

Obviously we went for the latter and hope you'll agree that this is the best option - personally, I loved the cover picture of the celebrations at Woking and it would have been a real shame to lose that illustration!

Our last home game saw a disappointing 2-2 draw with a revitalised St Albans, with the Saints' stoppage time equaliser probably deserved but still a body blow. To have two points snatched away at the death seems worse than losing! The players were understandably low afterwards but the team spirit is such that it was no

surprise to subsequently win at Eastbourne.

Our thanks this evening to match sponsors Wealdstone FC Ladies (who are incidentally looking for new players, secretary Markie Barton @markiesb tells me) and ball donor Alan Couch, in remembrance of his brother Roy.

The club was saddened to hear of the passing of long-time fan John Knight last week, at the age of 82 after a long illness that had kept him away from matches for a few seasons. Johnny was a fixture along the railings by the

players entrance with his great mate Lew Sheppard (who is happily still going strong at 87), doling out sweets, reminiscences and some downright silly comments! He will be badly missed.

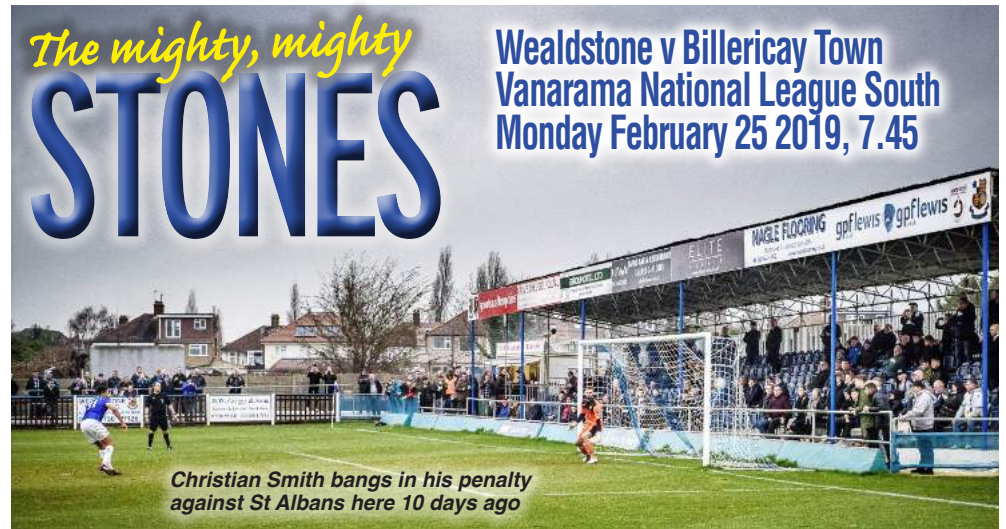
See you all at Gloucester City next Saturday (or at Evesham anyway, where the Tigers are again groundsharing this season) and then we have another inconvenient Tuesday night trip far west to Weston Super-Mare on March 5th. Don't complain about it to our website guru Alan Hill though as it's his regular commute :)

UTS *Tim Parks*

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH TABLE (INC SATURDAY FEB 23)

#	Team	MP	W	D	L	G	Pts	Form
1.	Torquay	30	19	6	5	69:29	63	? W L W W L
2.	Woking	30	19	5	6	58:32	62	? L W W W L
3.	Chelmsford	31	17	6	8	53:33	57	? D W W W W
4.	Billericay	31	17	6	8	58:45	57	? W W W W W
5.	Welling	32	17	5	10	51:35	56	? W W W L W
6.	Bath	31	16	6	9	47:28	54	? W L L D W
7.	Dartford	31	15	8	8	41:37	53	? W D W W D
8.	Wealdstone	30	13	9	8	41:36	48	? W D W W W
9.	Chippenham	32	14	6	12	50:51	48	? W W D L W
10.	Concord	31	13	11	7	47:36	47	? D W D D D
11.	St. Albans	31	13	7	11	50:50	46	? D D L W D
12.	Slough	32	11	8	13	38:39	41	? L D L D L
13.	Hemel Hempstead	31	10	10	11	40:47	40	? D L D L D
14.	Oxford City	31	11	5	15	47:47	38	? L L L D L
15.	Eastbourne Boro	32	9	8	15	40:52	35	? L L D L L
16.	Hampton & Richmond	31	9	7	15	32:45	34	? D L D L D
17.	Truro	31	9	7	15	50:64	34	? D W L L W
18.	Dulwich Hamlet	32	8	8	16	34:49	32	? L D W D L
19.	Gloucester	31	7	9	15	21:38	30	? D W W D W
20.	Hungerford	32	7	5	20	33:64	26	? L L W L L
21.	East Thurrock	31	6	6	19	24:44	24	? D L L W D
22.	Weston-super-Mare	30	4	8	18	37:60	20	? L L W D D

Concord: -3 points (Federation decision)



At long last - a match under lights at The Vale! There's undoubtedly something special about home Monday night games... a crackling atmosphere, the sheen of the pitch, a nip in the air and tonight's opponents Billericay will well remember their last visit to the Vale.

Five years ago we were both chasing promotion from the Ryman Prem but 'Riccy' were blown away 2-0 on a pulsating Monday evening in March. Johnny Wright sidefoot-volleying one of the goals of the season from Jerome Okimo's cross to set us on our way.

We'd not met the Essex team - to whom we extend the usual warm welcome tonight - in the league again until this season as a result of them winning the Ryman League amidst much fanfare last May. We were beaten 1-0 at New Lodge back in August with an early Joe White penalty miss the turning point, and Billericay - despite a few hiccups along the way - have remained in the play-off places pretty much since then.

Saturday's convincing 3-0 win at Eastbourne Borough kept our own hopes of making the top seven bubbling along. After

our litany of bad luck stories against the Sussex side across the last five years - rescinded sendings off, goals through the side netting, fielding teenage keepers etc etc - we were due a bit of good fortune and it all rebounded on Eastbourne and their new manager Mark McGhee in the seaside sunshine.

Normally, clubs get a bit of a 'bounce' under a new boss but the Borough were second best throughout, even before they were reduced to ten men with the dismissal of keeper Sam Howes just before half time. His ugly challenge outside the box on Tarryn Allarakhian would have been a red card anywhere on the pitch, let alone as the last man, and cemented our dominance following Dave Pratt's super headed goal from Ramarni Medford-Smith's cross.

Tarryn put the game to bed just before half time with a genius turn and sprint towards goal from 40 yards out, topped by a cool finish reminiscent of his goal at Woking. And the second half was a contained

stroll in the sunshine, made simpler when a bad injury reduced Eastbourne (who had made all three subs including the replacement keeper) to nine men. The young keeper's fumble into his own net from Danny Green's cross was poor reward for a half of total control but hey, a 3-0 away win against our bogey team? We'll take that!

Reading loanee Ramarni returns to his parent club after tonight's game and he has been excellent both as a player and as an individual - happily it seems likely that Freddie Grant will be fit to return to the side next Saturday at Gloucester after a four-month lay off. Great to see Freddie warming up on Saturday together with Rhys Tyler... looks like our squad will soon be boosted by two more quality defenders.

You'll have noticed that this programme is recycled from the original home date with Billericay three weeks ago - a cancellation (due to a snowbound pitch) which left us with the usual conundrum of either creating a new wraparound four pages, or having an insert including the actual live team sheet and up-to-the-moment league table.

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CROWD PLEASERS
The Stones' magnificent fans hail our 2-0 win at Woking on Saturday... Connor Stevens, Simon Mensah, Godfrey Poku and Ramarni Medford-Smith lap up the applause!
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WEALDSTONE v BILLERICAY TOWN

BY MARK HYDE



Written in Stone

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Billericay Town including Manager Harry Wheeler his back room team, their Players and supporters.

Some of you may be aware that we had a catastrophic IT failure here at Programme Towers a few weeks back that left us with a rather large hole in our bank balance. We

are back up and running now thanks to the generosity of 'Friends of Wealdstone' (see Below) and Ruislip Social Club. Further Programme sponsorship opportunities still exist as we look to recover costs so please speak to myself or contact Paul Rumens at paulrumens59@gmail.com or **07710 929692**.

Mark

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Myself and the management team would like to thank the supporters who kindly paid for a Mueller Hero Epic Medical Bag, and Three Aircast Cryocuff compression garments.

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Mark Povey



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- 1) The club reserves the right to eject from the ground any person who is considered to have committed any of the following acts:
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 - Being drunk, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs • Using violence of any nature
 - Carrying items which may be considered a danger to others, including cans, bottles, or glasses containing alcoholic beverages
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1997 / 1998 Isthmian League Division 2 (3rd)
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From the Gaffer and management team



Welcome to Harry Wheeler his management team, players and officials of Billericay Town Football Clubs.

2019 sees us remaining unbeaten and our mantra over the last 5 weeks has simply been to challenge the boys to keep the run going. Results are what matter to us but it is even sweeter when you can deliver performances that are entertaining and exciting and at the moment the boys are delivering this so all the credit must go to them. Again, this week as we face 2 more tough games all we ask is can they keep the run going.

The standard we set at Woking last week demonstrated what this group is capable of. It was a tough decision to make decisions to change a team that had performed so well the week before but we felt we needed to tactically tweak the midfield to a shape that would affect Woking more. Sometimes it comes off and thankfully on Saturday it did. The energy and tempo we played with was excellent as we nullified a team renowned for being on the front foot at home. To then offer the quality on the ball we did was pleasing and we scored some very well worked goals and created numerous chances. The result was huge for the belief of these players and leaves us fighting as we have always promised. We must say a massive thank you to the fans for the vocal support you gave on the day as we were louder than Woking and you pushed the boys on to victory. All we ask

is that you keep the same energy and belief for these last 15 cup finals.

As announced this week Bradley Hudson has moved on and he deserves a mention in these notes. He was an absolute pleasure to work with and manage and as well as been a fantastic footballer is a fantastic person. He loves this club and leaves with our best wishes. Rhys Tyler, Freddie Grant and Stefan Brown are close to returns but not quite ready and Jake Sheppard is suspended today following his red card so we continue to push this squad to the limit. The boys are focussed and working very hard for the club and each other.

Today sees us reacquaint ourselves with Billericay. Our last 2 performances against them have been good with a memorable win and somehow inexplicably coming away from there without any points earlier in the season. We hope to produce similar performances that get us a result today. Harry Wheeler has come back and steadied the ship and is a safe pair of hands who will have an eye on promotion. We watched them on Tuesday get a big win against Slough so know we are in for a hard fought game. However, we are ready and we welcome the challenge and will do our best to get those 3 points.

Enjoy the game, create a great atmosphere and may the best team win.

Bobby and the management team.



Supporters' Scene

Good afternoon and welcome to today's Vanarama National League South fixture against Billericay Town FC. I hope that that all supporters, players and officials have an enjoyable day and a safe journey home.

They say that a week is a long time in football and at Wealdstone the last couple of weeks have seen a lot of change and proved the old adage correct. I'm writing this piece on Monday evening (a little too close to the programme editor's deadline), in a sort of limbo as the Supporters Club AGM has not happened yet but will have by the time you read this. I am hoping that we had a fantastic turn out as when all is said and done, we need more engagement throughout the club and we need to find a way to facilitate this. We need more people involved both on the committee and also to help out at events. Manchester City's almost annual visit to the club for the league cup final on 24th February means a very profitable BBQ will be run subject to enough helpers.

The main club AGM is this Sunday 3rd February at 1700 and I encourage as many shareholders as possible to attend. For those in attendance please ask any pertinent questions that you may have at the appropriate point in the meeting. If you are not a shareholder and wish to own part of your club then please contact Andrew Lane at andrewlane40@icloud.com for further details. If you cannot make the meeting you can always reach me in the megastore on matchdays, on twitter @WFCSC1 or by email at m_c_randall@hotmail.com.

I would like to take this opportunity to go on record to publicly thank Peter for his time as Chairman. His time and experience over the last couple of years, not to mention the sheer

size of his investment, has changed the club for many of the right reasons. I have always found Peter to be a very honourable man and I will miss working with him on a regular basis as, ultimately, I believe that he only wanted the best for Wealdstone FC. To this

effect I was gladdened to see Peter at Woking last Saturday.

As you may have read, I have accepted the position of interim vice chairman. There is some debate amongst the WFCSC committee regarding this being a suitable position for what is a supporter's board representative. My personal feelings on the matter are that at this time the role should give the club more stability during this period of change

and the only reason why I accepted. Since my appointment to the board I have only every made decisions in the best interest of the club and will continue to do so. I see this role as a privilege to represent the supporters.

Don't forget to come and visit the Megastore and remember to see Mim at the turnstiles to get your golden goal tickets.

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Mark



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TECHNICAL DIRECTOR - RICHARD JOHNSON

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Richard Johnson as Technical Director of Wealdstone Football Club.

Richard has a wealth of experience across a wide spectrum of activity within the game, we are looking to build firm foundations within the football club for future prosperity, we are therefore keen for Richard to settle in to his new role and to support the Board as we consider all aspects of development of the club.

Richard will be combining his role at Wealdstone with his role at Watford Football Club, a club where he enjoyed significant success. In a 12 year association with Watford he was instrumental as a combative and ever present midfielder in the Graham Taylor side that won consecutive promotions from division two and division one to reach the Premier League in 1999. Known for his ability to score from long range his exploits earned him International recognition for Australia. "Johnno" has also enjoyed spells at QPR, Stoke, Colchester, MK Dons and Northampton, amongst others.

We welcome Richard to the Wealdstone family and you can read our three page interview with Richard in this issue.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR - MARK BARTON

We are pleased to announce Mark Barton has been appointed an Associate Director of the Football Club.

Mark has worked tirelessly with Wealdstone Ladies over the years and continues to support development of the Club in a number of ways many of which won't be known to everyone, but behind the scenes Mark is one of our "Foundation Stones".

Mark is a familiar face to all at the Vale, we are pleased to welcome him in a more official capacity and the Board will be working with Mark to enhance and develop Wealdstone Ladies Section.



WEALDSTONE LADIES CAMDEN TOWN 0 - WEALDSTONE 3

Sunday 27th January 2019

Match conditions for the away fixture against Camden Town Ladies in Regents Park could hardly have been worse. The full four seasons were evident as thunder, lightning, high winds, sunshine and rain were capped with a delayed KO due to a Hail Storm.

Wealdstone ladies traveled with two players carrying injuries, no strikers and no recognised goalkeeper. It was going to be a tough day but the girls were more than ready to put two disappointing cup defeats behind them.

When the weather passed and the match finally started Wealdstone battled for every ball from the very start. The first 30 minutes saw a couple of stoppages due to the return of the weather but girls continued to work hard and created plenty of chances. A ball from **Lisa De Castro** found Captain **Catia Campos** in just enough space for her to calmly put the ball in the back of the net and put the Stones 1-0 up at half time.

Rain once again returned as the teams kicked off for the second half. It was end to end as chances went astray from both teams in the worsening conditions when **Lisa** finally picked up a ball from outside the box, turned and nut-megged Camden's keeper to make it 2-0. With 10 minutes to go **Catia** got her second goal when she calmly rounded the keeper.

Player of the Match went to **Katie Harling** for her excellent effort in helping to secure 3 points for @WealdstoneLFC1

A great performance by **Imogen Raddon** as she kept a clean sheet on her debut between the sticks. A sound defence from **Giovanna**, **Holly**, **Nicole** and **Katie Currell** proved too good for Camden Town. **Natalie**, **Pauly** & **Meghan** also played their part in a great team effort.

Mark Barton

WEALDSTONE YOUTH, ISTHMIAN YOUTH LEAGUE



With the Under-18s

LOIC DIOUEDI PROFILE

Position: Centre attacking Midfield
Age: 17
School: Rushcroft.
Studying: Btec Sports Level 3
Teams Played For: London FA, Ashford Town, Ilford FC
Key Attributes: Passing & Driving
Best Football Experience: Training with Dagenham & Redbridge
Worst Football Experience: Playing with Soccerlution



Congratulations to Wealdstone U18 players Femi Azeez, Joe Ringer, Miles Dumba & Luke Messingham who were all selected to represent Middlesex FA in their East Counties fixture against Essex FA.



The Bostic Isthmian Youth League Western Division

Results correct as of 13th January 2019

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Bedfont Sports	9	8	1	0	35	13	25
2	Staines Town	10	6	1	3	28	18	19
3	Camberley Town	7	6	0	1	29	6	18
4	Potters Bar Town	8	4	4	0	17	12	16
5	Wealdstone	10	3	1	6	18	25	10
6	Aldershot Town	6	2	1	3	11	13	7
7	Hayes & Yeading	7	1	2	4	14	25	5
8	Hampton & Richmond	8	1	1	6	10	28	4
9	Northwood	11	1	1	9	12	34	4
10	Ashford Town*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Ashford Town have withdrawn from the league

NEXT HOME MATCH

Thursday 7th February

v Aldershot Town 7.30 Kick Off

WEALDSTONE FC UNDER 18'S 2018/2019 FIXTURES - ALL HOME GAMES KO @ 7.30PM

BY SUDHIR RAWAL



WEALDSTONE v BILLERICAY TOWN
ELMSLIE ENDER

The Elmslie Ender



EE gets to grips with performances on and off the pitch as glimpses of Wealdstone's DNA start to re-appear

Events quite often take over what you were going to write. I'd formulated in my mind quite a lengthy article on the boardroom manoeuvres but I can only really start at Kingfield Road, Woking. Our win at second placed Woking, who were on an eleven match unbeaten run and in prime position for the title with their games in hand, was magnificent and the perfect performance away from home.

The re-jigging of the team gave us a physical presence that saw Wealdstone bully Woking across the pitch, which seemed to better suited for a bucket and spade than a game of football. What a wonderful phrase! A Wealdstone team bullying the opposition, that isn't something you have heard too often in recent years about a Stones side. From the top where David Pratt's selfless running set the tone, to the midfield dominating their battles, but also mixing it with composure and no little skill, to the steely defence which set out their stall to ensure nobody went

through. Oh, and there was an absolute world class save in there to from Jonathan North. As financial pressures have taken their hold and the squad diminished in number, the togetherness and the world against us attitude has come to the fore. Now unbeaten in 2019, which would have been unthinkable after the results in December, and remarkably we have lost only one league game on the road since the end of August, I think it was described as a masterclass by the team and the management and I am sure that nobody would disagree with that. Whilst the team undoubtedly did their job on the pitch, the 200+ away fans certainly did theirs off it with some fantastic support, the biggest away following, bar Watford, at Kingfield Road this season so far, with the welcome return of the youth too. I should also mention their forum. You think ours goes into overdrive when we lose; pop into the Cardboard; it's comedy gold.

Onto more weighty matters: around a fortnight ago, news was released that

the board had taken a vote removing Peter Marsden as chairman. In view of a worsening financial situation at the club, which came to the fore at the meeting held in November and the release of the accounts for 2018, it may have not come as a surprise that something had to happen. In fact concerns over the finances was raised a year ago. The finances for 2018 are much worse than the simple numbers in the accounts, when you consider that the losses were masked by near 100k income from player sales and the Trophy run. It will seem rather strange to the outside world that a football club is jettisoning a person that has invested 350k into the club. As supporters we should incredibly grateful to Peter who has invested so much of his own money and who is an affable, charming and generous man to spend time with.

However whilst football sometimes feels like a place where normal financial norms do not exist, even a football club has to operate as a business and financial stability is an absolute given. To match ambition and sustainability is the \$64,000 question and how it is achieved has baffled

'even a football club has to operate as a business'

football administrators over the years. The role of the board, as custodians of the club, is to ensure that it is around for the next hundred years and not just the next five. Whilst people may come to a football club's rescue in the professional game, if the finances go south, it doesn't happen too often in non-league football. If the finances deteriorate, you plummet down the leagues, whether forcibly or voluntarily. The prevailing mood amongst our supporters certainly seems towards financial stability rather than chasing a dream and step up to the next level which we are clearly not ready for financially and facility wise.

We want to do as well on the pitch as possible, it isn't at the risk of the club as a whole. Difficult and painful decisions have to be made sometimes. At the moment the team are doing their bit on the pitch, so it is time for those upstairs to ensure that club has a healthy and rewarding future, to work collectively and corroboratively to ensure that when we do step up to the Conference National, we are ready to stay there.

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Pic. Steve Foster

BILLERICAY TOWN

WEALDSTONE v BILLERICAY TOWN

Opposition in focus



Billericay Town Football Club was formed in 1880 making it the 11th oldest club in Essex. It moved into the Romford & District League in 1890 competing in this league until 1914.

After the 1st World War, BTFC entered the Mid-Essex League where they remained until 1947. Between 1947 and 1966 they played in the Southern Essex Combination League. In 1966 they became founder-members of the Essex Olympian League.

Five years later, in 1971, Billericay Town Football Club became founder-members of the Essex Senior League and the clubs six-year stay in that competition saw them win the Championship three times and be Runners-Up twice (and third the other season). The League Cup was won four times and they were Finalists once. In addition they won the League Challenge Cup the only time that it was competed for.

Whilst members of the Essex Senior League, the club won the FA Vase in 1976 beating Stamford 1-0 after extra-time at Wembley Stadium. The following season, 1976/1977, the club again reached the FA Vase Final. After a 1-1 draw at Wembley, the replay was played at Nottingham Forest F.C. Billericay Town emerged victorious with a 2-1 victory over Sheffield, reputedly the oldest club in the world.

Billericay Town also became the first Non-League club to win the Rothmans Merit Award in 1978 for "having made a worth-while contribution to the wide spectrum of the game in 1977/78" - the only club previously to have won this Award was Liverpool, the previous season, when they were the European champions

Progressing to the Athenian League in 1977, Billericay won the Championship and the League Cup in their first season. They became Champions again in 1978/1979 and were elected into the Isthmian League.

Billericay Town became the first club to win the F.A.Vase for a third time in 1979 when they defeated Almondsbury Greenway 4-1. This match was notable for a hat-trick by Doug Young - the first hat-trick in a Cup Final at Wembley Stadium since Geoff Hurst's in the 1966 World Cup Final.

The Club then competed in the F.A.Trophy until 1989/1990 when the F.A.Vase was again entered and the Quarter-Final was reached, losing 0-1 to the eventual Finalists, Bridlington.

After their success in the Athenian League, Billericay's league successes continued in the Isthmian League when in their first season they won the Division 2 title with a winning margin of 17 points, scoring 100 goals in their 36 league matches. The following season, in Division 1, they finished as runners-up to Bishops Cleeve - the first time in the history of the Isthmian League that a club had won promotion in two successive seasons on entry into the League.

Billericay then had five seasons in the Premier Division before being relegated in 1986. They then spent two years in Division One before again being relegated - this time into Division Two North.

Following re-organisation of the League, Billericay finished in third place in the newly formed Division Two and so gained promotion to Division One. That season, 1991/1992, they finished the season with an unbeaten run of 15 games, including winning the Essex Thames-Side Trophy.

Full Membership of the Football Association was achieved in 1993, twelve years after obtaining Associate Membership in 1981.

Promotion back to the Premier Division was obtained in 1998. The club finished runner-up in 2004.2005 before losing in the playoffs, they again reached the play-offs in 2006/2007. In what probably ranks as the most remembered game in recent years, Billericay beat local rivals Chelmsford in the semi-finals on penalties in front of a crowd of over 2,000. The final however ended with a less successful penalty shoot out and defeat to Bromley.

In November 2007, the club staged its biggest ever competitive game at New Lodge - reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the third time, Billericay finally drew league opposition for the first time in the form of Swansea City. The Blues took a first half lead before going down to two late goals.

The 2010/11 season saw much local success. The first team lifted the Essex Senior Cup for the first time in 35 years and the club were in fact triple County winners as the youth development programme was rewarded with the Under 18 and Under 16 sides also winning their respective County Cup competitions. This success was built on in 2011/12 as the club finally secured promotion to the Blue Square Bet South as Ryman League Champions.

However, it proved to be a one season stay, despite a good start, the second half of the season was blighted by poor weather and despite hanging on until the penultimate game, a return to the Ryman league beckoned.

Subsequent seasons have seen the club steadily rebuild itself. A mid-table finish in 2013/14 was followed in 2014/15 by a respectable 8th place finish in the league and appearances in the final of the Essex Senior Cup and the semi final of the League Cup. The 2015/16 campaign saw the club enter April in the play-off places, eventually finishing 9th.

The club's profile changed in 2016 with new owners and the arrival of a number of new recruits to the playing staff. A push for the play-

RICKAY FACTS

GROUND - New Lodge

FOUNDED - 1889

MANAGER - Harry Wheeler

2017/18 - Isthmian League Premier 1st

offs fell just short but Town lifted the League Cup with a record 8-3 victory in the Final. This however provided a springboard to the clubs most successful season ever - runs to the first round proper of the FA Cup and to the last 8 of the FA Trophy were followed by a treble - retaining the Isthmian League, victory in the Essex Senior Cup, and finally in the 74th of 75 competitive game, the Isthmian league title to secure promotion.

RICKAY WHO'S WHO..

DEVONTE ARANSIBIA - MIDFIELD

Midfielder currently on loan from Norwich City until the end of the season. Had been a regular in City's U23 side earlier on in the season.

KIERON CADOGAN - MIDFIELD

Signed from Sutton United. Started his career at Crystal Palace where he made 21 appearances. Has also played for Rotherham United, Aldershot Town, Barnet and Swedish side GAIS

BILLY CLIFFORD - MIDFIELD

Signed from Hemel Hempstead Town. Former Chelsea academy player who has played in the Football League for Colchester United, Walsall and Crawley Town. Has also played in the Belgium 2nd division for Royal Antwerp.

ADAM COOMBES - FORWARD

Signed from Welling United, scored in first game. Started at Chelsea and went on to play first team games at Yeovil and Notts County. Has National league experience at Bromley, Sutton United and Welling. Also played for England at Under 16 and 17 levels.

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v BILLERICAY TOWN

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BILLERICAY TOWN

JESSE DEBRAH - DEFENDER

Defender on loan from Millwall who made his Town debut against Concord Rangers.

SAM DEERING - MIDFIELD

Joined from Ebbsfleet United. He has league experience with Oxford United, Barnet and Cheltenham and played in the National League at Newport County and Whitehawk.

LLOYD DOYLEY - DEFENDER

Signed from Hemel Hempstead. Came through the Watford academy and made 443 appearances in his 14 years with the club. Has represented Jamaica 9 times.

MICHEE EFETE - DEFENDER

Began his career at Crystal Palace before joining Norwich City's youth set up. Has had loan spells with Icelandic side Breidablik, Torquay United, Bath City and Maidstone United.

MOSES EMMANUEL - FORWARD

Signed from Sutton United after a loan at Maidenhead. Came to prominence with Croydon Athletic where he attracted Brentford's attention, had stays at Woking, Eastleigh, Dover and Bromley.

CIAREN GORDEN-STEARNS - GOALKEEPER

Goalkeeper who was released by Luton Town at the end of last season after two years at the club. Previously with Ipswich Town.

JAKE HOWELLS - MIDFIELD

An 8 year veteran of Luton Town. Signed from Dagenham & Redbridge and has also played Yeovil Town, Eastleigh, Ebbsfleet United and for England C.

ALAN JULIAN - GOALKEEPER

Alan joined Town in February 2017 from Bromley. He has represented Northern Ireland at Under 21 level. Previous clubs include Brentford, Stevenage Borough, Gillingham, Newport County, Dartford, and Sutton United

CALLUM KENNEDY - DEFENDER

Signed from AFC Wimbledon. Broke through at Swindon Town before moving on to Gillingham, Rotherham, Scunthorpe, Leyton Orient.

JOE KIZZI - DEFENDER

Signed from Wingate & Finchley after starting out at Waltham Abbey.

ROSS LAFAYETTE - FORWARD

Signed from Sutton United. Previous clubs include Welling United, Luton Town, Eastleigh, Aldershot Town and Dover Athletic.

JAMIE O'HARA - MIDFIELD

Joined Billericay Town in March 2017. A pro career of over 220 games included spells at Tottenham Hotspur, Portsmouth, Wolves, Blackpool, Gillingham and Fulham.

ALFIE POTTER - MIDFIELD

Made over 200 appearances in the football League for Peterborough United, Oxford United, AFC Wimbledon, Northampton Town and Mansfield Town scoring 23 goals.

PAUL ROONEY - DEFENDER

Currently on loan from Colchester United having joined them from Millwall in January 2018. Started his footballing career at League of Ireland Club St Patrick's Athletic and then moving on to Bohemians. Has also had loan spells at Torquay United and Bromley.

CONNOR SMITH - MIDFIELD

Signed from Boreham Wood in January 2019. Played in the Football League for Watford, Gillingham, AFC Wimbledon, Plymouth Argyle and Gillingham. Represented the Republic of Ireland at U19 and U21 level.

MARK SMITH - GOALKEEPER

Signed from Eastbourne Borough and made his debut on New Year's Day against Chelmsford City. Previous clubs include Brentford, Queens Park Rangers and Aldershot.

DANNY WALDREN - MIDFIELD

Joined Town from Welling United. He got his start at Croydon Athletic before joining Bromley in the Conference South and a spell at Dulwich Hamlet

CHARLIE WASSMER - DEFENDER

Played in the football League for Crawley Town. Other clubs he has played for include Hayes & Yeading United, Cambridge United and Margate.



The World of Ball

Sooo unfair - football's increasingly unequal playing fields

So, last week we completed the double over title-challenging Woking. Shall we do that again, everybody?, We completed the double over title-challenging Woking! Yay! But as many of us noted on the day, we had to do so on a beach. Is it fair to us that we had to adapt to sand in order to overcome Surrey's finest? Well, as with so many aspects of theoretical fairness in football, it's not so cut and dried anymore.

It's one small step from beach to plastic, and let's face it there was a huge sense of relief when we finally won a competitive game on plastic at Slough on New Year's Day. I was speaking to some Bromley fans the other day who confirmed just how easy it is to get used to so-called 3G or 4G pitches, forgetting they're not grass. But it's also fair to say that it's not the same for the opposition, and it just looks and feels wrong. Why should clubs with entirely different forms of playing surface gain an advantage?

A week or so back, Hendon called off a game against Margate because it had been snowing. Well, I say 'snow' - there was half an hour of briefly arctic conditions, after which things settled down significantly, unlike the actual snow. The match was postponed at 7:00pm, with my spies informing me it was called off was because their pitch is particularly sensitive to having brooms on it to brush the snow off. True or not, the snow asted half an hour at best, so God alone knows that the referee was thinking. Imagine being a Margate fan and finding out minutes before kick-

off that your trip had been in vain just because a proprietary carpet format can't be cleaned in a certain basic manner. Again, an example of one club gaining an unfair advantage simply because the type of pitch is now as much a variable as the weather.

VAR VAR away

We're also seeing technology in various forms introducing several fresh shades of inequality. How can it be that VAR is only operating at some selected FA Cup matches this season? One penalty decision in a



VAR match can change the course of the game just as much it can in a match that doesn't benefit from it; where is the, ahem, level playing field that's meant to exist in football?

Then we have the development of new stadiums. Neil Warnock's concern that clubs around the Premier League relegation zone might benefit from Tottenham Hotspur's new stadium delay - with clubs either benefiting or losing out from playing at the new ground when it finally opens - was first seen as

just a typically petulant Colin reaction after another Cardiff City defeat. But as time has moved on, it now seems a far from trivial objection. Imagine if Cardiff are three points from safety towards the end of the campaign,



No. Just no.

BY MARTIN READ



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footballing age. It's surely absurd that the authorities can spit their dummies out at a sponsor's logo being a centimetre too large on the front of a player's shirt while blithely accepting that the very surface on which games are played on can vary entirely from match to match. And if you don't think clubs with these inherent advantages aren't going to actually seek an advantage from them? Well, dream on.

Special ones

Finally, there are the football personalities who feed off a culture of unfairness. It's a commentary nirvana, of course, giving the least capable former player-turned-pundit something to drone on about in-between that whizz-bang montage of the first half and Ray Winstone's latest odds. And plenty of managers have made reputations about the many ways in which they're treated unfairly, carpin on about this fixture scheduling scandal or that poor choice of referee.

The obvious king of the put-upon is Jose Mourinho, erstwhile special one turned "currently available for fresh challenges".

Mourinho's entire modus operandi seemed about developing a sense of "us against the world", plenty of it involving bitching about the latest perceived injustice or personal slight, however slight.

Of course, for those managers with a predilection for such tiresome nonsense, today's great variety of football unfairnesses offers rich pickings. The more variety we have of playing time, pitch type, playing conditions, you name it - the more the current generation of protective moaning managers will bring

it up to gain an advantage or talk away a particularly disappointing result.

The question is - where you draw the line? Ultimately, any fixtures list, whatever its constitution, can be deemed unfair to some club for some reason at some stage. But the more the world of football continues to introduce differences in conditions between theoretically equally matched sides, the more the bleating will continue.

then Spurs move in to their new gaff and proceed to fluff their lines / dominate against a club in serious danger of relegation? Fair? Hmmm.

Timing issues

Of course, in any campaign there have always been reasons for changing the circumstances of one club's fixtures when compared to another. It's been a long, long time since everybody kicked off at the same time on a Saturday afternoon, for example (outside of all football from our level downwards, that is.)

At the highest level, the formation of the Champions League and its sibling the Europa League have introduced any number of potentially unfair kick-off times for clubs back in their domestic leagues. And that's before you consider the demands of Sky and live football in general. Hell, for reasons I cannot fathom we even had the surreal sight of Chelsea and Spurs playing a league cup semi-final on a Thursday evening.

This slow, casual acceptance of so many variations in circumstances between clubs has become a marker of our particular

"The acceptance of so many variations in circumstances has become a hallmark of this footballing age"



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MATCH	SPONSORS
WESTON-SUPER-MARE Saturday, 4th August Vanarama National League South	Sentinel7
WOKING Monday, 13th August Vanarama National League South	Wealdstone FC Supporters Club
CONCORD RANGERS Saturday, 25th August Vanarama National League South	Barry Eynon - in memory of John O'Connor
TRURO CITY Saturday, 1st September Vanarama National League South	Optima Site Solutions
CHELMSFORD CITY Saturday, 15th September Vanarama National League South	Optima Site Solutions
GREAT WAKERING ROVERS Saturday, 22nd September FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round	Dominic Whyley
HAMPTON & RICHMOND Saturday, 13th October Vanarama National League South	David Leigh
SUTTON UNITED Saturday, 20th October FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round	Sentinel7
TORQUAY UNITED Saturday, 27th October Vanarama National League South	The Jeffresons & Martin Allen Diamond Comic Distributors
GLOUCESTER CITY Monday, 29th October Vanarama National League South	Harrow Sales & Marketing
BATH CITY Saturday, 10th November Vanarama National League South	Ray Corner & Peter Carter
EASTBOURNE BOROUGH Saturday, 1st December Vanarama National League South	Preston Manor Century Boys

MATCH	SPONSORS
SLOUGH TOWN Wednesday, 26th December Vanarama National League South	Sentinel7
OXFORD CITY Saturday, 29th December Vanarama National League South	Tony Platt
DARTFORD Saturday, 5th January Vanarama National League South	Sudhir Rawal Ray Corner
HUNGERFORD TOWN Saturday, 19th January Vanarama National League South	The Half-Way Line Tea Bar
BILLERICAY TOWN Saturday, 2nd February Vanarama National League South	Wealdstone FC Ladies
ST ALBANS CITY Saturday, 16th February Vanarama National League South	Sudbury Plastering Your Name Here?
WELLING UNITED Saturday, 9th March Vanarama National League South	In Memory of Darren Hooker Your Name Here?
CHIPPENHAM TOWN Saturday, 23rd March Vanarama National League South	Turf Doctor Specialists Ltd Your Name Here?
EAST THURROCK UNITED Saturday, 6th April Vanarama National League South	Jon Taffel ProKit UK Your Name Here?
DULWICH HAMLET Saturday, 20th April Vanarama National League South	In Memory of George Mowle
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN Saturday, 27th April Vanarama National League South	SFC Wealdstone Your Name Here? Your Name Here?

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- = Yellow Card
- = Red Card
- S = Straight Red
- = 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

RESULTS & FIXTURES 2018/2019

AUGUST		Competition	Result	Crowd	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17/GK
4	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	NLS	4-1	750	2	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	White	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Bubb	Mambo	Lench	Monakana	Sheppard
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
11	Billerica Town	NLS	0-1	1,152	11	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Monakana	Ahmidi	Pratt	White	Hudson-Odoi	Bubb	Mambo	Green	Wilson	Clark
13	WOKING	NLS	1-0	1,323	8	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Monakana	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	White	Bubb	Mambo	Lench	Clark	Mitchell
18	Dartford	NLS	3-0	981	5	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Monakana	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Bubb	White	Mambo	Lench	Clark	Lench
25	CONCORD RANGERS	NLS	1-1	786	5	North	Tyler	Grant	Okimo	Mambo	Poku	Monakana	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Bubb	Wilson	Hudson-Odoi	Mitchell	White	Lench
27	Oxford City	NLS	0-3	466	8	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	White	Lench	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	White	Bubb	Sheppard	Monakana	Clark
SEPTEMBER																					
1	TRURO CITY	NLS	3-0	743	5	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Bubb	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Mambo	Monakana	Mitchell	Lench	Sheppard
8	Dulwich Hamlet	NLS	1-1	1,103	6	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Monakana	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Mitchell	Green	Shomotun	Brown
15	CHELMSFORD CITY	NLS	2-3	856	11	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Bubb	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Sheppard	Brown	Monakana	Lench
22	GREAT WAKING ROVERS	FAC20	2-0	402	11	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Lench	Ahmidi	Brown	Bubb	Shomotun	Wilson	Mambo	Hudson-Odoi	Monakana	Sheppard
29	EAST THURROCK UNITED	NLS	1-0	274	7	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Lench	Ahmidi	Brown	Shomotun	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Green	Monakana	Slew	Clark
OCTOBER																					
6	Hungerford Town	FAC30	2-1	306	7	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Shomotun	Ahmidi	Bubb	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Monakana	Lench	Slew	Clark
13	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	NLS	1-1	1,163	4	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Shomotun	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Bubb	Wilson	Charles	Clark	Slew	Lench
20	SUTTON UNITED	FAC40	1-2	1,082	4	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Bubb	Ahmidi	Pratt	Green	Shomotun	Wilson	Charles	Lench	Hudson-Odoi	Slew
27	TORQUAY UNITED	NLS	0-3	1,241	7	North	Sheppard	Tyler	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Shomotun	Lench	Pratt	Green	Bubb	Wilson	Charles	Mensah	Hudson-Odoi	Clark
29	GLOUCESTER CITY	NLS	2-0	675	5	North	Tyler	Okimo	Wilson	Stevens	Poku	Shomotun	Mensah	Pratt	Bubb	Hudson-Odoi	Sheppard	Green	Clark	Charles	Slew
NOVEMBER																					
3	Welling United	NLS	1-1	507	7	North	Tyler	Payne	Stevens	Wilson	Poku	Sheppard	Mensah	Pratt	Bubb	Hudson-Odoi	Shomotun	Charles	Green	Clark	Slew
6	UXBRIDGE	MSC2R	5-3	180	7	Wheeler	Yala-Bolasie	Payne	Massingham	Rodgers	Regis	Clark	Slew	Charles	Bubb	Azeez	Shomotun	Mitchell	Monakana	Mensah	Clark
10	BATH CITY	NLS	3-3	901	7	North	Tyler	Payne	Okimo	Wilson	Poku	Hudson-Odoi	Mensah	Pratt	Bubb	Regis	Sheppard	Shomotun	Monakana	Green	Charles
13	Hemel Hempstead Town	NLS	1-0	703	2	North	Tyler	Payne	Stevens	Okimo	Wilson	Sheppard	Poku	Bubb	Green	Pratt	Charles	Hudson-Odoi	Rees	Mensah	Monakana
17	Chippenham Town	NLS	1-3	618	5	North	Tyler	Payne	Stevens	Okimo	Wilson	Sheppard	Poku	Bubb	Green	Pratt	Charles	Hudson-Odoi	Shomotun	Sheppard	Monakana
24	Concord Rangers	FAT30	3-2	281	7	North	Tyler	Okimo	Stevens	Wilson	Poku	Shomotun	Smith	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Bubb	Charles	Monakana	Payne	Mensah
DECEMBER																					
1	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	NLS	0-3	719	8	Roberts	Tyler	Okimo	Stevens	Wilson	Poku	Shomotun	Smith	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Bubb	Azeez	Monakana	Payne	Mensah
8	St Albans City	NLS	0-0	730	11	North	Tyler	Payne	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Sheppard	Smith	Pratt	Green	Monakana	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Mensah	Regis	Shomotun
15	Biggleswade Town	FATIP	1-2	258	11	North	Sheppard	Okimo	Stevens	Wilson	Poku	Mensah	Smith	Pratt	McKeown	Hudson-Odoi	Green	Samizadeh	Wilson	Monakana	Regis
26	SLOUGH TOWN	NLS	0-3	1,059	12	North	Sheppard	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Lench	Samizadeh	Pratt	Green	Monakana	Wilson	Hudson-Odoi	Smith	Obi	Kovalkowski
29	OXFORD CITY	NLS	0-2	711	14	North	Sheppard	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Wilson	Okimo	Smith	Poku	Kovalkowski	Pratt	Green	Monakana	Obi	Hudson-Odoi	Mensah	Lench
JANUARY																					
1	Slough Town	NLS	1-0	995	13	North	Sheppard	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Monakana	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Smith	Lench	Kovalkowski	Obi
5	DARTFORD	NLS	1-1	824	12	North	Sheppard	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Monakana	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Mitchell	Wilson	Smith	Lench	McKeown	Obi
8	BRENTFORD 'B'	MSCOF	0-2	190	12	Wheeler	Yala-Bolasie	Medford-Smith	Wilson	Mambo	Smith	Clark	Rodgers	Bridgeman	Mitchell	Azeez	Kovalkowski	McKeown	Sheppard		
12	Concord Rangers	NLS	2-2	492	13	North	Mitchell	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Mensah	Pratt	Green	McKeown	Monakana	Obi	Smith		
19	HUNGERFORD TOWN	NLS	1-0	740	11	North	Sheppard	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Monakana	Hudson-Odoi	McKeown	Smith	Mitchell	Azeez
26	Woking	NLS	2-0	2075	10	North	Sheppard	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Smith	Monakana	Mitchell	McKeown	Azeez	Psterson
FEBRUARY																					
2	BILLERICAY TOWN	NLS	---	---	---																
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9	Weston-super-Mare	NLS	---	---	---																
16	ST ALBANS CITY	NLS	---	---	---																
23	Eastbourne Borough	NLS	---	---	---																
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9	WELLING UNITED	NLS	---	---	---																
16	Bath City	NLS	---	---	---																
23	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	---	---	---																
30	Torquay United	NLS	---	---	---																
APRIL																					
6	EAST THURROCK UTD	NLS	---	---	---																
13	Hampton & Richmond	NLS	---	---	---																
20	DULWICH HAMLET	NLS	---	---	---																
22	Chelmsford City	NLS	---	---	---																
27	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TN	NLS	---	---	---																



ABOVE: Jonathan North to the rescue as the Stones chalk up a memorably win on the road at Woking last wee. Picture courtesy @Aqueoussunphoto

FRIENDLY RESULTS 2018/2019

- June 30 **Bracknell Town** (Away) **D 3-3**
Bubb, Monakana (2)
- July 9 **Marlow** (Away) **W 1-0**
Pratt
- July 14 **Swindon Supermarine** (Away) **W 1-0**
Bubb
- July 17 **Maidenhead United** (Home) **D 0-0**
- July 21 **Aldershot Town** (Home) **D 1-1**
Hudson-Odoi
- July 23 **Reading U23s** (Away) **L 0-2**
- 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) **W 3-0**
Ahmidi, Harris, Bubb
- Sep 3 **Potters Bar Town** (Home) **W 2-1**
Monakana, Own Goal



APPEARANCES

FIRST TEAM, SEASON 2018/19 at 26th January 2019

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	NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH			FA CUP			FA TROPHY			MIDDX SENIOR CUP			MIDDX CHARITY CUP			TOTALS			WEALDSTONE CAREER		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
Ahmidi, Wadah *	11			3											14			14			
Allarakhia, Tarryn	3		1												3	1		3	1		
Azeez, Femi		3							2	1					2	3	1	2	3	1	
Bridgeman, Josiah									1						1			1			
Brown, Stefan	1	2	1	1											2	2	1	2	2	1	
Bubb, Bradley	11	5	6	3		2									14	5	8	26	7	13	
Charles, Elliott *		5	3		1			1	1	1					1	7	4	1	7	4	
Clark, James		1							2						2	1		2	1		
Grant, Freddie	11			3											14			14			
Green, Danny	21	5	1	2			1	1	1						25	6	1	121	14	26	
Hudson-Odoi, Bradley	13	4	3	1			2								16	4	3	54	12	18	
Kowalkowski, Pawel	1	2						1		1					1	4		1	4		
Lench, Matt *	5	8	1	1	1										6	9	1	6	9	1	
Mambo, Yado *	1	1							1						2	1		2	1		
Massingham, Luke									1						1			1			
McKeown, Eion	1	3	1				1		1						2	4	1	2	4	1	
Medford-Smith, Ramarni	7								1						8			8			
Mensah, Simon	9	3					1	1							10	4		10	4		
Mitchell, Reece	2	6							1	1					3	7		3	7		
Monakana, Jeffrey	10	8	1		2					1					10	11	1	16	13	2	
North, Jonathan	26			3			2								31			374	1		
Obi, Ogo	1	2													1	2		1	2		
Okimo, Jerome	26			3			2	1							31	1		128	5	2	
Payne, Joe	5								1						6			6			
Poku, Godfrey	27			3			2								32			32			
Pratt, David	25	9	1	1			2	1							28	10		49	1	16	
Regis, Christopher	1								1						2			2			
Roberts, Myles	1														1			1			
Rodgers, Anton									2	2					2	2		2	2		
Samizadeh, Alexander	1							1							1	1		1	1		
Sheppard, Jake	13	3		2	1		1								16	4		28	5	1	
Shomotun, Fumnaya *	5	4		3	2		1	1		1					9	5	3	9	5	3	
Slew, Jorome *		1	1		1				1	1					1	2	2	1	2	2	
Smith, Christian	4	2					2	1	1						7	2	1	7	2	1	
Stevens, Connor	25		3	3	1		2								30	4		30	4		
Tyler, Rhys	18			1	1		1								20	1		20	1		
Wheeler, Sonny									2						2			2			
White, Joe *	5	1	1												5	1	1	22	5	9	
Wilson, Glenn *	7						2		1						10			30	1	1	
Yala-Bolasie, Glenn									2						2			2			





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• Barry O'Sullivan



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15th SEPTEMBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
• Toby Jackson (Lapels Badges)



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13th OCTOBER - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
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• Sentinel7



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Dartford

5th JANUARY - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
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2nd FEBRUARY - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
• Alan Couch - in Memory of Roy Couch
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Welling United

9th MARCH - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
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Chippenham Town

23rd MARCH - VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
• Alan Couch
• Peter Smallwood & Jack Foran



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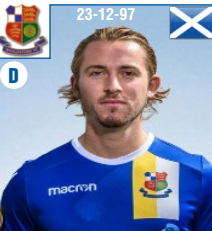
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Note: Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules. Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.

Fan in the Stand

IT'S DRILL BITS!

WEALDSTONE v BILLERICAY
02.02.2019



Today's fan feature is a bit different... like 'Kettering Punchbag' a few years ago, this Stones fan is unwilling to divulge his real identity... so we'll just have to call him by his nickname 'Drill Bits'. His moment of fame came in the 4-2 win at Harrow Borough eight years ago when he cavorted on the pitch with goalscorer Peter Dean (pictured right and above). Hats off to you, Mr Bits!

Where do you live (general area): Harrow.
Are you working (and where?): I'm a ganger (a bit like a working foreman) for a construction company, working mainly in the London area.

First Stones game attended? FA Cup 1st Round v Southend United at Lower Mead November 1979, aged 12.

What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan? I'll admit I wasn't really much of a fan during the 1980s, probably going to around 20 games in that time - it wasn't until I bumped into Mick Pavlovich in 1999 and he suggested coming over to a Wealdstone game at Edgware. Started going to a few games on and off for a couple of years, missed the next few seasons then came back again 2007/8 in our last season at Northwood and been going regularly ever since.

Do you follow any other team? Spurs -used to go regular from 1980-1992, only started going again 3 years ago and only to games which don't clash with Wealdstone.
Do you prefer lower-League football? I hate what modern football has turned into and all the new age 'fans' - I can't go back in time 30 years or more so non league football

We've finally persuaded Mr Bits to be the main fan ..but he's not giving very much away!

is as close as I'll get.
How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone, into your family/working life? -I can go whenever I want, not a problem
How big a part of your life is the game? Fairly big I suppose
Who gave you the 'Drill Bits' nickname and where does it come from? From around 30 years ago when I was working as



Drill Bits celebrates with Peter Dean back in 2011... and (right) at St Albans this season

toolmaker and used to 'obtain' drill bits and sell them.
Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen? 1984 Uefa Cup Final 2nd leg Spurs beating Anderlecht 4-3 on penalties -mental night!
Most memorable Wealdstone game, and moment? Margate away 2014 when we got promoted

What really gets your goat watching football? Blatant diving and cheating which unfortunately has spread to all levels of the game
Have you ever played the game yourself? Used to play when I was younger but I wasn't that great...
Best away trips to watch football? Concord Rangers and Met Police!
What was your highlight of last season? Has to be Billericay away in the FA Trophy
Best non-League ground you've visited? Bath City
Best stadium you've EVER visited? White Hart Lane in the early 80s
Where do you like to stand (or sit) at the Vale? In the Brian Collins stand.



What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? At this moment in time, don't really know
How does the current programme compare with others you see? Don't really buy them anymore - but I will this time!
What do you think of the bars and catering at The Vale? Any beers or food you'd like to be added? Don't drink so can't comment on the bar but the food's okay.
Do you buy much at the clubshop? Not really
How do you feel on the kit debate- solid blue shirts or quarters? Not bothered
What is your Wealdstone 'claim to fame'? probably best not mentioned on here!
Finally, where do you see the club in five years time? I've got no idea... but wherever we are, I'll still come to games.

WHY WE LOVE NON-LEAGUE

Quirky, warts-and-all Conference football v. the faceless, plastic Premier League? This still rings true, four years later...

FOUR YEARS ago I wrote this article, trumpeting the values of non-League football over the ever-more-bloated, obscenely-financed professional game. Having experienced a couple of years of properly-funded football here at WFC (thanks to the largesse of outgoing chairman Peter Marsden) I think it is even more relevant today. We now enjoy ability of probably the highest-ever level for 30 years while retaining the 'family' atmosphere that makes a visit to the Vale such a great occasion. This is the original article...

I was having a quick browse on the St Albans City forum to gauge their reaction to losing to Boreham Wood last weekend, when I chanced upon the very kernel of our love for the non-League game. The sentiment that's at the very heart of why we're all here this afternoon.

Somebody with the user name 'Non-League Fan' had written (in amongst the generally positive postings on the Saints' 2-0 defeat against the league leaders): **'This was my first game at Saints and at £15 to watch Conference South football with a limited view, grotty seats, scaffolding on the terraces and a 20- minute wait in the tea line, where there was just one guy in the van on his own.**

'The game itself was pretty terrible, neither

team looked good apart from Wood showing they had that little bit extra, something out of nothing. I was that disappointed that I felt I had to post. Sorry Saints, I just expected more especially with that price tag. I'll be going back to watch League football.'

It occurred to me that I've never, ever seen a similar posting on the Stones Forum. Not even in the dark days of Northwood, Yeading and Edgware. Obviously the football served up was pretty dire, but those attending knew what they were buying into. The price tag attached was minimal. It was love for the club that brought you along.

This season is new territory, and there have been plenty of new faces attracted by the higher standard of football, the higher standard of catering and the all-round improved experience at the Vale. Many of our results (and often the performances) have not reflected the higher pricing but I've yet to hear anybody say they won't be coming back - and our crowds have remained around an average 750 despite our patchy form on the pitch.

I live just up from road from St Albans so I'm finely attuned to the goings-on at Clarence Park.

They had a terrific end to last season, winning the play-offs

to join us in Conference South, but then lost an awful lot of goodwill by jacking their ticket prices (already the highest in the Southern League Prem last year) to £15, the highest in this division.

If that wasn't the Saints shooting themselves in the foot, it was certainly a savaging with the toenail clippers. Every game since has seen the value-for-money comparison, and many visitors (including

Wealdstone fans at the

WEALDSTONE v BILLERICAY 02.02.2019

Trophy game two months ago) refuse to buy anything else at the ground. That's if they attend in the first place, which is even a stance taken by St Albans fans who admit they pick and choose depending on the weather and the opposition.

Can £3 make that much difference? It is often pointed out that foregoing that second beer (or third or fourth) would save the extra cash. Or a couple of coffees that morning. But that misses the point that fans' backs are up even before the game starts. And hence that negative posting by 'Non-League fan', who later saw the irony and said 'Maybe I should change my name tag now?'

As you'd expect, he/she brought a welter of replies from other Saints fans. One, in particular, beautifully summed up my own feelings on football at this level.

'Very interesting views, non-League Fan. I guess it all depends what you're looking for. I've watched plenty of league football that's been awful, turgid, dreary stuff and yesterday's game was not that. It was open, pretty evenly-matched and won by the team that could take chances over the team that didn't.

'If what you enjoy is the technical precision of a Premier League game then perhaps the honest endeavour of non-league football is not for you. I know plenty of Premier League (and even Championship) fans who simply don't understand why I would want to 'waste my time' watching people who plainly aren't the best at what they do. Personally, I find Premier League football sterile, tactically cynical and overly calculating. It's football with 95% of the joy squeezed out of it.

'I'm trying to think back to what attracted me to Clarence Park once I'd moved into the area. I think it was initially the convenience of being able to decide at 2.30



Identikit stadia: Pride Park (Derby) and Arsenal's Emirates (top)

whether to go to a game or not. It was the ability to stand wherever I liked and move about. And it was the commitment of the players, and no little skill too. And, over time, it's been a pleasure to watch certain players improve. I suppose there's been an element of 'newness' to it all too. I'd been to a lot of non-league grounds over the years but to rediscover them and visit some new ones while actually supporting a team has been fun.

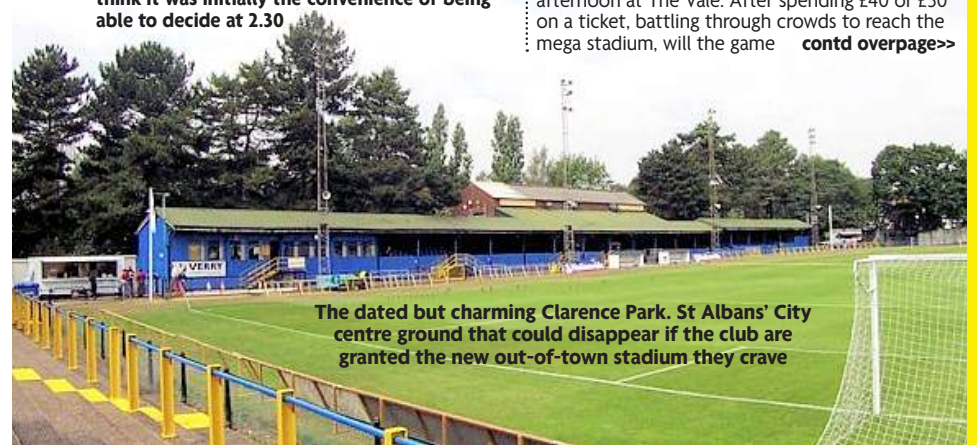
'Personally, I love the unique, quirky charm of Clarence Park. It's part of the reason I chose Saints as my non-league team and I'd be sad if the club moved to a purpose built Lego stadium. Away trips in the league have become soulless, dreary affairs over the past decade or so, particularly in the top two divisions. There are too many identical out-of-town stadia. Stewards telling everyone to sit down. I challenge anyone to tell the difference between, say, Southampton and Middlesbrough, Leicester and Derby...

I love the character of many of the non-league grounds I've visited in the past year or so. Give me a creaky wooden stand built in the 1920s any day!

That posting by 'Recent Convert', who is presumably just that, has it in a nutshell. It's all about balancing the drama, the technical perfection and the soap opera of the Premier League against the more prosaic delights of an afternoon at The Vale. After spending £40 or £50 on a ticket, battling through crowds to reach the mega stadium, will the game **contd overpage>>**



Quirky, iconic, kinda beautiful... our old, Lower Mead ground is pictured from the roof of the ABC Cinema in September 1968, with Sid Carter scoring in a 6-1 win against Bromley



The dated but charming Clarence Park. St Albans' City centre ground that could disappear if the club are granted the new out-of-town stadium they crave

WHY WE LOVE NON-LEAGUE CONTD



Middlesbrough's Riverside, MK Dons and Southampton's St Mary's Stadium.. all retail park grounds if you like that sort of thing

match the anticipation? Will you take solace in an inedible £8 hot dog or a £5 pint? Will the feeling of being ripped-off outweigh the memories of a mundane game? Will you end up feeling like a customer or a fan?

I won't bore you with the many benefits of watching Wealdstone, but for me one of the least obvious ones is the family aspect.

When I was growing up in the 70s, you could go with a gang of mates to any one of a dozen games on a Saturday afternoon. Just turn up at White Hart Lane, Highbury, Stamford Bridge, Loftus Road, wherever and get in through the turnstiles for the equivalent of about a fiver. Those days are clearly long gone.

Premier League football in the 2010s is more like theatre and it's the ordinariness of the game that I miss... not ordinary in the sense of the actual matches being ordinary because they never are, even at non-League level. No, ordinary in the everyday availability of football. That 'just turning up' aspect of Wealdstone.

These days more and more people are 'just turning up' at the Vale: Old faces from the 1980s, returning with their children and grandchildren; new faces, attracted along by the atmosphere and facilities; groups of youngsters, enjoying a day away from parental control and becoming the new life-

blood of our club.

My brother-in-law is an academic, a psychologist and therapist - and an Arsenal fan. He has been hopelessly hooked on the Gunners since the age of 12. He offered an insight into youngsters' obsessions, explaining that adolescence is a powerful tool and that the learned behaviour of following a football team around that age stays with many people for life.

'What, even a non-League team?' I asked him. 'Probably more so', he said. 'It's all about accessibility. The top clubs are pricing out their core support, attracting people who won't have the sort of devotion you learn at adolescence. Your club, on the other hand, will only grow.'

Listen to that, St Albans. Listen to that, Wealdstone. And listen to that Boreham Wood, who have now spent half a dozen seasons in the Conference South, gradually strengthening their team until it is in a great position for promotion to the Conference National. But all on crowds of 250.

If we can build on this humble start in Conference football and sort out the lease we could be in a fantastic position in four or five years. We're doing a lot right but have got nowhere near realising the Stones' true potential.

Wealdstone 'till I die? Absolutely! But not until we're back where we belong.

TIM PARKS

Our current hotch-potch of loveliness: Grosvenor Vale



Back by popular demand: Picture Quiz No. 2!



PIC 1



PIC 2

This week's pair of pictures come from the nostalgia-soaked 1980s.. the 1985-86 season in fact, when we were revelling in the title of the first-ever non League double winners.

PIC 1: Who is heading the ball into the Barnet net in our 2-0 win at Lower Mead?

PIC 2: Who are the two Stones players? (lighter shirts) Answers in panel to the right...

...while our Toby's got a bit of explaining to do...

One of our eagle-eyed fans spotted this familiar figure leaping with joy when Bath City's Ross Stearn netted his hat-trick goal in the thrilling 3-3 draw at the Vale back in November.

Surely that's not our long-serving badge-selling supporter Toby Jackson? Either that or he's got a very distinguished lookalike.





Seven goals, three penalties and a team walking off.. was this the most extraordinary Stones game EVER?

February 2, 1974, FA Trophy 2nd Round
 Proper: Wealdstone 5 Hastings United 2

One of the great pub discussions among Wealdstone fans - and indeed, fans of any club - revolves around the 'greatest games' question.

We've certainly peered into the near and distant past in this publication, dissecting the merits of the FA Cup wins over Stevenage (1965, 6-5) and Reading (1977, 2-1) versus the Trophy wins over Cambridge United (2012, 2-1) and Billericay Town (2018, 5-2)... not to mention the double-wham at Wembley and Kettering Town in 1985.

But today we recall possibly the most **EXTRAORDINARY** football match I've ever seen. In my near-50 years of following our great club we've only (to my knowledge) had a mention on the BBC News twice: once in 1970

after our FA Cup qualifying round tie at Leighton Town was stopped to allow the referee and players to search for a lost contact lens (it belonged to our defender Rob Williams, and was quite a rarity in those days) and then after this FA Trophy 2nd round win over Hastings in 1974.

You may rightly think it was a quiet news day - but how often does one football team walk off the pitch in protest? That was what happened on this crazy afternoon, when three penalties were awarded in succession by Weybridge referee D.W. Waterman and Hastings skipper John Ripley led his team off



45 YEARS AGO



the Lower Mead pitch. Shades of the famous England v Argentina World Cup game eight years previously, when the Argentine skipper Antonio Rattin was sent off and his team mates followed him in unprecedented scenes.

The two games were even compared on the BBC Sport news at 5pm after this Hastings game.

Both incidents were futile protests- and both were the result of unusual but totally correct decisions by the individual referees.

And if you think that players today have

Left: Just to add to the drama, Stones winger John Henderson (No.11) backheel-volleyed a crazy goal to make it 4-1!



It all kicks off at Lower Mead when referee Waterman (with his linesman, above) awards the third penalty... players hound him to the touchline and then (top picture) argue with their manager after skipper John Ripley (right) led his team off the pitch

little respect for the officials, well it was more in the 1960s and 70s when match officials were lenient to the point of subservience.

Certainly Rattin would have been dismissed long before German referee Rudolf Kreitlein finally ran out of patience... the skipper had fouled, been booked and then contested every decision - even spitting on the turf in contempt - before the ref sent him off.

The game was interrupted for eight minutes until Argentina were persuaded by England's FIFA representative (and referee) Ken Aston to return. Incidentally, England's Jack Charlton was also booked during the game but didn't

know about it until he read the newspapers the following day! As a consequence, Aston and Herr Kreitlein got their heads together to recommend the yellow and red card system that FIFA eventually brought into use around the world.

But back to Hastings at Lower Mead. If the refereeing procedures at Wembley were spot on (if controversial) in 1966, Mr Waterman stuck to the letter of the law in what was always going to be a feisty FA Trophy tie. Hastings had a reputation for

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ON THIS DAY CONTINUED

being a dogged, belligerent and uncompromising top-six side who were difficult to break down - and in fact had been visitors to Lower Mead for a Southern League Div One South game just a month earlier. Stones had scraped that one 2-1 as they moved closer onto the heels of Waterlooville and Poole at the top of the league.

But in the four weeks before the second clash with Hastings, Sid Prosser's team had scored just one goal (a 1-0 FA Trophy win at Wimbledon) and fired blanks in a 0-1 defeat at home to Ramsgate (featured in the last 'Rewind'), a 0-0 home draw with Bognor and another goalless draw at Waterlooville. The Daily Telegraph even carried a story on the Saturday morning (pictured here) about Stones coming in at 11am that day for a special training session - with the emphasis on the strikers.

Well, it clearly worked a treat. We kicked off in front of a 1,120 crowd, downhill towards the Cinema End and it was immediately obvious that the previously-misfiring Duck, Byrne and Henderson were back in the groove.

Hastings reverted to type, frantically fouling and disrupting the flow of the game. I was in the crowd behind the goal with a perfect view of George Duck's 6th minute header, headed for the top corner until full-back Harry Cunningham blatantly fisted it off the goalline. These days: A straight red card and penalty. Those days: a penalty, and no punishment for the guilty man although fellow defender Barry's loud complaining (why??) earned him a booking. A more blatant penalty would be hard to imagine, and Duck cracked the ball low inside keeper Arnold's right hand post.

The game resumed with Stones back on the attack and 10 minutes later we were baying for another penalty when the

Duck four in Challenge Trophy win

Hastings walk off as third penalty results in second half fracas

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 5, Hastings United 2

ONE OF THE most sensational games seen at Lower Mead for many a season saw Hastings United captain John Ripley lead the Sussex side off the field, four minutes after the interval after the club's number seven John Jefferson, had been sent off by referee D. R. Waterman, of Weybridge.

The incident occurred after Hastings full-back Harry Cunningham had handled for the second time in 48 minutes and referee Waterman had awarded a third penalty to Wealdstone - all three awards producing goals from that deadly spot-kick taker George Duck.

All three penalties were obvious, to say the least, but the third offence was the most blatant for Cunningham pulled down a Henderson shot with two hands when a goal seemed certain.

Mr. Waterman immediately pointed to the spot and the garrulous Jefferson protested overmuch. He was at once booked - the third Hastings name to go into the book - and then sent off.

For a minute or so the player refused to depart and Mr. Waterman was more than lenient with at least two other Sussex players who pushed and jostled him near the goal-line.

Eventually Jefferson walked to the line and Ripley at once took his men off.

A touchline conference heated argument is perhaps a truer version of the happening - lasted two or three minutes with Wealdstone manager Sid Prosser and substitute Terry Dyson joining those endeavouring to restore sanity.

Eventually, still protesting vigorously, Ripley took his men back on and four minutes after it all started Duck was able to blast the penalty home to establish, at that time, a 3-0 lead.

Hastings, with one of the best away defensive records in the league, had conceded only 12 goals from the same number of games prior to this match. They made few friends when

beaten 2-1 at Lower Mead in a league game on December 29, and I cannot imagine they added many names to their fan club after this otherwise entertaining second round Challenge Trophy tie.

Allowing for the fact that Hastings played their best football after they lost Jefferson and took advantage of lapses of concentration by 'Stones' back men to notch a couple of goals, they rarely looked like stopping the Lower Mead club's majestic advance to the last 16.

marauding Duck was dragged down by the hapless Barry - the referee obliged and this time midfielder Griffiths was booked for arguing the toss. Same outcome as Duck ramméd his shot in the same corner, Arnold diving the wrong way.

Hastings' only hope lay in a quick-fire start to the second half but their misplaced fury burned even more fiercely when John Henderson wriggled clear within minutes of the restart. His shot beat Arnold but Cunningham once again turned goalkeeper with a marvellous two-handed save on the line.

Hastings were incandescent when the bemused referee awarded the third penalty of the afternoon - as if he had a choice - and midfielder John Jefferson (described as 'garrulous' in the match report) was booked for complaining. He then stalked referee

UNCOMPROMISING

Hastings relied on hard, uncompromising tactics from the start. If a situation called for handball, then hands it was. If a Wealdstone player moved past a defender he was unceremoniously hauled down. Indeed, I tallied 27 free-kicks against Hastings in the first half when five were given against Wealdstone.

Hastings will argue that Mr. Waterman gave them nothing, which is probably true, but their spoiling tactics were so obvious from the first whistle that he obviously endure up his mind he would endure no nonsense.

Before Jefferson's departure Griffiths had been booked for dissent and Barry for protesting long and loud when Wealdstone's first penalty was awarded.

All credit to Wealdstone for keeping their heads. Henderson, Duck, Byrne and Fulton all took a lot of stick and Byrne ended up with a nasty gash in his ankle. None of them, fortunately, retaliated.

Really it was all very confusing, with Hastings' defenders wearing attackers' numbers, which was probably appropriate as seven or eight of them were usually buzzing about in their own penalty area in the first half.

SENSATIONAL

Home manager Sid Prosser had the players out on the pitch for a training session at 11 a.m. and this obviously paid off. He had admitted he was a little unhappy about the form of his strikers and after their pre-match warm up they looked sharper than for some time.

George Duck netted four times, three from the spot and once with a sensational header. His spot-kicks were never easy for every award was followed by an argument which meant a hold-up for each kick.

The fifth was scored by the effervescent Henderson and was richly deserved. Speedy John took the entire defence by surprise with a superb back-heel come flick of the inside of the boot from Fulton's cross which left the defence open mouthed.

So Wealdstone chalked up the highest score made by the 32 teams playing in the second round, and their football deserved such a result.

Young Keith Bristowe, normally a striker, was tried in midfield and after a slow start did more than enough to earn another chance.

The defence, apart from a couple of lapses, was solid with big John McCormick dominating, Presland and Watson tackling surely and Eric Burgess sweeping up safely.

Fulton and Kinnear were quick to tackle in midfield and Byrne ran his heart out up front where Duck supplied many of those left touches of early season and looked altogether the old George.

Ray MacKenzie had a quiet afternoon although he made one superb diving save from Griffiths and kicked superbly.

BOOMING SHOT

'Stones had a corner in 30 seconds and almost a goal as a result when Presland hit a booming shot which goalkeeper Arnold, always a busy man, did well to turn aside.

After six minutes Cunningham scooped a goalbound header from Duck from under the bar and Duck hit the penalty low inside the left post. Barry's long protest ended with his name in the book.

Ten minutes later Barry pulled Duck down when he looked a certain scorer. Duck scored the second with an identical penalty and Griffiths' name went in the book for dissent.

Arnold dived bravely to Henderson's feet when the flying winger was right through and then MacKenzie made a smart save from a Jones free-kick.

With Wealdstone announcer Joe Bray predicting a hat-trick of penalties, events proved him a true prophet when Cunningham made his two handed save and after all the fantastic scenes Duck changed his tactics with the spot kick and blasted his shot past Arnold.

GLORIOUS GOAL

Hastings proved they could play football in the 60th minute when a shrewd pass from Ripley gave Cunningham a simple chance, but Henderson struck back five minutes later with his glorious goal to make it 4-1.

Another good move by Hastings saw Jones shoot away and lay on a pass for Jones to make it 4-2 but the final word, still went to 'Stones.

Fulton, who is taking glorious corners, placed one beautifully and Duck soared like a gull to beat Arnold all the way.

Even Hastings could not protest about that one. **Wealdstone:** MacKenzie; Presland, Watson, Burgess; McCormick; Kinnear, Fulton, Bristow; Byrne, Duck, Henderson. Sub: Dyson.

Waterman, continuing to protest, and was promptly sent off.

This sparked howls of outrage from the Sussex side and - after scenes of toys-out-of-pram-throwing, and Jefferson refusing to leave the pitch - Ripley led his team to the touchline. Four minutes of heated debate ensued until Hastings saw reason... and when they returned, the admirably cool Duck (who had waited, ball in hand, on the penalty spot) waited until the hullabaloo had died down before smashing his hat-trick

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Left: The Harry O match report and (above) Stones sub Terry Dyson (left) and manager Sid Prosser (right) look bemused as the sent-off John Jefferson waits to see if his team mates will join him on the touchline. Below: The Daily Telegraph previews the game

Southern League

PRE-MATCH TRAINING FOR WEALDSTONE

By DEREK WILD

WEALDSTONE, worried about their lack of goals in recent games, will end special pre-match training only 2 1/2 hours before the kick-off of their second round FA Challenge Trophy tie against Hastings at Lower Mead Stadium tomorrow.

Despite riding high only two points behind Poole, the Third Division (South) leaders, with four games in hand, Wealdstone have scored only once in their last four matches.

That goal came from a defender, Eddie Presland, the lanky former West Ham and Crystal Palace player, at Wimbledon in the previous round of the competition three weeks ago.

So the 14-strong Wealdstone squad will have an hour's training starting at 11 a.m. tomorrow, with particular emphasis put on their front runners, George Duck, the Southern League's

highest scorer, Bill Byrne and John Henderson.

Duck has scored 24 League goals, seven more than the section's next best marksman, Terry Evans, of Trowbridge, but he has suffered a drastic loss of form over the last month. Wealdstone are determined to help him get back among the goals as soon as possible.

Wealdstone beat Hastings, who have the best defensive record in the division, 2-1 in a League match at home three weeks ago, and they are confident they can now reach the last 16 of the Challenge Trophy at the Sussex side's expense.

The squad are all fit and the side who gained a point at Waterlooville last Saturday are expected to be retained.

shot down the middle for 3-0. Hastings appeared chastened. They actually settled down and played some decent football with that man Cunningham using his feet (for once) to pull a goal back. But there was still an extraordinary fourth Stones goal to

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savour as Henderson backheeled a marvelous improvised 15-yard shot past the astonished Arnold - and then, after the visitors made it 4-2, Duck soared to head a majestic fifth.

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

ON ONE of the most disappointing afternoons of my Stones-watching days, we faced Northern Premier League side South Shields at Lower Mead in the last 16 but wasted a chance of Trophy glory in front of a 2,000 crowd. George Duck was ill with flu and a

tepid performance petered out into a 1-1 draw... and a calamitous penalty (conceded by the otherwise impeccable John McCormick) in the replay on Tyneside saw us beaten 2-1 after extra time.

But the season still ended magnificently, losing just one game in the last dozen as we secured the Southern League Div One South title by 11 points from Bath City and promotion to the Southern League Premier Division. But the memory of George's penalty hat-trick lives on...

Was Duck's penalty hat-trick a record?

George Duck's hat-trick of penalties against Hastings United in the F.A. Challenge Cup on Saturday has been a talking point for Wealdstone supporters — and many other football followers — since last weekend.

Was it a record? Other players may have scored from three penalty kicks in one game, but has any player scored a true hat-trick? Three successive goals from the spot.

A few people have told Observer Sports Editor Phil Sugden that the feat has been achieved in the past, so the Observer and Wealdstone F.C. now give them a chance to prove their point.

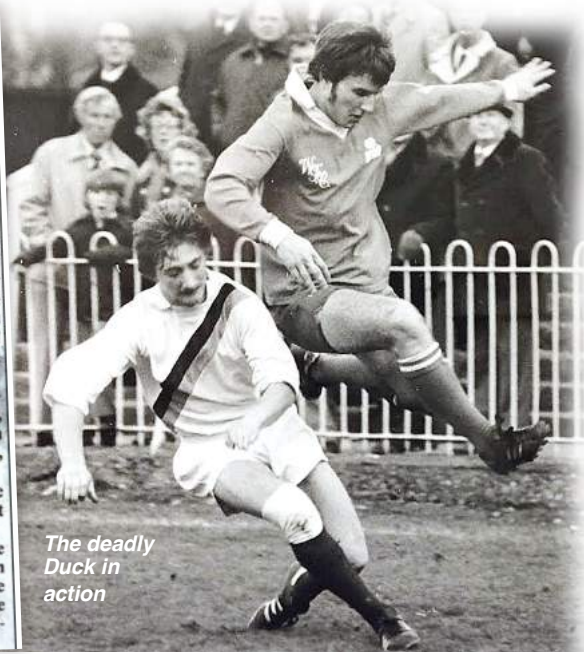
Any reader who believes he knows of such a case is invited

to join a competition to prove the point and the first reader who submits the correct answer which will, of course, be checked, will receive two tickets for Wealdstone's third round F.A. Challenge Trophy game on February 23.

Letters, or preferably postcards, giving details of claims, should be addressed to Colin Pope, P.R.O., Wealdstone F.C., 265, Kenton Road, Kenton.

Entries must reach Mr. Pope by not later than first post next Tuesday, February 12.

Name of the winner will be announced in the Observer on Friday, February 15, and the tickets, donated by Wealdstone F.C., will be forwarded immediately.



The deadly Duck in action

So who else has netted a hat-trick of pens?



The Harrow Observer article after the match posed the question 'was the trio of penalties the first-ever TRUE hat-trick from the spot?' In other words, three successive penalties?

I'm not sure we ever got a definite answer, but strangely there have since been two incidents of a Wealdstone player netting three penalties in one game: Paul Bowgett (left) against Andover in a 4-0 win in the

Southern League South in 1980, and Robin Wainwright against Boston United in the Conference in 1985, in a remarkable 7-2 win.

I remember all three games clearly but it is not certain (even from the reproduced match reports here) if they were also 'true' hat-tricks. Can anyone remember the order of those goals from over 30 years ago? Let me know at tim.fparks@gmail.com

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YEARS AGO

Paul Bowgett nets three spot kicks against Andover

'Stones march on

Wealdstone 4, Andover 0

'STONES skipper Paul Bowgett scored three times from the penalty spot as struggling Andover were outclassed at Lower Mead on Tuesday.

Centre half Bowgett took his tally to 22 for the season — and is now second top scorer to Alan Cordice who has 27 to his credit.

Manager Allen Batsford rested Fred Barwick, Morris reappearing for a rare first team outing, while fit-again Alan Cordice also returned. 'Stones dominated from the start and as well as hitting four had three goal-bound efforts cleared off the line while Bowgett, apart from those penalties, hit the bar with a header.

'Stones were two up in 30 minutes, both goals coming from the penalty spot after Alan Cordice had been brought down when clear. Bowgett's third came after a penalty for handball, while Robin Wainwright, revelling in the drier conditions scored a fine goal when turning on a sixpence to screw the ball just inside the post from a very difficult angle.

Wealdstone: Goddard, Perkins, Penrice, Byatt, Bowgett, Morris, Watts, Wainwright, Cordice (A.), Knowles, Davies.

Rockin' Robin Wainwright's four goal blast fires 'Stones

Wealdstone 7, Boston 2

AFTER three successive defeats, Wealdstone bounced back with a seven goal romp in Tuesday night's Gola League visit of Boston.

Jubilant Robin Wainwright grabbed four of the goals — three coming from the penalty spot — as Wealdstone flattened Boston with a six goal blast in the opening half hour of the second half, writes Paul Jacques.

And manager Brian Hall admitted afterwards: "That was just what we needed. For 35 minutes in the second half we took them to the cleaners."

Hall confessed that he had started to doubt himself after recent results, but Tuesday's win was the perfect pick-me-up. Although Wainwright took the glory — and the match ball — Hall singled out striker Mark Graves. "He had his best game for two years. He did everything right," enthused Hall.

Wealdstone had taken a ninth minute lead when Brian Greenaway curled a free kick into the top corner with Boston keeper Kevin Blackwell woefully slow to react.

There was little indication of the goal spree that was to follow when Boston levelled matters six minutes from half-time — Derrick Nuttall forcing home a cross from Paul Hooks.

But eight minutes into the second half the nightmare began for a Boston side that had not won in eight games.

The ball was knocked into the box and Graves, with his back to goal, scored with a spectacular overhead kick. "A goal in a million," purred Hall.

Two minutes later Ian Ladd brought in Alan Cordice for a penalty. Blackwell was booked for recklessly shoving the referee in protest before Wainwright scored from the spot.

In the 63rd minute, Wainwright met Gary Donnellan's cross with a glorious volley to make it 4-1.

Within two minutes, Wainwright had completed his hat-trick from the spot after Paul Casey had handled. Five minutes later, Graves raced onto a



DELIGHTED Robin Wainwright holds the match ball after his four goals against Boston and admits: "I couldn't believe it, I'm going to bring it back to the club and get it signed by the players."

"The goal that pleased me most was the one that didn't come from the penalty spot. It was a new set piece we had been working on and I had missed three sitters the night before in training."

"We had been struggling in the last three games and it wasn't only nice to win, but to win like that."

clearance from Neil Cordice and stroked his shot past Blackwell.

Disbelieving Boston player manager Arthur Mann brought himself into the action in place of Andy Harrison, but in the 73rd minute Wainwright struck with his fourth, again from the spot following handball by Ray O'Brien.

A minute from time, sloppy defence allowed Chris Cook to score, but it was meagre consolation for Boston, who also had the names of Casey and Cook added to that of Blackwell in the referee's book.

Wealdstone: Iles, N. Cordice, McCargo, Tapley, Bowgett, Wainwright, Greenaway, Holmes, A. Cordice, Graves, Donnellan (Jones 75).

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YEARS AGO

Throbbin Robin nets three spot kicks against Boston

Curiously enough, Chelmsford's Scott Fenwick scored TWO penalty hat-tricks in successive Vanarama South games last season! The first against Whitehawk on April 9, and then against East Thurrock... both in 4-2 wins



The average, the poor and the indifferent... this season's Vanarama South offerings

Hungerford's programme? Well, I particularly enjoyed the whole page devoted to a league table when the league hadn't even started!

Those of us who purchase our home programme will be well aware of its quality and content. We have long been blessed, or should I say spoilt, with a magazine product that delivers week in and week out. It is against the standard of our programme that I measure the offerings produced by other clubs.

By necessity, my 2017/18 programme review did not include our last match of the season, away at Whitehawk. This was in actual fact a quite magnificent effort – my guess is that it was a one-off end of season special to “celebrate” their relegation from the National League South. It took the Wobs Award for best away programme though, pipping Chelmsford City. Tim has once again asked me to review our away programmes, so here goes....

HUNGERFORD TOWN

Last year I assessed the Hungerford offering as being the worst programme of all. You would think it would be hard to get worse but Hungerford have certainly achieved this! I'm staggered to see a club

at our level producing something as poor as this. £2 gets you just 16 pages but with absolutely no original content apart from a Welcome from the club president and some notes from the manager. It was even a double header produced for their matches with us and also Chelmsford City. Bizarrely, Hungerford saw no need to even include their own team line-up, let alone ours or Chelmsford's. I particularly enjoyed the whole page devoted to a league table that showed all 22 teams having zero wins, draws, losses at home, zero wins, draws, losses away from home, zero points and zero goals scored or conceded.

Another whole page devoted to providing full statistics of the entire 16 man squad helpfully showed that none had made any appearances or scored any goals in either league matches, FA Cup, FA Trophy or even County Cup games.

You will struggle to find a programme worse than this. **Score: 0/10.**

BILLERICAY TOWN

A £3 programme this (for 52 pages) but

a definite improvement upon last season. Let down a little by an unexciting cover and perhaps slightly lacking in original content but a very professional affair, nicely laid out. Good use of the centre pages where there is a colour photo and I liked the layout style of the reports/photos of recent games.

Score: 7.5/10

DARTFORD

Another professional looking programme that sells for £2.50, again for 52 pages – but this certainly flatters to deceive. At first glance it looks pretty good but a closer inspection reveals a distinct lack of content. Lots of photographs and some nice lay-out in parts but sadly, pretty much a complete lack of interesting words to actually read. With 23 pages of adverts I guess the Commercial Manager might be pleased but it's an uninspiring effort.

Score: 7/10 (slightly generous due to the £2.50 selling price!).

OXFORD CITY

At first glance this looks like it might be an ok programme. The front cover, whilst not exactly “standout” is perfectly acceptable and it's printed on decent glossy paper. Open the cover and Page 3 is an index page coupled with the usual (and necessary) Directory of Club Officials. However, the index gives the reader a clue regarding the lack of content this programme contains. Apart from the usual Manager's Notes, which in fairness are better than many, there is little else to read in the programme unless you want to read about Oxford's previous match or about Wealdstone's history and squad. The more I looked through this programme, the worse it seemed so an end score of

just: **Score: 5/10**

DULWICH HAMLET

On the basis that this programme sells for £2 then I imagine most Hamlet supporters are fairly satisfied. However, I can't help thinking that it's been a bit padded out – for instance we have at the front a full page of Club Officials and Club Records and then later in the programme we have a full page of all Honours won by the First Team, Reserve Team and Youth Team. There is also a full page team photo that I guess Dulwich supporters get to look at each week – plus it takes both of the centre pages to list the 2 team line-ups. In a throw-back to programmes of a bygone age a whole page is devoted to simply listing all the Clubs in our division together with their addresses and phone numbers – marvellous. It's unusual nowadays to see a results page that doesn't include player appearance information on a match by match basis – that's a bit odd. I'm liking the historical side of the programme though with Part 54 of the Dulwich Hamlet story.

I think the programme sneaks a 6 due to its low price. **Score: 6/10**

EAST THURROCK UTD

I'm suspecting that this programme is probably the work of one person and also printed and compiled “in house”. I like the way the editor has set out his stats and credit too for the attractive way the 7 pages of “Meet The Stones” has been laid out. There's not a lot by way of original content though apart from a couple of half pages from the Club Secretary and Team Manager so, all in all, this is a low scorer.

Score: 4/10 (an improvement on last season's 3/10 though).

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HUNGERFORD (FA Cup)

Well, the programme has now grown to 24 pages thanks primarily to there being 6 pages of info about our club history and our players. Hungerford have even progressed to printing the teams on the back cover so for that reason alone I think I need to give them a point now. Mind you, still the same unattractive front cover which doesn't even have the match details on.

Score: 1/10

WELLING UTD

This is one of your programmes that are larger than the standard (which usually means that it won't fit in your pocket). It is very professionally laid out, glossy, and lots of photos. There's the bonus of a Q & A with our own Tim Parks and I liked the style of the "In Profile: Nigel Ransom" article which was part factual and part interview. It sells for £2.50 and I think, for that reason, it deserves to match the Billericay effort.

Score: 7.5/10

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD T

To be frank, the opening page notes from Manager Joe Deeney are decent enough but that's about as good as it gets. This is a bog standard 40 pager with nothing out of the ordinary apart from the centrefold spread being a colour photograph of a player – somewhat ruined by having The Tudors emblazoned in large letters running across both pages.

Score: 5.5/10

CHIPPENHAM TOWN

A 60 pager from the West Country club



Hungerford and Concord... all you can say is that somebody has volunteered and you can't knock that

that sells for £2.50. There's no colour though apart from the front cover and some of the adverts. About 20 of the pages are adverts and there is a heck of a lot of "filler" in the remaining 40 pages; there's not a great deal of interest – and a most unusual centre page of match result stats. Oddly the season stats are shown vertically rather than horizontally – not reader friendly at all. I'm seeing this as a mid table effort.

Score: 5/10

CONCORD RANGERS (FA Trophy)

Another disappointing programme from Concord Rangers which is so similar to their effort of last season. The one thing to admire is the low charge of £2 for this effort as there is little else to put in the positive column – unless of course you like reading the 7 pages devoted to Concord's Club History and Pen Pictures of the Concord players plus even a Concord Rangers team photo. How their supporters must love reading this week after week! Even the welcome from The Chairman is 4 months out of date.

Score 2.5/10

In the next issue: Pete sums up the remaining programmes for Stones games this season. And (spoiler alert) they don't get any better...

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Saturday, 16th February, 3:00pm
£9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

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

Chippenham Town
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Saturday, 23rd February, 3:00pm
£9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

East Thurrock United
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Saturday, 6th April, 3:00pm
£9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

AWAY

Truro City
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Tuesday, 5th February, 7:45pm
NOTE; TRURO CITY ARE NOW BACK IN TRURO

Weston-super-Mare
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Saturday, 9th February, 3:00pm
www.westonsmareafc.co.uk

Eastbourne Borough
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Saturday, 23rd February, 3:00pm
www.ebfc.co.uk

Gloucester City
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Saturday, 2nd March, 3:00pm
www.gloucestercityafc.com

Vanarama National League South at 28th January 2019

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2 Woking	25	16	5	4	50	27	12	8	1	3	23	14	13	8	4	1	27	13	23	53	1-0 2-0
3 Bath City	28	15	6	7	44	23	14	9	1	4	26	12	14	6	5	3	18	11	21	51	3-3
4 Chelmsford City	28	15	5	8	48	32	14	8	3	3	22	14	14	7	2	5	26	18	16	50	2-3
5 Concord Rangers	28	12	9	7	43	33	14	8	5	1	30	13	14	4	4	6	13	20	10	45	1-1 2-2
6 Billericay Town	27	13	6	8	47	39	13	6	3	4	20	19	14	7	3	4	27	20	8	45	0-1
7 Welling United	27	13	5	9	44	32	14	10	2	2	28	15	13	3	3	7	16	17	12	44	1-1
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