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Pratty's on fire! Dave Pratt hit the ground running in our opening game of the season, scoring twice as we sunk Weston Super-Mare 4-1 here at The Vale... and then hit another in the 1-1 draw at Hungerford. He's smokin'...

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WEALDSTONE v WOKING

BY MARK HYDE



# Written in Stone

**A** warm welcome this Monday evening to all of our supporters, the officials, players and supporters of Woking and tonight's match officials. We hope you all have an enjoyable afternoon here at Grosvenor Vale.

As always 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. **Player kit sponsorships** are also available at very reasonable rates.

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Mark

## Gianluca Sardi



First of all, I would like to thank Wealdstone FC Club President Paul Rumens, the Club Finance Director Dominic Whiley and the Programme Editor

Mark Hyde for inviting me to attend this evening's National League South match against Woking.

It is a privilege for me to be here and I really appreciate what they organised for me.

I am a fan of Millwall Football Club, which I have been following since I was a kid. I fell in love with the area around The Den several years ago, while I was attending an English summer course in London. I live in Teramo, which is a small city situated in central Italy.

Thanks to my PhD research between Teramo, Oxford and London, I am also able to see many home and away games of my beloved Millwall.

I also like visiting other football grounds in London and last August I attended the game between the Stones and Havant & Waterlooville at Grosvenor Vale.

I really liked getting around the ground, eating some snacks inside the Ruislip Social Club, having some pictures taken with the first team players and the manager, visiting the club shop on the terraces which has a collection of football memorabilia and matchday programmes that is one of the best in the whole country-, chatting with local fans and seeing an enjoyable match. I was so interested in seeing the whole place and taking pictures that I risked missing the last tube towards Central London!

I really hope Wealdstone will be able to be promoted at the end of the season because this wonderful club, its supporters and the local community deserve the highest successes.

Come on you Stones, let's get three points today!

Gianluca

## Stand up for Wealdstone - Update

As supporters will be aware the above campaign has now closed and you can view all donations made for your legends on the official website.

However, it was always our intention to recognise all our fantastic sponsors with a permanent plaque or roll of honour in or near the seats in the new stand.

This has proved to be technically challenging for a number of reasons, for example seats can be defaced or broken unfortu-

nately (some already have been) and we cannot create another wind barrier.... Our solution has been to produce a series of inward facing banners in front of the stand that will display your contributions for all users of the new stand to see.

PJ has delivered up a design with the team and the finished product will be put in place very soon!

Our grateful thanks to all our fantastic donors! The fundraising never stops

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– Wealdstone FC Board of Directors

WEALDSTONE v WOKING

# From the Gaffer and management team



## **A** warm welcome to Alan Dowson his management team, players and officials of Woking Football Club.

At the time of writing having played our first two games we are pleased with the start of the season. You work hard all pre-season to ensure you hit the ground running and in those first two games the performances have been positive and the group are showing they are gelling. The fight, spirit and determination to work for each other is important and a great platform to build on. The competition for places is strong as there is huge strength in depth. The attitude of the whole squad and we mean all eighteen players has been first class. We have emphasised how long the season is and they will all play an important role.

In the Weston game the boys played at a high tempo, were aggressive and ruthless in despatching four goals against a Weston team who will trouble plenty of teams this year. Starting games fast is something we talk to the players about a lot as it's always harder to step it up if you start slow. The boys delivered on this and despite a setback with conceding we showed quality and got

a well-earned victory. At Hungerford on Tuesday night we dominated the first half and rightfully took a deserved lead. The pitch was difficult and we couldn't play as much football as we would have liked but we asked the boys to adapt and they did reasonably well. When you're one nil up if you don't get the second goal you're always vulnerable to a mistake or luck bounce costing you and this is indeed what happened as we paid for plenty of missed chances. That said it was a good performance and you can't be too unhappy with a point away from home.

Tonight, sees us under the lights at the Vale for the first time this season against a Woking side that have started the season incredibly well. They will be organised, competitive as Alan Dowson's sides always are and we expect a tough game. With not much distance between the sides and the following they have it should be a good crowd but as always, we know you'll be louder than them and we will need you to be behind us for the whole 90 minutes. We will go out there and give it our all.

Enjoy the game!

**Bobby and the management team.**



BY SUDHIR RAWAL



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# The Elmslie Ender



## A happy EE looks back at last Saturday's impressive win

**W**ow, what a start to the campaign. The hard yards and graft put in over pre-season was there for everybody to see as Stones demolished Weston 4-1. The team, as the management team had promised, were fitter, stronger and also faster than a Wealdstone team has been in years. From these early viewings it will be a side that supporters will warm to as it has a great work ethic with players continuing to harry the opposition late into the game, pressing Weston back and not allowing them to play, despite the heat and being in control of the game. Supporters want players that work hard for the cause rather than play when they want to. The chairman last season wrote in his end of season programme notes that we wanted players that were 7/8 out of tens week in, week out rather than those that oscillate between 5 and 9 and it certainly appears that we have that in the showings so far.

I along with quite a few, thought we may struggle for goals but that was soon put bed as Stones took the lead after only ninety-seconds, added a second by the sixth minute and were 3-1 up at half-time. Whilst we added a fourth in the second half, we could

have easily doubled the four goals that we got having hit the woodwork three times and missing a couple of sitters. The three forward players were a real threat, all scoring, with man of the match Poku and Ahmadi providing real steel in the middle of the park. The centre back partnership of Stevens and Okimo were imperious. Grant provided a real bite with his tackles at left back, maybe a little too much, whilst Northy could have got his deckchair out and enjoyed another blistering hot day, so little did he have to do. Naturally nobody will be getting carried away. There will be days when it doesn't pan out how the management team want and perspective will be needed. It was one game against a side that likes to play football and can be lightweight. There will be much sterner tests ahead, with games against Billericay and Woking setting the benchmark of what will need to be achieved on a consistent basis throughout the season, but it was certainly a promising and welcome start. Of course, supporters are fickle souls, so as the season goes through the inevitable rollercoaster of emotions, opinions sway back and forth, staying off the forum when we lose is a given for our players!

Prior to the season starting, our media

team released a number of interviews with players but also some of the management team. The players' stuff was standard fare, but the interviews with Jamie Leacock and Mike Percival were particularly illuminating. Both had done impressive interviews at the very last game of the season where they gave their thoughts on the season, but also how it had taken the whole season to learn about the club and the expectation levels. The pre-season interviews focused on the preparation work that had been done and the need to sign men. Our double winning side was full of men across the pitch not fancy dans that could just play but could also disappear as soon as it got tough, so did the Ryman League winning side as well. It would be great to hear more from Messrs Leacock and Percival throughout the season as their calm and measured tones carry gravitas and thoughtfulness in their interviews.

Elsewhere in the league, Billericay won at a canter at Truro (Torquay) with Jake Robinson scoring four. As much as there is a circus that operates around their owner/chairman, there is no denying that they have an exceptionally strong squad which has strengthened in areas that they looked weaker in, defense primary, and for less money. Their budget is still extraordinary but as long as their chairman/owner allows their manager to actual manage, they will be the team to beat. The gate on the Devon coast was given as 367 and by all accounts was inflated by free-admission to Torquay fans. What a mess that whole episode is? We spent seventeen years on the road but none of it was more than five miles away from our hometown and gates still plummeted. Truro face a more than 200-mile round-trip for home games and you have to wonder whether they will ever play again in their home county. The Stadium for Cornwall



Pic. Colin Smith

### 'Supporters want players that work hard for the cause rather than play when they want to'

concept is really for the Cornish Pirates and even if Truro do play games there, they will be second fiddle in a stadium way too big for them. It could possibly mean the end of our trips to the Sailors Arms in Newquay as their 4am closing times! That would be a shame.

Tonight's visitors Woking had a 97th minute penalty winner at East Thurrock that lead to some interesting scenes at the end of game. Their forum reads like a Wealdstone one after an "incident"! Our fans have always had a great relationship with Alan Dowson, not only has he taken the stick that he regularly got at Kingstonian well but his post match interviews are legendary, especially when sub-titles are added for the benefit of non-Geordies. Some decent gates as well, for Connie South level, as both Chelmsford and Welling attracted four figure crowds, though it appears that Torquay fans haven't learnt the non-league protocols of changing ends.

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# Matt Lench

**'I've never played at The Vale before but I'm told the atmosphere here can be electric... I really can't wait to start playing'**



**T**HIS was a first! I've been interviewing people for 40 years, from Eric Morecambe through Terry Venables, Graham Taylor and Ossie Ardiles to Bobby Wilkinson, but never had anyone come up with the line: "Sorry, you'll have to hold on for a moment, I'm just playing up to the 14th hole."

Even Tiger Woods would have struggled with the etiquette of that situation.

To be fair to Matt Lench, we had been trying to talk over the phone for about 10 hours. Five missed calls and misread texts led to our new midfielder trying to call me in the middle of the 14th fairway of a fourball with pals.

I was blissfully unaware of the situation, although the puffing and blowing did sound a little strange.

"Where are you, Matt?" I finally asked.

"Ah, I'm up in Scotland playing golf at St Andrews - well, at Crail anyway which is just down the coast" he admitted. "Maybe not a good idea. My mates are getting a bit peeved". So we chatted again an hour later with Matt very apologetic. "I'm carrying an

injury at the moment so it seemed a good time to get away for a couple of days" he said before the away friendly with Swindon Supermarine.

"Every year, me and some of my mates from primary school jump in a minivan and head up to Scotland to play golf for a few days. We don't take it too seriously - not until they got fed up with me on the phone today anyway!"

Matt pulled a muscle at the top of his quad in pre-season training - and aggravated it after just a few minutes of the opening friendly at Bracknell. "It was really frustrating. I probably shouldn't have started that game but I was so keen to show people what I can do. Bobby Wilkinson has given me the time off to heal but I hope to be involved for the Maidenhead friendly next week."

**S**o what is the Matt Lench Story? And how did we come to capture Slough Town's FA Cup hat trick hero of last season?

"Ah, where to start?" he said. "I live in Clapham now but I was brought up in Sarratt,

near Watford, and played for Sarratt Rebels and Bedmond Ajax, a youth team my dad Michael started up. And I was briefly in the youth system at Watford and MK Dons, but my best time was at Harefield FC in the Allied Counties Youth League... we had a really good group of players and won the league and Senior County Youth Cup. But I was a late developer: I was only 5ft 3ins when I was 17 and kept being put in at right back.

"Then I grew to 5ft 11 and went to Chesham United under Andy Leese, and then Hitchin Town where I played 187 times in four years.

"We styled ourselves as 'The Best Sunday League Side In The Country' because we had spirit and tenacity but a small budget. We reached the Southern Premier play-off semi-final but lost to Bobby's Hungerford side.. maybe that's where I caught his eye . The following season we reached the play off final again, only to concede a last minute penalty that led to extra time and a cruel defeat.

"And then it was off to Slough, a bigger club. It was a memorable season getting promotion, plus our FA Cup run. We lost to Rochdale 4-0 in the Second

Round in front of the BT cameras but we loved the exposure... that's what it's all about as a non-League club".

**T**he 25-year-old Matt got his fair share of the plaudits after another season of 15 goals from midfield, including a hat-trick in the 6-0 beating of Gainsborough Trinity in the First Round (and later being handed the match ball, right).

The previous week he'd also scored three in their FA Trophy win over Kidlington. And the predictable media frenzy before the game with Rochdale led to Matt being quoted as saying 'I'd love to get through and draw Man United - just to see if Jose Mourinho would park the bus against Slough Town. I think I could do a job on Pogba!"

So why, having helped fire Slough to promotion to the National League South, did Matt decide to join the Mighty Stones?

"Ha - the big question!" he laughed. "To be totally honest, I played 51 games last season

but it just wasn't a fit. Don't get me wrong, Slough are a good football club with a lot of potential but somehow it didn't quite work out. Who was right, who was wrong? I admit I was late for training a few times and my job often got in the way - I work for a media agency (Blue 449, a subsidiary of the French Publicis Groupe) as a planner/buyer, sorting out TV ads and it can be pretty full-on. It clashed with my football last season.

"Now I've arranged flexible hours at work and promised Bobby that I will be available. He won't tolerate me being late for training - fair enough!

"He got in touch with me at the end of the season and I was immediately excited at the prospect of coming to Wealdstone - my dad is primarily a Fulham fan but he just loves watching the game and knows all about the club. He's been to a lot of big Stones games over the years so I know all about the history and the potential.

"And what about the fans?" he asked. "I hear they are a bit special and a bit loud - lots of them too!"

"They love the triers, especially the talented triers" I told him. "Just work hard".

**S**aid Matt: "Tell you what I love about the club already is this group of players.

"I went to Bournemouth for the training weekend not really knowing what to expect, and not really knowing any of the lads, but by the end of the weekend I felt 'This is what I envisage a football changing room to be like' - welcoming, and everybody rooting for each other, friendly, professional and single-minded. And Bobby the manager is really straight-down-the-line.

"I can't say how excited I am to play my first proper game. I've never played at Grosvenor Vale and the pitch looks fantastic, and the stadium too. I'm told the atmosphere can be electric and I want to experience that. I really can't wait to get started."

"One last question, Matt: Who's got the longer hair? You or Freddie Grant?"

"Freddie" he admitted. "It's unbelievable - I've never played for a team where someone has got longer hair than me. He hides it well though, tied up in a sort of bun... the big question is how I'm going to wear my hair this season? You'll have to wait and see!"





Pic. STEVE FOSTER aqueoussun@googlemail.com



**MATT LENCH**



# Supporters' Scene

**G**ood evening and welcome to our visiting fans who have made the short trip from Woking

I am writing these notes after our impressive performance against Weston Super Mare and before our away games against Hungerford and Billericay.

The close season saw a mass change in player personnel, with only a handful of players retained from last season. Like many of you I have watched the fantastic interviews conducted by WFCTV with the both the new players and the management team. The one thing they all seem to mention that drew them to Wealdstone was the "Wealdstone Family". We are a big family and like all families we will have our good times as well as disagreements and problems but all pull together in the end. Part of the "Wealdstone family" is the youth. The number of youth watching Wealdstone increased during last season and I hope that continues this season. Its great to see the next generation of Stones fans enjoying themselves and leading the singing. The youth should be encouraged in their support but , like all youth, they can be a little wayward at times. Please play the part of big brother or sister and not only encourage them but also let them know if they step over the mark. The exuberance of youth is moulded by those around them so lets all make sure the future of the club support is one to be proud of.

The megastore continues to expand its

range of merchandise and now includes Aprons, House signs & Cushions along with the ore traditional replica shirts, scarves and hats and a vast array of old programmes from all aspects of the game.

As always Mim will be selling Golden Goal tickets just inside the turnstiles. Elsewhere in the programme you will see details of Player, Match and Ball sponsorship, all of which benefit the club.

The next few away games are "local" (Dartford, Oxford and Dulwich Hamlet) so there are no planned Supporters Club coaches. There may be a minibus for the Oxford game which will be confirmed either way shortly. We will be running

coaches to other away games so please keep an eye out for Victors announcements.

The committee continues to meet and support the club in many ways. We are always looking for more people to join the committee. If you are interested in joining the committee and making a difference to YOUR club please talk to a member of the committee or email at [wfcscsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wfcscsecretary@gmail.com)

Enjoy tonights game and keep singing  
Ian



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## AND SOMETIMES THE DOG WAS BUSY

**Fergus Moore** was released as an eighteen-year-old by Brentford. His professional dreams put on hold, he started out on a non-league career that, some twenty-eight years later sees him Via several spells at **WEALDSTONE** as a fledgling 'Player-Manager' at Edgware Town FC'. This is his story as he's careered around the lower leagues; the managers, players and clubs he's come across, and the things he's seen.

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Lucas is flanked by his brother Leo and dad David at the pre-season friendly against Bromley

# LUCAS WERIN

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## Fan in the Stand

**T**his week it's Part III of the Werin trilogy! First up in this feature we had Leo Werin, then his dad David, and now it's David's youngest son Lucas... otherwise known as the 'Seeing-Red Redhead'.

We've noticed Lucas getting very animated when things go against the Stones, which is quite understandable when you're 11 years old. Dad David, you may remember, became hooked on watching Wealdstone back in the Lower Mead days because he living in a flat that overlooked the Elmslie Stand.

He caught tantalising glimpses of play from his kitchen window, despite 'not being into football' and eventually paid his three quid at the turnstiles to see what all the noise was about. The Werins have never looked back!

The family now live in Luton and this is Lucas's story...

**Whereabouts do you live?** I'm a born and raised Lutonian having lived here all 11 years of my life.

**Which school do you attend?** I was at Warden Hill Junior School. Next month I'm starting Icknield Secondary School in North Luton.

## 'My main claim to fame is getting a round of applause from the fans at Chippenham for a comment I made!'

**First Stones game attended?** The first game I can remember was the Stones winning the Ryman league title at Margate in 2014. I was six.

**What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan?** I was initially dragged along to games by my dad and brother but I've caught the bug and now actively look forward to

Stones games.

**Do you follow any other team? No.**

**Do you prefer lower-League football?** Yes, it's as good as the Football League. Friends at school tell me it's full of overweight players. They should come to a game sometime.

**Any disadvantages? No.**

**How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone, into your family/working life?** Quite simple, if it's a midweek game it's unlikely I'm able to attend because of school in the morning, however Saturday games I'll be there (with the exception of Truro away).

**How big a part of your life is the game?** Fairly big, I keep up to speed with most league matters during the week although I don't tend to watch live football on TV.

**Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen?** The 2-1 win at Southport in the Trophy a couple of seasons ago. It's hard to put into words what the whole day meant.

**Have you ever played the game yourself and most memorable moments?** I do play in the school playground, as for memorable moments - I've scored a few hat-tricks.

**Any suggestions to improve your Stones-watching experience at the Vale?** Not really, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

**Favourite current Wealdstone line-up?** Not applicable, I need to see the team for a few matches this season before assessing.

**Favourite all-time Stones line-up?** Jonathan North in goal, obviously. Jerome Okimo at left back because he's solid positionally. Ciaron Brown and Glenn Wilson as centre halves as they do a job defensively. Eddie Oshodi at right back because he was no nonsense and it's a shame to see him retire. In midfield, I'd select Danny Green, Sam Cox, Ricky Wellard and Bradley Hudson-Odoi because that four offer a mixture of creativity and tenacity. Up front it's Dave Pratt and Bradley Bubb because I'm a firm believer that if they're given the service then goals will come.

**Who's your favourite all-time Wealdstone player?** I've only been attending regularly the last three years but for me it's Bradley Hudson-Odoi, I really enjoyed his first spell

with us a few years ago and I'm looking forward to seeing him back at the club this coming season.

**What was your highlight of last season?** The 5-2 win at Billericay in the Trophy, fantastic day, great debut for Bradley Bubb and I was going ballistic.

**Best - and worst - non-League grounds you've visited?** Bath City would be a favourite, I attended Twerton Park for the first time last season and was impressed with its scale. Least favourite would be Concord Rangers.

**Best stadium you've EVER visited?** Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

**Where do you like to stand (or sit) at the Vale?** Couch Corner when attending the Gun Turret End and in the Bulla when kicking down the slope.

**What are your expectations for the Stones for this season?** Playoffs, we've brought in some players and there's a balance to this side.

**How does the current programme compare with others you see?** My dad and brother don't normally get programmes away from home so I can't comment.

**Any articles or improvements that you'd like to see?** Nope, there's a reason it's been voted programme of the year.

**What has been the most readable/least readable Fan in the Stand so far?** They've all been interesting in their own right. Even my family's!

**What do you think of the Stones online presence (videos, twitter, facebook etc)?** It's strong and very active.

**What's your Wealdstone claim to fame, or interesting fact?** I'm the child who is notoriously loud - and I received a round of applause from Stones fans after making a comment at Chippenham.

**And finally....Where do you think the club will be in five years?** Ideally in the Premier League but realistically I'd want the club to be a sustainable National club.





WEALDSTONE v WOKING

BY STEVE MARSHALL

# From the Matchday Operations room



**G**ood evening everyone and I hope you are enjoying the season so far.

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



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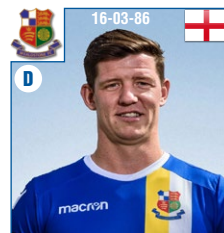
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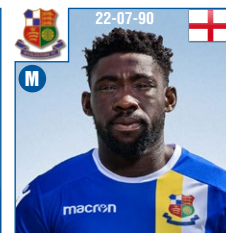
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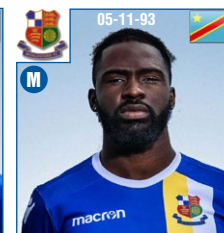
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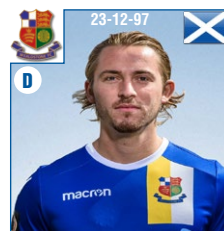
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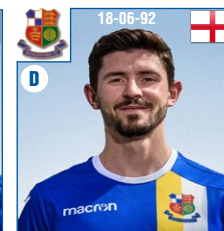
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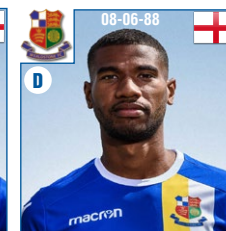
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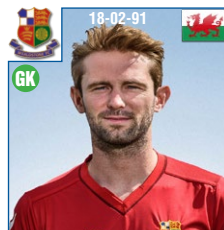
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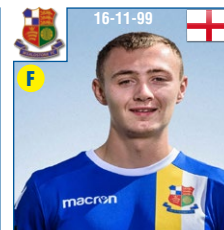
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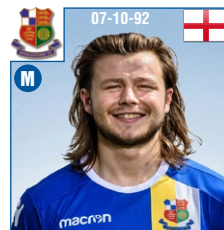
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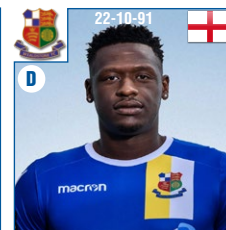
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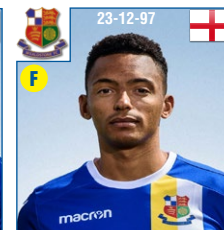
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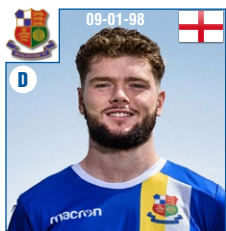
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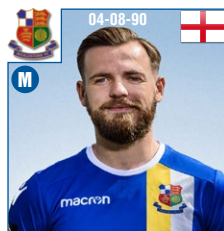
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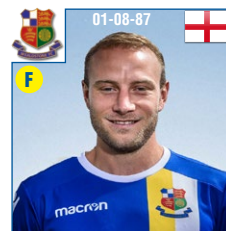
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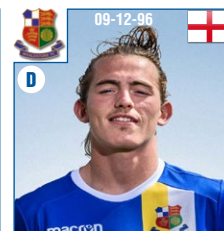
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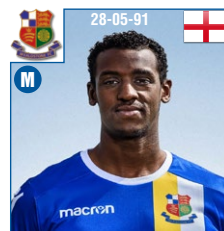
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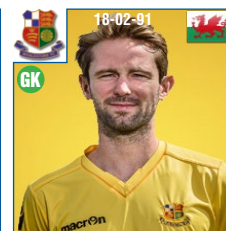
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 <b>CONCORD RANGERS</b> Saturday, 25th August Vanarama National League South	Barry Eynon - in memory of John O'Connor		
 <b>TRURO CITY</b> Saturday, 1st September Vanarama National League South	Optima Site Solutions		
 <b>CHELMSFORD CITY</b> Saturday, 15th September Vanarama National League South	Optima Site Solutions		
 <b>HAMPTON &amp; RICHMOND</b> Saturday, 13th October Vanarama National League South	David Leigh		
 <b>TORQUAY UNITED</b> Saturday, 27th October Vanarama National League South	The Jeffersons	Martin Allen	Your Name Here?
 <b>GLOUCESTER CITY</b> Monday, 29th October Vanarama National League South	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 <b>BATH CITY</b> Saturday, 10th November Vanarama National League South	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
 <b>EASTBOURNE BOROUGH</b> Saturday, 1st December Vanarama National League South	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?	Your Name Here?
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# WEALDSTONE FC

## FIXTURES & RESULTS — SEASON 2018 / 2019

- Y = Yellow Card
- R = Red Card
- S = Straight Red
- M = Man of the Match
- ⚽ = Goal
- ⚪ = Penalty
- = 1st Player Substituted
- ← = 1st Substitute Used
- ⇌ = 2nd Player Substituted
- ⇌ = 2nd Substitute Used
- ⇌ = 3rd Player Substituted
- ⇌ = 3rd Substitute Used
- NLS = National League South
- FAC = FA Cup
- FAT = FA Trophy
- MSC = Middlesex Senior Cup
- MCC = Middlesex Charity Cup

Month	Competition	Result	Crowd	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17/GK	
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7	Hungerford Town	NLS	1-1	435	5	North	Tyler	Sheppard	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	White	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Bubb	Mambo	Brown	Lench	Monakana
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Stones away to Hungerford Town, 7th August - pictures courtesy of Adam Williams

### FRIENDLY RESULTS 2018/2019

June 30 **Bracknell Town** (Away) **D 3-3**  
Bubb, Monakana (2)

July 9 **Marlow** (Away) **W 1-0**  
Pratt

**UTD** NLS July 14 **Swindön 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)



# The World of Ball

## 4-1's a jolly good score line - and so say all of us

**A**h yes, 4-1 – you can't go wrong with a decent 4-1. It's the kind of score line that suggests near total domination. Perhaps there's been an early brace, followed by another goal late on, then maybe a small and ineffectual fight-back from the oppo against the run of play, followed by a final goal - perhaps completing a striker's hat-trick - to seal the deal. Or maybe it's a first half rout which sees us four up at the break, before we take our pedal off the metal and let them get a derisory "consolation" late on? Or, of course, could it be an early strike for our opponents that's then utterly and joyously cancelled out by four clinical Stones strikes, turning the match around entirely? Yep, 4-1's a decent score line alright. And perhaps when you think of 4-1 you, like me, automatically bring to mind England's 4-1 thumping of the Netherlands in Euro 96. That 4-1 had everything - periods of domination, sublime goals and, just for the hell of it, a consolation goal with the devastating-stroke-hilarious effect of causing Scotland to finish outside of the top two in the group.

Naturally, 4-1, is a perfectly decent score line with which to begin the new league season, as we did last weekend here against Weston-super-Mare. It was the sort of score that had me thinking: what on God's green earth can I come up with for the Woking programme? I'm totally out of ideas. Ah, but hang ON a minute..."

So here it is, a - ahem - "deep dive" into the club's history with 4-1 victories it is. Strap in everybody.

It turns out that our 4-1 win against Weston-super-Mare ten days ago was our 140th 4-1 victory of *all-time*, meaning we've now scored 460 and conceded 140 for a total of 700 goals in 4-1 victories over the years.

Our first ever 4-1 win was away to a club called the Metropolitan Railway on 28th October 1899. It was another four years before we recorded our next 4-1, at home to Hyde & Kingsbury. And just over a month after that, we recorded our third 4-1, at home to Stanmore on 28th November 1903.

4-1 is a rare-ish score. In recent times we've typically recorded just the one 4-1 win in a season. (Actually, we had two last season; here against Poole, and then on the final day of the season at Whitehaw - both league fixtures). The last time we went an entire season without a 4-1 was in 2012/2013.

Our 4-1 against Weston was the fifth time in Stones history that we've opened the season with a 4-1, our first such opener occurring in the 1949/50 season at home to Redhill (more on them later) in the Athenian League. The others? Folkestone Invicta in

# 4-1



David Pratt vs. Weston in our opening 4-1 win (Picture by @dfinillphotos)

BY MARTIN READ



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WORLD OF BALL

tion thus far, we've managed to record at least one 4-1 win in 76 of them - meaning that for forty seasons we failed to rack up a single 4-1 win. Not only that, but in 36 of those remaining 76 seasons we only won 4-1 once. This leaves just 40 out of 116 seasons in which we've won 4-1 on more than one occasion. A notable period of 4-1 excess came in our title-winning 1973/74 season, which saw us winning by 4-1 on six occasions in cup and league.

We also went 4-1 crazy in 1923/24 and 1938/39, with four such score lines in each of those seasons.

Over the years we've beaten no fewer, and indeed no more than 91 teams by a 4-1 score line. The team we've beaten by 4-1 on the most occasions? That'll be Redhill, who we've 4-1'd on six occasions. We first 4-1'd them in 1937, and we last did so in 1962 - all being Athenian League fixtures. If you include Enfield and Enfield Town together, they've also been on the end of six 4-1 thrashings.

We've done well in our decade at The Vale recording 8 4-1s in that time. We only 4-1'd once at Chestnut Avenue (vs. Harrow Borough, Boxing Day 2005 - our only 4-1 ever against our local rivals), did so ten times at the White Lion, just once again at Vicarage Road and a full seventy times at Lower Mead. We also managed just one 4-1 at The Warren, vs. Weymouth in April 1995, our penultimate fixture there. Look into my eyes, not around the eyes, you are feeling very sleepy.

In terms of competitions, because yes, we're really continuing on with this, we've won 4-1 on six occasions thus far in the National League South; 16 times in the Southern League; 21 in the Isthmian League (that 4-1 in 2013 being our very last in that competition); 7 times in the Amateur Cup, 6 in the FA Cup and just twice in the FA Trophy. But by competition, 4-1 wins for the Stones have occurred the most - 24 times - in the Athenian League, our last 4-1 being away to Redhill on 3rd November 1962.

That's about it for our 4-1 wins. Join me next time for two more pages on our 1-4 defeats... or actually, no, likely as not I'll save you from two score-related articles in a row. But for now, here's to another 4-1 win tonight!

07/08; Bromley in 01/02; and Cambridge City in 52/53. An opening 4-1 win does come with the suggestion that we've managed to get our pre-season right and are set fair to do well over the course of the following nine months - but just so you know, those last four times in which we've opened with a 4-1 have not, alas, led to title success come the following May.

But having a 4-1 in a season in which we have gone on to win the title? That's definitely a thing, for example our 4-1 away to Dulwich Hamlet in November 2013, which saw 'that' goal from Glen Little, continues to live long in the memory. We won by 4-1 twice in our our Athenian League winning year one 1952. We won 4-1 on 5 occasions during our Southern League season in 1973/74. We won by 4-1 on 3 occasions during our Southern League title year in 1981/82, but just the once when we won the Isthmian League Division Three in 1996/97. (We didn't need a 4-1 at all in our double year of 1984/85.)

Taking all of our 116 seasons of competi-

## "Having a 4-1 in a title-winning season? That's definitely a thing"



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4th AUGUST - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Alan Hill  
• Simon Stephens



### Woking

13th AUGUST - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
• Your name and details here



### Concord Rangers

25th AUGUST - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
• Your name and details here



### Truro City

1st SEPTEMBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Alan Couch  
• Mike & Val Weston



### Chelmsford City

15th SEPTEMBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
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### Hampton & Richmond

13th OCTOBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
• Your name and details here  
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# WOKING FC

## WEALDSTONE v WOKING OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

# Opposition in focus



**W**oking Football Club, known as the Cards (from the Cardinal red of the red and white halves), was formed in 1889. The Club joined the West Surrey League in 1895/96, winning the title by one point on the final day of the season. However, within 21 years of being formed, the Club was in danger of folding for financial reasons. The turning point came when, in January 1908, Woking played Bolton Wanderers in the First Round of the FA Cup, having battled through five qualifying rounds. Despite losing the away game 5-0, the Club made it into the national press. Bolton Wanderers, impressed by the minnows they had defeated, travelled to Woking for a friendly match the following season, which kept the Club solvent.

In 1911 the Club joined the Isthmian League, maintaining their place in the top division for 72 years and finishing as runners-up to Wycombe Wanderers in 1956/57. That achievement was eclipsed the following season when, in front of a 71,000 crowd, the Cards beat Ilford 3-0 in the last FA Amateur Cup Final to be televised live. Sadly, the Club then went into decline, culminating in a first-ever relegation in 1982/83. By the end of the 1984/85 season the Club had plunged to Division Two South of the Isthmian League. It was during that season that former player, Geoff Chapple, was appointed as manager. Although he was not able to save the Club from relegation, the renaissance was underway. Just missing out on promotion



### THEIR STADIUM

*The Laithwaite Community Stadium,  
Capacity: 6,036 (Seats 2,500)  
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at the first attempt, the Club clinched the Division Two South title in 1986/87 and, after two third place finishes in Division One, they were promoted back to the Premier Division at the end of the 1989/90 season.

The next season saw the Club become part of FA Cup folklore. Entering the competition at the Fourth Qualifying Round, they beat three Conference sides to set up a Third Round tie away to West Bromwich Albion. Recovering from being a goal behind, Woking triumphed 4-2, thanks to a superb team effort and a never-to-be-forgotten hat-trick from Tim Buzaglo. To be drawn out of the hat with a home game against Everton was beyond everyone's wildest dreams. The tie was switched to Goodison Park and, against a team packed with internationals, the sides were separated only by a solitary Kevin Sheedy goal. Over 34,000 people remained in the ground to give the players a rapturous standing ovation.

Promotion to the Conference was achieved in 1991/92. The Isthmian League title was clinched in early April, with seven games still

to be played. Nearest rivals, Enfield, had been swept aside 5-0 in a scintillating display of flowing, attacking football and the season ended with the Club 18 points clear of the Londoners.

The new season kicked off with very few of the all-conquering championship side in the line-up. After a shaky start a very respectable eighth place finish was achieved. The following summer saw Chapple make one of the most inspired signings in the history of the Club. Clive Walker, the former Chelsea, Sunderland, Fulham and QPR winger, was signed from Brighton & Hove Albion and he was to prove the catalyst in the most successful period in the Club's history. The FA Trophy was won in 1994, 1995 and 1997 and the Cards also achieved five successive top five finishes in the Conference, including being runners-up in 1994/95 and 1995/96.

The Club also continued to enjoy fine FA Cup runs. Barnet were defeated in successive seasons. In 1996/97 the Cards beat Millwall, then top of Division Two, and Cambridge United, who were challenging for promotion from Division Three. The Third Round draw paired the club with Coventry City. The game was closely fought, with the Premiership outfit 1-0 ahead with only seconds remaining at their Highfield Road ground. Then Steve Thompson struck to earn a replay. Although Coventry City ran out 2-1 winners at Kingfield, courtesy of a cruel own-goal, many people felt that Woking had more than held their own.

At the end of the 1996/97 campaign, having just clinched the FA Trophy for the third time, Geoff Chapple and his coach, Colin Lippiatt, left the Club and joined Kingstonian. John McGovern, the former Derby County, Nottingham Forest and Leeds United midfielder, was appointed. Hopes were high that he would lead Woking into the League but, although the Club finished in third place, his style of play and his personality did little to endear him to the fans. A poor start to the 1998/99 campaign led to his dismissal. Brian McDermott, the former Arsenal player, joined Woking on a non-contract basis and achieved a temporary

upturn in fortunes, guiding the team to a ninth place finish.

However, the Club struggled again in 1999/00 and McDermott was relieved of his duties in March 2000. Colin Lippiatt returned and secured a 14th place finish. The 2000/01 season saw yet another poor start. The signing on loan of Chris Sharpling proved crucial in enabling the Cards to pull clear and achieve another 14th place finish. The team struggled once more in the 2001/02 season. Defeat in the FA Cup, by Newport County, saw Colin Lippiatt stand down and become the number two at the Club, with a certain Mr Geoff Chapple back as manager.

Hopes that the duo could restore Woking's status at the top of the non-League game proved sadly unfounded. Colin Lippiatt departed in January 2002 and Glenn Cockerill, the former Southampton midfielder, joined as Chapple's assistant. The season ended with the Club just one place above the relegation places.

In the meantime very significant events had taken place off the field. The downturn in the Club's fortunes had led to a financial crisis. With the Club facing administration or worse, successful businessman and long-time fan, Chris Ingram, came to the rescue, becoming Chairman in February 2002. He continues to own the ground, with the Club enjoying a 125-year lease at a peppercorn rent, but his financial backing of the Club and involvement in its running ceased at the end of the 2010-11 season.

The 2002/03 season saw the Club get off to its best-ever start in the Conference. However, 'black September' brought seven consecutive defeats and a rapid descent into the relegation zone. Geoff Chapple resigned and Glenn Cockerill took over as manager, initially on a temporary basis. After an incredible sequence of results – winning and losing alternate games in a run of 12 matches and then embarking on nine consecutive draws – it all turned on the last day of the season. Woking went into the final game second from bottom, knowing that even a win over Telford would not guarantee their Conference status for 2003/04. However, a convincing 3-0 win for the Cards, plus victories by arch rivals Stevenage Borough, at home to Southport, and Farnborough Town, away to Nuneaton Borough, ensured relegation for those two defeated clubs and a massive sigh of relief

## WOKING FC

## OPPOSITION CONTINUED...

around Kingfield.

The Club went full-time in the summer of 2003. The fans' hopes were borne out by a much better season, with the Cards achieving a ninth place finish, having been on the fringe of the play-off places until the last few weeks. Again, only a poor finish the following season deprived the Cards of a play-off place, but a final placing of 8th with 68 points was the best achievement since 1997/98. Disappointingly, the Cards failed to mount a challenge for a play-off place in 2005/06, finishing in 11th place. But they made the most of favourable draws in the FA Trophy, reaching the Final at Upton Park, only to lose 2-0 to Grays Athletic. 2006/07 was another season of underachieving and, despite bringing in fresh faces during the January transfer window, Glenn Cockerill was unable to turn around a poor run of results and left Kingfield at the end of March 2007, with relegation a distinct threat. Graham Baker and Club Captain Neil Smith took over for the final six games and steered the Cards to a safe 15th place.

The reprieve proved only temporary, with the following two seasons producing more disappointment, culminating in the Cards' relegation in summer 2009 from the BSP after 17 years in the top flight of non-League football. In summer 2008 Frank Gray and Gerry Murphy assembled a young squad but the Board became disillusioned with the style of play and apparent lack of ambition and they left the Club by mutual consent shortly before the season ended, with the Cards finishing in 17th place. The appointment in May 2008, of Kim Grant, the former Charlton striker and Ghanaian international, as Head Coach, with Phil Gilchrist as his Assistant, proved disastrous. A poor start to the season led to Grant's contract being terminated after only seven games, with Gilchrist taking temporary charge. Gilchrist was confirmed as Manager shortly afterwards but, while he steadied the ship, the Club still found itself facing relegation with six games to go. Graham Baker was appointed caretaker manager but, with other clubs making the best of their games in hand, he was unable to lift the Club above fourth from bottom.

Baker was confirmed as Manager just



before the season ended and set about building a new side to compete in the Blue Square South, with Jimmy Dack as his assistant. A storming end to the 2009-10 season saw the Cards clinch 5th place. Dover Athletic were beaten in the play-off semi-final but the Cards lost to Bath City

in the final.

The Club went part-time in summer 2010, with Baker and Dack both being awarded new two-year contracts. But, in spite of good runs in the FA Cup and the FA Trophy, both decided to leave the Club in January 2011, with Garry Hill taking over the reins till the end of the season, with Steve Thompson as First Team Coach. A dramatic upturn in league fortunes took the Club into 5th place, but the Cards lost to Farnborough in the play-off semi-final.

The revival continued apace in the 2011-12 season, with the Cards reaching the top spot in late September and staying there throughout the campaign in spite of being pushed hard by Dartford. The BSBS title was won by nine points, with only five games lost all season.

The Cards finished in a comfortable 12th place in their first season back in the Conference Premier, playing an entertaining brand of football, and did even better the following season, ending in 9th place after showing great form in the second half of the campaign. The 2014-15 campaign saw the Club finish in a commendable 7th spot, missing a play-off place by only three points. Garry Hill maintained his record of top-half finishes the following season as the side ended in 12th position. But the summer of 2016 saw the loss of some experienced players and the side struggled throughout the 2016-17 season, eventually averting relegation thanks to generally improved form from the new year onwards, finishing in 18th place.

In May 2017, following an announcement that new investment would take place in the Club, Anthony Limbrick was appointed manager, with Jason Goodliffe joining him as assistant manager shortly afterwards. The Club also announced that it would be moving gradually to full-time status.

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# WOKING REWIND BY TIM PARKS



It was April 1971. Decimalisation

(when the British currency moved from pounds, shillings and pence to pounds and pence) was just three months old and the British public was outraged that shop prices were being 'rounded-up' by exorbitant amounts.

The new coins had been in circulation for three years, for people to get used to, to but D-Day itself was a terrible shock. Housewives would carry around decimal converters in their handbags - a revolving cardboard wheel that showed the '£sd' equivalent to the new price tags - and everywhere you went the cry would go up: 'What's that in old money?'

Well, if that sounds like a bygone age it was the last time Wealdstone and Woking met in a league match. Yes, 47 years ago!

**I was 13 at the time and remember being concerned that my pocket money wouldn't cover any increase at the Lower Mead turnstiles.**

It cost 9d to get in as a junior (that's nine old pennies, the equivalent of 4p after D-Day) and although the price was held until the next season it had risen by a whopping 11p once we'd kicked off in the Southern League Div One North in August!

It was exacerbated by Wealdstone turning pro that summer. It was a few months of upheaval in every quarter of life but exciting as the Stones grasped the expensive nettle of professionalism and raised their prices accordingly (from what I remember, adult prices

## The long wait is over...47 years since we faced The Cards in a league game!



jumped from 1/6d for Isthmian League football to 30p for the Southern League... double the money! Although if you take the rate of inflation as a guide to what 30p is worth today, it should cost £4.30 to get in today).

As a result of bravely leaving behind the era of 'shamateurism' there were a few heavy hearts at the thought of abandoning old adversaries such as Woking.

And the Surrey club will always hold a place in the affections of Stones older fans, like myself, for being our last opponents in an amateur match at Lower Mead. Yes, April 1971. The school Easter holidays.

Some matches always stick in the mind and this one definitely does. I had been out bike-riding in Northwood with my pal Mark during the day and so anxious about getting home in time for the game that he decided to come along too for his first WFC experience.



As a Chelsea fan he maybe felt he was slumming it - but right from the start, Stones clearly wanted to end the home amateur era with a bang. Neither ourselves or Woking were any great shakes; both rooted in mid-table, there was absolutely nothing riding on the game and the crowd was also unremarkable for this landmark occasion - barely 600 - but there was more intensity in our performance than in any other game

### Wealdstone Chatter

Good evening everybody, For our last home Isthmian League match of the season, we give a cordial welcome to our friends from Woking, and hope that they enjoy their visit here tonight, especially as we are turning professional next season, and it could be some time before our two teams meet again.

We can truthfully say, that without exception, every club whom we have visited during the past four weeks, are sincerely sorry to see us leave the Isthmian League for the Southern League, and it is nice to know that we have many friends in the football world. No doubt we will be meeting some of them in cup matches, but nevertheless we too will miss the hospitality and cordiality of the Isthmian League clubs, but it is nice to know that we have bowed out of amateur football, well respected, and with an honourable record.

We are very sorry indeed to be losing both Harry Luck and Jack Rogers, (President and Chairman respectively) who have intimated that they feel that younger men will be needed for the hurly burly of professional football. Both these men are Wealdstone through and through, and they will always be welcome, when they come along to see the matches, and they will always be welcome, when they come along to see the matches.

Everybody here is keeping their fingers crossed that we make a success of pro football, and the Officers and Committee all wish team manager Alan Humphries the best of luck and good fortune, in his endeavours to get a first rate side for us for next season, in what will be a history making event for the Wealdstone Football Club. See you all next season.

and, with the benefit of hindsight, they were probably all playing with one eye on winning a professional contract the next season. We had promising young players in Bob Williams, Gary Austin and Tommy Mahon at the back, Dave Yerby in mid-field and John Ritchie up front but all bar Mahon were jettisoned by manager Alan Humphries in the summer.

One player who was definitely leaving of his own accord was the veteran Charlie Townsend, our England and Great Britain Olympic midfielder. He was scheming and probing throughout the game and as we changed ends, kicking towards the Elmslie End for the second half, he suddenly opened up a chasm in the 'Cards'

defence. Our long-haired No.10 Alan Pentecost danced through the gap, rounded Collyer and put us 1-0 ahead!

There was only one winner now and Ritchie (the former Arsenal youngster who went on to star for Enfield) made it two from close range. With ten minutes left Townsend got away on the right and played a delicious cross into the near post for Ritchie to glance in No.3 with his head.

The crowd were delighted. A few weeks later we beat Wembley 5-1 in the President's Cup second leg at Lower Mead (winning 5-2 on aggregate) and we all went home convinced that we'd smash it when

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that season. I haven't managed to unearth the match report, just the programme notes (above) but the crucial moments are crystallised in my mind. More so than most of what happened last season! Woking, and especially their keeper Dave Collyer, kept the rampant Stones at bay in the first half

<b>WEALDSTONE</b> (Blue & White) 1. Chris Swain 2. Alan Dafforn 3. Micky Barnard 4. Bob Williams 5. Gerry Austen 6. Tom Mahon 7. Dave Yerby 8. Charlie Townsend 9. John Ritchie 10. Alan Pentecost 11. Neil Bunker 12. Bob Bennett (Sub.) Referee: Mr. K. J. Underwood (Romford)	<b>To CLUB SECRETARIES</b> Let us arrange your <b>TOURS</b> at home or abroad <b>Travelux</b> (KENTON) LTD. 203 KENTON ROAD, KENTON 01-907 8724 Branches at Wembley Park, Mill Hill and Hatch End	<b>WOKING</b> (Red & White) 1. D. Collyer 2. B. Finn 3. P. Finn 4. S. Harding 5. D. Edwards 6. T. Smith 7. A. Christmas OFF 8. R. Elton 9. K. Oram 10. M. Elliot 11. D. Gale 12. J. Van De Berg ON (Sub.) Linesmen: Mr. A. W. Ward (Southgate) (Cerse Flag) Mr. P. H. Taylor (Greenford) (Orange Flag)
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*The line-ups for that last league game between our clubs... particularly memorable because Woking fielded Alfie Christmas at number 7. He featured in a wonderful anecdote concerning Enfield's pantomime villain Alf D'Arcy in the 1960s. Apparently Alfie was a thorn in D'Arcy's side, and when they tangled in a December fixture and the Woking man was about to be booked, the Enfield skipper sidled up to the referee and told him: 'This guy's a real wind-up merchant ref. Watch him - he'll tell you his name's Santa Claus'. And when Christmas gave his name the referee sent him off!*



# WOKING REWIND CONTINUED

the new pro era started. **What happened next?** Er, unfortunately 'smashing it' wasn't quite the case. Our 'new' team turned out to be mainly old lags and cast-offs from Hillingdon Borough and the dire warnings from the Wealdstone old guard seemed destined to come true (74 year-old WFC President Harry Luck and 66 year-old Chairman Jim Rogers had both resigned rather than see the club 'cast adrift in perilous financial waters'.) But of course the ship was steadied and we won promotion to the Southern League Prem, beginning a glorious era that may have never happened if the naysayers had had their way.

Interestingly, talking to one-time Supporters Club activist Ray Kemp last season, he regaled me with the story of April 1971. The club briefly considered joining the pro ranks, mainly because FA investigations were ongoing into the illegal payment of amateurs and we were in the firing line - but then the old guard advised that it would be financial suicide on our dwindling

attendances of 400-500.

"The supporters were adamant though, that we didn't want to be stuck in the stagnant waters of the Isthmian League. We wanted promotion and relegation, and excitement" said Ray. "So a few of us organised a petition and took it around the terraces for a home game just as they were considering ruling out the move to the Southern League - and over 400 of the 500 crowd signed it in support to turning pro. Ken Wiltshire (the Club Secretary) tried to get me banned from the ground but we were determined, and they could hardly say the fans were in favour of staying as amateurs afterwards. Fans' democracy in action!"

Just eight years later Wealdstone were invited to become members of the new Alliance Premier League (the forerunner of the Conference) and again the club 'went for it' after the supporters (with Ray and Mark Chamberlain foremost) organised another 90%-backed petition.

## Stones come back from the dead to win titanic Cup replay at Kingfield

**Tuesday September 16 1975, FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round replay: Woking (away) won 5-3 after extra time**

BY GORDON MCKAY



One of those nights that if you were there then it would never be forgotten. We'd taken on Woking the previous Saturday at Lower Mead and it ended 1-1.... which was seen as a disappointing result as at the time we were a decent Southern League Premier side whilst Woking were languishing towards the bottom of the Isthmian League.

We hadn't played well but it was felt there would be no repeat of that performance at Kingfield and a comfortable win was expected. However from the start we were on the back foot as Woking tore into us. With 15 minutes to go we were 3-1 down and on the way out of the Cup - and in fact

we were lucky to be only losing 3-1 as combination of bad luck, bad finishing and great goalkeeping from John Morton between the Stones posts kept it respectable.

But Bill Byrne pulled a goal back and then with literally minutes left Ray Fulton fired a shot with his 'dummy' right foot that somehow found its way through a crowd of players and into the net to draw us level. Cue bedlam on the terraces and a pitch invasion as the 200-odd Wealdstone fans joined in the celebrations.

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*To us programme aficionados, that night's offering from Woking was a bit out of the ordinary. Bigger than A5 size; smaller than A4; content not great but an exciting circular line up page (pictured below). It didn't take much to get us going!*



# 'Stones are outplayed but win in extra time

By Colin Pope

Woking 3, Wealdstone 5 (a.e.t.)

THE time was 8.50 pm and Wealdstone were 3-1 down, being outplayed by a side who even their best friends would call competent, and just 15 minutes from the absolute disgrace of yet once again being bundled out of the FA Cup by an Isthmian League side who have yet to win in ten games.

By 9.5 pm Wealdstone had, somehow (and how was not abundantly clear) drawn level and were hanging on for dear life. At 9.6 pm a glorious header from Woking's No. 10 Steve Cosham, one of the best players on view, was passing just under Wealdstone's bar for an obvious winner when Ray Fulton flung himself across the goal to head clear. But more was to come. With just three minutes remaining Cosham thundered a drive against a Wealdstone post.

This, then, was the backcloth to an incredible Cup replay at Kingfield on Tuesday. A match which Wealdstone were never in front until extra time, when their superior stamina told and Woking, obviously torn apart by some cruel luck, ran out of heart.

This was lion-hearted Ray Fulton's finest hour. With due deference to the rest of the team, the scoreline could well have been Woking 3, Ray Fulton 5. For the ginger-haired Wealdstone midfielder man scored two superb goals, kicked one off the line in the first half, and kept his side in the Cup when all seemed lost with his spectacular header. And, to boot, he made a superb goal for Jim Godfrey in the last quarter of extra time. How richly he deserved being mobbed by jubilant Wealdstone supporters at the end!



Ray Fulton — a night to remember

goalkeeper to beat from five yards out shot tamerly at John's body.

The disturbing aspect in the first half was that although Wealdstone played some reasonable stuff, they weren't actually creating any chances and rarely throughout the game, in fact, got two strikers in the box at one and the same time.

### NO SURPRISE

It was really no surprise when Woking went ahead after 20 minutes, Morton striking a magnificent goal from the edge of the box, the ball dipping under the bar with tremendous power. Yet, and quite against the run of play, Fulton scored an equally good equaliser within five minutes, belting in a cross from Kinneray way out on the right corner flag.

Ten minutes after Woking regained the lead through Cosham, who shot through a ruck of players after McCormick had missed his tackle and the half ended with Wealdstone only having set up the one chance which Fulton accepted.

The ignominy of inglorious defeat quickly loomed for Wealdstone in the second half when Alan Morton and Cosham combined splendidly down the left and Godfrey brought down Cosham in full flight. The same player easily scored from the

right footer past Spittle and almost immediately afterwards Fulton had the large Wealdstone contingent invading the pitch when, with his "donkey" right foot, he shot through a crowded goalmouth to bring the scores level.

One now sensed that extra time would bring Wealdstone victory, and so it proved after they had survived Fulton's header off the line, and Cosham's shot against the post in the final minutes of normal time.

### PENALTY

Midway through the first quarter of extra time Godfrey now leading the attack, was brought down from behind, and Duck gave Spittle no chance from the spot. So, after 98 minutes play Wealdstone were in front for the first time.

The match was finally settled with an excellent goal from Godfrey in the 115th minute. Fulton, who since the appear-

ance... dropped to left-back, overlapped superbly well, took the ball to the by-line before crossing hard and low and Godfrey brilliantly hooked the ball just wide of the goalkeeper's left hand and inside the post.

Woking must certainly be asking what they must do to win their first match. The answer is, of course to accept gifted chances.

That Wealdstone failed so dramatically to really take apart a very poor side is another indication of their appalling inconsistency, and it is consistency that wins battles. For some strange reason, too many players have too many off days, and this was certainly the case on Tuesday.

Hooking let them off the hook. As the Cup rounds progress — and indeed, the Southern League — the opposition will not be so charitable and now is the time that action is needed.

Wealdstone: Morton, Kinneray, O'Kane, Godfrey, McCormick, Fulton, Lewis, Moss; Byrne, Duck, Eglin; Sub: Fairclough.



## WOKING REWIND CONTINUED

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That's the magic of the FA Cup and I still feel that way about it now. In fact Ray Fulton had what many considered his finest hour that night in a Stones shirt, scoring twice, making one and making two vital blocks on the goal line.

This was a cruel blow to a Woking team who had given it their all... and extra time saw a resurgent Stones score twice through a George Duck penalty and then midfielder Jim Godfrey - who had been pushed up front as a final throw of the dice - to triumph 5-3.

One of the great nights in our FA Cup history.

**What Happened Next?** Such are the fine margins of football, that having been on the verge of an early elimination from the competition we ended up beating Burnham, Dagenham and then little Southwick, going all the way to the First Round before being eliminated at 3rd tier Aldershot 4-3 in another classic

# 1979: Stones' FA Cup hoodoo over Woking continues at Lower Mead

Four years after that eight-goal thriller of a replay, we were drawn to play Woking at Lower Mead again in the final qualifying round.

By now, the Cardinals were muscling in with the big boys of Enfield, Wycombe and Sutton at the top of the Isthmian League (and were in fact top of the table by the time this November 3rd clash came around) while the Stones had accepted the invitation to be a founder member of the Alliance Premier League (forerunner of the Conference National). Thirteen Southern Prem clubs like ourselves were invited, and seven from the Northern Premier League - while the Isthmians rejected even the suggestion of having clubs transfer across.

Just a couple of years later, Enfield saw sense and joined the APL - along with Wycombe and Sutton shortly afterwards.

The Stones, under new manager Ken Payne, had a tricky start at the higher level but went into the Woking Cup tie in a rich seam of form (including a 4-4 at Bath and a 5-0 win over Yeovil)... and a Bobby Moss goal saw us deservedly through in front of a 1,400 crowd. Our reward was a home tie with Third Division (League One) Southend United. The figures were interesting: a 3,100 crowd, 1,550 programmes sold and a further 1,200

posted out to collectors; but the only statistic worth knowing was a 1-0 defeat via a bizarre overhead kick from centre back Alan Walker.

As a certain Tim Parks wrote in his supporters club notes, 'Our FA Cup story in the 70s began with a 2-0 win over Metropolitan League side Hatfield Town, and ended with an unlucky 1-0 defeat by a Third Division Southend... progress that everyone at Wealdstone can be proud of'.



Bobby Moss slides in to steer John Watson's low cross past Frank Parsons for Wealdstone's all important F.A. Cup goal against Woking. Picture by DOUG AVENT.

# Moss goal sets up Southend tie

Wealdstone 1, Woking 0

A first half goal by Bobby Moss hoisted improving Wealdstone to a slender but deserved F.A. Cup, fourth qualifying round victory over Premier Isthmians, Woking, at Lower Mead on Saturday.

The rolling 'Stones now face the bright prospect of a lucrative first round proper home tie against Third Division, Southend United. The match will be played at Lower Mead on Saturday, November 24.

The all important goal arrived after 25 minutes. Wealdstone skipper John Watson whipped a low cross into the penalty area following a throw in and Moss reacted first to rifle the ball past goalkeeper Frank Parsons and into the net.

"The game turned out exactly the way I thought it would," said a satisfied Sto-

By Pat Mooney

nes manager Ken Payne afterwards. "It was a battle but our lads don't give up easily now and we got the result," he added.

Payne's plan of fielding the team which destroyed Yeovil the previous week was wrecked when defender Shamus Horgan failed a late fitness test. Horgan was ably replaced by the long serving Alan Fursdon, now the club's player coach. Tommy James took Fursdon's place on the substitute bench.

Wealdstone were undoubtedly the better team and only poor finishing kept the score to a minimum. 'Stones' keeper Ian Cranstone had another restful 90 minutes and was never seriously tested.

Woking, who are hovering near the top of the Isthmian Premier League,

were never allowed to control any period. Wealdstone's skilful play kept them stretched and with little time for thoughtful football.

The 'Stones started off in an aggressive mood with a series of attacks. Colin Johnson, whose game improves weekly, was particularly unlucky not to have opened the scoring after a fine run and shot which Parsons did well to hold.

Snatched

Wealdstone continued to create the best chances and both Stu Pearce and Moss spurned golden chances in the area. However, Moss atoned for his previous miss when he smartly converted Watson's cross.

However, Woking almost snatched an equaliser in the

44th minute. Callaghan's free kick was missed by Cranstone - his only mistake - but James' goal bound header was cleared off the line by the alert Watson.

The second half saw Wealdstone continue to control the flow of the tie. Neil Cordice almost increased the score when he beat a defender and Parsons after being put through by Nigel Johnson but the striker pushed the ball too far in front for a shot.

**Wealdstone:** Cranstone; Brannigan, Pearce, Watson, Fursdon; Wainwright, Boyle, Johnson (N); Moss, Johnson (C), Cordice.

● **Wealdstone** will now play their home Alliance Premier League fixture against Bangor City on Tuesday, November 13 at Lower Mead. The match was originally fixed for Saturday, November 17 but Bangor have a Welsh Cup tie on that day.

## Royal Blue Review



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Wealdstone Football Club

Lower Mead Stadium

Station Road, Harrow, Middx. 01-427 2840

Winners: FA Amateur Cup 1965-6

Athenian League 1951-2

Southern League (v. 1 South) 1973-4

Saturday, 3rd November, 1979  
F.A. Challenge Cup 14th Round Qual. 1  
Kick-off 3 p.m.

WEALDSTONE  
v.  
WOKING

WEALDSTONE	v.	WOKING
1. Cranstone	1.	F. Parsons
2. Brannigan	2.	D. Yerby
3. Pearce	3.	M. Black
4. Wainwright	4.	M. Preston
5. Boyle	5.	6. Cordice
6. Johnson (N)	6.	7. D. Alexander
7. T. Birkle	7.	8. J. Field
8. N. Cordice	8.	9. A. Morton
9. R. Johnson	9.	10. G. Rough
10. C. Johnson	10.	11. E. James
11. G. Johnson	11.	12. N. Fletcher

Referee: Mr. P. R. Halsey (Stourhead)  
Referee: Mr. G. G. Galt (Waltham)  
Referee: Mr. D. W. Boulton (Chingford)  
Referee: Mr. J. P. (Chingford)



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## UPCOMING FIXTURES

### HOME

#### Concord Rangers

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Saturday, 25th August, 3:00pm  
£9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

#### Truro City

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Saturday, 1st September, 3:00pm  
£9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

#### Chelmsford City

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Saturday, 15th September, 3:00pm  
£9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

### AWAY

#### Dartford

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Saturday, 18th August, 3:00pm  
www.dartfordfc.com

#### Oxford City

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Monday, 27th August, 3:00pm  
www.oxfordcityfc.co.uk

#### Dulwich Hamlet

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Saturday, 8th September, 3:00pm  
TO BE PLAYED AT TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED

## Stones in the FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round

We will play in this season's FA Cup on Saturday 22nd September, opposition and ground yet to be determined. Visit [www.wealdstonefc.com](http://www.wealdstonefc.com) or subscribe to the club's email newsletter for the latest news.

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## Vanarama National League South — Final Table 2017/2018

Opposition	All						Home						Away						+/-	Pts	Results
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A			
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
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
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
5 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
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
8 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
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
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