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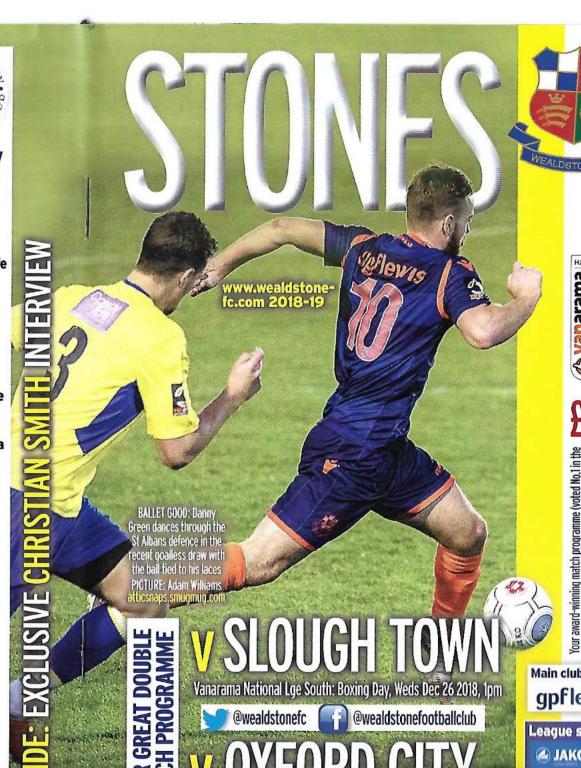
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

would like to extend a warm welcome to both sets of visitors, including Managers Neil Baker & Jon Underwood of Slough Town along with Mark Jones from Oxford City, their back room teams, their Players and supporters.

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Mascots v Slough Caitlin & Dominic Airey

Caitlin Airey:

Caitlin is 5 years old and goes to Flitwick Lower School in Bedfordshire. She enjoys drawing, Street Dance and going to Rainbows. As well as attending non-league matches she has a season ticket at Newcastle United with her Dad, where her favourite player is Jonjo Shelvey.

Dominic Airey:

Dominic is 3 years old and will be going to Flitwick Lower in September 2019. At present he is at Fordfield Nursery in Flitwick. Dominic enjoys cooking, playing in the mud kitchen and gardening. Dominic is already showing quality groundhopper attributes having seen football in over 20 different grounds, including a recent trip to Malta where he attended a match at the National Stadium.

Caitlin and Dominic will be accompanied at today's match with Dad (David), Mum (Julia) and Nana (Karen).





Supporters' Scene

ood afternoon and welcome to everyone at The Vale today, especially fans and officials of Slough Town and Oxford City who will be visiting us on Saturday 29th December, wishing them an enjoyable day and a safe journey home.

Pop into the Megastore for all your needs as we have a wide range of merchandise on sale, also Junior Stones, don't forget to get your loyalty card stamped, just need six stamps for a free Stones coaster, hat, magnets, mug, scarf or even sweets. There

is a wide range of items to make your selection from.

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STONES INTERVIEW BY TIM PARKS

Christian Smith



A starring role at Concord then sent off in his home debut.. it's been a lively start for our new midfield capture from Maidenhead

NCE in a while, a player comes along with the ability to transform your team through sheer power and personality.

A player who provides the X factor that maybe you didn't appreciate was missing.

A player like Glenn Little who, five years ago, turned up at The Vale with dodgy knees but still the potential to perform way above the level of our Ryman League title pretenders - and proved it on one memorable late summer's afternoon against Enfield Town, coming on as sub and sparking a 4-1 victory.

He was different. And so is Christian Smith, who joined the Stones from Maidenhead United on the eve of our Trophy trip to Concord and instantly provided the solid base we'd been craving.

Christian is nothing like Glenn Little - yet so similar in the impact he can have on our season. And they both played together at Wrexham!

"Glenn Little? Wow, I didn't know he'd played for Wealdstone. What a great lad he was!" exclaimed Christian when I spoke to him after the Concord victory. "I played and trained with Glenn for six months. seven or

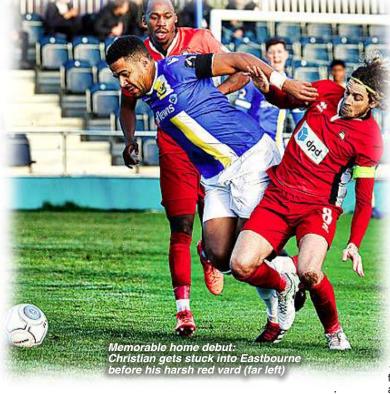
eight years ago. His knees had gone even then but he could play. And he could talk! He had some great stories and was a great influence on the changing room. I had some good times there."

Christian, 30, was described as "a bully on the pitch, and just what we want" by Wrexham manager Dean Saunders when he brought him back to the Racecourse Ground in 2009 after letting him go to York City 12 months earlier.

And the imposing 6ft 2in midfielder had a great couple of years with the Welsh club, bossing the midfield in the style he displayed at Concord.

"I tend to play a bit deeper these days, defensive midfield I suppose, and I thought me and Pokks (Godfrey Poku) were a good combination. We controlled the game, keeping it tight, standing up to their big players and just giving the ball to the more creative players like Greenie and Fummy.

"I think that if you get the basics right, keep the shape, don't over-complicate things and don't make mistakes you'll have a successful side."



hat was certainly the recipe Alan Devonshire cooked up at Maidenhead, where Christian was a mainstay of the team that won the National League South in 2017 and had such a solid first season in the higher level.

"Ability-wise, we were perhaps never the best but we had a great spirit and we formed a good unit... when I went there the crowds were low and we were mid table but it really kicked on the year we won the title. We stuck in there. There was one game against Truro when we'd gone about 20 matches unbeaten and we were losing 1-0. We hadn't performed on the day but I remember it well as I managed to get the equaliser from the edge of the box.

Things came together from

there and held off Ebbsfleet to win the league."

There are close bonds between our supporters and Maidenhead's, and Christian comes highly recommended. "We'll never forget your epic sliding tackles!" tweeted Magpies fan Murdo McLeod, adding that the midfielder will be sorely missed.

It seems that Devonshire wants to try out a few new ingredients at York Road, forsaking the spicier, meatier elements of his team. Bobby Wilkinson could well be the beneficiary.

"I've played against Wealdstone many, many times in the past and you've had some good teams to be fair" said Christian. "In fact you knocked us out of the FA Trophy that season we won the league - I helped win a replay in the first game, setting up the goal to equalise, but you then beat us at The Vale.

"I like the ground, a good surface, good atmosphere and the training seems excellent - I've only had one session so far! - but the routines are good and sharp and the facilities good. FIND A WHOLE WORLD OF MEMORABILIA AT THE WEALDSTONE MEGASTORE: www.wfcmegastore.co.uk

I reckon I've got three or four years left in me and I want to win things."

part from collecting that NLS title with Maidenhead, he should have played in the 2009 FA Trophy final. "I started that season at Wrexham and played for them in an early round of the Trophy... then I transferred to York, Trophy-

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tied, and played every league game for them while they went through round after round and reached Wembley.

It was gutting. I didn't actually go to the final (York were beaten 2-0 by Stevenage) as I had a holiday booked and I was cup-tied anyway. That was my chance of playing at Wembley but

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you never know. There may still be another opportunity..."

Christian was born and brought up in Crewe, Cheshire, and started his pro career with nearby Port Vale. His main claim to fame, though, was going on loan to Cambridge United as an 18-year-old and scoring the goal against Stafford Rangers that kept Cambridge in the Conference, just two years after they'd been relegated from League Two.

Then he was off to play in the Scottish League One for Clyde!

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A WHOLE WORLD OF MEMORABILIA AT THE WEALDSTONE MEGASTORE:

"One of the lads at Port Vale,
Joe Cardle, was friends with Colin
Hendrie's family (the ex-Scottish
international) who was managing
Clyde. "He asked me to sign and I
had a good season there. But the
next summer a new manager came
in and they wouldn't pay my accommodation costs - so it was back to Cheshire
where Wrexham boss Saunders snapped
me up".

here followed three years at the Racecourse Ground, the missed Trophy opportunity and the joy of playing alongside the maestro Glenn Little.

"I got an injury soon after I'd rejoined Wrexham, which is unusual for me, really disappointing as I was flying after scoring in the first couple of games. And when I came back from that, Dean Saunders told me at training one morning that Newport County had come in for me on loan so I was in South Wales by the end of the day.

"Newport were top of the Conference at the time so it was a very enjoyable month for me."

Chester came in for Christian in 2011 - "also on my doorstep" - and the re-formed club won the Evo Stick League title that first year, and then the Conference North the following year. He played 31 games, scoring six goals.

There followed a tumult of loan and permanent deals (Nantwich, Stafford Rangers, AFC Telford and even Airbus UK in the Welsh League) before Christian found himself heading South five years ago.

"My girlfriend Gemma was at University in London and I decided I wanted to be there too. We moved to Wood Green (we're still together, living in Waltham Abbey now) and Dean Holdsworth got in touch to sign



me for Chelmsford City. Dean had been the manager at Newport during that loan spell and we had a couple of good years at Chelmsford without setting the league alight.

"Rod Stringer then signed me for Bishops Stortford, but he wanted to play me at centre-back. Maidenhead came in for me; Dev said he saw me as a central midfielder and that was enough for me to go there.... mostly I played in the anchor role which limited my chances to score goals but I've still got that in my game".

Christian made 89 appearances, scoring five goals, in his time at York Street as Maidenhead's profile really took off. They finished 12th/24 in their first season.

His power in the tackle was epitomised by the incident that saw him red-carded against Eastbourne and Christian was incensed by the decision that was subequently overturned.

"None of their players complained about the tackle and the referee was unsighted - he said it was two-footed but the video showed that it wasn't dangerous. Even their goalkeeper said it was an 'embarrassing' decision' he said.

Like Elliott Charles, Chris works in a gym (Bannatyne, at Russell Square) and is also a personal trainer. "Very handy for keeping in shape and getting the time off for training and matches. I'm happy with my football at the moment and really looking forward to the rest of the season".

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The Elmslie Ender



Low confidence, injuries and biblical weather.. it's the FA Trophy

was going to write about the meatier topic of the press treatment of Raheem Sterling but can not let our Trophy expulsion go without comment. As we know and has been written about often, the F A Trophy is part of the DNA of this club. Whilst some clubs sneer at the competition, we love it. A win and two unexpected semi-final runs is testament to that. The financial side notwithstanding, our Trophy run a few years ago as an Isthmian side was genuinely special. Who can forget the wins against Barrow. Dartford and Cambridge?, before we bowed out in the semis verses Newport. A couple of years ago we had that fabulous win at Southport and last year, the smashing of Billericay will live long in the memory as 500 travelling fans watched in disbelief as Wealdstone won 5-2 at the money-bags club.

Our win at Concord this season was said by the management as the best performance under their tenure at the Vale, but weirdly there was little optimism leading up to the game at Biggleswade, certainly in the pub

that I was at pre-match. Of those surveyed, all twelve of us, not one thought we'd win. That's quite a critique of the optimism levels of where the club is at the moment.

The vast majority of supporters do not have an agenda. They just want their team to win. Win ugly if that is what is required, but just win. If your team loses, which as football fans we all knows happens more often than we'd like, then at least do that with fight and a determination that suggests that all has been left out there on the pitch. Circumstances were certainly not on our side last weekend. The deepening injury crisis has not help one jot and confidence levels are low. Interestingly when someone isn't there, you realise their influence on the situation. In the same way as GB as a manager wasn't the same without Leo Morris and Mark Gill, since Wadah Ahmidi has had to take a break from football, we just haven't looked right. There have been other influential players injured too that have kept Mark Povey incredibly busy, so with money being much tighter than in a recent last couple of years, bringing in replacements have proven not to be so easy.

Confidence low. injuries in abundance.



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horrendous weather conditions, poor football stadia are classic giant-killing scenarios and the doomsayers weren't disappointed as

Wealdstone served up a damp squib of a performance were they were deservedly beaten by a side that not only outplayed us but more surprisingly out-fought us as well. A theroughly disappointing.

The vast majority Biggleswade after all.....

The league is still ridiculously tight, so the trooughly disappointing. thoroughly disappointing way to leave a competition that has held so many good memories for us. I left on the final whistle so didn't witness the scenes at the tunnel. They were predictable. Whilst, as the Sterling situation has proved, supporters have a responsibility to behave properly, so do players and @

wealdstone FC had it about right. A career where the highlight seems to be a slide in front of away fans after a 50 yard run away

from your own supporters, isn't much of a career. I suppose. And what was that fella doing gangster signs after they scored, taking

off his club coat looking for a fight all about? It's sleepy old

ridiculously tight, so the train can guite easily be put back on track even with a depleted squad. If we do, a lot of people will have earned their agenda, they just corn for sure. It would be a tragic shame if the momentum corn for sure. It would be a - the squad improvements, the investment in infrastructure. increasing and more vouthful crowds - that has been built up at the club since promotion and PM taking over helm with

his not inconsiderable investment is lost. That would be criminal.

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Fan in the Stand

'I've been hooked on Wealdstone since my first game but it's mainly for the booze... I reckon we can afford Coxy's wages on my beer spend alone'

What was the first Stones game you attended? First game I got dragged to by my friend was the second leg of the FA trophy semi-final against Newport County in 2012. Terrible game and only thing I remember are the two sets of fans not getting on.

What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan? My mate Tom Marshall was the person who convinced me to go to my first game. Since then have been hooked ever since! (Although mostly for the booze). You will still never get me admitting I'm a Stones fan to Tom though!

Are you working, Alex? Currently working as an Assistant Buyer in sports for Sainsburys/Argos. So if you've ever received a dodgy sport product from there it's my fault! (No complaints please)

Do you follow any other team? Arsenal fan from birth. Fortunately for Wealdstone, the Gunners are not as good as we used to be so have to get my glory fix elsewhere...

Do you prefer lower-League foot-ball? I really enjoy watching and going to games in the lower league but nothing will beat heading to the Emirates for a game (Sorry!) That said, what I really enjoy about non-league football is the atmosphere and camaraderie between the fans

and closeness between the club, players and supporters. Unfortunately I don't think I'll be sharing a beer with Mesut Ozil after an Arsenal game any time soon!

Any disadvantages? Standard of football occasionally and dodgy referees.

How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone, into your family/working life? Lucky for me I haven't made the leap so I'm free!

How big a part of your life is the game? I talk, play and watch football every day of the week so I would say pretty big!



Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen? Arsenal winning at 5-4 at White Hart Lane in 2004. (This one's for you Jez!) Great game.

And most memorable Wealdstone game, and moment? Wealdstone's 4-1 win at Dulwich Hamlet when Glen Little scored THAT goal. Was still relatively early on in my days of watching Wealdstone and couldn't believe what I saw when Glen Little scored that goal. Will forever be a hero in my eyes.

What really pees you off watching football? Dodgy refs at all levels. And the of-

IT'S ALEX CHARD

ficials behind the goals on European games. Will they ever make a decision??

Have you ever played the game yourself? I played for local teams in Milton Keynes throughout my childhood and adult life. Best moment is winning the Willen World Cup as a kid - many of you won't have heard of it, but it's a big deal in Milton Keynes. Despite hassling Gordon Bartlett for a trial for many years I unfortunately never got the opportunity but if you ever need a Claude Makalele in your team you know where to find me!

Favourite current Wealdstone line-up? North, Okimo, Stevens, Wilson, Tyler, Poku, Ahmidi, Green, Hudson-Odoi, Shomotun, Bubb

Favourite all-time Stones line-up? The Ryman winning team, to this day still think that's the best Wealdstone team I've seen.

Best away trips to watch football? Always enjoy Bath away. Great city, good pubs and nice club

What was your highlight of last season? Definitely the FA Trophy run. Only thing to cheer really! But so close to Wembley was a bit heartbreaking

Best non-League ground you've visited? Always had a soft spot for Dulwich, couldn't really say why.

Best stadium you've EVER visited? Camp Nou, Barcelona

Where do you like to stand (or sit) at the Vale? Always standing, behind the goal.

What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? Definitely playoffs. Bored of midtable finishes and we need the season to drag on as long as possible to continue the football fix!

How does the current programme compare with others you see? Definitely one of the best I've ever seen. Hats off to everyone involved in it.

Any articles or features that you'd like to see? No way I could do a better job so can't think of any!

What has been the most readable/least readable Fan in the Stand so far? The worst has definitely been Tom Marshall's. Fell asleep after the third question

What do you think of the bars and catering at The Vale? Any beers or food you'd like to be added? Can't fault the bar as I've dread to think how much money I've spent in there. Surely we can afford Sam Cox's wages just with my beer spend alone!!....

Do you buy much at the clubshop? Bought one Wealdstone top which was 2 sizes too small and only been worn once. Should probably go back and get one that fits!

How do you feel on the kit debate- solid blue shirts or quarters? I've never been around to see the quarters but from pictures yes, that's my favourite.

What is your Wealdstone 'claim to fame'? Me and Tom Pett being best mates (see picture above). I'll get him back here at some point don't you worry:)

Finally, where do you see the club in five years' time? Would love to see them get promoted and have a go at the Conference. Mostly because need some new away grounds to visit!



Opposition in focus



he management partnership of Neil Baker and Jon Underwood have now completed five seasons with the club and prepare for the first season in the Vanarama National League South. In their first term back in 2014. Slough Town won the play-offs the hard way, to win promotion to the Southern League Premier Division. Two seasons of consolidation followed and 2016/17 saw Slough make a play-off place losing out to Leamington, A very strong run-in from Slough saw the Rebels finish in third place to earn a play-off place. Ironically, they beat Kettering in the semi-final, the same team defeated in 2014, and a tremendous fight back at King's Lynn saw Slough win promotion again by 2-1. So, 20 years after losing their place in the National competition Slough return. Everyone is exciting at the prospect of some new exciting encounters.

As November 2017 ended, Slough were riding high with some outstanding displays to look back on. Coming back to win 5-4 at Merthyr Town was incredible and the Rebel fans present said this was the best performance of the season. Some others preferred the 6-0 away win at Gainsborough, then in the National league North, in the First Round of the FA Cup. Perhaps the pressure

was too much and the club bowed out of the League Cup at Hayes & Yeading and also in the replayed FA Trophy game with Hendon. Everyone waited for the visit of Rochdale. Despite being out-muscled it was a great occasion for the club and the visitors managed to avoid the drop from League One. In February Slough hit a sticky patch and drew and lost as many games as they won, and Slough slipped away in the league table and it began to look like they would fall out of the play-off positions. However, in a heavy fixture schedule. Slough went on to win nine of the last ten matches plus a home draw with King's Lynn to finish in third spot. It is fair to say that visiting King's Lynn has not resulted in happy journeys home. And so with Lynn finishing second they were favourites to win the game. A very large crowd estimated at over 3,500 attended and there were long delays to get in causing a late kick-off. The Linnets went 1-0 up within 26 minutes and for a brief spell looked to be in a great position. The Slough side held their nerve and gradually took control of the game and just before half-time Chris Flood levelled it. In the second period, both sides were anxious not to concede, and just as everyone was preparing for extra time. Slough made another big push, and many Williams scored again with just two minutes left. The Slough fans had out sung the homesters all the way and now they really let rip. This was a dream come true and Slough

The season will long be remembered for the epic FA Cup run which was the equivalent of a Premier League club reaching the Final. It cannot be said that Slough had an easy draw. Starting at Berkhamsted winning 3-1, they defeated Dulwich 3-2 at home, Poole 2-1 at home, Folkestone 1-0 at home before winning 6-0 in Lincolnshire. Once Rochdale scored their first goal at Arbour Park, the result was not really in doubt. Five years earlier, in 2012/13 Slough had another spectacular FA Cup run, only losing to eventual Conference winners, Mansfield Town, on penalties after

210 minutes of closely fought football in the First Round. In 2004 Slough reached the Second Round by defeating Walsall 2-1 in the First Round matching their success over Millwall in the 1980s. During the last thirty years or so the Rebels enjoyed reaching the FA Cup Proper Rounds regularly, playing Wycombe Wanderers, Romford, Brentford, Reading (twice), Hungerford Town, Yeovil Town, Millwall (victory of Millwall being legendary with local boy Gary Attrell living a few hundred metres from the ground scoring the winning goal), Bishop's Stortford, Cardiff City, Leyton Orient, Plymouth Argyle, Torquay Athletic, Macclesfield Town, Birmingham City, Swansea City, Macclesfield Town, Walsall (another local hero Glen Harris a schoolteacher netting the winner after Walsall levelled Ian Hodges' first), Mansfield Town, Yeading, Bromley and Harrogate Railway. The attendance at St. Andrews for the Birmingham match was 13,394, the second largest audience for Slough, after the Wembley appearance in the Amateur Cup Final in 1973 that was estimated as 41,000.

Slough Town's origins have been taken as 1889, but more recent research shows their first fixture being played sixteen years earlier in 1873 against Windsor Albion. At that time, the youths of Slough were named as the Slows, before re-naming as Slough Rangers under the same leadership of Mr Sargeant the Club Secretary in 1876. By 1883 the club had merged with the Slough Cricket Club and were playing fixtures as Slough Athletic. The clubs separated in 1888 and the football section sought to merge with other local clubs to form a stronger club, including Slough Albion, Young Men's Friendly Society and the Ottos. It is supposed for this reason that the formation of the club is taken from that time. Slough Ramblers were to merge later, but other clubs including Chalvey never made the plunge, so Slough & District FC never came about. The newly named, Slough F.C. continued to plav their home games at the Dolphin, which was shared with the Swifts, F. A. Cup Semi-Finalists. It is likely that The Swifts name influenced the original name of the Slough club (Slows) as they started regular fixtures in Slough at this time. There have been suggestions that the Swifts merged with Slough, but this never happened and the

REBELS FACTS

GROUND - Arbour Park CAPACITY - 2,000 MANAGER Neil Baker & Jon Underwood 2017/18 - SouthernLeague Prem 3rd

Swifts can be shown playing games until 1893 when they merged with the Corinthians. They are now part of Corinthian Casuals. Slough entered the first league competition in the South of the country that included Tottenham Hotspurs among others drawing 3-3 at home in the league and losing 5-2 away. Slough tried for membership of the Southern League in the 1800s but were unsuccessful. Slough entered league competition again in 1901 when they entered the Berks & Bucks Senior League and continued there until 1905. Slough did not finish above half way in any of these seasons. In 1905 Slough joined the Great Western Surburban League finishing sixth out of ten clubs. They went one better the following season, but by and large Slough were near bottom every year until 1913. Slough re-appeared after the First World War and in 1921 the club lost out by a narrow margin of votes to Wycombe Wanderers in an effort to obtain membership of the Isthmian League. Disappointed with this decision the club decided to join the Spartan League instead where it remained until the outbreak of World War II.

In 1943, Slough amalgamated with Slough Centre F.C. and playing at Belfast Avenue, a new name of Slough United was adopted and were successful against top amateur sides in this period. During the first post war years the club became the first English club to play a friendly match against European opposition when Hilversum HVV t'Gooi came to the Centre Stadium in 1945, a game that was filmed by British Gaumont News shown at cinemas all over the land. Slough led a move to create the Corinthian League. It was because of this action that Slough United became known as the 'Rebels'. Slough adopted the present style of Slough Town during 1947/48. In 1950/51, Slough Town achieved its first league championship when beating second placed Hounslow Town by 2-0 at the Dolphin in front of over five thousand

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spectators. The Corinthian League merged with the Athenian League in 1963 and the Rebels were promoted into that competition's Premier Division in 1965. At this time Slough Town were one of the strongest non-league clubs in the south of England under Bob Gibbs. During the season 1967-68, total attendances exceeding more than sixty three thousand were recorded at the Dolphin.

Tommy Lawrence took over the reins at the Dolphin in 1970 and the 'Rebels' were able to field eight amateur internationals on a regular basis winning the Athenian title in 1971-72 and 1972-73 They were semi-finalists in the Amateur Cup in 1972 and then finalists in 1973 losing to a very late goal at Wembley. In 1973 the club became part of Division One of the Isthmian League, won promotion in the first season. In 1974 Slough moved to a new ground, Wexham Park Stadium, which was hastily built by the members and supporters. The club flourished at this time winning the championship in 1980-81 and again in 1989-90, having finished in the top three for a number of seasons prior to the last.

Thus the club was promoted to the GM Vauxhall Conference. In 1991 the club was forced into receivership. The club was immediately purchased by a consortium. The next season, under the management of Dave

Kemp, and after chasing Wycombe Wanderers to the championship throughout the season in the final weeks the club fell away a little to finish fifth. At the end of that campaign Kemp left to take over at Crystal Palace. At the end of the following season Slough Town was relegated during the final two minutes when Merthyr Tydfil scored a very late winner. Disappointingly Slough returned to the Diadora League but they were immediately returned to the Conference as runners up at the end of the following season. At the end of 1997-98 the Rebels were semi-finalists in the FA Trophy for the second time losing 2-1 on aggregate to Southport. Finishing in eighth place after completing the double over Kidderminster Harriers, the consortium decided that they could not support the ground requirements for Slough Town to maintain their position in Step One.

Relegated to the Ryman League and playing at Windsor, it was a struggle to survive and by 2008 playing at Beaconsfield the club had a reprieve from dropping to step 5. A new Chairman, Steve Easterbrook, saw stability return to the club and the club's fortunes improved so that the play-offs were reached on three occasions between 2010 and 2012 under manager Steve Bateman.

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'Remember my crowd surfing in the Kennel at Edgware after we'd beaten Braintree 6-0? That was one of the best nights of my life'

No-nonsense defender Fergus Moore played for Wealdstone for a dozen years, across two spells. His literary collaboration with Roger Slater, 'And Sometimes the Dog was Busy'. is now on sale in the megastore and all good sports bookshops ... and this programme will be giving a taste of the goodies within. This

chapter chronicles Fergie's title-winning second season with the Stones....

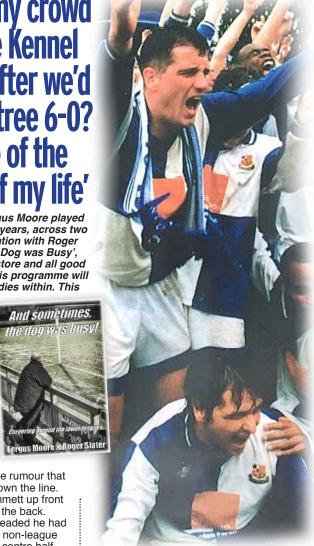
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FIND A WHOLE WORLD OF MEMORABILIA AT THE WEALDSTONE MEGASTORE:

ealdstone started the 1996-97 season with most of the same squad though there were still a few ins and outs, most notably Bomber (Darren Bonfield) in goal and a mix of full backs in pre-season and the early games.

I'd moved into centre half but there is no truth in the rumour that it was to stop me sprinting down the line. Also joining were Bryan Hammett up front and veteran Rov Marshall at the back. Very experienced and cool headed he had played at a very high level in non-league and was a real no-nonsense centre half who replaced Steve Croad, partnering me.

Croady was manager Gordon Bartlett's 'Commander in Chief' at centre half in my first year, but he missed a few games during the season and as a result, Gordon made me skipper. It was an honour and a great boost personally. I didn't even think I'd get the chance to 'point the finger' ei-



ther. Not at all. Never. Not once. Nada. Captaincy by that time was worth an extra 10% I reckon. I'd learnt from Uxbridge and it didn't weigh on me anymore, as I didn't shout and bawl as much as many, my way being to lead by example. Throughout my career as a player, I've stuck my head in where perhaps I shouldn't, or others

wouldn't, and I'd put the extra yard in every time. Looking back, I'm proud that managers have seen that in me and I have skippered every club I've played for. That's an honour in itself.

One of the incoming full-backs was John Massey on the right. A decent tigerish little player but he couldn't drink! (Looking back over this, it's a typical non-league comment of the time, his name followed by his drinking capability. Not for us his speed, strength, dead-ball delivery). I remember another night out (Northampton again, as the Chairman Paul Rumens lived there and was often involved in the organisation!) where he had a couple of pints and he was well past merry by the time he finished the second.

He was a newbie and could have been taken advantage of, but on this occasion, the lads looked after him. From then on, for every round we ordered, he got a weak shandy. He didn't notice and it made no bloody difference anyway, he still got hammered. He must be the first man ever to get completely blitzed on lemonade with a hint of lager.

Another addition was Paul McKay who came in from local rivals, Harrow B*rough. A lovely bloke and an unbelievable player at that level. He could play anywhere and take it in his stride (except maybe in goal as he isn't the tallest), right back, sweeper, centre midfield, left midfield,

it didn't matter, he'd take on the role and look like he'd played there forever.

My old mate Bomber was in goal. I'd played with him at Watling Boys Club when we were kids and he joined from Kingsbury Town. Like myself wasn't used to playing in front of a large crowd and for their level, Wealdstone had a decent number of followers. As I said, they'd let you know they were there, good or bad. Being Bomber, there was an occasional ricket in among some excellent saves, but like all 'keepers there is very little tolerance in what mistakes you can get away with. Being the last line of defence, a mistake often meant a goal conceded, and he probably didn't need 300 people there to remind him!

Terry Hibbert was another that had joined, a goal-scoring midfielder with a great touch and another than could fill in as a sweeper too. It gave us options. Alongside 'Powders' (Steve Bircham) we really could move the ball around with ease. It made it easier for everyone to raise their game as these players came in around us. Those that did stayed, some with a cheeky arrogance about them (Bircham especially), one or two others got left behind and moved on but as they say, that is football.

Bircham, Walker, McKay, Chrissy Walton and myself were the ringleaders off the field and the centre of a good changing room. We had a great team spirit and we'd welcome everyone who came in, but they would get their share of stick as well. Never nasty, but there was plenty of banter!

As much with the way the fixtures panned

out as anything else, we didn't take the division by a storm though we were always there or thereabouts. One highlight was a match with Braintree. They, Harlow Town and Northwood were our rivals for promotion and it man ever to get blitzed on lemonade really looked as if it would be any three from four when The Irons came to visit us. A real six-pointer on a cold crisp February Tuesday night with a particularly partisan crowd of over 400 and a great

atmosphere.

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The White Lion Ground with its one long side of cover opposite the main stand meant that the sounds and the songs were amplified and projected across the pitch. It was quite an intense atmosphere for the home players and it gave us a boost, but with the fans no more than a metre from the touchline, it put away teams under some pressure if they didn't have strong characters. And the Wealdstone fans could (and would) soon work out the weakness and their target for the night.

Boy, what a game. We gave those boys one hell of a beating! (with apologoes to the famous Norwegian commentator Bjørge Lillelien). It was just one of those nights. From minute one we clicked. We scored the first goal early doors through a Roy Marshall header I think. They were top of the league and we were second if memory serves but we absolutely destroyed them. It was the best performance I've ever been involved in. We scored six without reply. Simon Garner of

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FERGUS MOORE: THE BOOK CONTINUED

Winning the Div 3

to the long-suffering

Wealdstone fans

Blackburn Rovers fame had joined us after a spell at Her Majesties for contempt of court and he got a couple that night.

I don't know why I did it, but you know all this crowd surfing that they say has been invented recently? Nah. I invented it that night I reckon. I went on a couple of runs down the wing (so moving me to centre-half didn't work), we were so much in command the adrenalin took over and the discipline was forgotten. For one of the goals I, Fergie Moore, one-paced centre half, left back, whatever, went on a mazy. yes mazy run, beat my man, cut inside and got a shot away. The force of the shot was so great that the 'keeper could only parry it and Garns was there for a tap in. Probably the easiest goal the amazing Simon Garner ever scored, and I made it. That's an assist I'll remember!

6-0 and at the final whistle, Fergie invents crowd surfing, diving over the barrier full length into the 'Stones fans in The Dog Kennel title meant a lot to as they had christened the long covered side. I was pushed the players, but a bloody sight more backwards and forwards before eventually getting back onto the pitch. What an amazing night and one I'll never forget.

arns was different class. Gordon had signed him and no-one knew. We

were playing away at Hertford Town (NOT in the FA Cup) and kitman Graham Smith found out...He came up to me and said we'd signed Blackburn Rovers' all-time leading goal-scorer! I think I was stood with Lee Walker just looking at the pitch at the time. I went: "Yeah, all right, so we've signed Shearer then.... well done Graham" and I turned to Walks and laughed. "Don't believe me then" Graham said as he walked off.

A couple of minutes later we walked into the changing room and sitting there was Simon Garner, Sitting on the bench, legs crossed having a fag (he'd got into the swing of non-league quickly) with a copy of the Sporting Life. It's the picture I have in my memory because that was just the way he was. We all got changed. Gordon said a few bits and we went out to warm up, then I looked round and no sign of Garner. He didn't do warm-ups!

He hadn't played for a while, but game

by game he got better and better. He just oozed class. He was knocking on a bit but over two or three yards and with a little shuffle on the ball, no-one could get near him. He had strength on the ball and the ability and vision to bring other people into the game so easily. Dangerous in and around the box, he scored a few goals and I reckon in the season or so he was with us he played more passes off his chest than most players could dream of in their whole career. I was in awe of him, a real special signing. He was the one that gave us that little bit extra. He joined in the banter, he and Walks got on well and he partnered well with Bryan Hammett up front, they soon struck up a decent understanding. We were all guns blazing!

It wasn't quite all roses though, as we suffered a couple of nervy hiccups losing at home to Northwood and Harlow, both promotion rivals, both games 0-2. We followed

> those with two 0-0 draws (one in the league and one in the cup), marking the longest spell without scoring for a couple of

espite a recovery from then on, we went into the last league game needing to beat Northwood away and they were unbeaten at home. On top of that, to win

the title we had to hope that Braintree lost. I think against East Thurrock, who had nothing to play for and who we'd beaten 4-1 a few weeks earlier.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, we were a bit subdued pre-match. It should have all been wrapped up by then, but we'd let it slip. Being another local side many of us knew a few of the Northwood management and players like Chris Gell, Martin Dobinson and Tony Millard at the back and it was going to be a test for us with them also needing the win to guarantee their promotion.

As the whistle went and with well over 350 'Stones fans in a crowd of 500, we sparked into life. No-one let us down. Dominic Sterling was another that had signed after his release from Wimbledon, a solid defender and a great player. Touch-tackle was his nickname as he loved nothing more than taking a touch to give the opponent a chance to nick the ball then he'd tackle through them to keep it!

After a cagey first half we went one-nil up early in the second kicking towards the Graveyard End. Northwood's ground has a gravevard behind one goal, odd, but true. Often you'd see hearses and such like and people visiting graves with flowers and all sorts as you looked up when attacking or at a corner. Northwood's fans were less in number and less vociferous than many, but God alone (well, God and a few of his residents) knows what they made of the 'Stones fans in full voice that afternoon. A couple of

years further on, and Wealdstone moved in to ground-share at Northwood during a less than successful period on the pitch. Some Saturdays with perhaps another home defeat looming large. Rest in Peace wouldn't have cut it!

Back to the game: Almost immediately after we'd scored (and cleared a few exuberant fans off the pitch) Northwood got an equaliser as their big centre-back Rene Street came up from the back to head home. It meant an edgy last ten or fifteen minutes as we brought on Tony Smith, Walks and Peter Greene, trying to create an opening and it worked. Hammett got through and dinked one over the home keeper. Lee Carroll to restore the lead, having scored our opener. Then Roy Marshall got his head on a corner to make it 3-1. Cue mass hysteria, fans on the pitch and crying with joy. It was the first trophy the club had won 'on their way back' having gone through administration, being homeless and seemingly eternal ground-shares. If it meant a lot to the players, it meant a bloody sight more to the long-suffering fans that afternoon.

It was fantastic. Scenes I'll never forget, fans on the field, champagne and Simon Garner as happy as anyone. With all the games he'd played and everything he'd done in his career, this was the first (and only) Championship he ever won. I can imagine his house: match balls from famous hat-tricks, shirts exchanged with some big footballing names, and there, in the corner, his ICIS Isthmian League Division III Champions medal.... I wonder!

The party had started well before the trophy was presented and that's a story in itself. Despite the odds being well stacked



against Wealdstone winning the League at kick-off, Alan Turvey who was League Chairman at the time had for some reason decided that he would bring the Trophy to Northwood rather than visiting Braintree who should have been odds-on to win the league that day.

remember coming out of the changing room well after the game, probably around 6 or 6-30 after we'd been presented with the trophy (small) and had a few slugs of Champagne and Lager (large). We had the End of Season Dinner for the Supporters Club to attend. What a night to arrange it. What would have happened had it all gone pear shaped? We might have lost and not won the title or promotion, but who cares now? We had won both!

With no club of their own, the 'do' was booked at Wasps Rugby Club in Sudbury. Walks, myself and an old fan, 'super' Val Shearer, in his eighties were given a lift by Gordon. Val was a real Wealdstone fan and once signed as a player (in his seventies, Val was signed by the club as a protest on signing rules a few years previously). He'd been at the club forever and the fans even sang songs about him. People joke about me making my debut in black and white, but Val actually remembered the club playing in black and white (hoops) in the 1920s.

When we arrived, most of the fans with tickets and a few gate-crashers were already there. It was a packed house, about 150 tickets sold and about 200 in the room! We got a standing ovation as we walked inand Val lapped it up too, welcomed with equal measure. The feeling was amazing: relief, ecstasy. exhaustion and elation... great timing.

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ABOVE: Action from our ultimately frustrating FA Trophy 1st Round Proper defeat away to Bigglewade Town on Saturday 15th December. Picture courtesy of Geoff Smith.

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is! Stones on **Boxing Day**

oxing Day! A tremendous sporting tradition. It's one of those rare occasions, like all the big England games, in which football becomes "THE football" - as in, 'you'll be going to The Football this afternoon, then?'). Normally it's simply "are you watching any football this weekend?" Bank holidays and international tournaments, it seems, demand the definite article.

It is, of course, illegal for football supporters not to attend their club's Boxing Day clash if they're playing at home. And because the fixtures computer typically spits out local derbies at this time of year, even away fans are pretty much obliged to attend. In theory, what this means is that Stones vs. Slough should be a cracker today.

But I digress. This spread is all about our club's illustrious Boxing Day history, with a few other festive facts and figures thrown in. (Yeah, spoiling you, Happy numbering Christmas.)

First up, this is the first time we've faced Slough Town on Boxing Day. We can go into today's game against them with some confidence, on the basis that we are unbeaten in our last eleven Boxing Day clashes, a run that began with our memorable dismantling of Harrow Borough in the Isthmian League Premier Division back in 2005 and has since included another three games against Borough, again trouncing them 5-1 in 2007, slapping them 4-0 here in 2011 and drawing rather forgettably (0-0) at their place a year later.

Our best ever Boxing Day performance? That depends on your preferred metrics: in terms of widest margin, it's our game away to His Maiesty's Stationery Office Press FC in

The World of Ball
So here it Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas one and all...

> 1921, when we won by 6 goals to 2. The four goal winning margin margin was matched in our game against Harrow Borough in 2007 (5-1), in the 4-0 defeat of Crawley Town (1989) and again against Borough by four clear goals, 4-0 here in 2011.

> The most scoringest Boxing Day draw was the 4-4 home match against Fisher Athletic during the first of our two seasons as (cough cough) co-owners of Vicarage Road back in 1991.

You may be surprised to read that today's game represents just the 60th time we've played a Boxing Day fixture, despite our

116 seasons of competitive football. Our 26th December record, in total, reads as follows: Played 59, Won 21. Drawn 12. Lost 25. Goals scored 101, Goals conceded 114.

But there's a bit more to those numbers than meets the eye. Specifically, it doesn't include the many games we've played on 27th December, when Boxing Day either fell on a Sunday (and thus meant no football on religious grounds) or when the 26th December was a soccer nogo for other reasons.

Where Boxing Day has fallen on a Sunday, the match that would have been played on that day has instead been played on a special 'Bank Holiday Monday', 27th December.

And that extra 24 hours between merriment and match day has made the world of difference to Wealdstone in the past, with two our best ever Christmas period performances coming on just such a Christmas Bank Holiday Monday. Many here today will remember our simply brilliant 6-0 trouncing of Barnet way back in 1982 as we were acclimatising to our newly returned status in the National

League Premier (then called I know. And yet here I am carrying on.

BY MARTIN READ

Hendon and on

Because here's a thing: Hendon have provided our Boxing Day opposition on no fewer than fifteen occasions, a figure which includes our games against them when they were still called Golders Green FC, and even earlier when they were Hampstead Town FC. Indeed, our 2-9 (!) defeat at their place in 1942, and 0-6, again at theirs in 1934, represent our worst ever Boxing Day performances, both coming against the club in their 'Golders Green' form.

WEALDSTONE v SLOUGH & OXFORD CITY WORLD OF BALL

It's guite something to consider our Christmas encounters against Hendon over the years. On Boxing Day itself, in the years between 1928 to 1964, two full generations of Stones supporters saw us win six but lose on no fewer than 13 occasions, scoring 33 but conceding 59. It must have been guite the competitive occasion, with just one Boxing Day draw between the clubs in all that time.

And when you're talking Hendon at Christmas, you also have to factor in that we played on Christmas Day itself on 34 occasions - with Hendon, in all three forms as Hendon, Golders Green and Hampstead Town - the opposition for pretty much all of those games. Only Hertford Town (1926) and Harrow Weald (1920) have ever provided us with different opposition on Christmas Day itself - and we absolutely destroyed Hertford 16-2 on Christmas Day 1926.

From 1928 through to 1970 we played the Dons in 32 Christmas Day encounters. winning 10, drawing 10 and losing 12, while scoring 84 and conceding 72 in the process. Just think about that: if it's Christmas, it's the Auld Green Enemy yet again. We think clubs like Borough and Barnet are our derby hates; imagine just how integral a role in the life of a Wealdstone supporter Hendon FC played at Christmas time.

In most seasons through League Premier (then called Gola League). More recently, we beat Harrow Borough, also by 6-0, on 27th December 2008. That game was played on a Saturday, and in total we've played 13 of our 27 games on 27th December 2008. The December 2008 Saturday I know played Hendon at Christmas: both of these festive derbies. We only managed the feat of beating them home and away at Christmas 1945 (in their first season as Hendon FC); typically we'd win or draw at

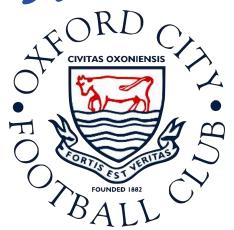
home and then lose at theirs the next day; indeed it's striking that on Christmas Day we were at home to Hendon for all but three occasions; Wealdstone vs. Hendon - specifically that fixture - was played on Christmas Day in every consecutive season between 1942 and 1959. As reliable a component of Christmas Day as the turkey, tinsel and plum duff. Anyway, that's enough stats - have a great festive break!







Opposition in focus The 1994/95 season was doubly



xford City Football Club can trace its origins back to 1882, when football was first promoted in the city. Following the Corinthian model of a representative club, the City sides were made up of players from other teams, including Oxford Cygnets, United College Servants and Oxford Wanderers.

Friendly matches were played against local teams, but gradually more important clubs were added to the fixture list. The representative model unfortunately proved unworkable in 1896, and the club was restructured, winning the Oxfordshire County Cup (now the Senior Cup) in 1900, and appearing at the 1st Round stage of both major FA competitions in 1901/02. The FA Cup achievement (last 32, equivalent to today's 4th Round), in which City took 2nd Division Lincoln City to a replay, ranks among the best ever by the club.

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This was the start of a golden era, with Amateur Cup Final appearances in 1903, 1906 and 1913, the first and last ending in defeat after replays. 1906 was the pinnacle of success, City beating Bishop Auckland 3-0 in a snowstorm. In the following season City again reached the 1st Round of the FA Cup, losing 3-0 at home to 1st Division side Bury.

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After the Second World War, City's fortunes were relatively unspectacular, but in the 1960's the club enjoyed a sustained run of FA Cup success, playing in the 1st Round five years running, and making it to the 2nd Round in 1969/70.

During the 1970s and 1980s however, success eluded the club, despite the glamour of Bobby Moore and Harry Redknapp as the managerial team in 1980-81. There was relegation into Division 1 of the Isthmian League twice, and in 1988 came the undignified and undeserved eviction from the White House Ground, City's home since 1900, on a legal technicality.

Dedicated officials and supporters kept the club's name alive, and from 1989 a team was rebuilt, moving steadily up the Pyramid from park football to the South Midlands League. The Phoenix was rising!

In 1993 City deservedly achieved both promotion back into the Isthmian League and the acquisition of the new Court Place Farm stadium, a superb joint effort by Committee, supporters, sponsors and the landlords, Oxford City Council. City's first match on the new pitch was a 3-1 win over neighbours Oxford United in front of 1,800 spectators.

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This success lasted two years before relegation to Division 1 in 1998. There they stayed until the Pyramid restructuring in 2004 took them into the Southern League Division 1. Finding adjustment difficult, City were relegated into the South Midlands League, but showed determination in bouncing back at the first attempt, into Division 1 South and West of the Southern League.

Cup success has been limited in recent years other than when City again reached the 1st Round of the FA Cup in 1999/2000 against Wycombe Wanderers. After two sensational draws, the second abandoned just before the newly established penalty shoot-out after an electrical fire, City narrowly lost the unique third encounter at Oxford United's Manor Ground. before more than 4.000 fans.

Another milestone was achieved when the club were awarded the prestigious FA Charter Standard Community Club status in 2006. This was followed by the award of FA Charter Standard Community Club Regional Winner for the South East in 2007. In that year the club grew further with the introduction of Veterans teams together with several Oxford City Casuals teams for players with learning disabilities. In 2008 further recognition of the Oxford City progression was confirmed when the club were voted Football Foundation Community Club of the Year at the National Game Awards. On the pitch, success returned in season 2007/8 as City achieved promotion into the Premier Division of the Southern League following victory over Didcot Town in the playoff semi-final (on penalties) and Uxbridge in the Final.

In season 2009/10 City

CITY FACTS

GROUND - Court Place Farm CAPACITY - 2,000 MANAGER - Mark Jones 2017/18 - National League South 16th

had an excellent FA Cup run through to the 1st Round Proper for the first time in twenty years. The memorable cup run was ended at League club Burton Albion by a cruel last minute winner by the home team after City had performed so well and taken an early lead against the full time professionals. Major success returned in season 2011/12 in the form of another good FA Cup run and promotion to the club's highest ever level. After excellent away victories City finally went out of the FA Cup at home to Redbridge having earned a replay in the 1st Round proper. In the league City claimed runners up position and home advantage in the play-offs confirming promotion with a 4-2 victory in the final over AFC Totton in front of a home crowd of nearly 1300. Massive progress off the field was achieved in January 2012 with the opening of the club's £2.4m Community Arena providing a new pavilion, a new full size artificial grass pitch and six International standard Netball courts – all fulfilling the club's registered charity status.

There are currently over 50 Oxford City teams providing regular football across all sectors of the local community with more teams planned.

The Ladies & Girls section in particular is growing rapidly with girls teams at most age groups and two ladies teams. Other formal links have been established with City of Oxford College and Ruskin College (Educational Partnerships), together with St. Clare's Oxford and Ignite Sports (Community Partnerships). The link with Helen & Douglas House hospice is now in its twelth year and continues to be the club's primary charity focus alongside our strong relationship with Combat Stress. The very successful Oxford Football Partnership has been in place for over ten years with City of Oxford College and Ignite Sports providing football education courses and apprenticeships based at Oxford City.

THE CITY WHO'S WHO...

CRAIG KING - GOALKEEPER

Popular goalkeeper who joined the club after a spell out of the game, having been at Luton Town for his early years. Made a handful of appearances for the Football League club in the Checkatrade Trophy. He joined the Hoops in January 2018 and has got better and better the more games he played during the remainder of the season.

STEVEN CARO - GOALKEEPER

A young goal-keeper who signed National League forms in September 2018 and provides cover for Craig King. He comes into the squad from our academy programme where he has impressed in recent years.

JOE OASTLER - DEFENDER (C)

A commanding centre-back who did not miss a game in his first season at the club. He joined from Gosport Borough in the summer of 2017, however his CV boasts experience in the Football League where he turned out for Torquay United and Queens
Park Rangers. He made 50
straight starts in 2017/18, missing

straight starts in 2017/18, missing just 21 minutes of football as he proved his reliability at the heart of City's defence.

UDOKA GODWIN-MALIFE - DEFENDER

Entering his first full year in the Oxford City side, Udoka is a real success story of the Oxford

City Nomads as he made the step up from Hellenic League football in December 2017. Making his debut away at St Albans, Udoka got to grips of National League South football immediately, becoming a regular part of Mark Jones' side for the remainder of the season.

BEN JEFFORD - DEFENDER

One of Mark Jones' first new additions to his squad for 2018/19, Ben joins the club after spending time at league rivals Welling United. He became a regular in their side in 2017/18, and he has proven in pre-season that he has goals in him as he netted in two consecutive games! He has plenty of experience at this level with spells also at Sutton United. Forest Green, and Woking.

TOM CARTER - DEFENDER

A product of the Oxford City Academy, Tom

made his Oxford City debut in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup last season in a 1-0 win over Oxford United. He has since signed full forms in the 2018/19 campaign and has made two substitute appearances in the FA Cup. Prior to joining the first team he played for Oxford City Nomads and the Oxford City development sides.

EDDIE JONES - DEFENDER/MIDFIELD

Entering his second year at the club, Eddie proved his versatility in 2017/18, representing the club everywhere from right-back to attacking midfield. In the latter part of the season, he made the right-wing-back position his own, causing oppositions all sorts

JOSH ASHBY - MIDFIELD

Josh joined the club in 2018/19 on a permanent deal, having spent time on loan from Oxford United in 2016/17. In his previous spell, he played a key role in City's revival after a poor start to the season and has

shown signs of continuing this form in pre-season, despite a long injury layoff at the Football League club last season.

REECE FLEET - MIDFIELD

Originally making his Hoops debut in 2011/12, Reece is City's current longest serving player having made 150 appearances for the club over two spells. He was rewarded for his consistently high performances

with a new two-year deal that sees him at the club until the end of 2019/20. He is also a consistent goal scorer from Midfielder, having notched 15 in his time at the club.

ZAC MCEACHRAN - MIDFIELD

An exciting Midfielder who rejoined the club from Banbury United in 2017/18. His pace and trickery has caused defences all sorts of problems in his two spells at the club, proven by the 9 goals he's scored from midfield in 70 appearances. He has also had spells with Oxford City Nomads as well as being selected to take part in the Jamie Vardy academy in 2016-17.

KYRAN WILTSHIRE - MIDFIELD

A tricky Midfielder who joins the club following a spell at Maidenhead United and was part of their championship winning side



of 2016/17. He also spent time at Bishops Stortford and was also at MK Dons where he was a very highly rated Midfielder.

CRAIG FASANMADE . - MIDFIELD

The young midfielder is another player who has graduated through the academy team. He made a handful of appearances for the first team at the start of last campaign, however he spent the majority of his season playing for Oxford City Nomads in the Hellenic League, before making the full move to the first team this season.

BOBSON BAWLING - MIDFIELD

Signed on a month-long loan from Torquay United in September 2018. He scored and provided two assists on his debut against Dartford in the FA Cup and has gone on to make three further appearances. Prior to joining Torquay, he had spells at Woking, Crawley Town and Watford.

KABONGO TSHIMANGA - FORWARD

An exciting striker who joined in the summer from Boston United. He netted 9 goals in their National League North campaign. He fits in perfectly to Mark Jones' plan and his pre-season form has proven that he'll cause defences problems. He has had spells previously at MK Dons, Chelmsford City and Chesham United to name a few.

SAM NOMBE - FORWARD

Signed on loan from MK Dons in October 2018, Sam returns to the club for a second spell. His first spell saw him score 6 times in 9 games, the first five coming inside his first 170 minutes for the club. He made 6 League One appearances for his parent club in 2017/18, with 14 in all competitions. He has already proven his worth in his second spell with a number of assists in his first few appearances.

KUNLE OTUDEKO . - FORWARD

Signed for the club in October 2018 following a successful spell training with the club. He's a highly thought of striker who had a contract at Bristol Rovers last season before becoming a free agent. He made his debut as a second half substitute in the FA Cup match against Hemel Hempstead.

MARK JONES - MANAGER

Mark returned to the club in a coaching role 12 games into the 2014/15 season, taking charge of the First Team in December 2016. A UEFA A licence coach, 'Jonah' also heads up our scholarship programme, having worked full time at Stevenage FC as Centre of Excellence Manager and Watford FC as Lead Youth Development Phase Coach. Mark has also represented the club over 100 times as a player after starting his career as an apprentice at Watford FC in the mid-nineties; he has also played for Aylesbury United, Harrow Borough and Thame United.

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v OXFORD CITY

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WEALDSTONE U18's SAVE THE CHILDREN - BOSTIK ISTHMIAN YOUTH LEAGUE 2018/19

WHO'S WHO..

JJ NWAWULOR

Position: Right Midfield

Age: 17

Strengths: Blistering Pace and strength to get past

defenders and can cut in with both feet **School:** St Dominic's sixth form college **Studying:** PE . RS and English Literature

Studying: PE, RS and English Literature
Teams Played For: Harrow District, Wealdstone youth

U18, Soccerlution

Best Football Experience: Being scouted for

Reading FC U15s

Worst Football Experience: Not offered a place at

Reading U15s

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3	Camberley Town	6	5	0	1	24	6	15
4	Staines Town	8	4	1	3	21	17	13
5	Wealdstone	8	3	0	5	18	19	9
6	Hayes & Yeading	6	1	2	3	21	18	5
7	Aldershot Town	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
8	Northwood	8	1	1	6	9	21	4
9	Hampton & Richmond	6	1	1	4	8	21	4
10	Ashford Town	4	0	0	4	2	31	0



NEXT HOME MATCH

Tuesday 23rd October v Potters Bar Town 7.30 Kick Off

WE'VE MET BEFORE BY TIM PARKS



SLOUGH TOWN REWIND 26.12.2018

he topsy-turvy, transient nature of non-League football never fails to astonish me. Well-established professional clubs rarely move more than one division within the football pyramid in the space of decades but Slough Town, like ourselves, are polar opposites.

The Stones spent just eight seasons in the Conference National, back in the late 1970s-1980s far fewer than you might imagine with our chequered record.

We then plummeted four divisions (three of them admittedly out of choice).

Slough enjoyed just one season less in non-League's top flight after clambering through the divisions in the late 80s/90s (just missing the Stones, headed in the opposite direction) and then suffered the same fate by tumbling into the Ryman League in 1998 - although this was not for footballing reasons.

The consortium that owned their then ground (Wexham Park) decided that

they wouldn't stump up for the ground improvements needed to stay in the Conference. leading to understandable anger from the fans and whole Slough community as the club were demoted despite finishing eighth in the table.

The heart was ripped out of the Rebels, but as they suffered another demotion to the Ryman Div One I remember our clubs meeting in 2001 and being impressed by the passion of their fans. We were smashed 6-0 at Wexham Park one evening (see following pages) in front of a noisy crowd and I remember thinking that this was still a 'big club' who were suffering the same indignities as the Stones for reasons beyond our

Slough were eventually levered out of Wexham Park (suffering even more pain as the ground lay derelict for a decade) and

Fifty years ago, our two clubs met in a titanic Amateur Cup clash at the Dolphin speedway Stadium



moved to groundshare first at Windsor's Meadow Park, and then at Beaconsfield Town. But finally, two years ago. Slough Council gave the club the lifeline of a move back into the town by developing the Arbour Park stadium, with its 3G pitch, cover on three sides and the potential for expansion perfect for a side at our level and a reward for the long-suffering supporters who never deserted their team.

Remarkably, despite being only an hour's drive apart, the Stones and the Rebels never met for some 33 years -

between November 1968 and September 2001. And that 1968 meeting is the first in today's trilogy of games....

YEARS AGO Saturday November 2nd 1968, FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round replay: Slough Town 1 Wealdstone 1. Replay: Wealdstone 2 Slough Town 0 THIS was a genuine heavyweight clash

Slough Town's one-time ground. the Dolphin Stadium was built for speedwav but could house 10,000 crowds

between two of the best-supported amateur clubs of the day - not just because of the promise of FA Cup glory in the next round, but because Athenian League champions Slough were desperate to establish themselves as worthy of Isthmian membership.

There was no natural promotion between the leagues. If you wanted to join the amateur elite (the Isthmian League) you had to be formally invited and even winning a parallel

league was no guarantee. The Stones had their invitation, four years earlier, and were established in the top half dozen Isthmians. But they were well aware of the threat posed by the big. uncompromising Rebels who would go on to dominate the Athenian League (rivalling clubs like Dagenham, Bishop Stortford, Maid-

enhead, Leatherhead and Haves) for the next decade.

They had powerful centre-backs in

Bobby Hatt and John Delaney, who had scored an amazing 51 goals between them the previous season, while strikers Bob Stevens (32 goals) and Chris Mullan (41) were clearly also men to be watched. And young Roger Connell (an FA Cup hero with) Wimbledon eight vears later) was waiting in the wings.

In front of a 2,900 crowd at Slough's then home, the Dolphin Stadium. Delanev and Hatt began to operate their famed offside trap (see programme cutting overpage) but it backfired in the opening five minutes when our own young striker Keith Searle caught them square, with their hands up appealing for the flag, and cracked an unstoppable shot past keeper



Chris Reynolds. The 500 Stones fans made themselves heard in the deep stands of Slough's guirky speedway stadium, but as the game wore on it seemed inevitable that the home side would equalise... and they did.

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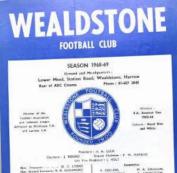
So back to Lower Mead four days later for the replay. Another big crowd (2,983) saw a slightly nervous start from Dave Underwood's team but we

gradually got into a rhythm and Slough found it impossible to handle the midfield creativity of our England stars Charlie Townsend and Hughie Lindsay, wingers Bernie Bremer and John Lavin and the movement of Searle and fellow striker Dave Swain.

Searle put us one up in the first half and the game was settled when Townsend let fly

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Above and left: The programme covers for both FA Cup ties



Kick-off 7.30 p.m. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 1968 F.A. Cup 4th Qualifying Round - Replay WEALDSTONE v SLOUGH TOWN

Official Programme

WE'VE MET BEFORE... CONTINUED

from the edge of the box and the ball beat Revnolds with the help of a slight deflection.

That win gave us a home dame with league rivals St Albans in the first round proper, but a disjointed display ended with a 1-1 draw (attendance 3.505) and a 1-0 defeat in the replay at Clarence Park in front of a heaving 5,100 crowd

Slough's programme for the clash proudly boasted of their 'skilled defence' with its organised offside trap. But Keith Searle exploited them

TODAYS VISITORS

Wealdstone Football Club is one of the class sides of the Isthmian League, they are one of the few amateur clubs in the country who can boast a higher average gate than the Rebeis. So far this season they have averaged between 2000 and 2500 and expect to bring over 500 to the Dolphin

Our visitors league encounters so far this season have been mainly successful having lost only a matches to date, to Enfield, Dulwich Hamlet and Walthamstow Avenue. Last season they finished 7th in the Isthmian League but are hoping for better things this year. Ex. Athenians with the Amateur Cup. 1952 and runners up in 1953, 1959 and 1961. In 1966 they were

winners of the Amateur Cup.

Todays team has no current internationals but Hugh Lindsay and Charlie Townsend are
both ex England players and extremely experienced. Townsend was in the last Olympic squad

The present Wealdstone manager is Mr. Dave Underwood, a Football League goalkeeper The present Wealdstone manager is Mr. Dave Underwood, a Football League goalkeeper with Liverpool and Fulham and ex manager of Hastings. A man well experienced in football, Mr. Underwood spent last Tuesday evening at Clarence Park, St. Albans assessing the Rebels.

Missing from the Stones line-up today is Denny Montague, one of their outstanding players

Wednesday nights game ended in a triumph for the Rebels Youth side although it was the unfancied visitors Evelyns who took the lead early in the game. The Slough equaliser came late in the second half from Joe Sucholet and Ken Giles and Ian Bone added goals in extra time to put PLAY THE GAME

The Rebels offside trap is now quite famous or infamous depending upon your locality and where your loyalties lie. Time and time again we hear the cry from the opposition supporters "play the game!" Insults and threats are hurled at our players as opposing forwards are caught offside, sometimes only inches inside the Slough half. Visiting officials have been upset at our tacties and some people have stated that playing Slough is like playing the Brigade of Guards.

All this because the Rebels have one of the best skilled defences in amateur football; a defence that plays within the rules of football, rules proposed and passed by the member clubs of the Football

There are very few sides that are able to find a way through an organised offside trap, Southern and Athenian league sides seem to delight in running into it and only the better class Isthmians seem capable of success and then only on rare occasions, but they prove that it can be done.

I would suggest to the opposition's frustrated supporters that they shout at their own forwards to "play the game" as set out in the "Laws of the game" and then perhaps these players will find a way through the trap. To our own supporters who say that offside is negative might I remind them that last season Slough defenders managed to score 58 goals and that of these the "offside generals" Hatt and Delaney scored 30 and 21 goals respectively. I doubt very much if any two half-

backs in the country managed that sort of total last season.

The offside game is not an invention of the Slough Town Football Club but one at which we restored the methods. have few, if any betters. The idea of competitive football is to win and provided the methods employed are within the rules then they are plaudible and should be acknowledged as such.

John Delaney has been selected to play for the F.A.XI against Oxford University on Wednesday, 13th November, another honour to add to our skippers collection. Lets hope his attack of

The Berks and Bucks side to play the Royal Navy at Chesham on Monday 11th November includes 4 Rebels, Chris Reynolds, John Delaney, Bobby Hatt and Ken Kent. Three more Slough players are in the shadow squad, Bob Stevens Les Hartridge and Dave Bell. This is Dave's first recognition since he joined the Rebels and if his play continues to improve as it has over the past weeks be could well find himself to presented County berth. weeks he could well find himself a permanent County berth.

Congratulations to the boys on their selection I'm sure a number of our supporters will be

We finally meet again in the league.. and after a 2-1 win at home it's a 6-0 humiliation for Bartlett & Co

YEARS AGO

Saturday September 21st 2001. Ryman Div : fifth in the table after wins over Bromley 4-1. One: Wealdstone 2 Slough Town 1

fter that gap of 33 years it was good to be facing a team of Slough's stature

In those days our programme was a bit more basic and the details of that previous epic FA Cup meeting barely touched upon. Instead the news was all about a good start to our season, with this excellent 2-1 win over the Rebels pushing us up to

Walton & Hersham 2-1, Oxford city 3-1 and a solitary defeat at our nemesis Harlow Town (2-0).

Manager Gordon Bartlett was waging his usual battle with the (pretty much non-existent) budget but had managed to attract some decent new players to the White Lion ground. which we shared with landlords Edgware. Richard McDonagh, Bryan Hammett and Vinny Somers had joined

from Hemel and Jason Shaw from Hampton and the car crash 2000-1 season was

receding into memory.

But not for long. The team flattered to deceive. After a goalless first half against Slough we went 2-0 up thanks to an own goal from right back Clement James and a 73rd minute strike from Lee Walker. Junior haynes pulled one back but we streamed out of the ground, en route to the White Hart a few minutes later with dreams of a title challenge and possible promotion.

To be fair, that lasted a few weeks more. We won two and lost two and then went to runaway leaders Aylesbury United and were held 2-2... but then came the run (as beautifully described by Mick Fishman in the 70 Years of Wealdstone book) as a 'well-greased pig sliding down a slippery slope'.

Apart from 2-1 victory at Bromley on the weekend before Christmas, Bartlett's troops failed to win between October 2nd 2001 and March 9 2002 - a run of one win in 27 games!

And that included the thumping defeat at Wexham Park...

Wealdstone: Andy Carter, Paul Lamb, robert Connelly, Robin Tucker, Shayne Chandler, McDonagh, Somers, Shaw, Dennis Greene, Hammatt, Dave Tilbury. Subs: Walker, Ricky Pither, Billy Amarteifio.

Saturday January 12 2001.

Ryman Div One: Slough 6 Wealdstone 0

ordon Bartlett's notes in the programme, reproduced here, following this humiliation summed up the Stones' situation perfectly. Player departures, injuries. and having to play as many as six teenagers in the very physical Ryman League had taken its toll - plus having to wrestle with a budget 'one fifth of the size of Slough' according to the manager.

This was the Slough Town viewpoint, described as the Rebels 'best display in many a season'. Were they good or were we bad?

SLOUGH TOWN REWIND 26.12.2018

Manager's view

by Gordon Bartlett

Encouraging results against Bromley, Met Police, Walton and Bishop's Startford made many of us feel that we were growing in confidence, getting back on the right road and beginning to turn the corner. Then BANG! Along comes a blondy great juggerment and smashes us right back to the start with embarrassing performances against both infield

and slower those results have probably put us back even further due to the inexperience within the squad at the present line. It was difficult enough for those of us who have faced similar situations in the past, let alone some of the youngsters who

are experiencing this for the first time.

We set out to encourage and develop the younger players this season pressure situation without fear of failure due to no relegation worries. However, as things stand at the moment we are having the opposite effect on most of them and consequently they are struggling to produce the performances both they and I know they are capable of. We must endeavour to relieve them of this pressure and get some of them back into the youth team to regain their confidence. Injuries, suspensions and a few transfers have meant that in the last two games we have involved six temagers in each which is far too many for their own good. It's certainly not their fault and we must address this problem quickly otherwise their development is going to be ruined by our inability to manage their progress.

Injuries are bad luck, some of the suspensions have been stupid and then we have our financial difficulties - put them all together and then you have got a problem. Add to that our lack of ground, the training facilities burning down and no reserves for our youngsters to gain senior experience in before being thrown into the first team, it

doesn't paint a healthy picture does it.

Recent news that the meeting regarding Prince Edward Playing field has also been put back has not given us the best start to the New Year. Things surely can't get worse. so what better time to roll your sleeves up and show some fight and determination to get through it. The supporters showed that spirit late in the game at Slough last Saturday by singing away despite being 6-0 down at the time. Now everyone involved at the club must be prepared to do the same by digging deep and showing the sort of fighting spirit needed to get us out of this mess.

I found last Saturday a rather humbling experience going back to one of my old clubs who apparently have severe financial problems. Yet they have 8 ex-professionals and a wage bill about five times larger than ours. We were outslayed for long periods of the game and many of my old mates who attended the match called me in the evening to tell me their verdict. They couldn't believe their eyes because most of them had watched our 2-1 home victory over Slough earlier in the season. Now can the fortunes of two
temms contrast so such in the space of three souths? A very good question!!!

Personally I spent most of Sunday and Monday evening on the telephone talking to

players and other managers in an effort to bring in a few new faces and I expect the same for the rest of the week. I hope all that time will have been well spent by the time we play this afternoon, One look at the teamsheet today will show the fruits of this weeks. this week's work but I can assure you of a lot more over the coming fex weeks.

It is impossible to turn things round immediately but a gradual process between now (Tuesday) and the end of this month is my initial target. Things have not been helped by the news of further injury problems sustained in Saturday's defeat with Lee Welker (broken foot). Martin Cartes and Steberd Morper (orgin strains). What's the title of the news of further injury problems sustained in Saturday's defeat with Lee Welker (broken foot), Martin Carter and Richard Morner (grain Strains). What's the title of that song? - 'HINGS CAN DALY BET BETIER'. However, we must work hard to make it happen and not just expect it by some divine right. Let's not small part let's he nositive and look ahead. I always remember

However, we must work hard to make it happen and not just expect it by some divine right. Let's not mean and look back. Let's be positive and look ahead. I results anying "You need people/players with fire in their belies if you want to get results." Let's have some effort from everyone and show mose b----ks!

Finally. Lee and I want a special welcome to Dulwich Hamlet's manager/chairmon,

results. Let's have some effort from everyone and show some b----ks!
Finally, Leo and I send a special welcome to Dulwich Hamlet's marager/chairmon,
Martin Edde who we had some great battles with while we were still at Yeading and he was
at Molessey. I'm super he see relate to result the problems I have mentioned above. at Molescy. I'm sure he can relate to many of the problems I have sentioned above.

Enjoy the game.

"Slough kept their recent good form going with this comprehensive six-nil victory over Wealdstone with **Neville Roach and Michael Bartley** scoring twice each.

Slough took the lead only four minutes into the match. Veli Hakki who passed the ball to Michael Gilkes. He crossed the ball into the area for Howard to tap the ball into the unquarded net. Despite the home sides domination Wealdstone could have found themselves level on twelve minutes. Winger Carl Hunt found

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WE'VE MET BEFORE... CONTINUED

SLOUGH TOWN REWIND 26.12.2018

himself through on goal and shot against the post. From the rebound Martin Carter looked certain to score, but a superb save by Slough goalkeeper Steve Mautone kept the ball out.

After coming close to equalising Wealdstone's confidence grew and they were denied an equaliser on twenty-six minutes when a cross into the area found Bryan Hammatt, but the striker was denied a goal against his former club thanks to another excellent save by Mautone.

Michael Bartley came on as sub and he played an excellent one-two with midfielder Veli Hakki who confidently passed the ball into the back of the net past the advancing Carter. A minute before half time the Rebels effectively wrapped up the three points when Hawthorne's corner was headed down for McPherson and Roach stabbed the ball into the net from close range. Wealdstone could have pulled a goal back with the last kick of the half when Vinny Sommers shot deflected off Howard forcing Mautone to save with his legs.

On fifty-one minutes Steve Browne's men went four goals's ahead with the best move of the

match. Bartley found Hakki wide on the right. His sublime cross found Roach at the far post and the in-form striker headed the ball into the net. And eight minutes later Slough increased their tally to five when Gilkes, wide on the left, beat his marker and crossed for Bartlev slid in to claim his first goal since early December. Winston set up Slough's sixth goal of the match. outpacing Lee Walker and his cross-shot fell into the path of Bartley who grabbed his second of the match.

This was Slough's best performance in many a season and it was a much needed convincing win following the disappointing home defeat against Oxford City just two-weeks ago"

Wealdstone: Carter, Perry (Pither), Ramsay, Chaimberlain (Bamgbola), Horner (Walker), Carter, Somers, Shaw, Morgan, Hammatt, Hunt





We faced Slough for four seasons between 2001-2006 in the Ryman Prem, and the final two games were graced by three goals from our sharpshooter Jermaine Beckford. Below, he volleys an amazing 35-yarder in the home 2-2 game at Northwood, and (left) he nets in the return at Windsor where Slough were groundsharing. That goal - his 35th goal of the season - was his last in the league and earned an £80,000 move to Leeds.



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Boxing Day 2005: There's only one team in Harrow!

December 26th 2005: Harrow Borough Home: won 4-1

festive fixture against our local rivals played at our ground share at Northwood in the Ryman Premier.

Both teams were struggling at the time so a feast of football was not expected but in the end we were treated to some cracking goals including one which would have graced the top levels of the game.

A slow start to the game on a heavy pitch did little to arouse the paying spectators from their hangovers until the 30th minute when Mcgonigle fired the visitors ahead at the Graveyard End. The muted roar that greeted the goal made the graveyard itself seem rather boisterous.

However this seemed to inspire the Stones into a bit of action as we sought to

ON THIS DAY By Gordon McKay



level the scores and we were rewarded just before the break when Richard Jolly flicked home a near post header from a free kick out on the left.

The 2nd half saw a dominant Stones put the game to bed and Boro had given up long before the end. Three goals were scored by us in this period with Jolly getting another and Jermaine Beckford weighing in with the other two with his first being an outstanding effort. With his back to

goal there seemed little danger as the ball was played into him but in one movement he left his marker tackling thin air and then sent the keeper the wrong way with a disguised chip. Absolute class and nobody that saw it would have been surprised when Leeds forked out 75k a few months later to secure his services

All that was left was for the massed ranks of Stones fans who'd gathered by the tunnel to wish the Boro players happy new year as they trudged off.

Saturday December 29th 1979: Barrow away (Allianace Premier League) lost 1-0

ur first season in the newly formed national league and in turn our first season playing league fixtures this far North. A whole new experience for the club and of course an opportunity for the fans to visit new grounds.

A full coach and 40 odd on the train made for a good following and of course a lot of hours to while away on the journey which meant drinking for most. I include myself in that comment and drinking from 8 in the morning means my recollection of the game

itself is somewhat hazy. In fact the only thing I can remember of the match is that we lost to a 2nd half goal from Colin Cowperthwaite.

The other incident that does stick in my mind though is the arrest of Stones fan Brian Kat Kelly following a few incidents with the "friendly" locals.

Thinking that we wouldn't be seeing him until the next home game we were surprised to see him turn up shortly before our train left Barrow. It seems the local

Constabulary found a way of dealing with him that didn't necessitate any paperwork!

A massive culture shock having come from the Southern League but one we soon got used to.

Brian still attends home games and I'm sure if you buy him a drink he'll tell you all about it. Come to think of it if you buy him a drink he'll do almost anything!

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