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Written in Stone Dawning of a new era

very warm 2018/19 season welcome to all of our supporters, officials, players and supporters of Weston-super-Mare and today's match officials. We hope you all have an enjoyable afternoon here at Grosvenor Vale.

With the distraction of the World Cup, the summer seems to have flown by this year but for many around the club there has been no break at all. Bobby and his team have finally been able to assemble a squad of their own and to have a pre season designed to bond the recruits (of which there are many) and to ensure that the fitness they demand is attained.

As always on the supporters side of things, a group of hardy souls have spent their summer cleaning, painting and repairing the stadium for the benefit of us all. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their selfless voluntary work and should you come across one of the work party, buy them a beer

I would personally like to thank everyone involved in the production of the match day programme last season. As I am sure you are aware, it takes an army of volunteers to produce a product that is worthy of the Wealdstone name proudly displayed on the

cover. We were all extremely proud to be awarded the Vanarama National League South Programme of the Year Award at the end of season gala event last month. An award made special by the fact that it is voted for by the other clubs in the division... Wealdstone winning a popularity contest, who would have thought that!

Some things never change at this level of football and as ever we desperately need your help with funding this season's campaign. Match sponsorships and match ball donations are as ever available to you and offer the opportunity to relax in the boardroom before and after the game. Looking to show support for a particular player? As luck would have it, we can help you with that with our aptly named player sponsorships. Full details of all of the mentioned schemes are listed on the appropriate pages within this programme and as ever. Paul Rumens will be happy to advise you at paulrumens59@gmail.com or on 07710 929692.

My final words are to wish our management, players old and new and you, our loyal supporters, the very best for the coming season.

Mark

Who's New? A brief guide to some of our newer Stones

YADO MAMBO:

Yado was a popular member of the Ebbsfleet side that got promoted in 2016/17 and has played in the EFL with Charlton Athletic, AFC Wimbledon and Shrewsbury Town.

RHYS TYLER:

Rhys joined Hungerford Town and began his career at Reading. Rhys then moved to Germany wfor a five-year spell in the professional ranks.

FREDDIE GRANT:

A left-back that joined from Oxford City. Freddie began his career with Oxford United CONNOR STEVENS:

Young defender who joined following his release by Premier League side Watford.

MATT LENCH:

Matt was a key member Slough Town's promotion-winning side last season in attacking midfield

WADAH AHMIDI:

A hard-working central midfielder joins from Staines

JEFFREY MONAKANA:

Jefrey joined from Welling United. He was a youngster at Arsenal before joining Preston North End. He made 49 appearances for the League One club.

JAMES CLARK:

James joins from Hungerford. A hard working midfielder can also move into defence and up front if needed.

GODFREY POKU:

Joins fromOxford City. He has a wealth of experience in this league and the one above and has also played in the EFL with Mansfield Town.

STEFAN BROWN:

An FA Cup record holder, Brown scored the fastest ever FA Cup as a whilst at AFC Totton, Stefan joins from from Hungerford.



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- Entering the field of play before, during or after a game without prior authorisation
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From the Gaffer and management team I



warm welcome to Mark McGregor his management team, players and officials of Weston Super-Mare Football Club.

Welcome back, I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break. With a fantastic world cup, we got to witness over the summer, having a football fix has made it go quick. With that said, however, with a 5-week preseason programme we have been desperate for today to come along and we can't wait to get up and running. Coming in at the end of August last year meant we didn't get a preseason, we mentioned last year how critical this period is so it has been brilliant to get to work with the lads before we kick off the season. We've been happy with how pre-season has gone right from the pre-season training camp, the games and how the boys have applied themselves in the sessions which have been hard. The boys have gelled quickly which was most important to us with so many new faces, they're fit and we've worked hard to ensure they're clear as to how we want to play and know our standards and expectations of been a player at Wealdstone.

We're not setting any specific targets and

will aim to be finish as high as we can. It's boring but we approach it game by game, week by week and assess things as we go. What you can look forward to seeing is more men out there representing Wealdstone, players who will be more consistent and have that winning mentality. We believe we have brought more quality to the group and we're very excited with the potential.

The league this year is going to be extremely competitive with some big clubs coming down from the National League and some strong clubs gaining promotion. We should relish the opportunity to get to go and mix it with clubs of the stature of those in the league and as we've seen in the past the game isn't won on paper so we know that if we do our jobs we'll compete.

Weston are a brilliant footballing side who with some very good technical players. We will have to concentrate and be at it as they have the ability to cut you apart if you switch off. Enjoy the game and we look forward to seeing for the whole of the season in what is sure to be a memorable one.

Bobby and the management team.

The Elmslie Ender



Back by popular demand EE reflects on sponsorship and the futility of war. hat a summer! A fantastic World

Cup full of shocks and surprises: England performing admirably with pride and passion; the sun beating down and plenty of dry weather to watch cricket in splendid settings, cracking atmospheres with a Pimm's in hand (Obviously Middlesex have been pants but we can't have it all). Yet there was a strange phenomenon which I can only explain being due to the heat. Wealdstone had a new sponsorship deal. A fantastic local company, that is growing rapidly, sponsoring our main stand, throwing in some money and a new scoreboard too. Purveyors of great bacon rolls and tantalising iced buns, what's not to like? But hev, the proper not happies of the world were bereft as it meant the main stand would be re-branded in the company's colours. Gone would be blue to be replaced by orange and brown. Any sane person would be overloved that a stand that really needs demolishing, and with a longer lease would be, was being refurbished but there were some lunatics on the loose.

Let's be clear. At a football club, bar the

club name and colours, everything is up for sale. Everything. Some would argue that only the first choice colours are sacrosanct. change strips are available to anyone that is interested in splashing some cash. Simple economics dictate that very few clubs bring in more revenue than they spend. Hardly any in fact. The books have to be balanced between the ins and the outs, so external commercial income is a must to assist the club to grow, otherwise you are dependent on an individual or a group of individuals to prop up the football club and we know that there is an aversion at the Vale from some for this to happen. We can't cherry pick what is commercial activities we like and what we don't . Anyway, I am looking forward to those aforementioned bacon rolls replacing cheese and onions rolls in the bar and the stand looks fine as well. There are people at every football club that are happy with the status quo that exists because it fits into their comfort zone. As a growing football club that has experienced many years in the doldrums in our exile years, we yearn for growth and development. Our limit might well be the Conference South as we may not be to

sustain anything higher up the pyramid but let's not close our minds and vision to what potential we may have.

This season is likely to see the strongest Conference South division for many years and those that have been around for

the duration of its life.

suggest it is likely to the best ever. Not only has the bandwagon from the east rolled in, with a "reduced" budget of £20,000 per week (It was going to be 10k, then went to 15k), but we also have a full-time Torquay United (min 15k weekly budget), Woking and Dulwich as well who will have ample resources to spend, that's before you even worry about Steve King's Welling United. Slough, Chelmsford, Dartford et al. It's going to be tough especially as our budget is likely to be 25% lower than it was last season. Still credible in terms of size, but we have

a long way to travel from 11th to get into a play-off spot especially with a much stronger division. I don't normally go to friendlies but the sun and decent opposition **a football club,** at home saw me venture out.
What I have seen to date has bart the club name at home saw me venture out. been promising. The team certainly look fit and strong - I don't think we will be so easily out-muscled in midfield this season for a start- and a pattern of play developing. I am concerned whether we will score enough goals, but we won the double on a diet

of 1-0 wins. Proof will be in the eating, but there seems to a quiet confidence that we will feature at the right end of the table this season. Let's hope the ship sails serenely and isn't holed below the decks early!

Sometimes in life perspective is required and opportunities avail themselves where



'Let's be clear. At

and colours,

Our rather marvelous looking main stand in its new Wenzels branding... The staff here at programme towers can thoroughly recomend their dougnuts.

vou see it in the full. A few of us travelled over to France in June to visit various World War 1 sites, including German/French and British/Commonwealth/German battlefields. If you want to understand the futility of war see the battle of Le Linge. For four months the French and Germans fought over a mountain

top and established after 20,000 were killed, that the Germans were too entrenched to dislodge so they consolidated their positions just yards away from each other for the rest of the war. Or the bravery of British troops climbing over the top of trenches at Lochnagar when their leaders had told them that German forces had been neutralised yet were met with a hail of machine guns bullets as they went over. but still they carried on regardless taking horrendous

loses. This was repeated in many, many places over what was really a royal family dispute. I would heartily recommend a trip across the Channel and Roger Slater is your man to organise places away from the main tourist sites.

Sud

THE BIG INTERVIEW BY TIM PARKS

Bradley Hudson-Odoi

radley Hudson-Odoi is absolutely 'buzzing' for the new season!

The 29-year-old striker left Grosvenor Vale for Sutton United two years ago but he's back "a better, more dynamic player" in his own words.

"I've lost a bit of weight, I'm more powerful, injury-free and it's so good to come back to Wealdstone" he said. "And I've had two more children since I left! Life is very good at the moment".

Brad became non-League's Fabian Delph last month when his wife Annie gave birth to daughter Miami on the day of the Bracknell game. "The manager, Bobby, was very good to let me miss that game and Annie had our daughter just one day after the due date. And before you ask, no it wasn't a David Beckham name-choice.

nothing to do with the place of conception or anything!" he laughed.

The couple now have four children, three girls and a boy, under 11. Not a lot of sleep for our returning wide-man then?

"No, about five hours a night tops but I did manage to go with the boys down to Bournemouth for the bonding and training weekend at the beginning of July. Annie's been great, never complaining about football and I'm blessed."

radley says he left Wealdstone "with a heavy heart" two vears ago, after an outstanding season at the Vale.

Sutton United, newly promoted to the National League, came in with a good offer and the fact that he lives in Wimbledon was a major factor.

"I had some good times at Sutton with the



FA Cup run (they beat Leeds United on the way to defeat by Arsenal at Gander Green Lane) but suffered a bad injury at Torquay United just after the Arsenal match. A rup-

tured achilles tendon - it kept me out for the rest of the season and, looking back, I had a lot of niggles that I am convinced was due in part to the 3G pitch.

> "When I signed for them, Wes Parker the Stones captain said 'Are you sure? That surface will give you back and knee problems' and so it proved.

"But there were some good memories at Sutton and the FA Cup run, especially the Arsenal match and all the TV build-up was memorable.

"Was that your biggest moment in foot-

ball?" I asked him

"Well, I got on as substitute in that game and got a shot off which went wide. But I also played for Hereford United in League

One when I was vounger, one game at Leeds in front of 35,000 so it wasn't that eye-opening. Don't forget we had a big game at Wealdstone three years ago against Colchester... I scored my special goal (off my knee) and for a little while we dared to dream!"

"But was a shock really on the cards

"It might have been. That Stones team had a lot of quality but in the end it was fitness that did for us. Colchester.

'I love this club to

expect from me...

crowd on their feet and it's really exciting to think of us playing down the flanks.

WEALDSTONE v WESTON SUPER-MARE THE BIG INTERVIEW

"But the whole squad is strong and with a lot of flexibility. I've been impressed with the manager, his enthusiasm and organisation and the club have done really well to get all the new signings completed so quickly - it's rare to have a squad like this with no egos and with the time to sort out a style of play early in pre-season.

"The training weekend has really helped build team spirit and we're all raring to go... the friendlies have been coming thick and fast with a good mixture of opposition so let's hope it will all come together or August 4".

radley is a football agent, now working for 1st Access Sport and is concentrating on a wide range of players from non-League to Premier League. bits and I think the His insanely-talented younger brother Callum, 17, is part of Bradley's stable and is all set for a make-or-break fans know what to vear with Chelsea - unless one

valuation. "It's good to still be playing while working as an agent" says Brad. "My clients respect that I'll give it to them straight.

of the major European clubs is

ready to meet the Blues' £20m

although you have to avoid a conflict of interest if you represent a player at your own club. It can be hard to concentrate on your own game and that will always be my priority".

Bradley played most of last season on loan at Hampton & Richmond Borough, helping them into the play-offs with 10 goals in 29 games. Not a bad return!

"The manager, Alan Dowson, went to Woking at the end of the season and was negotiating for me to follow him. But I was then finally out of contract with Sutton and free to choose for myself - so I chose Wealdstone!"

"My season ended prematurely so I never really got to say goodbye to the fans - I landed awkwardly on my knee in the last home game of 2015-16, against St Albans. and had to come off so I missed the trip to Truro on the last day.

"I love this club to bits, the fans especially, and I think they know what they're going to get from me - pace, power, driving at defences and goals hopefully!"

nly Jonathan North remains from that team of April 2016. So will Bradley find it hard to assimilate with a new group of players?

"Not at all - I know half a dozen of the squad really well (Sam Cox, Bubbsy, Jerome, Yads Mambo) and played with Jeff Monakana at Sutton a couple of years ago. Jeff is a real matchwinner who gets the

Coming up in the next four issues: Big Interviews with Matt Lench, Yado Mambo, Freddie Grant and Godfrey Poku... and many more to follow!

could go up a gear and we couldn't live with





OUR TWITTER FEED: @wealdstone_FC WFC

From the Matchday Operations room







ood afternoon everyone and I hope you are enjoying the summer period. I cannot recall commencing a season this early before...I just hope the conditions are conducive to fast flowing football...leaving the walking football to our more 'mature' supporters!

I am contributing to this opening programme for 2 reasons...

Firstly our perennial request for help! We are always in need of people to assist with the operations on match days.... stewarding, turnstiles, car park management are examples of what you assist with.not necessarily every match, but now and again would be very helpful. Do catch me or Nick Dugard if you can spare some time, which will be much appreciated.

The second reason is also a request and concerns us all. You will all be familiar with what is expected of us whilst following our great club. The Ground rules and regulations are displayed within the ground and are included in every match programme. It is disappointing to record the fact that on no less than 5 occasions last season we were required to respond to the Football Association to explain events that had occurred, and what remedial action we were taking.

We pride ourselves here at Wealdstone on 'low key' stewarding. We did face some tough challenges during last season, particularly when a high volume of visiting supporters were present. It really makes for a great atmosphere and adds to the occasion.

That's how it should be. We intend to keep it that way.

I have been around long enough to know how passionate our fans are. Naturally, we have no intention of changing that. Unfortunately as last season progressed, we were receiving an increase in complaints about the behaviour of some of our supporters, primarily offensive language, and the singing of a highly inappropriate song. I know the former is extremely difficult to deal with...if we acted upon every 'F' word, there would be few left in the ground either on or off the pitch...but a quiet word in your ear could be forthcoming!

The singing of that song, concerning WW2 events, offended quite a number of spectators, including visitors who had no allegiance to either side, and MUST stop. So please do not even think about it. Channel your energy into supporting our team which is what we all desire. So please, refrain from behaving in this way! Any continuation will lead to ejection from the ground and who wants that?

This level of football requires significant safety measures, and we will be introducing random searches upon entry when we feel it is appropriate. This is for the benefit of everyone. Feel free to alert a steward if you feel it is necessary..we will act promptly to prevent a situation developing. Everyone has a right to watch a game of football free of intimidation and fear so please act sensibly and here's to a successful season on and off the pitch!

Steve

ello and welcome to our visiting fans from Weston-super-Mare in Somerset enjoy your stay and please visit the megastore before you leave.

A phrase you often hear in military circles is 'Don't volunteer for anything'. And so it was that I instigated and organised the Supporter's Club Diamond Jubilee Dinner in February. Last season's programmes carried reflections from Committee members, so I can only echo them in thanking everyone for their efforts. A hugely succeeding night which

raised approx £5k for the Supporters Club.

Another new experience for me was host-

Another new experience for me was nosting a supporters coach to Brackley Town for the FA Trophy semi-final. It certainly was

a very cold day remembered for the weather rather than the result. Ok we didn't get to play at Wembley but in perspective it was a fine achievement. By my sums we made one appearance at that stage in the first 36 seasons we entered, (1972-95 and 1998-2010). To reach two semi-finals in six years is nothing short of fabulous! So let's put that disappointment behind us

and make it three times in seven seasons....

Adam and Mark have both been busy

over the close season restocking the shop with some new lines, including the very popular wall clocks and programme binders. As Retro programmes Sales Manager I



The're back..Pick up your FREE Juniour Stones Loyalty Card today.

strongly recommend the latter! The Committee will have met for the first time this season by the time you read this and are considering fundraising events and away travel for you, our loyal supporters. Do check social media for announcements, a new Junior Stones loyalty card will be available from the megastore today for example. New faces and therefore ideas are most

welcome, just speak to a committee member in the shop after the game.

Don't forget your golden goals from Mim by the turnstiles. Enjoy the game and do remember to visit the megastore.

Terry

Supporters Club coach to Billericay



Subject to a minimum of 30 bookings the Supporters Club will run a coach for our first Saturday away game at Billericay Town on August 11th.

The coach will depart the ground at 11.30am going straight to the ground and return to the club immediately after the game.

Flat fare of £20 per person for everyone, should we get 40 or more people on the bus then the fare will drop to £15 per person.

Bookings are now being taken by text to **07881624890** or via email to **victor.klarfeld@btinternet.com**

Please ensure you quote the Full name/names of the person/people you are booking for and a contact phone number.

Fan in the Stand 'If you buy into what Wealdstone

are all about it's easy to become part of the family ... and become really addicted!

Name: Paul Hamer Where do you live? Ruislip for the past 7 years.

Paul (right) and brother-in-law Dom Whyley

get busy making bubbles!

Where do you work? I work for an enforcement agency company recovering outstanding debts.

First Stones game attended? It was the playoff semi final defeat to Concord Rangers in 2013. Can't believe we didn't win after totally dominating the game.

What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan? I had always had an interest in non league football as my Grandad would take me to watch Haves when I was a kid. But the main influence would have to be my brother in law - a certain Mr Dominic Whyley. His love for this club is very infectious. I was lucky that my first season was the championship winning season. Dom and I took our families away for a week in Shropshire and then we ended up leaving them to drive back for the Lowestoft game that would see us win the league if we won - but we drew. We drove all the way back and then, on our return on the Saturday, we dumped the family off and headed to Aveley for the Grays game which again we drew. I couldn't make it to Margate and missed us being crowned champions.

Do you prefer lower-League football? prefer certain aspects of lower league football. I like how much more real and involved you feel at this level. The Wealdstone fan base is exceptional, to take the numbers we do to away games is second to none and obviously our home attendances are one of the best in the league. I think if you buy into what Wealdstone is all about it is easy to become part of the family and become really addicted to it. Also you are closer to the players - that has its advantages and disadvantages. I think the crowd play a massive part at this level, getting behind the team can get that extra bit out of them whilst getting on their back can have a negative effect. It's also a lot better value for money, the early bird season ticket has been a great idea and I'm pleased that the propesd increase in on the day ticket prices has been shelved.

Any disadvantages? Not really, I do find it annoving when you try and talk non league to someone who only watches premier league football and they don't understand why you are so passionate about it. It's true that some people don't believe football exists outside of the premier league.

How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone, into your family/working life? Terribly if you ask my wife! That's the exact answer she gave when I read out this guestion. I'm not much of a planner so I will tend to tell her Saturday morning that I'm going to football. I have a young family so sometimes it's hard to get to games and the way things pan out sometimes I can miss a few games in a row and then it feels like I haven't been in a lifetime. But my kids are getting to ages where I can start bringing them along

PAUL HAMER

- but will have to change my viewing point as a few colourful words fly around the Bulla! I only work Monday to Friday so work doesn't really interfere too much but I don't get to many midweek away games. I do enjoy the Monday night games at the Vale, it makes Monday's at work a bit easier to get through as you know you'll be at the game that night.

How big a part of your life is the game? Football is a massive part of my life, I was obsessed as a kid. I would spend every moment I could playing or watching it. My home as a kid backed onto a park and in the

school holidays and weekends my friends and I would play from sunrise to sunset. It was handy that my mum could hand drink and food supplies over the fence so we had no need to go home! I played to a decent standard and then started to fall out of love with it a bit as I wasn't as committed as people wanted me to be. I hated training and warming up, all I wanted to do was play a match. I try to kid myself that I'm not as bothered anymore but I still watch as much as I can. My son is four now and my wife says she is surprised that I haven't been pushing him to play but I think football is something you either have a passion for or you don't. He is still young so I'll let him make his own

Most memorable game/s you've seen? I was lucky to witness Spurs beating Arsenal 5-1 in a league cup semi final live. As a kid I remember the Liverpool v Newcastle games that ended 4-3 two seasons in a row. I've watched so much football that I could probably going on forever listing games.

And most memorable Wealdstone game? It's tough to pick one as I'm so torn between two matches. Southport and Billericay both in the Trophy. Two very different games. Southport was a game against a side a league above which I went more expecting just to enjoy the away day rather than seeing us win, but we put in a great performance and deserved to win. The number of Wealdstone fans getting off the train in Liverpool singing was amazing.



Then you had the non stop singing and atmosphere in the stand and that goal, actually Ricky Wellards whole performance in that match was outstanding. The Billericay game was strange as you had all the hype around them but on the morning of the game I just had a feeling we would win - though I could never have dreamed we would have won how we did. The atmosphere was electric and it just got better and better as each goal went in. Also the Hemel game when Benyon scores that hat

trick was pretty special.

Did you ever visit Lower Mead? Do you find it strange that supporters cling onto the past? No I'm a Johnny come lately. I don't think it's strange - it is part of the history of the club. With all that went on after the sale and the collapse of the new stadium I think it is important that the past is remembered. If it wasn't for the supporters I don't think there would be a club now. I follow a lot of the fans on Twitter and it's great to see the old photos put up from the Lower Mead times, especially as there a few dodgy ones featuring Dom! But to see the same fans still turning up now shows how unique this clubs fanbase is.

Have you ever played the game yourself and most memorable moments? I played to a decent non-league standard and played on Sundays until recently. I played with our own Mr Jolly whilst we were at Hayes together, he was a lot better than me! Dom took great pleasure in pointing me out in a team photo at a certain darts club down the road when we use to visit there.

Any suggestions to improve your Stones -watching experience at the Vale? touched on it earlier. I think it was a bit of a mistake to think about increasing the walk-up ticket prices. I've seen it debated a lot on the forum and if we are trying to grow the fanbase you can't expect to charge people more for the standard of football that has

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PAUL HAMER

FAN IN THE STAND CONTINUED...

been served up recently. A working scoreboard would be nice but I have heard that is in the pipeline.

Favourite Wealdstone line-up? I've only been coming since the championship winning system so it's not a massive pool to select from but some good players have been in the team.

1. Jonathan North- Easily the best keeper in this league, forget how many times I've said "what a save" ...the double penalty save against Bognor is a standout moment.

2. James Hammond- very solid and consistent in the title winning team. Maybe would have solved that problem right back position if he had stayed.

3. Jerome Okimo- Was outstanding in the championship winning team, was equally as good going forward as defending.

4. Hamblin- proper centre back, won everything in the air and was a threat from set pieces.

5. Ciaron Brown- When moved to centre back for the run in two seasons ago showed the quality which probably earned him his move.

6. Elliott Godfrey- Mr Wealdstone, thought he'd been written off time after time but kept coming back time after time.

7. Glenn Little- Was so lucky to witness him playing for Wealdstone. Just showed if you have a football brain you don't need the legs. He changed games single handedly and scored that goal.

8. Abs Eisa- Only got to see him for 6 months but he carried that team for most of the period. Was worth coming to see alone and some of the goals he scored were amazing.
9. Scott McGleish- Scores the guys that got us up and kept us up. Great work rate and lead by example considering his age.

10. Jonny Wright- loved his dedication and commitment, just wished he had scored more goals.

11. Tom Pett- was great to watch the championship winning season. Gave you that excitement something was going to happen when he got on the ball.

Best away trips to watch football? The games I always look out for when the fixtures are released are Bath and Truro. The Bath game away at the height of raider mania that we won in the last minute was something else and the trip to Truro on the last day a few seasons ago was epic. Not that I

remember too much of the Truro trip as that Rattler is pretty strong stuff. Looking forward to Torquay this season as well.

Best non-League ground you've visited? As a player Met Police was good as it was good playing surface and had the novelty of a bu communal team bath in the changing rooms. As a fan, have to say Bath just as it is a classic old football stadium.

Best stadium you've EVER visited? It's hard to say, for a slightly different take I've been to stadium concerts at Wembley and the Stade de France and when you stand in the middle of the pitch it's quite a sight as it's a completely different view from what you experience as a fan. I did the White Hart Lane stadium tour just before it was knocked down and that was quite impressive and does make you think that all these old stadiums are going to eventually be replaced with generic modern stadiums.

What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? I hope we can at least make the play offs but with such a large upheaval of the playing staff it all depends on how we start. My main worry is that if we start badly and the fans get on the managers back we could be back in the same position as we were last season having to play catch up.

How does the current programme compare with others you see? It doesn't, it is by far the standout programme at this level and probably above.

What do you think of the bars and catering at The Vale? It's great - since I first started coming it's improved greatly and you just have to read and hear comments from other clubs fans to know how good the facilities are. I do have the luxury of getting Dom to pop into the boardroom to grab us a pint if the gueue is long at the bar.

Have you visited the clubshop? No, but I do have a shirt that was given to me in a secret Santa at Christmas.

Finally, where do you see the club in five years time? This is a tricky one, ideally we will be in the National Conference with a plan in place regarding our future. I know a lot of this will come down to the lease and if we will still be playing at the vale. Dom and I have often talked about winning the lottery and how much money we would need to invest to build a new home and start our journey to the premier league!

Following the SIMON STEPHENS speared to daily basis as

tones fan Alan Hill, the club's webmaster and all-round good egg, put us in touch with Weston Super Mare's celebrated supporter Simon Stephens for this feature.

Simon won a national award last season - the William Hill Fan of the Year - for his voluntary work with the Seagulls. He also travels around the country by train watching Weston (not missing a game in the last 24 years) which is of course how he came to bump into our Mr Hill. Alan also lives in Weston!

I think there's a good chance Simon will be at The Vale today so this is his story as he answers our questions...

What was the first Weston game you saw?

My Uncle Robert took me to my first game. If memory serves me correctly, it was a Western League Premier Division home fixture with Radstock Town in the late 80'S.

What attracted you to the club? Nothing. I am Weston-super-Mare born and bred. You don't choose your team.

you've ever seen? Clevedon Town 1

What is the best Weston game

Weston-super-Mare 2 (Somerset Floodlight Youth League Premier Division, 21/04/17). Weston went into their last five games of the season in fourth position in the league. In their remaining fixtures they had to play the third placed team home and away, the second placed team home and away, and the leaders away. Whilst nobody was contemplating a title challenge, victory in all five fixtures would see the league title head to North Somerset- and after beating the third placed team home and away and the second placed team home and away, it all boiled down to their final fixture as Weston travelled to the leaders. After going behind early on, the visitors equalised through Jamie Irwin in the eighty third minute - and then they were awarded a penalty in the last minute of normal time. As Irwin strode over to take the penalty, the Assistant Referee called over the match official who changed his mind! Instead, a free-kick was awarded which was subsequently cleared. That appeared to be that.



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> Four minutes of injury time were added on and with the last move of the game an Archie Lve header found the net to spark scenes of delirium and a party that was to last for days as Weston-super-Mare completed the greatest title chase down in football history.

Do you think Weston can progress higher in the pyramid? Yes.

Who is the current Weston manager and how do you rate him? Marc McGregor. Has bought humour and honesty to the role. The main bone of contention amongst certain sections of the fan base appears to be style of play. Whilst many will find it pleasing on the eye there are some who believe that an inability or unwillingness to change when necessary could well prove our Achilles heel Who will be the stand-out Weston players this coming season, in your estimation? Gethyn Hill, if he continues to keep scoring he will make himself impossible to ignore. Was the subject of interest from potential suitors within the professional game on what

appeared to be an almost daily basis at times last season. Exemplary attitude and application. Bizarrely was something of a boo boy for certain sections of the fan base last season. It was said by some that he "only scores goals." In fairness, I know a couple of bricklayers who only lay bricks!

And Jarrard Welch, a precocious voung talent with huge potential. Has it within him to carve out a long and successful career in professional football and don't be surprised if some form of international recognition comes along the way.

Also: George Morris-Edwards. Huge potential. All the talent to make it to the very top.

Massively important season for George. Needs to be given game time. You see so many lads at this age (nineteen) who spend the next couple of seasons playing just the odd ten minutes here and there and it kills there game. Some are then subsequently lost to the game. He needs to be handed further opportunities.

What is your Weston prediction for the coming season, position-wise? 14TH. And for Wealdstone? 5TH.

Who are the main contenders for the NLS title? Billericay Town. Chelmsford City. Torquay United, Welling United, Dulwich Hamlet, Woking and Slough Town.

Will you be at today's game? And how many fans will Weston bring? I will. One to three

And finally.... Wouldn't it be more convenient for Alan Hill to follow his local team? I expect it would. As somebody who is frequently the only opposition supporter, it can be an expensive and lonely experience following Weston but when we travel to play the Stones, it is nice to be able to travel up with Alan for a bit of company. He also acts as a good sleep aid on the way home! The time and expense that Alan and his son Matthew "Safe Hands" Hill go to, to watch the Stones home and away, despite being based in North Somerset is incredible and deserves great praise and credit from the club.



Top top-knots: Monakana and Sheppard

Exclusive: Wenzel's and the Wealdstone Top Buns

CLUB sponsors Wenzel's bakers have been quick off the mark to announce a new line - the Wealdstone bun.

You've heard of the Bath bun, Marlborough bun and Hot Cross Bun... well this one's a bit tastier and modelled by Stones players Jeff Monakana,



We reckon fan Mike Pullin could rock a bun...

Freddie Grant, Matt Lench and Jake Sheppard. The WFC Megastore boys are feverishly ordering blue and white hair scrunchies to cope with the expected demand from our fans.

What's next? **Dave Pratt with** hair extensions? **Godfrey Poku with** a ponytail? Rumour has it

Glenn Wilson's secretly growing his East London locks and will suddenly unveil a new Zlatan Ibrahimovic look. He's saving up for the cheekbones.





Bunny boilers: Lench and Grant

WESTON SUPER-MARE FC

Opposition in focus



he clubs first site was known as the Great Ground at the junction of **Locking Road and Hutton Moor** Road, this has now since been developed as a private housing estate. The Football Club came into being after players in the former Weston Aircraft side had suggested at their AGM that a team bearing the town's name should be formed.

As in the Great War, Weston were disbanded for the Second World War

The present club reformed in 1948, a meeting at the town hall decided to form a Semi-Professional Club. A committee was formed to consider the possibility of buying the Locking Road Ground which as the time it was thought it could be acquired for around £4.000.

The club spent most of the 1950's in the second division going close to promotion on a couple of occasions tie against Crystal Palace who were then in Division 3 of the Football League.

In the 1983-84 season Weston moved to a new ground Woodspring Park which was built almost entirely from by supporters. The Woodspring Park ground had been greatly developed since with a club house costing £100.000 and floodlights installed in 1986.

In 2000 Weston secured the purchase of the Westlands Site only a stone's throw away from Woodspring Park. The plans are to create a new purpose built stadium incorporating a 250 seater stand with integral bar and entertainment facilities with a firstclass pitch and dressing rooms.

In the 2002-2003 season the club made



Woodspring Stadium, Winterstoke Road Year Ground Opened: 2004 Capacity: 3.500 (Seats 470)

won promotion to the Dr. Martens League Premier Division finish runners up in the Western Division behind Merthyr Tydfil.

In the 2003-04 season the club had a very successful time gaining entry into the newly formed Nationwide Conference South Division. The team also reached the Second round of the FA Cup proper for the first time in their history losing in the end to Northampton Town away 4-1.

August 14th, 2004 saw the opening game against Hornchurch at the current Woodspring Stadium. In Weston's first season in the new division they finished a credible 11th with 58

The 2012/13 season saw the highest ever finish for the Seagulls in 7th place and 67 points which only saw them miss out on a play off place on the penultimate game of the season.

The 2016/17 league season started off promisingly, with three wins and a draw from the first four games, putting Weston at the top of the table. Shawn McCoulsky, who joined the Seagulls on loan from Bristol City days before the season began, scored four goals in

WEALDSTONE v WESTON SUPER-MARE OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

the opening four games to see Weston start off stronger than ever expected.

Then, a run of seven league games saw the sacking of Head Coach Rvan Northmore. with his replacement being former Weston

player Scott Bartlett with Chris Barker ioining the side as Player/Assistant Manager.

Bartlett and Barker were given the task of keeping the Seagulls in the National League South, and a tricky November saw things look bleaker than before. The defensive signing of Rollin Menayese in December saw an upturn in Weston's form,

As 2017 rolled around, Weston got into their stride with the team going on a good run of form to start off the second half of the season, March saw the games come thick and fast, with the majority of the fixtures against teams at the top end of the table. With a 3-0 loss to St Albans, and results going Weston's way, enough to keep the side up on Easter Monday. Weston ended the league season with a 5-0

win away to Hemel Hempstead, In his final game in charge. Bartlett saw Weston lose 4-2 to Taunton Town in the Somerset Premier Cup Final.

Weston appointed their new manager, former player Marc McGregor two days after Bartlett's departure.

The 2017-2018 season didn't get off to a particularly good start, with the Seagulls losing their opening three league games. Weston started to pick up some form as they headed into September, playing Wealdstone memorably off the park in a 5 - 1 victory at the Woodspring. Weston's form continued to improve largely thanks to the form of Davle Grubb. and manager Marc McGregor picked up the November Manager of The Month for the National League South. Grubb departed for Forest Green Rovers at the start of January. and an inconsistent spell during the second half of the season saw the Seagulls' playoff push fall away as the season approached the final months. Backup goalkeeper Liam Kingston was the Somerset Premier Cup semi-final hero, saving a spot-kick in a penalty shootout over Bath City. In May 2018, Weston won the Somerset Premier Cup against Paulton Rovers after going 2 - 0 down, with Tristan Plummer scoring the winner in added time to cue dramatic scenes on the pitch and in the stands

W S-M WHO'S WHO...

MANAGER MARC McGREGOR

The Seagulls gaffer goes into his second season at the helm of the side he played for on various occasions. Still at a vound age in managerial terms. Macca, as he is most commonly known, has built a squad that is capable of achieving big things. During his playing career, McGregor played for Weston over multiple spells. Forest Green Rovers, Oxford United, Notts County and also coaches with the Swindon Town academy. Macca helped push Dayle Grubb into the Football League with Forest Green Rovers and won the Somerset Cup in May 2018 after a dramatic win over Paulton Rovers

PLAYERS

GEORGE MORRIS-EDWARDS

Morris-Edwards is also a young centreback, at only 19 years of age. The youngster started all the Somerset Premier Cup games last term, in a tournament which Weston were triumphant in, as well as starting alongside Jason Pope in the final few league games of the tournament. Morris-Edwards captained the Weston U18s to their successful league triumph in the 2016-2017 season under the guidance of Jake Mawford and was slowly integrated into the first-team setup by Scott Bartlett during the same season. Morris-Edwards can be described as a tall, graceful central defender, capable with the ball at his feet and in the air.

JASON POPE

Jason originally joined Weston in July 2015 on Joan, under Rvan Northmore. and was originally a central midfielder. Despite only playing 25 times during his maiden campaign, Popey was brought back permanently in June 2016 following his release from Exeter City. Northmore gave Pope a consistent run at centreback, but following the appointment of Bartlett. Pope became a right-back. utilising his ability on the ball. When current gaffer was appointed, Pope was transferred back to centre-back, due to his ability to bring the ball out of defence along with his passing & Vision.

WESTON SUPER-MARE FC OPPOSITION CONTINUED...

JAKE LEE

Jake is a product of Cheltenham's academy. and made a first-team appearance against Yeovil Town while In League One. Jake spent time on loan at Cirencester. Bishops Cleeve and Thurrock before being released by Cheltenham.

Jake signed for Bishops Cleeve permanently in 2011, moving to Shortwood in 2014. The striker moved on to Weston in January 2017 where McGregor noticed Lee's versatility and played him in every position bar left-back and goalkeeper last season.



Jack is one of the more inexperienced members of the Seagulls squad. Having gained experience with Bridgwater and Shepton Mallet in the past two seasons, Goodall played three times for Weston's first team towards the back end of last season

JACOB CANE [C]

The Seagulls skipper is held in high regard after taking on the captaincy role following Dayle Grubb's departure. The tough-tackling central midfielder came through Exeter's youth ranks and made a couple of first-team appearances, before being moved out on loan to Poole Town in 2013-2014. Upon his release from Exeter, Caney signed for Weston in 2014 and has gone on tobecome a cult hero at Weston, his work-rate and 100% effort every matchday gifting him rave reviews from the supporters, with the skipper even chipping in with the odd goal.

BEN SWALLOW

The winger is a summer signing at the Woodspring, after successful spells with Bognor Regis, Havant & Waterlooville, Dartford as well as other teams within the National League South and National League. Having made 49 appearances for the Bristol Rovers first team as a youngster, the left-footed winger comes to the Woodspring Stadium with a high reputation in this league.

TOM LLEWELLYN

The 17-year-old winger is a product of Bristol City and Weston's academy, having Seagulls player.



made the move to the Woodspring from Ashton Gate in 2017, Llewellyn is the son of Bristol City legend Andy Llewellyn, and his brother Jake also came through the Weston ranks and played for the first team.

JARRAD WELCH

The 19 year old attacking midfielder is held in high regard by the Seagulls management and supporters, having failed to make the grade at Cardiff, With a hammer of a right foot, with the potential of finding the net from anywhere that is 25 yards out, Welch has been tipped to be a future Football League player.

NABY DIALLO

Naby is in his second spell at the Woodspring, having re-joined from Bath City in the summer of 2017. Naby came up through the Bristol City and Bristol Rovers ranks, before starting his senior career at Minehead, Gloucester City and Oldland Abbotonians. Naby signed for Weston in 2010 and enjoyed a successful four years at the Woodspring before earning his first pro deal with Aldershot Town. Having made 12 appearances for Aldershot, he joined Bath City then Dover in 2015. Diallo returned to Bath for a season before returning to the Weston last summer.

GETHYN HILL

The striker returns for the new season fresh from a stint at the V9 Academy over the summer. Having suffered an injury while in Cardiff City's youth setup, Hill managed to recover and started scoring the goals frequently for Cinderford before joining Weston in December 2018. Gethyn has struck 24 goals in 53 appearances.

JAMIE LUCAS

Returning to the club on a permanent basis, Jamie Lucas hopes to make a goal scoring impact. Having been at the club during 2014-2015 while on loan from Bristol Rovers, the frontman has had spells at Gloucester City, Boreham Wood and Woking. Following his Rovers release, Lucas couldn't leave his mark at Bath City or Brackley Town within 2017-2018, and now looks to recapture his form as a permanent

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FRIENDLY RESULTS 2018/2019

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July 9 Marlow (Away) W 1-0

July 14 Swindon Supermarine (Away) W 1-0 Bubb

July 17 Maidenhead United (Home) D 0-0

July 21 Aldershot Town (Home D 1-1 Hudson-Odoi

July 24 Staines Town (Away) W 5-2 Pratt (2), White, Monakana, Lench

July 28 Bromley (Home) L 1-2 Bubb

July 31 Cardiff City (Home)

WOB'S PROGS BY PETER WORBY



HERE IT IS! The final part of our club director PETE WORBY'S Progwatch feature which we erroneously left out of the last programme last season. Pete had been running the rule over the publications of our fellow NLS rivals. reviewing 18 of those programmes and concluding with the final few... including a (totally impartial) look at our own offering. As you know, the Stones prog won the award for best in the National League South which tallied with Pete's (unexpected) verdict. Well done,

one and all!





PROG WATCH 2017-18

No.19: HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE I'm slightly surprised that Havant re-used the original programme with a wrap-around cover given that the re-arranged match was nearly 10 weeks after the postponed game. Even more surprising was the wrap-around itself - the same front cover (apart from date change) and the same back cover - and no up to date news included apart from a current league table and a short welcome from their manager - how lazy! Looking at the actual programme now - just 32 pages - but they are big ones as it's one of

own FC v Wealdstone FC

good I'm afraid. Score: 4.5/10 No.20 BRACKLEY TOWN I hate to say

Northerners then this was hardly surprising. Highlights in the programme include 3 decent enough player interviews. Slightly disappointing photos imo. Score: 7.5/10



With their 44 page programme costing £2, Poole make a spirited attempt to produce the worst effort in the league. The highlight must surely be the four and a half pages devoted to the player profiles of their own Poole Town players - and they managed to get our player/management profiles to cover 5 pages. Wow,

those annoving (to me at least) larger style issues. The only thing I could get vaguely excited about was the low price of £2 (mind you, that's all it's worth!). Take away the 4 pages covering the 2 previous games and the 4 pages covering Wealdstone would leave the programme almost devoid of content! Not very

this but the Brackley programme (52 pages for £2) was reasonably ok. Admittedly, there was guite a bit in the programme about Stockport County but bearing in mind they had just played 3 matches in succession against the

add those 9.5 pages to the 18.5 pages of adverts and if vou're the editor you're well on the way to finishing the programme. Even the team line-ups get a whole page each!! Actual articles for reading are a couple of sentences from their captain, a piece from their manager, Boardroom notes, commercial notes, secretary's notes and a piece from the Club Chaplain. Appalling. Score: 2.5/10

No.22 CHELMS-**FORD CITY** After

singing the praises of their effort that was produced (at short notice) for our FA Trophy replay I was a little disappointed with their programme for our visit in the league. 10 pages devoted to covering 5 previous matches (including the 3 versus Wealdstone earlier this season) seemed somewhat excessive, if not a little boring. Score: 7.5/10

No.23 HUNGERFORD TOWN Not

helped by being a double header but did we really need 7 pages on Wealdstone's history and our players plus 4 pages on Braintree's history and their players? Lowlight of the programme for me surely has to be the matrix grid of the results in National League South that covered 2 whole pages (!!!), closely followed by having 2 pages of Hungerford

Town history and a further page showing their progress over the past 8 seasons. Using a whole page for the league table and 2 whole pages simply welcoming the Match Sponsor and Ball Sponsor cement my view that this is the worst programme in the league. 2/10

No.24 WEALDSTONE

Our programme is indeed a mighty effort from the dedicated team of Hyde, Read and Parks with



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awful lot of others. Yes, it costs £3 but it is fantastic value for that outlay compared to what most other clubs produce for either £2 or £2.50. Looking at our programme v Bracklev. this includes a very readable 2-page piece from Elmslie Ender Sudhir Rawal, a 3-page Fan in the Stand profile, an astonishingly brilliant 8-page piece on Charlie Townsend by Parks, a 2-page World of Ball comment piece, a 4-page Rewind Special from McKay and Parks plus all the usual stats and a lot more besides. It's very close to a 10 indeed. In fact, I'm going to give it a 9.25 to use a Olympic-Ice-Skating-type score.

Where does it miss out on getting the perfect 10? Well, it is the joint highest-priced programme in the league. It also goes, by

> necessity, to press quite early so it's not always quite as up to date as it could be. I also think it is slightly flimsy - it could do with a slightly thicker cover in my opinion. Score: 9.25/10

MY OVERALL SCORES

Wealdstone 9.25. Chelmsford City 8.25 (average of 2 scores), St Albans 8. Bath City + Brackley Town (both 7.5), Braintree Dartford & Welling (all 7), Weston S Mare 6. Truro Oxford Chippenham Burgess Hill Eastbourne Gloucester (all 5), Havant + Waterlooville 4.5, Billericay + Bognor (both 4). East Thurrock Concord + Hampton (all 3), Poole 2.5. Hungerford 2. Whitehawk + Hemel Hempstead – not rated.

REWIND BY GORDON MCKAY



Ah, opening day! Even after 45 years the big kick off is still exciting

he first day of a new season is always an exciting moment for us football fans.

It's our equivalent of New Years Day, out with the old and in with the new. Fresh hope, expectation and the general "could this be our year" feeling. Of course we've already had an inkling of how we'll do following our pre season transfer business. results and performances and all these things combined will either raise or lower those expectation levels. I've often heard it said that its all about being right on the day and pre season is about preparation, results don't matter etc. However it's rare that a team that has an appalling pre season suddenly starts winning once the real business begins... but what I will say though is the first game usually lets you know where you stand.

As a fan of 45 years I've obviously experienced the full variety of emotions on the first day so I will highlight some of the significant games we've had in that period...

1974: Weymouth (Home) Won 2-1

ur first game with the big boys of the Southern League Premier division following our promotion the season before.

The glorified village teams of the Southern division were no longer and now it was the real non league heavyweights like Yeovil, Kettering, Wimbledon, Nuneaton and many more we had to deal with.

Although we had a good side there was definitely a

Wealdstone 2, Weymouth 1 (Duck. Henderson)

Not a few Wealdstone hearts fell after less than two minutes of the start on Saturday when Weymouth went ahead through Owen, who shot superbly well from the edge of the box after a quick move down the left flank. Real danger did not appear to threaten until the very last moment, but Morton was soon picking the ball out of the net.

It certainly proved that defensive lapses which went unpunished in Division 1 will more likely be snapped up by the quicker Premier Division forwards, who are more likely to turn half chances into good effect. But full marks to the 'Stones for coming back after such an early blow, and it is heartening to think that we won although below full strength, and also playing well below the form we are capable of.

In fairness Weymouth could have had another when Beer ballooned one over the bar from a yard out, but as it happened the finest shot of the match didn't get the goal it deserved. Right on the stroke of half time Terry Evans met a half-volley with his right foot which might well have gone through the net except for hitting Weymouth 'keeper Smith.

Wealdstone came much more into the game in the second half, with Henderson, who had obviously beeen unhappy in his strange midfield role, breaking wide on the right and suddenly the 'Stones attack seemed more menacing. It was really no surprise when Duck equalised after Byrne, who had a magnificent match, winning almost everything in the air, touched the ball on for George to calmly round Smith and slide the ball

Not long afterwards, following two successive corners, Henderson shot in from the 18 yards line for the 'Kop' end to erupt in glee. We were certainly hard pressed in the final stages as Weymouth put six men forward in an attempt to salvage a point, and they came near to doing so when Brown hit the post with Morton well beaten. Morton, who caught some superb balls in the last 10 minutes, caused panic on who caught some supers that seconds he dropped a cross from the right, but big John McCormick coolly lobbed it away for a corner,

bit of apprehension as to how we'd cope with what was a significant jump in class but we had no need to worry as we beat Weymouth 2-1 with goals from Duck and Henderson - and even more importantly more than held our own. A crowd of 1500 saw this one with the majority going home very happy indeed. We kept the momentum going in the early months of the season before reality took over but we still managed a very respectable 8th place finish.

1979: Worcester City (Away) Lost 1-2

his season, 1979-80, saw the merger of the top Southern and Northern Prem League sides to form the first ever national set up at non league level. We managed to sneak into this elite group but there was little optimism to suggest we could prosper, or indeed hold our own in this brave new world. We were not a well financed team during this period and although we battled hard Worcester (who

were the reigning Southern League champions) were a cut above and a 2-1 defeat went some way to confirming most peoples fears. Over 2,200 saw this one with Neil Cordice grabbing a cracking consolation from Robin Wainwright's pass.Needless to say a season of struggle followed - but we just had enough to

1995: Cove (Away) Won 9-1

and the first league ager Gordon Bartlett as he started his 22 year tenure in the hot seat.

We had transferred over from the Southern league to the Isthmian but unfortunately were demoted to the Third Division... so guite a comedown for a club that only 10 years earlier were the best non league side in the country!

in living memory and had a totally new



management team and group of players so this really was a proper first day. Nobody quite knew what to expect and it was our first introduction to seeing Wealdstone plaving what were basically very good Sunday morning players. Winning 9-1 away, although very welcome was also confirmation of how far we had fallen in the football world. Most fans expected us to walk the league but in reality we had a

team of flat track bullies. stuffing the dross but struggling against anyone half good who put up a fight. We eventually missed promotion by one place but the majority of fans saw this a failure.

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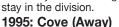
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2008: Tonbridge (Home) Drew 0-0

ur first game back at a ground we could call our own for 17 years. For me, a very significant event as we laid the foundations from this point to become the club we are today. A lot of excitement but a lot of nerves too and even with a one man advantage (Tonbridge keeper Lee

Worgan sent off for handling outside the area) for most of the game we failed to find that winning goal. Possibly all the pomp and ceremony of this game was too much for everyone so a draw it was. However all aspects of the club improved from this point and an eventual 7th place finish was

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rst day of the season, game under new man-

We were now playing at the lowest level

As the hove said afterwards, the first game is always the w

REWIND

BY GORDON MCKAY



testament to the progress we were

2014: Eastbourne Borough (Home) Drew 1-1

or many we were back where we belonged as we hosted Eastbourne at the Vale in our first- ever Conference South game.

Pre season hadn't run smoothly with results/performances being very patchy and of course we had lost the considerable talents of Glenn Little. Tom Pett and Jerome

Okimo and it felt as though all momentum from our championship winning team a few months earlier had been lost. Recruitment also didn't look overly promising so there was a fair bit of apprehension about. However on the day we

started off like a

train and were rewarded with a goal from Luke Pigden on the half hour mark. The second half though was a sobering lesson as to the level we were now that as we were run radged as Eastbourne created and missed chance after chance.

We looked as though we'd held on but a 90th-minute equaliser, although deserved, was a bitter pill to swallow. What followed was a disastrous start to the season where we didn't win our first game until the 10th attempt, although we did recover to have a mid table finish it took a lot of soul searching and many player changes to achieve that. So lets see how we go today. At the time of writing (before Aldershot at home) we are looking like a very solid, fit organised side who will be hard to beat. We haven't looked overly effective offensively but I suspect we have the players to change that.

All will be revealed by 5 o'clock today!

Stones start with four goal booster

Moor Green 0

RARELY, if ever, can Wealdstone have started a brimming with confidence new season with such a bizarre game.

Many people expected Stones to lose this game. They were playing with an almost totally new side, against a team that should have been

after a late winning run earned them promotion. After all, it often happens that relegated teams start the new season off badly, while adjusting to their new surroundings.

Aaron Gransby

And admittedly, this game



· HEADS UP: A Moor Green defender gets to grips with Stones striker Paul Wilkins on Saturday. Picture: Gareth Beard.

Green instead of 4-0 to Stones. But it would also be true to say that it could have been a 4-4 draw or a 6-0 Stones win

The final result was probably a bit of an injustice to the Midlands visitors. They missed two penalties, two more virtually open goals and had one effort cleared off the line.

started the strongest. In the very first minute, the mercurial Tony Lynch sent over a low cross for skipper Everald La Ronde to scoop a

static Elmslie End. A free kick 20 yards out on the right wing was crossed in by Steve Browne and Lynch got in bravely in front of three defenders to force the ball in But the excellent crowd of 676, who supported their team well throughout, had little

Stones opened their account

for the season in front of an ec-

more to sing about for the remainder of the first half as Wealdstone's defensive frailties were cruelly exposed. In fact, Kevin Banton

should have scored just before Stones went ahead. Put through in a one-on-one situation with keeper Darren Williams, he screwed his shot wide of the right hand post.

the man of the match for Wealdstone and had to show the class manager Tony Jen-nings paid £4,000 for in the second minute of the second half, turning round a fierce Fearon shot. But within 60 seconds

Wealdstone had increased their lead when Dennis Byatt stepped up to drill a low free kick perfectly into the bottom right-hand corner of the net. And then the game really be-

gan to warm up. Right from the kick off, Moor Green pres-sed forward and earned a penalty immediately when Darren Williams rushed from his goal to bring down Phil Davies. But Chris Downes' shot was badly placed and Williams made amends by stopping the kick and grabbing the ball at the second attempt as the striker tried to follow up.

Then towards the end of the massive hailstorm that almos washed out the second half Moor Green earned another penalty when Mark Harrison brought down Phil Davies just inside the box. This time David Fearon stepped up, struck the post and gleefully knocked home the rebound before he realised that no other player had touched it and his 'goal' had been quite rightly disal-

Tony Lynch's silky skills proved too much for a frustrated Moor Green side and earned Paul Aldridge a booking for bringing him down a little too blatantly.

But Lynch had the perfect

reply, squeezing Paul Wilkins' low cross under the badly-at-Corbin had worked ceaselessly to provide the opening in the 81st minute.

And with time running out, Stones then threatened to run riot. Half-fit substitute Samson Olaleye found Alan Cordice who threaded the ball through to Paul Wilkins, his shot hitting the crossbar.

Olaleye himself went on a run before unleashing a 25yard thunderbolt that just cleared the bar, and then the familiar sight of Alan Cordice being brought down after homing in on goal gave Mark Harrison the opportunity to show Moor Green how to take a penalty as he smashed it confident-

Wealdstone: Williams, Corbin, Harrison, Byatt (Olaleye). O'Brien, Morris (C. Browne). La Ronde, S. Browne, Wilkins, Cordice, Lynch.

The Harrow Observer's report on the topsy-turvey game against Moor Green. It could have finished 4-2 to the visitors or even 4-4... but we won 4-0!

30 years ago: Back in the SL but with hope of bouncing straight back

1988: Moor Green (Home) Won 4-0

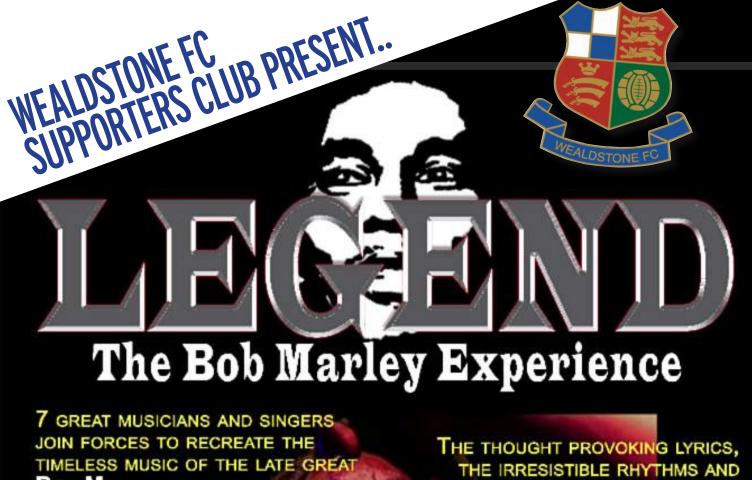
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ow naiive we were to think that the new-look Stones could regain their place in the Conference when the 1988-89 season kicked off.

Yet there was real optimism under manager Tony Jennings, also boss of the England non-League team, who had signed 11 players in the summer (sounds familiar!) and retained just Dennis Byatt from the team that had been relegated. The start bore out the optimism with just one defeat in the first nine games, including this flattering opening-day win over Moor Green.

But we tailed off in the autumn to finish 11th. despite spending a fortune on (average) players. The scenario was repeated for the next few years until Lower Mead had to be sold to pay the club's debts... and only now, three decades later, are we in a position to reclaim our place at the top table.





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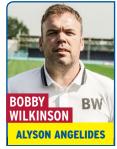
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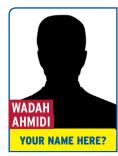






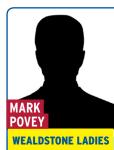








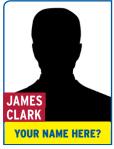
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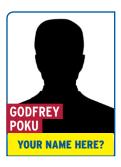








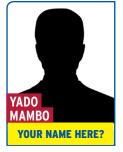


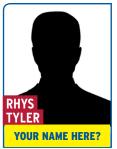
























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Monday, 27th August, 3:00pm www.oxfordcityfc.co.uk

Vanarama National League South — Final Table 2017/2018

Opposition					All						Но	me				1	Awa	y					
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts	Resi	ults
1	Havant & Waterlooville	42	25	11	6	70	30	21	11	7	3	40	20	21	14	4	3	30	10	40	86	0-1	0-1
2	Dartford	42	26	8	8	81	44	21	15	3	3	51	20	21	11	5	5	30	24	37	86	1-2	3-3
2	Chelmsford City	42	21	11	10	68	45	21	10	6	5	37	24	21	11	5	5	31	21	23	74	0-2	0-3
3	Hampton & Richmond	42	18	18	6	58	37	21	9	11	1	30	16	21	9	7	5	28	21	21	72	0-3	1-1
4	Hemel Hempstead Town	42	19	13	10	71	51	21	12	5	4	37	20	21	7	8	6	34	31	20	70	1-1	0-1
5	Braintree Town	42	19	13	10	73	55	21	11	6	4	40	23	21	8	7	6	33	32	18	69	3-1	2-2
3	Truro City	42	20	9	13	71	55	21	10	4	7	39	29	21	10	5	6	32	26	16	69	2-1	3-1
6	St Albans City	42	19	8	15	71	58	21	11	4	6	40	28	21	8	4	9	31	30	13	65	1-3	1-2
7	Bath City	42	17	12	13	64	48	21	8	7	6	31	20	21	9	5	7	33	28	16	63	2-1	0-0
0	Welling United	42	17	10	15	68	59	21	8	4	9	36	31	21	9	6	6	32	28	9	61	1-0	2-1
0	Wealdstone	42	16	11	15	64	62	21	11	3	7	36	29	21	5	8	8	28	33	2	59		
9	Weston-super-Mare	42	16	7	19	66	73	21	11	2	8	38	30	21	5	5	11	28	43	-7	55	2-1	1-5
10	Chippenham Town	42	15	9	18	64	70	21	10	7	4	38	25	21	5	2	14	26	45	-6	54	4-4	0-0
44	Gloucester City	42	15	8	19	56	70	21	8	3	10	27	31	21	7	5	9	29	39	-14	53	1-2	2-2
11	East Thurrock United	42	13	11	18	68	84	21	5	6	10	32	32	21	8	5	8	36	52	-16	50	3-0	1-1
12	Oxford City	42	13	10	19	60	69	21	7	6	8	34	30	21	6	4	11	26	39	-9	49	1-1	2-3
13	Concord Rangers	42	12	10	20	46	62	21	9	5	7	26	26	21	3	5	13	20	36	-16	46	2-1	1-3
4.4	Eastbourne Borough	42	13	7	22	57	80	21	5	4	12	29	40	21	8	3	10	28	40	-23	46	2-3	1-1
14	Hungerford Town	42	12	7	23	45	68	21	6	4	11	26	29	21	6	3	12	19	39	-23	43	1-0	3-1
15	Poole Town	42	11	9	22	47	73	21	4	4	13	21	41	21	7	5	9	26	32	-26	42	4-1	1-2
16	Whitehawk	42	8	10	24	51	89	21	4	7	10	24	40	21	4	3	14	27	49	-38	34	2-1	1-0
	Bognor Regis Town	42	5	12	25	41	78	21	4	4	13	25	39	21	1	8	12	16	39	-37	27	3-0	3-0





