally dotting the i's and crossing the t's. What I wasn't prepared for was quite how emotional I would personally feel at the final whistle. Thinking back it was a strange combination of feelings, a real mix of relief, joy, pride and sadness.

Relief? – Yes I guess some doubt remained regarding our survival.

Joy? – I was surrounded by people who deserve

this moment and more. People whose company I enjoy, many only on a Saturday, a strange disparate bunch united in the love of our great club.

Pride? Yes pride. It has become a little bit cliché almost when listing the mountains that this club have had to overcome but the reality is that if it were not for the hard work and selfless acts and generosity of past and present Chairmen, Boards of Directors, Management teams, players, volunteers and supporters we would have ceased to exist a long time ago.

Sadness? Yes sadness. There are many who we would dearly have loved to have shared these emotions with who are no longer with us.

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Mark



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From the Gaffer

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Daryl McMahon and the officials staff and players from Dagenham & Redbridge.

We are now coming to the final few games of the season and it has been one we can all be truly proud of. We have achieved our aim of staying in the division and we have gone above and beyond our expectations at times. Some of the football we have played and the credibility we have earned from our performances on and off the pitch has been a major positive beyond just staying in the division. We have had some unbelievable away days that will live long in the memory...Barnet and Southend being the two that stand out the most. To achieve our main objectives and also do the double over Barnet, has been special. It just shows how far we have come as a club to be achieving what we are. Everybody knows as a club we are a lot less fortunate than every other team in this division, but what we have done is maximise the resources that we do have which can be incredibly tough at times. Whatever our situation however we have been pragmatic and innovative in how we have managed to bridge the gap and not look like a team/club with far less.

Next season will no doubt be even tougher. We will likely be the only part time team in the division, and the division is only getting stronger

and stronger with well funded teams joining from both the leagues above and below. We are however confident in our abilities as a club to continue to defy the odds and achieve more than than our competition in caparison to what they have available.

Every season we stay in this division is a monumental achievement and we will be striving to make sure we have a 4th season at National League level. It's been a crazy ride at times, with some incredibly highs and a couple of real lows. When you look at where we were 3 years ago compared to where we were this time last season, and then to where we are now we have made progression that other clubs have thrown a lot of money to replicate and some will be incredible envious of how we've achieved it.

Hopefully we can finish the season well and carry over the feel good factor in to next season. Whatever happens, we can be proud of who we are as a club and I'm sure we will keep achieving what people think impossible.

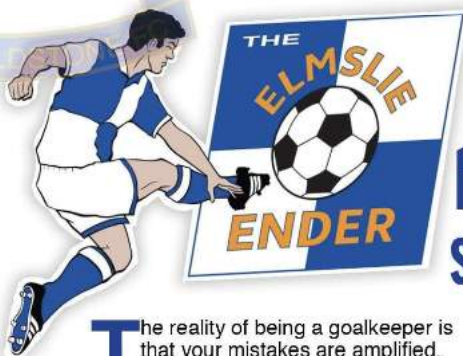
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BY SUDHIR RAWAL



The Elmslie Ender



How thankless it is to be a goalkeeper! EE recalls his own flapping days and sympathises with George

The reality of being a goalkeeper is that your mistakes are amplified.

Whether you play at Under-6 level or Premier League, people remember your howlers. A defender can make a cock up of a clearance, a midfielder can give the ball away that leads to a goal or a forward can miss a sitter....most of these are forgotten in a blink of an eye. It's lonely being a keeper, you train on your own, are stuck at one end of the pitch when the game is going on ahead of you and generally not being able to influence a game.

As I recall from my playing days, you can

pull off a series of blinding saves, but people only remember the mistake you make in a game - even if you don't concede a goal. Mistakes are part of the game regardless of the player's position. I read that Cesar Azpilicueta has never made a mistake that has led to a Premier league goal... and that's as rare as hen's teeth.

I am writing all this because George Wickens has probably had better games than he had at Altrincham, yet thinking through the season so far, as we enter the fag end of this one, apart from the error that lead to Chesterfield's opening goal at the very start of the season, I

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





Ups & downs: Only a week before Altrincham, George was brilliantly saving a penalty at Southend

am really struggling to think of another major error that has led to a goal that Super George has made. Apart from Jack Cook, Wickens (right) has been our star performer this season and visibly grown as a goalkeeper as the season has progressed. He's had an excellent 2021-22.

The day after the game I am still wondering how we didn't get something from the match at Altrincham. Alty started well, but we pretty much dominated the match from thereon in apart from a mad, seriously bonkers, ten to fifteen minutes at the start of the second period. For sure we pretty much gifted them all four goals: their keeper, who had makings of the legendary pigs in goal, Dave Ryan, had an absolute blinder and we still had other chances to have grabbed at least a point, despite our errors. Had we won 5-2 I am not sure anyone would have complained. The ovation our players got from our travelling fans pretty much said what they thought of our performance.

Altrincham was another great drinking town, full of micropubs and a central food hall that suburban London just doesn't have. Maybe Boxpark, I suppose. I appreciate that some of our fans prefer a pint of fizz and head for the nearest pub rather than exploring the town for all it offers. And, the Alty chairman, what a chap. He lives in Beaconsfield and was drinking in town before the game with both sets of fans. Had some great stories to tell too.

Preceding the Alty match, we secured our National League status with two wins on the spin against Southend and Boreham Wood. Southend on Easter Friday was one of the great Stones away days. Around four

hundred Stones, maybe more as Southend had no idea how many actually were in that end due to an unholy mess of not selling tickets online and then not being able to cope with the surge at the turnstiles, which led to stewards taking a tenner to let people in. What a farce, but the Stones on tour army enjoyed a glorious smash and grab win, our first Belt away win. But, was it really smash and grab? Yes, they could have been out of sight in the first half, with Super George pulling off a great save from the penalty spot, but the second half was so much more even, and Southend looked like they had run out of ideas. Stevie Browne sent the hords from the Vale into ecstasy and those that like a flutter rushing to check their winnings.

Boreham Wood was the match that hundred percent secured our survival, more of which in the final programme of the season, and our two nil win was as regulation as you could have liked. Another season in the National league, as a part time club.

That's an amazing achievement.

● The latest **Stonescast**, number 18, landed last week. It's a long one, around 90 mins, as we had plenty to chat about, with Paul Franklin, Adam Hills, debutant Raj Darbar and myself as your panel. The next one is being recorded on Wednesday, after Yeovil away, with Tim Parks as your host and he has four of our much-vaunted yooif in Luca Rossetto, Alex Gordon, River Wallace and Jay Harrington as his guests. Then, once the season is over, there will be an end of season review with most of the original crew: Adam, Paul Franklin, Jez Albert, Mark Hyde, Dave Reader and myself. A few rather special specials, are planned over the summer too. Keep an ear out for them!



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BY TIM PARKS



THE STONES INTERVIEW

Well-travelled and with an eye on the future, Jamie was a shrewd signing

JAMIE MASCOLL has been in and out of the Stones side this season but still has a host of good memories to look back on.

"Yeah, I've been around since November but it's been a battle to get in the side.. we have too many good players!" he said when I caught up with the 25-year-old before training last week.

"Stuart and Matty are really building something at Wealdstone. I think we're going to give it a big push next year... getting better from year to year is the aim".

The left wingback/fullback, who started at Dulwich Hamlet and has played for Wycombe, Charlton and Bolton Wanderers, is an interesting character. He doesn't have a full-time job outside football but he is a self-taught, freelance graphic designer and has sold several logos and visual concepts in the industry. I'm in a similar field (combining journalism) so we had a little natter about comparative software.. probably the first time in 40-odd years of interviews that I've met a footballer with an interest in graphic design!

"It is a passion of yours?" I asked Jamie, sensing a kindred spirit. "Yes, I suppose it is. It's more of a hobby at the moment, to be honest, but it's something I'd really like to get into. Something for the future".



The Charlton brothers! Jamie sets up Josh Umerah's goal at Bromley and they lead the celebrations

Jamie

What the South Londoner would really like to do, of course, is to get back into the Football League.

"I loved my time at Wycombe more than anywhere else: the vibe in the changing room was really good and I've not seen that replicated anywhere" he said. "We got promoted to the Championship and I made my League One debut against Accrington Stanley in a 1-1 draw with Adebayo Akinfenwa

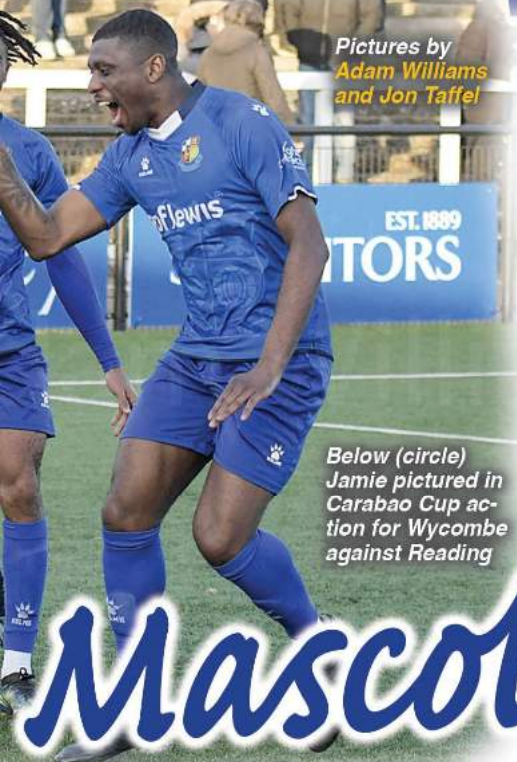
scoring a last-minute penalty... and although I moved to Bolton last season it was all played behind closed-doors which probably made playing for a huge club like Bolton less special. Even my debut against Harrogate Town. Wanderers have got a massive fan base but when there's no-one in the ground you lose all that atmosphere".



Jamie's bending freekick causes Barnet palpitations on his debut last November

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*Pictures by
Adam Williams
and Jon Taffel*



*Below (circle)
Jamie pictured in
Carabao Cup action
against Wycombe*

Mascoll

Jamie grew up in Catford and attended Dulwich Hamlet's academy, which fed the successful Hamlet first team as they won the Isthmian Div One South in 2012-13. They met the Stones in an Isthmian League Cup last-16 tie at Champion Hill in early 2013 and although we were looking for promotion from the division above, Dulwich's young side were worthy 1-0 winners on the night.

Sixteen year old Jamie Mascoll was in that free-flowing, energetic side that made the Chris O'Learys and Sean Cronins of this world look a little pedestrian!

"I went out on loan to clubs like Phoenix, Cray Wanderers, Erith Town and Grays, all in my teens and then managed to get a trial for Charlton Athletic and they signed me on - very exciting" said Jamie. "I played a few games in the Papa John's Trophy for the Addicks and had a one-year deal that was extended, but I never really got near the League team. Although I scored a

goal against AFC Wimbledon in September 2018 that was quite decent, from outside the box!"

In fact a quick Google search had the Charlton reporter waxing eloquent about 'a brilliant curled finish from the edge of the AFC Wimbledon box by 60th-minute substitute Jamie Mascoll, 20, that forced a 2-2 draw'.

"Was that the best goal you ever scored?" I asked him. "Well the one at Grimsby was a bit special" he retorted and I had to confess that I'd forgotten that one (although I was definitely at Blundell Park to witness our 2-1 defeat earlier this season).

Jamie took possession out near the right-hand touchline, 40 yards from goal, and spotting the keeper off his line angled a fantastic strike over the stranded No.1 to send the 220 away fans into raptures. That was a bit left-field - well, right-field actually - but Jamie's other contributions this season remain crystal-clear in my mind.

"You made your debut against Barnet" I reminded him. "That must have been a bit feisty?" "Well, I heard all about the rivalry as soon as I signed so I was aware what the atmosphere was going to be like. The fans really wanted to win and that rubbed off on the players".

Jamie almost claimed an instant assist when his curving freekick in the first half flicked off a Barnet arm in the six-yard box and brought a brilliant reaction save from

Aston Oxborough.

But he didn't have long to wait for his first assist when his devastating cross from the left was cleverly converted by Josh Umerah at Bromley. "The old Charlton one-two!" I said.

"Yeah" he laughed. "I was at Charlton with Josh for a couple of years, training mainly, while he had a spell in the first team. Then he went to Wycombe and I followed him a year later... and now we are car buddies for training and matches as we live not too far apart".

"It must be good to be back in London after playing at Bolton and Wycombe - and even recently on loan at Waterford in the League of Ireland?" I asked him.

"Yes, but I was well looked after when I was at Bolton, particularly... they put me up in the hotel that is right next to the stadium. And then I bought a place in Manchester which was a good base".

"Very handy for this Saturday then" I told him. "When we're playing at Altrincham".

"I don't think the tenant would like getting thrown out!" he laughed.



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JAMIE MASCOLL



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

Your name and age? My name's Phoenix and I'm 17 years old.

Whereabouts do you live, Phoenix? I live in Ruislip Manor just down the road from Grosvenor Vale.

Have you always lived in that area? When I was born I was living in Ladbroke Grove but move when I was young to Ruislip Gardens and have lived here ever since. Very handy for the Vale!

When was your first Stones game? The first Wealdstone game I remember was (unfortunately) a 2-1 loss to Dulwich Hamlet at the end of the 18/19 season. However, around 2015 I saw a game for a bit from outside the ground, at that time not really knowing who Wealdstone where.

What were your first impressions of the club? My first impression was that the club was clearly a popular place in the Manor and is a closely-knit club in terms of the fans and the players. A good relationship.

What was the first football match you ever saw live? Or on TV? The first match I saw on TV was a Marseille game in my aunt's house in

Ealing which I'd admit was quite random but yeah, it was around I'd say 2004 or 2005 and it was pouring with rain in the stadium.

Do you follow any other team? Yes I do, I support Liverpool F.C and if this coming out after our champions league match against Villarreal and the FA Cup final, I'll be preaching about them being the best team in England (besides Wealdstone obviously)

What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen? The most memorable game I've ever seen live is a toss up between the Euro 2020 final or Liverpool's 4-0 win against Barcelona but I'm going to have to go with the latter as we won the match and the 4th goal gives me goosebumps.

And the best Wealdstone game? Easily this would have to be the 7-0 win against Bath City, that match was absolutely mental and was also the season where we won promotion. However, the 3-1 win against Barnet would definitely be up there as well

Who introduced you to the Stones? Everyone talks about Wealdstone so to be fair many people 'introduced' me to them however I'd say I kind of introduced myself to them by seeing that one game in 2015

What level of football do you prefer? It has to be conference level or maybe championship over the premiership - this is because conference and championship are both very hard league to go up meaning there's more to play for and also they are much more physical and the



First game: Defeat by Dulwich at The Vale



Phoenix is lov'n' it at the Vale! Right: favourite player Ross Lafayette and top right: the mammoth Stones support at Barnet

fans are a lot better in my opinion.

How big a part in your life do the Stones play? I go to every home game and quite a lot of the away games also so I'd believe the club plays quite a big part.

Are you a student? Yeah I am I go to 6th form currently, hoping to go to Uni.

Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen? I think the best Wealdstone player I've ever seen would have to be Ross Lafayette and although I only went to a few of the games the games I went to, he always could slam one into the back of the net, Although I only saw him at the end of his time at Wealdstone, Jonathan North was also a quality player,

As a relative 'newbie' to the club, what



chiefly attracted you to the Vale? It has to be the atmosphere, winning or losing the fans are always singing unlike a lot of the other clubs in the League

What's the best away day you've experienced so far? In terms of the match it would have to be 3-1 against

Barnet, the fact that there was almost as many of us as them was crazy and you wouldn't be able to tell that we were the away crowd. But also the 1-0 win against Southend was also a good away day, the weather was pukka and the area was quite nice

Do you think Stones can aspire to playing in the EFL? I believe all clubs can aspire to play in the EFL and I believe Wealdstone can in the future. We have a good young squad and not all players are in the primes yet but as the squad develops, we can challenge for playoffs

Where do you think the future of the club lies? I think next season will be quite similar to this one and might be even more challenging as big teams are going down but I think if we find are footing and finish around 10th to 14th next season we could flourish as a strong National League side.

Opposition in focus

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

THE DAGGERS

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Garry Hill departed at the end of the following season and the Club turned to John

LAST MEETINGS

Saturday 16th October 2021 - FA Cup

Home - Lost 1-2 (718) Bird

Saturday 4th September 2021 - NL

Away - Drew 2-2 (1735) Umarah, Lewis

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

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

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

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

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

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

and Conditioning and First Team Coach.

Daggenham finished last season in 12th position.

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

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



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Opposition in focus

WHO'S WHO?



1. ELLIOT JUSTHAM - GOALKEEPER

Elliot joined the Daggers after being released by Luton at the end of the 2015/16 season. He joined Luton Town in May 2013 having played previously for Waltham Forest, Leyton, Redbridge, Brentwood Town and East Thurrock United. Justham was superb throughout the 2018/19 campaign, winning the Daggers Player of the Year award and was rewarded with a new contract.

2. CALLUM REYNOLDS - DEFENCE

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

3. ELLIOT JOHNSON - DEFENCE

27-year-old Elliott joined the Daggers in early August of 2020 having spent the entirety of his professional career at Barnet.

4. DEAN RANCE - MIDFIELD

The 29-year-old midfielder was our second signing ahead of the 2020/21 Vanarama National League Season. Rance is a player that manager Daryl McMahon knows well, having played in central midfield with the 29-year-old at Dover and more recently at Ebbsfleet United. He arrived at the Chigwell Construction Stadium after spending the 2019/20 season with Aldershot Town, where he was captain of the Shots. Rance appeared 28 times for the Daggers last season, scoring twice.

5. WILL WRIGHT - DEFENCE

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

6. KENNY CLARK - MIDFIELD

Kenny joined the Daggers in 2018. He began his career at the Daggers, as a youth player, but joined Thurrock after his release from the club in 2006. Kenny joined Chelmsford 2011, establishing himself as captain in a side that reached the play-offs. After two seasons with Chelmsford he was snapped up by Dartford. The 30-year-old then joined Ebbsfleet United in 2014.

7. JOSH WALKER - FORWARD

Josh Walker signed for the Daggers in July 2021 following three years at Barnet where he made 56 appearances for the club, scoring 12 times with 3 assists and even helped the north London side into the Play-Offs in the 2019/20 season. Walker began his career in the youth set up at Tottenham before making the switch to Fulham where he progressed through to the Under 23 side, making an impressive 28 appearances in the Premier League 2 over the course of two seasons. Following his release from the Cottagers, he went on to join Hendon in the 2017/18 season.

8. MO SAGAF - MIDFIELD

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

9. PAUL MCCALLUM - FORWARD

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

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10. ANGELO BALANTA © - FORWARD

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

11. MYLES WESTON - MIDFIELD

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

12. MATT ROBINSON - MIDFIELD

Matt began his career as a youth player in the Leicester City academy before joining Luton Town in 2012. He went on to play 47 games for the Hatters including 27 starts in their Conference Premier Title success of 2013/14. He made his Football League debut in August 2014 & has also had spells at Kidderminster Harriers, Grimsby Town and Woking.

13. JOSH STRIZOVIC - GOALKEEPER

14. GEORGE SAUNDERS - MIDFIELD
The 23-year-old winger arrived at the Chigwell Construction Stadium after two fantastic seasons for Hornchurch. Saunders was voted the club's Player of the Year in the 2018/19 season. He began his career at Kelvedon Hatch in the Essex Olympian League.

15. SCOTT WILSON - FORWARD

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

16. HARRY PHIPPS - FORWARD

Phipps joined the in 2018 having been released by Maidstone United.

17. DARREN MCQUEEN - STRIKER

18. RYLEY SCOTT - DEFENCE

19. SAM LING - DEFENCE

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

20. MAURO VILHETE - MIDFIELD

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

21. IBRAHIM AKANBI - FORWARD

24. JUNIOR MORIAS - FORWARD

Junior Morias joined the Daggers for an undisclosed fee in November 2021 from Kings Lynn. Morias started off his career at the Fulham then Wycombe. Junior had loans at Hendon and Boreham Wood during his time at the Chairboys. He then joined Boreham Wood on a permanent deal for six months after St Albans snatched up the striker. Peterborough purchased the forward for an undisclosed fee six months after he joined St Albans. A year at Northampton followed before joining Scottish outfit St Mirren. He returned to Boreham Wood on loan before joining Kings Lynn at the start of 2021/22.

25. AARON BLAIR - FORWARD

26. JOEY JONES - MIDFIELD

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

28. YOAN ZOUMA - DEFENCE

30. BRANDON COMLEY - MIDFIELD

Former QPR, Carlisle, Grimsby, Colchester and Bolton player joined the Daggers in February.

31. JOSH HARE - DEFENCE

Former Gillingham youth has played for Eastbourne, Maidstone & Bristol Rovers.

32. ANSU JANNEH - MIDFIELD

33. MANNY ONARIASE - DEFENCE

Manny returned to the Daggers in March 2022. He originally signed in 2018 on loan from Rotherham United before joining Scunthorpe.

IT'S A RECORD!

The vital facts on recent Stones matches...

v Bromley at The Vale, VNL
Matchday 34

Saturday March 26 2022, 3pm.
chilly afternoon with crowd still
restricted by local authority

1,161 (182 away fans)

WEALDSTONE Wickens, McAvoy
(Umerah 83), Cook, Okimo, Mundle
-Smith, Cooper (Dyer 48), Henry, Ferguson,
Jackson (Tavares 83), Browne, Clayden.
Subs not used, Elito, Mascoll. **BROMLEY:**
Balcombe, Partington, Webster, Bush, Forster
(Coulson 17), Wagstaff (Dennis 69), Bingham,
Vennings (Trotter 60), Whitely, Cheek, Alabi.
Subs not used. Parsons, Cawley.

**THE WHERE &
THE WHAT**

**DATE AND
CONDITIONS**

ATTENDANCE

TEAMS

v Halifax Town at the Shay.
VNL Matchday 35

Saturday April 2, 2022, 3 pm. Cool
afternoon on the bumpy FL-affected
pitch. Lovely town though

1,850 (131 away fans)

HALIFAX: Johnson, Warren,
Debrah, Maher, Bradbury, Green
(Woods 82), Spence (Summerfield 80), Gi-
mour, Warburton, Dearnley (Waters 56),
McDonagh
WEALDSTONE: Wickens, McAvoy (Mundle-
Smith 70), Cook, Okimo, Tavares, Dyer
(Charles 74), Henry, Clayden, Ferguson,
Umerah, Browne (Jackson 80)

STONES 1 **BROMLEY 1**
Umerah 89 Webster 74

RESULT

HALIFAX 2 **STONES 0**
Waters 60, 75

POSSESSION

Stones 55% Ravens 45%

SHOTS ON TARGET Stones 9 Ravens 2

OFF TARGET Stones 2 Ravens 3

CORNERS Stones 7 Ravens 6

MATCH STATS

POSSESSION

Halifax 55% Wealdstone 46%

SHOTS ON TARGET Halifax 8 Wealdstone 2

OFF TARGET Halifax 6 Wealdstone 2

CORNERS Halifax 5 Wealdstone 3

"We've hit the bar 3 or 4 times
and their goalkeeper has made 3
unbelievable saves to keep them
in it. For a part-time club like ours to be
coming away from games like this feeling
frustrated we haven't won is incredible and
testament to how good we've become." -
**Matt Saunders, Wealdstone assistant
manager**

STONES VIEW

Stones barely laid a glove on the
high-flying Shaymen, who moved
up to second in the table after a
low-key affair. Billy Waters bedevilled the
Stones when he was at Torquay last sea-
son, and the substitute did it again with two
sharply taken goals to settle the game. A
long trip and a long, long way home...

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"1-0 with 30 seconds left on the
clock and we got caught with a ball
across the box. We were unlucky not to get
the 3 points - the lads will be disappointed but
they should be chuffed with how they've gone
about their stuff today." - **Andy Woodman,
Bromley manager**

"It seemed like we were scared of going into
the box till Josh came on ... I loved the shout-
ing by the Bromley players for their injured
player who was off the field to roll back on to it
to stall the corner. we really should have won
the game at the end... 2 good chances and a
good save" - **Warren, Stones forum**

"I was delighted the way we were
patient, knowing the chances would
come. We were back to being our-
selves today" **Halifax manager Pete Wilder**
"Disappointing performance, lacked intensity
and for the second time this season, we
have been suffocated by Halifax. Only two
real chances, one which would have been
a coupon busting Browne shot which was
blocked and then Umerah, just after they took
the lead, should have pulled us level. That's
it... their top scorer came off the bench and
took it nicely. An even better finish for their
second. Halifax was a lovely town though"
- **Elmslie Ender, Stones fans' forum**

WEALDSTONE 2021-22

v Maidenhead at the Vale, VNL
Matchday 36

Tuesday 5th April 2022, 7.45 pm. A windy early spring evening at The Vale with a limited crowd capacity.

1,222 (220 away fans)

WEALDSTONE. Wickens, McAvoy, Cook, Okimo, Mundle-Smith, Charles (Umerah 60), Henry, Ferguson, Claydon, Browne, Jackson.

MAIDENHEAD UTD: Ashmore, De Havilland, Clerima, Donnellan, Blissett, Ferdinand, Beckwith, Kelly, Massey, Barratt (Smith 84), Adams.

STONES 0 MAIDENHEAD 0

POSSESSION

Stones 49% Maidenhead 51%

SHOTS ON TARGET Stones 2 Magpies 4

OFF TARGET Stones 4 Magpies 5

CORNERS Stones 4 Magpies 5

Combative performance by the Stones but Magpies determined to avenge their home 2-0 defeat... which they nearly did with THREE efforts that cannoned off the woodwork. Home pressure was fitful and Nathan Ashmore only had to make one save all evening.. but the midweek Vale lockout continues!

"Well earned point IMO. We were second best against a powerful and organised Magpies side. Some of the players need to take full responsibility here rather than the manager. Still, a healthy crowd and lively first half atmosphere. Second half...like the performance was flat" - **Attic, Stones forum**

"It was a poor game. The highlight for me was a sequence of short passes with the ball changing hands several times until it landed at the feet of Massey who just lumped it forward disdainfully." **Wealdstone forum**

"We kept a clean sheet, which is brilliant, and we had our chances. The elements played their part and Wealdstone gained the impetus in the first half, but we dominated the second half and probably should have won" - **Ryan Peters, Maidenhead assistant manager**

THE WHERE & THE WHAT

v Chesterfield at the Vale, VNL
Matchday 37

DATE AND CONDITIONS

Saturday 9th April 2022, 3.00 pm. A warm spring afternoon at The Vale with a limited crowd capacity.

ATTENDANCE

1,337 (387 away fans)

TEAMS

WEALDSTONE. Wickens, Sesay (Mascoll 82), McAvoy, Okimo, Mundle-Smith, Claydon, Charles (Jackson 78), Henry, Ferguson, Browne (Elito 75), Umerah.

CHESTERFIELD. Loach, Gunning, Grimes, Whittle, King, Kellerman, Weston, Williams, Mandeville (Miller 85), Denton (Quigley 59), Asante (Khan 70).

RESULT

STONES 1 CHESTERFIELD 2
Umerah 52 Grimes 35, Quigley 68

MATCH STATS

POSSESSION

Stones 46% Chesterfield 54 %

SHOTS ON TARGET Stones 3 Spireites 6

OFF TARGET Stones 2 Spireites 8

CORNERS Stones 1 Spireites 4

STONES VIEW

Stones again came up a bit short against one of the NL's big hitters. Despite Chesterfield's array of attacking talent they were forced to rely on the 'giraffe' - 6ft 7in striker Tom Denton - to find a way though the organised home defence, his knock-down allowing Grimes to bang in the first. Josh Umerah converted Charlie Clayden's cross for an excellent equaliser but Quigley struck an even better winner from 20 yards. Probably deserved...just

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"Make no bones about it, this is a difficult place to come to and win. Wealdstone are a good side that plays good football, and we've managed to win. It calms everyone down a bit" **Paul Cook, Chesterfield's manager**

"It's about the finishing. Both of their goals were expertly taken, whilst we were profligate, and that's without 2 penalty shouts not given, first the trip on Umerah and then the shove in the back on Jackson. Apart from that, both sides pretty even." - **Stones forum**

"I thought we were a bit unlucky We missed huge chances and might have had 2 penalties, but we are a very young squad and experience will help us manage games better in the future." - **Stuart Maynard**

IT'S A RECORD!

The vital facts on recent Stones matches...

v Southend Utd at Roots Hall,
VNL Matchday 38

Good Friday 15th April 2022, 3.00 pm. A very warm, sunny Bank Holiday on the Costa del Essex

5,847 (411 away fans)

WEALDSTONE: Wickens, Sesay (Browne 56), McAvoy, Cook, Okimo, Claydon, Charles (Jackson 78), Henry (Mundle-Smith 46), Ferguson, Elito (Mascoll 82), Umerah.

SOUTHEND UTD: Arnold, Hobson, Clark, Gibbins (Dennis 71), Demetriou, Neal, Husin, Bridge (Wood 78), Clifford, Powell (Dalby 85), Cardwell.

SOUTHEND 0 STONES 1
Browne 68

POSSESSION

Shrimpers 51% Stones 49%

SHOTS ON TARGET Shrimpers 4 Stones 4

OFF TARGET Shrimpers 3 Stones 1

CORNERS Shrimpers 6 Stones 4

The Stones first away win against an ex-League team since the 3-2 FA Cup giantkilling of Hereford in 1977... Rhys Browne's brilliant individual goal the only difference after 90 rollercoaster minutes. A terrible early penalty award against Connor McAvoy saw poetic justice as George Wickens saved Demetriou's spot kick. A great day in every way for the traveling Stones army!

"If you don't take your chances you don't win games and we had so many. How we never won that game is beyond me. You just knew they would score and nick it. Having said that, we were rubbish and just seemed to hoof it forward at every opportunity. The backward slide continues against part-time Wealdstone" - **Southend forum**

"A brilliant day out. Yes we rode our luck and a great hit from Rhys and Cookie was just imperious as usual. A great shift from everyone on duty, well done." - **Wealdstone forum**

THE WHERE & THE WHAT

v Boreham Wood at the Vale
VNL Matchday 39

DATE AND CONDITIONS

Easter Monday, April 18 2022, 3 pm. Warm afternoon in front of another restricted home crowd

ATTENDANCE

1,181 (152 away fans)

TEAMS

WEALDSTONE: Wickens, Cook, McAvoy, Okimo (c), Tavares (Clayden 80), Henry, Ferguson (Dyer 77), Mundle-Smith, Elito (Jackson 87), Browne, Umerah.

BOREHAM WOOD: Ashby-Hammond, Lewis, Fyfield, Stephens, Stevens (Ricketts 46), Mendy Mendy, Raymond, Mafuta, Marsh, Boden (Corney 72), Clifton (Osri 62)

RESULT

STONES 2 B WOOD 0
Henry 35, Umerah 51

MATCH STATS

POSSESSION

Stones 50% Wood 50%

SHOTS ON TARGET Stones 5 Wood 3

OFF TARGET Stones 4 Wood 4

CORNERS Stones 4 Wood 4

STONES VIEW

The perfect end to Easter, two outlandish goals scuppering Wood's play-off chances. Aaron Henry's bullet free kick from 28 yards beat Ashby-Hammond's right hand, and the keeper was culpable too when he fumbled Mundle-Smith's header into the net off the leaping Josh Umerah. Any sympathy? No!

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"Huge achievement to not only stay in the division but to do it with 5 games to go. SM's interview after the game was spot on I thought, there is a real connection between the management, players and supporters. The players just seem to "get it" and their attitude in the main this season has been great. Despite the ups and downs, I don't think the management team have complained once about the lack of resources, the budget, being part time etc. They just get on with it and make the best of what we have. The challenge now for us is to ensure we take another step forward next season" - **BUTE, Stones forum**



ALTRINCHAM 4
Kosylo 8, 46, Marriott 52, Mooney 56

WEALDSTONE 2
Cooper 71, Mullarky 77

ACE MATTY APPLIES THE FINISH FOR HOT ROBINS

By Andy Marshall

FREE-SCORING Altrincham continued their fine home form with a battling victory over fellow midtable side Wealdstone.

Goals in either half from Matty Kosylo were added to by Isaac Marriott and Dan Mooney before late strikes from Charlie Cooper and Josh Umerah gave the visitors hope, but Alty held on to make it eight unbeaten at the J. Davidson Stadium.

But, despite the scoreline, assistant Alty boss Neil Sorvel admitted his side had more than a little luck to get the job done.

"It was a strange game. We started strongly, but were terrible after our early goal and gave away chance after chance," he said.

"We're pleased with the win, but we were hardly clinical, a mistake by their keeper and a scuffed effort, but we'll take it. Our highest ever finish is 14th at this level and our target now is to break this record, so we'll keep going until the end."

The hosts went ahead inside eight minutes when Ryan Colclough's low cross from the left was slid in by Kosylo. But the hosts could have equalised immediately when a mistake from Alty keeper Tony Thompson let Umerah in behind but the stopper recovered well to deflect his effort behind.

Colclough nearly made it two with a clever chip over George Wickens, but the Stones stopper just got fingertips to the ball to turn it over the bar.

Wealdstone went even closer - actually hitting the crossbar this time - Niko

la Tavare's header from Stephen Browne's cross pushed onto the woodwork by Thompson.

Wealdstone were made to pay dear for that miss when the hosts added three goals in 11 minutes following the restart.

Within seconds, Kosylo had his second when his tame effort was fumbled into the net by Wickens, before Marriott smashed in from 25 yards on 52 minutes.

And four minutes later Alty made it four when a scramble in the Stones box led to Mooney scuffing the ball into the net.

The Stones responded with a triple substitution and they pulled one back in the 71st minute when Thompson parried Browne's effort to substitute Cooper who fired in.

And six minutes later, Wealdstone's top scorer Umerah headed in Aaron Henry's peach

of a free-kick to give the hosts some serious doubts.

Henry then came within a whisker of making it 4-3 when his top corner bound free kick was expertly clawed away by Thompson in stoppage time, and the Robins held on.

Wealdstone boss Stuart Maynard said: "We were the better team for long periods but you need to take your chances when you're on top. Conceding at the start of both halves has done us. It's two good footballing teams so that made it an entertaining watch."

STAR MAN: Matty Kosylo (Altrincham)

ATT: 1,657

ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★
REFEREE: Scott Simpson

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A few screenshots from Syl Allen's wonderful Stones-goals video at Southend on Good Friday... above, the delicious moment as Rhys Browne unleashes his 25-yarder and home keeper Arnold sees it just too late to extend his right arm far enough....



The ball is in the net and Arnold just flops down in dismay as Rhys (far left) starts his celebration dance of delight towards the awestruck Stones fans



And finally, from the Southend fans' video taken from the far end of the stadium, it's a proper 'limbs' moment for the 400 celebrating Stones army at that end of the ground. Good Friday? They don't come any better :)



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George WICKENS
Jack COOK
Andrew ELEFTHERIOU
Nikola TAVARES
Jerome OKIMO
Craig FASANMADE
Matt BUSE
Joshua UMERAH
Rhys BROWNE
Dennon LEWIS
Charlie COOPER

AUGUST		Comp	Score	(Total)	(Away)	Lge	Goal scorers											
21	WOKING	VNL	1-2	1,405	380	16	Umerah	1	2	12	17	6	7	8	9	10	11	24
28	Chesterfield	VNL	0-2	5,336	167	18		1	2	12	17	6	7	8(18)	9	10	11	24
30	SOUTHEND UNITED	VNL	0-0	2,151	800	18		1	2	12		6	7(10)	9	10	11	24	
SEPTEMBER																		
4	Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	2-2	1,735	170	18	Umerah, Lewis	1	2	12	17(34)	6	7		9	10(7)	11(3)	24
11	ALTRINCHAM	VNL	1-0	1,013	N/A	15	Elito (Pen)	1	2	12		6	7(9)		9	10	11	24
14	Notts County	VNL	2-3	5,213	208	14	Umerah (2)	1	2	12		6	7(9)		9	10(11)	11	24
18	ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL	2-2	1,106	280	15	Umerah, Jackson	1	2	12		6	7(9)	8(20)	9	10	11	24
25	King's Lynn Town	VNL	1-0	885	180	13	Cooper	1	2	12	17			8(21)	9	10(9)	11(20)	24
OCTOBER																		
2	Torquay United	VNL	0-5	2,097	132	16		1	2	12	17			8(20)	9		11	24
5	SOLIHULL MOORS	VNL	0-0	1,501	120	16		1	2	12	17			8(18)	9		11	24
9	EASTLEIGH	VNL	1-2	1,267	95	16	Umerah	1	2	12	17						9(18)	24
16	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	FAC4	1-2	718	185	17	Bird	1	2	12	17	6		8(11)	9		11	24
23	Weymouth	VNL	1-1	1,024	170	17	McAvoy	1	2	12	17	6	7(9)	8(18)	9		11	24
26	GRIMSBY TOWN	VNL	1-0	1,892	794	16	Buse	1	2	12	17	6	7(9)	8	9		11(16)	24
NOVEMBER																		
13	BARNET	VNL	1-0	2,662	672	16	Browne	1	2	12	17	6(25)		8	9	10(16)		24
20	Wrexham	VNL	0-0	8,592	194	17		1	2	12	17	6(17)			9	10		24
23	Dover Athletic	VNL	3-2	510	200	15	Sweeney (2), Umerah	1	2	12		6		8	9	10		24
27	STOCKPORT COUNTY	VNL	1-4	1,382	310	16	Jackson	1	2	12		6		8	9			24
30	Bedfont & Feltham	MCC2	1-2	TBC	TBC	16	Jackson											
DECEMBER																		
4	Bromley	VNL	2-3	1,747	220	17	Umerah, Cook	1	2	12		6			9			24
11	FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL	0-1	958	90	18						6	7		9			24
18	Needham Market	FAT3	1-2	432	200	18	Buse				2		6	7	8(5)	9		24
JANUARY																		
11	Boreham Wood	VNL	0-1	1,298	171	19					17	6	7	8	9			
15	DOVER ATHLETIC	VNL	2-1	940	45	19	Charles, Stevens	1	2	12	17	6	7					24
22	Woking	VNL	0-2	2,667	232	20		1	2	12	17	6	7		9			24
25	NOTTS COUNTY	VNL	0-0	1,547	450	20		1	2	12		6(2)		8	9			24
29	Grimsbury Town	VNL	1-2	4,747	166	20	Mascoll	1	2	12		6		8	9(22)			24
FEBRUARY																		
8	YEOVIL TOWN	VNL	2-1	1,175	TBD	18	Umerah, Tavares	1	2	12	17	6			9	10(20)		24
12	Barnet	VNL	3-1	2,248	848	16	Umerah, Ferguson, Mundle-Smith	1	2	12	17	6			9	10(20)		24
19	WREXHAM	VNL	1-2	1,901	TBD	17	Browne (P)	1	2	12		6		9	10(20)			24
22	Solihull Moors	VNL	1-2	3,219	209	18	Okimo	1	2	12		6		9	10			24
26	TORQUAY UNITED	VNL	1-1	0,000	N/A	19	Mundle-Smith	1	2	12	17				9	10		24
MARCH																		
5	Eastleigh	VNL	1-4	2,615	190	20	Clayden	1	2	12	17				9	10		24
8	Maidenhead United	VNL	2-0	1,209	220	20	Cook, Browne	1	2	12		6		9(10)	10			24
12	WEYMOUTH	VNL	3-2	1,003	87	16	Browne 2, Cook	1	2	12		6		9	10			24
19	Stockport County	VNL	2-4	7,453	195	16	Henry, Cook	1	2	12		6		9	10			24
26	BROMLEY	VNL	1-1	1,161	182	17	Umerah	1	2	12	17(16)	6		9(14)	10			24
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2	FC Halifax Town	VNL	0-2	1,850	TBD	18		1	2	12	17	6			9	10		24
5	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL	0-0	1,222	220	18		1	2	12		6		9(4)	10			24
9	CHESTERFIELD	VNL	1-2	1,337	TBD	18	Umerah	1	2	12		6		9	10			24
15	Southend United	VNL	1-0	5,849	TBD	16	Browne	1	2	12		6		9	10(11)			24
18	BOREHAM WOOD	VNL	2-0	1,181	TBD	16	Henry, Umerah	1	2	12	17	6			9	10		24
23	Altrincham	VNL	2-4	1,657	TBD	16	Cooper, Umerah	1	2	12	17	6			9	10		24
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2	Yeovil Town	VNL																
7	KING'S LYNN TOWN	VNL																
15	Aldershot Town	VNL																

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FRIENDLY RESULTS

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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

stitute (number of player replaced in brackets)

Dan WISHART	Ashley CHARLES	Alex DYER	Medy ELITO	Jack CAWLEY	Ira JACKSON	Charlie BARKER	Connor STEVENS	Jay BIRD	Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH	Connor MCAVOY	Zach DRONFIELD	Jamie MASCOLL	Jayden SWEENEY	Alfie MARIGLIANI	William DENNIS	Sam SARGENT	Douglas TAYLOR	David SESAY	Aaron HENRY	Nathan FEERGUSON	Charles CLAYDEN
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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
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REWIND >>>>>



BY TIM PARKS



Have we ever had such a Happy Easter? Or a Friday that Good?

Here at Programme Towers we've bored you rigid over the years with tales of our greatest Christmas and Boxing Day matches. Clearing the lines of snow before an early festive kick-off; searching high and low for an orange matchball; mince pies at half time.

In comparison, in football terms, Easter sort of goes under the radar a bit. I'm going to sound sacrilegious here, but a few chocolate eggs don't really cut the mustard (an interesting mix of metaphors) when compared to the

Christmas orgy of rich food and presents. Out on the pitch, Easter means the end of the season is fast approaching. A resurrection would always be handy but all too often these April games have a hint of staleness and desperation about them. The playing surfaces are often hard and bumpy, and down the years we've had the distinct impression that the players are going through the motions a bit.

Not this year!

The whole idea of looking closely at

Easter in the football calendar was, of course, sparked by the magnificent four days booked by the 1-0 win at ex-Football League gants Southend United on Good Friday, and then the 2-0 eclipse of play-off chasing Boreham Wood here at the Vale on Easter Monday.

It had me leafing through the Wealdstone record books to see if we've enjoyed similar Christian Festivals in the same way, and just looking back at last season had me confident that the Stones were almost invincible on this holy weekend. At Easter 2021, behind

Compare and contrast: Huge crowds saw our clashes with Southend and Boreham Wood, and the winning goals from Rhys Browne (here) and Josh Umerah (above)

EASTER
2022



The fat lady gets ready to sing for Stones

Wealdstone 2
Kingsbury Town 0

THREE useful points from a tricky derby game against Kingsbury on Monday to follow Saturday's fine win at Northwood were most welcome for Wealdstone, but with all their rivals gaining similar hauls, their frustration at being

so near to promotion, yet so far, continues, writes **John Comfort**.

The fat lady may not yet be singing, but as Stones manager Gordon Bartlett readily admits, with games fast running out, she is now starting to warm up in the wings.

Disappointing Kingsbury

gave them few problems on Monday after Jason Zazera conceded a penalty on the stroke of half time by flattening Lee Walker as he chested down an Ian Waugh throw-in.

Walker lashed the spot kick past Darren Bonfield and the 1-0 lead was just reward for Stones' dominance of the half.

The second half was more closely contested and although Town had a good spell midway through, they failed to test Rob Tenkorang.

Wealdstone came good again in the final quarter and sealed victory with a second goal after 79 minutes.

The flying Bonfield superbly saved a Steve Fraser blockbuster at the expense of a corner, but from Fraser's flag kick, Steve Croad headed the ball down and Lee Tekell blasted it into the net.

Wealdstone can do nothing more now in the race to go up than continue winning games and hope others falter.

But the feeling is growing that the crucial slip-ups this season have already been made - by Stones.

Wealdstone: Tenkorang, Smart, Moore, Waugh (Buzaglio), Croad, Knight, Walton, Tekell, Walker (Smith), Fraser, Bircham. Other sub: Hibbert.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Loughlin, Zazera (Kuinah), Gower, Stewart, Morris, D. O'Rourke, Moore (N. O'Rourke), Sicley, Leslie (Andrews), Ash.



● Not this time - Kingsbury keeper Darren Bonfield turns a Wealdstone shot over the bar in Monday's derby game at the White Lion ground.

EASTER
1996

closed doors, we went to high-flying Bromley on Good Friday and snatched a 2-2 draw, and then joyously took Barnet apart 5-1 at Grosvenor Vale on the Monday.

I felt privileged to be commentating on the live stream that afternoon (trying not to lay it on too thick, alongside Lee Chappell who was also lapping it up) and just wishing that the fans were there to share the enjoyment. Thankfully, we've repeated the batterings this season but that Easter Monday was one to savour.

So - two wins, six points and two clean sheets. That was our return from the Southend and Wood games. That must have happened a few times in the last ten years?

Well, no actually. The last time the Stones won both games over the Easter period without conceding was 26 years ago! And just to drill home the difference between where the club was then and where it is now, that was in the

Isthmian League Div Three, five levels lower!

Who were the stiff opposition back in Easter 1996? Northwood, whom we walloped 5-0 on the Saturday, and then Kingsbury Town 2-0 on Easter Monday (who put up some brave resistance thanks their keeper Darren Bonfield, later to star for the Stones of course). The standard was poor that first season back in the Isthmians (a voluntary demotion to save the club money) that we actually came fourth in a two horse race. Only Horsham should have been able to live with Gordon Bartlett's Stones - they won the title but we also finished behind Leighton Town and Windsor & Eton in a 21-strong division.

You'd probably like to see a list of our Easter results from 2022 back to 1996 just to see how badly we've done in recent years. Here we go:

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2022 Southend (a)	W 1-0
Boreham Wood (h)	W 2-0
2021 Bromley (a)	D 2-2
Barnet (h)	W 5-1
2020 no games	
2019 Dulwich (h)	L 1-3
Chelmsford (a)	W 3-0
2018 both games rained off	
2017 Hampton (a)	D 1-1
Bishop Stortford (h)	W 5-0
2016 Margate (h)	W 4-1
2015 Farnborough (a)	W 4-1
Ebbsfleet (h)	L 0-1
2014 Kingstonian (h)	L 0-4
Billericay (a)	L 2-4
2013 Wingate & F (a)	D1-1
Harrow Borough (h)	W 2-0
2012 Kingstonian (h)	W 4-1
Hampton (MSC Final)	L0-2
2011 Horsham (a)	L 1-2
Harrow Boro (h)	D1-1
2010 Maidstone (a)	W 3-2
Harrow Boro (a)	L 1-3
2009 Dartford (h)	D 0-0
Harrow Boro (a)	W 3-0
2008 Margate (a)	D 3-3
Harrow Boro (h)	D 1-1
2007 Hemel (a)	L 2-5
Banbury Utd (h)	W 4-0
2006 Maldon Town (h)	L0-2
Harrow Boro (a)	W2-1
2005 Billericay (a)	L0-2
Hendon (h)	L 2-3
2004 Arlesey (a)	W 2-0
Wingate & F (h)	W3-1
2003 Harlow (a)	W1-0
Northwood (h)	D 4-4
2002 Harlow (h)	D1-1
2001 Barton Rov (a)	W1-0
Harlow Town (h)	D2-2
2000 Oxford City (h)	W 2-1
Staines (a)	L1-2
1999 Maidenhead (a)	W 2-0
Berkhamsted (h)	W 5-2
1998 Egham (h)	W 4-2
Northwood (h)	D 1-1
1997 No Easter games :(
1996 Northwood (a)	W 5-0
Kingsbury Town (h)	W2-0

Stones are hit for six

By **Graham Smith**

Wealdstone 2 Havant 6
AFTER coming back from 2-0 down to draw level, Stones then collapsed in a three minute spell early in the second half and slumped to defeat against high flying Havant on Saturday.

The visitors took the lead in the 20th minute when Fosbury's free header hit the crossbar but came back to him and he headed past Danny Hill. Six minutes later another free header from Boyce made it 2-0.

Stones hit back in the 38th minute when Gerry Solomon's free kick was headed home by Simon Quail and they equalised a minute later after a move which was started and finished by Steve Browne. He found John Shanahan and was then perfectly placed to fire home Shanahan's cross.

Against a side that had previously conceded only ten goals away this season, things were looking good for Stones, but they ruined their chances by conceding three goals in as many minutes at the start of the second half.

The first came when Stuart Milne pulled back Boyce in the area and Havant keeper Hards scored from the penalty spot. In the 50th minute Fosbury's shot beat Hill at the near post then a minute later Fosbury completed his hat-trick, firing into an empty net after rounding Hill.

Havant completed the rout in the 65th minute when Elley headed home from close range.

Stones lost John Shanahan with a painful facial injury after being elbowed by Havant sub Webbe, but referee Harris did not even speak to the offender.

In the final minutes Stones did have a chance to reduce the deficit when a fine ball from Simon Quail found Richard Buzaglo whose speed took him clear of his marker but his thunderous shot went inches wide.

Wealdstone: D. Hill, M. Brown, Birch, Shanahan (Hudson).

**EASTER
1995**

Just to illustrate the quarter-century Easter difference, these reports (right) from the previous year (1995) have a familiar name among the scorers: Steve Browne, who is of course Rhys Brownes' dad. Just 192 saw the home defeat by Havant, and 141 for the win at Burnham In the Southern Lge South Div

Stones secure

Burnham 0 Wealdstone 4

INJURY hit Stones put Saturday's defeat by Havant quickly behind them by achieving their biggest league win of the season on Monday, writes **Graham Smith**.

The first half was surprisingly goalless, although Richard Buzaglo twice went close in the opening 10 minutes, then Roddy Brathwaite shot straight at Dilly with only the keeper to beat.

Burnham's Jones hit a post and later Gerry Solomon had to head Goodliff's effort off the line.

Although they lost Brathwaite with a hamstring injury at the break, it took Stones just a minute of the second half to take the lead.

Simon Quail's chip shot beat Dilly and was headed off the line by Chandler, but only as far as Buzaglo who headed it back into the net.



It's Easter 2004 and Stones' late bid for promotion featured a tetchy 3-1 win over Wingate & Finchley at the White Lion ground. Danny Butler can be seen at the far post flashing this header into the side netting



Who remembers Danny Butler? Well he's here today so congratulate him on his vital penalty in the Dulwich shoot-out!

**EASTER
2004**

It's almost 18 years since Danny Butler played his part in getting the Stones promoted to the Isthmian Prem but he still remembers the nerves and excitement of the penalty shoot-out with Dulwich Hamlet.

"I was pretty much in the twilight of my career" recalls the former centre back (50 next year) who is at the Vale today as a guest of match sponsor Gary Simkins.

"I was about 30 and had had a few decent years with Hayes and Northwood, and won a couple of promotions, but when Gordon Bartlett asked if I fancied playing for Wealdstone around the end of 2003 I must admit it was as the fan base that attracted me... they were always so loud and passionate and that was unusual at that level. But after a few weeks I was chomping at the bit to play: Gordon was very coy and clever at bringing me to the club but I didn't want to be a squad player in the Ryman Div One North!"

The "all or nothing" defender had to wait to displace Robin Tucker or Dave Ryan but in the end Stones started playing with three at the back and an FA Trophy run started that led to a famous 3-2 Friday night win over Thurrock at the White Lion ground. Danny had cemented his place and went on to play 31 times that season... including 11 wins in the final 13 league



Danny collects his winner's medal at the end of the 2004 Middx Charity Cup win over Harefield at Staines

best of season

10 minutes later Steve Browne put Mark Biggins clear and he turned inside and hit a low shot past Dilly to make it 2-0. Browne got Stones' third from the penalty spot after 63 minutes when Jarvis pushed Marvin Hall in the box.

Burnham then had ex-Stones player Paul Sweales sent off for a second bookable offence and right on time another Steve Browne through ball had defender Mikurenda in trouble and with Buzaglo snapping at his heels, he fired past his own keeper to complete the scoring.

Shouts of "bring on Dermot Drummy" in the latter stages from one part of the ground fell on deaf ears for Stones had already done more than enough.

Wealdstone: Franklin, M. Brown, Solomon, Birch, Milne, Hall, S. Browne, R. Buzaglo, Brathwaite (Hudson), Quail, Biggins. Other subs: Drummy, D. Hill.

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EASTER REWIND CONTD >>>>>

games that propelled Wealdstone into an unlikely seventh place, and that famous play-off with Ryman Div One south outfit Dulwich for a place in the reorganised Premier Division.

"From what I remember it was all very sudden... we had to win the last league game at East Thurrock and we did, 2-0, and I scored a back-stick header. Then two days later we were facing Dulwich and I recall feeling nervous beforehand - which was unlike me.

"I knew we'd have massive support on the night and there were hundreds there from Wealdstone. Dulwich were up for it too, a big and quick side and we were 2-1 down when the big man, Dave Ryan, strode up to take that late free kick and banged it into the bottom corner! He had a kick like a mule and a very decent player too... there were a lot in that side, Gary McKeown (not sure how GB persuaded him to sign cos he'd been at Arsenal and Dundee), Martin Carter, Richard Jolly and Marvin Morgan....

"The next thing you knew it was the end of extra time and Gordon was asking who wanted to take a penalty. Well, I don't remember ever practising them in training and I knew we'd missed quite a few, shared around, during the season. "But I was a confident lad and had played okay so I put my hand up. You could see a few surprised looks: a centre back taking a penalty? Row Z!

"I was positive and wanted to give something back to the club... but then two minutes later Dave Ryan had missed our first penalty and I was thinking 'what am I doing? Why did I volunteer?!"

"The next penalties were all very good to be fair. I took our second kick and I stuck it in the top corner. Then they put theirs away and Tommy Williams and Gary McKeown did likewise. So the Dulwich sub only has to put his away and they would win... but he puts it over the top!"

Martin Carter then had to score to take the shoot-out to sudden death - and he replicates Danny's spot kick to make it 4-4. Then the next Dulwich man up, nervous as a kitten, hit the ball straight at stonks keeper Andy Carter.

"Were you confident that Jolls would score that

last penalty?" I asked Danny.

"Well he had a sort of glazed look!" He laughed. "But he was a confident lad and just banged it in the roof of the net... and then everything went crazy! I reckon the Stones fans had been on the sauce since that morning as they were on the pitch like wild things, celebrating.

"But really, my biggest regret in football was not staying on and being a part of that journey, the next season. Hendon came in and promised me the world but it never worked out for me there. Whereas the Stones had all these plans for the new stadium and I should have followed my heart and stayed".

Danny went back to Northwood for a couple of seasons after his Hendon experience, but by then he was in his early 30s. "My body was telling me to retire" he says. "The knees, the ankles, everything was hurting!"

Now he lives just round the corner from the ground in Ruislip Manor with his wife Sharon.

"Seriously, I can hear the roar of the crowd on Saturdays and Tuesday nights and don't know why I haven't been to more games. I've been to a few.

"Today will be the start of becoming a regular I'm sure and it's great to be recognised by the fans - even though I wasn't the greatest player I gave it all in every game: I had my three Weetabix and never pulled out of a challenge!

"I don't think the modern game would be for me as there is no real contact anymore and players are just looking for fouls.

"Defenders can't leave the floor whereas most of my tackles were two feet off the ground!"

Long-time fan Mick Fishman contributes his abiding memory of Danny Butler...

"My memory relates to his dad. As the penalties progressed in that Dulwich game I was finding it increasingly difficult to cope. When Gary McKeown scored and the next Dulwich player had his penalty saved, I turned round and grabbed the first person there and we danced a jig of delight - before realising Richard Jolly still had to score his penalty. I couldn't watch... but when the roar went up me and my (by now) old mate resumed our jig of delight. My dancing partner had been Danny Butler's dad!"



Richard Jolly's penalty hits the Dulwich net and the party's just about to get started!

Won the league? That was no guarantee of a good Easter... not always anyway!



A flagtastic welcome as Stones took the field having won the 2014 Ryman League title.. but opponents Kingstonian won the Easter game 4-0

**EASTER
2014**

Maybe not surprisingly, the Stones' most impressive Easters have come when the club were on the brink of winning the League.

Back in 1952, our victorious Athenian League side went top of the table for the first time on Easter Monday with a hard fought 2-1 win over title challengers Southall at Lower Mead (pictured below).

Recent conjecture about the 5,800 crowd at Southend a fortnight ago being the biggest attendance at a league game (when we'd won) is challenged by attendances in the early 1950s.... Although the size is unreported for the Southall game, there were an estimated 6,000 at the Stones' final league game of that season. Hayes were thrashed on Saturday May 3 with our famous Polish strikers

Mikrut and Wegrzyk the stars of the 6-2 win.

There were two important victories for the Stones that Easter, as Hounslow were beaten 2-1 on the Saturday in the London Senior Cup semi final ... a big occasion in those days with 8,000 watching at the neutral venue of QPR's Loftus Road.

The final was staged at Arsenal's Highbury at the end of the season, the Stones pipped 2-1 by league rivals Finchley with 11,919 in attendance! The gate receipts of £1,114 were not so impressive... equating to just under 10p for everyone in the stadium. Football was cheaper in those days!

The club's most recent title winning seasons have featured an unimpressive Easter - two years ago (when we win the NLS on points per

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**EASTER
1952**

Wealdstone win Chelsea fan

I AM a long-standing supporter of Chelsea FC but for domestic reasons could not get to Stamford Bridge in time for last Saturday's match. As it was such a nice day and knowing my dislike of shopping, my wife suggested "why not go and see the local team play".

And so I made my first visit to Wealdstone FC this season and thinking I should be ready to leave soon after the interval arranged to meet my wife at the shops at 4 p.m. Imagine her dismay when I finally arrived at 5 p.m. full of new-found enthusiasm for Wealdstone!

Being an Observer reader, I naturally knew our local team were well placed for promotion and some of my colleagues at work had told me they were worth watching. Well, quite frankly, the way Wealdstone played in the first half particularly was more reminiscent of the First Division and I still find it hard to believe that Wealdstone can play football of such calibre.

Quite honestly, it was out of this world and I got so engrossed in the game nothing on earth would have made me leave before the end. Talk about championship form, well on Saturday's performance Weald-

stone are a credit to the town and I shall certainly be at the next home game.

Another thing, the crowd must have been about 2,000 and I had no idea Wealdstone had such wonderful vocal supporters and such a large following.

Whoever made Wealdstone play like that deserves congratulations. I was not surprised, judging from the quality of their play, to read in their excellent programme that they have only lost five league games all season. They have gained a new supporter — me!

I hope you publish this letter as other people who travel to London on Saturday afternoons may decide to watch Wealdstone — I know I certainly will.

J. BUTT

7 Roxborough Park,
Harrow

Above: I've used this image from the Harry Observer letters page in previous programmes and don't apologise for using it again today... if anything, it sums up the pride we all felt while watching the Wealdstone of 1974. And the conversions from Chelsea to the Stones are still going on today!

scored the penalty winner but our hero was keeper Roy Mackenzie who save a spot kick in the very last seconds.

Two more wins were need for the title and the very next day saw our weary side take on Dorchester Town in front of over 2,000 fans at Lower Mead.

Yet the football was breathtaking! Playing with verve and style, short passes and long, it might have ended 8-0 but instead goals from John Henderson and Ray Fulton sealed a 2-0 win.

One more win lads!

Two days later, on Easter Monday at Stonebridge Road, Wealdstone wrapped up the title with

another 2-0 win over the very decent Gravesend & Northfleet side to leave the club's press officer Colin Pope purring with incredulity.

"An unbelievable performance after playing so many games ... and at the end they looked like they could go out tomorrow and do it all again!"

Bill Byrne and Henderson got the goals and close to 500 Stones fans poured onto the pitch at the end to salute their heroes. With five games still remaining, each one turned into a victory parade in front of 2,000+ crowds as the Stones ended the season a stonking 11 points

clear of runners-up Bath City.

Look back on Easter 1974 with a huge smile on my face. The perfect bank holiday: three wins in four days, five goals scored and none conceded. The Easter just gone doesn't really compare as today's level and full-time environment are a world away from the SL Div One South of 1974.

To get two wins and not concede was awesome. To take over 400 fans to Southend in a 5,800 crowd, and then outmanoeuvre Boreham Wood in front of 1,100 home fans was awesome. The smiling won't stop for a while :)

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BY STEVE DUCKER



Random Sightings

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

Saturday 19 November 1988

Few non-league teams are as revered for their giant killing as the Sutton United side of the late 1980s. Their third round game with Coventry City in January 1989 had all the elements. Home tie on a small ground? Tick. Top flight opposition? Tick. Television cameras present? Tick. Part-time player living the dream by scoring the winner? Tick. Eccentric, pipe smoking, poetry quoting manager? Well, you get the picture.

By beating a team who had won the trophy themselves only a couple of years earlier, Sutton gave our floundering national sport a shot in the arm in the same way as Hereford knocking out

Newcastle did in 1972. And, as is the way with the BBC, the footage has gone on to be replayed only marginally less often. Seven weeks before Sutton's date with destiny, I caught them in the first round, away to Dagenham at Victoria Road. This time it was the home side who were the underdogs. Even though the non-league pyramid was still far from fully formed, there was an obvious one-division gap between the sides. But Dagenham had beaten Burton Albion in the fourth qualifying to get here, and they had no intention of just making up the numbers. Inevitably, a tight, goalless first half ensued.

It's funny how you can remember incidents at football matches long after you've forgotten the players involved. In this case it was one of the Dagenham team being sent off for a less than gentlemanly reaction to a challenge from his opposite number. Even though he was probably "not that type of player", he had to go.

With an unexpected extra man, Sutton poured into the spaces and scored four unanswered goals. As for Dagenham, it was a lesson in one of football's most basic concepts. Namely, you can do all the training ground sessions and all the pre-match chalk and talk that you like, but if one player has a moment of madness out on the park, it all goes out of the window.

Sunday 14 October 2007

Sometimes, in a quiet moment, I rack my brains to try and establish precisely when the international breaks became the joyless chore that they are now. All I can say is it must have been some time after 2007, because back then I embraced it as a chance to watch more football, and this weekend was a case in point. It started with Brentford v Rotherham at Griffin Park on the Friday night and segued seamlessly into Wealdstone v Barking & East Ham at Edgware on the Saturday.

The next day, at a kick off time more associated with tackling a Sunday roast, I was back at Victoria Road, to see Dagenham & Redbridge - as they had become since my first visit nearly two decades earlier - entertain Accrington Stanley. In a Football League fixture. The game was significant because it brought together the last two teams to win what we now call the National I League.

Both triumphs had been remarkable in their own way. Stanley, had gone out of business as a League side in 1962, reformed six years later and spent the best part of 40 years in non-league bothering nobody until their elevation in 2006.

LINE UP

Scott
Donovan
Keyes
Horan
Day
Simpson
Woodruff
Seymour
Neal
Staunton
Fitt

Subs:

Martin for Horan
Cooper for Neal

Attendance: 1,249

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE



The Daggers, meanwhile, had gone close a few years earlier when losing out to Boston United in circumstances that need a book to describe. In 2007, they finally made it, holding off Oxford United's attempt at an immediate return to the Football League. Here, the extra year Accrington had spent at the higher level made all the difference, and they won 3-1. But Dagenham survived their first season, and they weren't about to stop there.

Sunday 30 May 2010

You know the television series "Who Do You Think You Are?" where some minor celeb ties up vast public resources finding out if a distant ancestor was remotely interesting? I've always thought a similar series on football clubs would work. And if there was such a televisual feast, that Dagenham & Redbridge would be a shoo-in for episode one.

Presenter: "See that there? That's where your grandad lived."

D&RFC: "What? Walthamstow Avenue FC? There? Oh my God! I feel so emotional."

By the end of the 2009-10 season, the business model of turning a bunch of football clubs across East London and Essex into a single entity was bearing its greatest fruit yet - Dagenham & Redbridge were going to Wembley for the League Two promotion play-off final. Which was not to say many people fancied them to win. They'd only finished seventh and their final opponents Rother-

ham United had beaten them twice in the league. But then few people had rated them for the semi-final against Morecambe either. Their response then was a 6-0 first-leg battering that remains a record score for a single match across the 35-year history of the play-offs.

They took the same carefree spirit into the final and went ahead just before half-time through Paul Benson, only for Rotherham's Ryan Taylor to equalise from the kick off. After the break, the process was repeated, this time Danny Green restoring the lead only for Taylor to cancel it out minutes later. When Barbados-born Jon Nurse made it 3-2 with 20 minutes to go, there was no comeback, and third tier football was theirs.

LINE UP

Roberts
Ogogo
Doe
Arber
McCrory
Green
Vincelot
Gain
Nurse
Scott
Benson

Subs: Montgomery
for Nurse
Walsh for Scott

Attendance: 1,249

(Barring possible pieces linked to Scunthorpe United and Oldham Athletic next season, this is the last of these columns - thanks Steve! Ed.)



Action from our game away at Dagenham & Redbridge earlier this season where we came back with a well deserved 2-2 draw.



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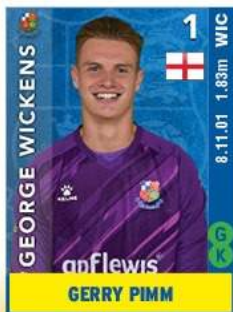
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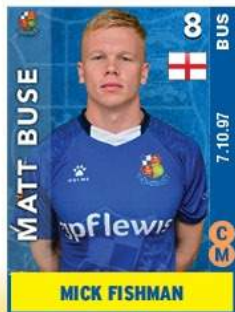
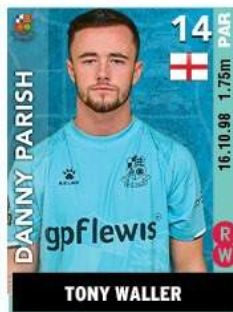
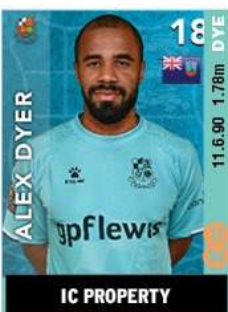
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2 Wrexham	40	24	9	7	86	42	20	13	6	1	43	18	20	11	3	6	43	24	44	69	1-2	0-0
3 Halifax Town	40	23	8	9	58	31	20	16	1	3	35	10	20	7	7	6	23	21	27	68	0-1	0-2
4 Solihull Moors	40	21	12	7	70	42	20	12	5	3	45	23	20	9	7	4	25	19	28	67	0-0	1-2
5 Notts County	40	21	10	9	75	49	20	13	5	2	43	22	20	8	5	7	32	27	26	67	0-0	2-3
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7 Grimsby Town	40	22	6	12	60	37	20	14	2	4	36	16	20	8	4	8	24	21	23	62	1-0	1-2
8 Dagenham & Redbridge	40	20	6	14	74	49	20	9	5	6	43	29	20	11	1	8	31	20	25	58		2-2
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