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Tarryn Allarakhia tricks his way through the East Thurrock defence in the second half of our convincing 3-0 win here at the Vale a fortnight ago

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# The mighty, mighty STONES



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BY MARK HYDE



# Written in Stone

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Today's sponsors are once again remembering Stones supporters who have sadly passed away.

**Ron Davies, Gordon Howland, John Burrows, Jack Wilkinson, John Willard, Jim Minehane, Dan Helen, Val Shearer, Eric Fletcher, Derek Balderstone, Charlie Walker & Roy Couch.**

Despite passing years we continue to keep alive the memory of dear friends and supporters who have passed away. All of the above mentioned are remembered by today's ball sponsors, all of whom we have stood with on the terraces over past seasons. We grieved their passing but they are not forgotten, they are especially remembered today.

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George forged great friendships with fellow players Charlie Townsend, Matt Farrell, Ron King on and off the pitch.

Following his time with the Stones he went on to play briefly for other local sides Wembley & Harrow Borough.

George continued playing into his forties as player manager of Sunday side Hatch End.

George passed away in May last year after a six-month battle with Mesothelioma (a type of lung cancer.)

He is sadly missed by all his family and friends.



Wealdstone FC 1960/61  
George Mowle. (Front row 2nd from left)



# WEALDSTONE

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Wealdstone FC Board of Directors

# From the Gaffer and management team



**A** warm welcome to Gavin Rose his management team, players and officials of Dulwich Hamlet Football Club.

Today is our penultimate home game of the season and the dram and excitement continues with the season very much alive and a chance to get to where we want to be. With 9 points to play for and sitting 1 point outside the top 7 we believe it is very much in our hands. Nobody could have predicted the results we have seen from the teams chasing those coveted top 7 spots, so it shows that pressure is a massive thing that affects results and performance. There will yet be more surprises in the next week.

We have praised this squad for what they have done in 2019 and they have deserved it. There is a lot we can say about last Saturday, but it is gone now and where we have got a bit of luck is that most of the results around us went for us and hasn't left us needing to do anything that we didn't expect to have to do ie, win our last few games. We started the game well, but we talk about fine margins a lot and to get done on the counter attack through not been in the correct positions that we work on every week was disappointing. The second goal was the killer blow, which is a freak as our captain rarely makes a mistake, but we must

move on quick. We've talked as a group this week in training about the mentality required to achieve and really challenged ourselves to not let last Saturday happen again. We're confident that these boys are focussed and have what it takes. We're looking forward and haven't dwelled on it too much as we simply don't have the time to.

Today we need you more than ever in what is for us the biggest game of the season. The time to reflect will be afterwards but for 90 minutes, between 3pm and 4:45pm, back the boys, make more noise than you've ever made and do all you can to push them over the line. You will play an important role in the outcome today, so we call on you today to do what you do and drive us to those vital 3 points.

Dulwich come here today on a decent run of form unbeaten in 3 games and back to back wins. They have secured their National League status in their first season in the league, so it has been a good season for them, and we expect them to play with lots of freedom. We have prepared for this and will be ready as today it is all about us.

Enjoy the game and let's keep the season alive going into the final week!

**Bobby and the management team.**

BY SUDHIR RAWAL

WEALDSTONE v DULWICH HAMLET  
ELMSLIE ENDER

# The Elmslie Ender



## Anti-Semitism in focus and EE's part in its Wealdstone downfall

**T**onight at the Vale, there is a legends evening for a couple of former Chelsea players in Paul Canoville, a local lad raised in Hillingdon, and Nigel Spackman, with Canoville's compelling story of his time at Chelsea serving as a reminder of less enlightened times as a black footballer. I still remember being at sixth form college on the Monday after Canoville made his infamous Chelsea debut at Crystal Palace and the reaction of a couple of people who had been at the game. One's a UKIP councillor now so maybe it says it all. Yet, even as I write the day after our win over East Thurrock United, stories of racist abuse from the day before still make the headlines and, if anything, seem to be gathering pace. The newspapers this week have been awash with stories about racism in football. I will let Paul tell his own tale this evening, as he will do it far more eloquently than I can. Instead I am going to concentrate on anti-Semitism in football. Just as insidious but something that receives far less publicity.

At Wealdstone, even before it became right on and trendy to be anti-racist in football, we were at the forefront with a supporter base that reflected society as a

whole far better than any other club; we actually had black and brown faces on the terraces. Not many, but we did and it was acknowledged across the non-league footballing world. Look across a picture of Whitehawk fans and for all their right on credentials, how many people of a dark hue do you see? Same for Clapton as well. I could go on. Our greatest ever player, and there is no argument about that, was black, in Alan Cordice, so even the closest racists had to keep shtum as Cordice was flying down the wing or scoring another goal leading us to the Double.

Anti-Semitism is obviously front and centre in terms of the political landscape at the moment with one of our major parties riddled with it right to the very top. When you have one of our main political organisations that is either unwilling or unable to deal with the problems within, we know that society has an issue. Maybe as the Jewish community is only 300,000 strong, they aren't considered a vote bank that needs to be courted in the same way as other communities are. Leaving this aside, in footballing terms, the use of the Y word has hit the headlines due to the use of the term by Tottenham Hotspur supporters. In 2014 legal proceedings were dropped against Spurs fans using the term and the Metropolitan Police have

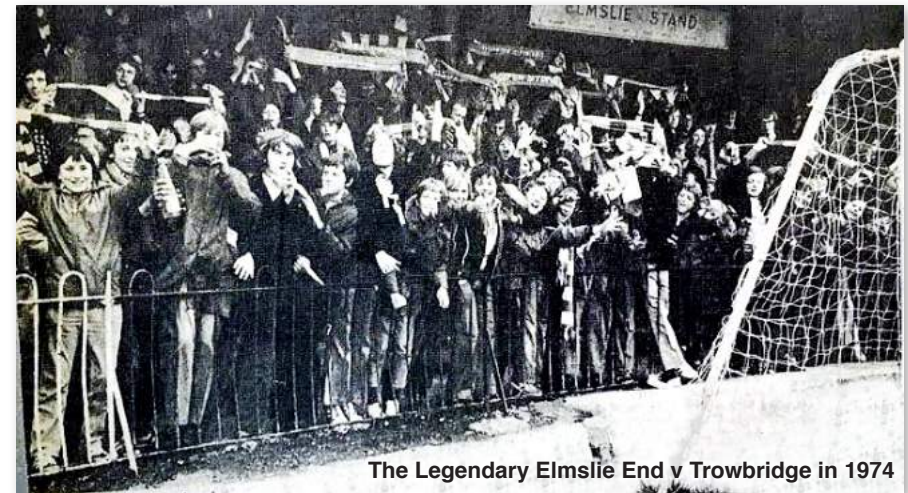
said that they will not arrest any Spurs fans for using the word, yet opposing fans doing exactly the same will be arrested and prosecuted. Whilst Spurs fans in the defence of using the word commonly use context, other teams' supporters scream hypocrisy in return. If they use it, why can't we, is the common refrain. I still think it is incongruous the sight of gentiles singing "Y'd army" in somehow solidarity with their fellow fans. It may be an age thing even with Spurs fans as a couple of my business partners are season ticket holders there and they are very uncomfortable with the term, whilst their children have no problem with it at all. I appreciate it is complicated.

Indeed The World Jewish Congress, the Board of Deputies of British Jews amongst other Jewish organisations have all called upon Spurs to clamp down on the use of the word. I can't see how it is acceptable in the same way as you wouldn't use the N word or the P word. There should not be context. It is either right or wrong. It isn't any more acceptable for Spurs fans to use as it is for other clubs. Much of Y word coming to the fore again occurred after incidents at Chelsea this season, though this isn't limited to Chelsea at all by any stretch of the imagination. There's a Chelsea song which ends with a line "... Tottenham are a bunch of y@@ds."

Chelsea, a club owned by a Russian Jew, have come out strongly against anti-Semitism in the past and are at the forefront in this country with education campaigns on the matter, even taking some people accused of such behaviour to Auschwitz to educate them on the horrors of the Holocaust. There's a third generation Chelsea supporting freelance journalist, Dan Levene, who also happens to be Jewish, who has been highlighting the fact that the song continues to be sung at games. He's not just started highlighting the fact recently and has been doing so for some time, but it seems to have reached the social conscious this season. Unsurprisingly he has had no end of stick on social media and even songs sung about him at games. Not sure how he hears all these songs though being sung from the press box as I have certainly been to Chelsea matches, especially away from home, where he has said the song was sung, when it clearly wasn't. That's a distraction as it clearly has been sung on occasions and the calling out has had an effect and the line as was is barely used now and only by the proverbial very small minority deliberately courting controversy.

Those of us that watched Wealdstone in the eighties will recall our matches with

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The Legendary Elmslie End v Trowbridge in 1974

# The Elmslie Ender

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Enfield and the songs that were sung when we played them. I am certainly not someone who judges past times by more modern day morals and sensibilities, but thinking back they were horrendous. Let's not kid ourselves, the vast majority of our supporters used to sing them. At Wealdstone we have a large Jewish following, unsurprising when you look at our local hinterland, which covers parts of the country with the highest Jewish populations. When you talk to Jewish Stones fans about those times, you get a mixed reaction on how they felt. From wanting to walk out, feeling very uncomfortable to not caring too much. Why Enfield and anti-semitic songs? Well back in the 80s, Wealdstone, Enfield and Barnet were three of the biggest non-league clubs in the country and by dint of geography and where

**'back in the 80s, Wealdstone, Enfield and Barnet were three of the biggest non-league clubs in the country'**

the big London clubs took their support from, Wealdstone were little Chelsea, Enfield Spurs and Barnet Arsenal and that probably tells you why?

How did it stop? It was actually down to Martin Lacey, co-editor of the EE fanzine. In the first edition he made a bold statement for those times that it should stop now. It didn't straight away, so in the next edition he said it again and this time, it did stop and for good. The power of calling it out worked.

As with racism we all have a responsibility to call it when anti-Semitism occurs. On the isolated incident when it did rear

its head, by some loon who reappeared from back in the day, singing the song in our Yeading/Edgware days, it was shut down immediately. We rightly have a proud record at Wealdstone.

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# Supporters' Scene

BY ADAM EDWARDS



**G**ood afternoon one and all and welcome to The Vale for this afternoon's game versus Dulwich Hamlet. We trust every fan has a pleasant stay here with us in the heart of Middlesex and also has time to share a drink with the supporters in the clubhouse after the game. Victor has asked me to say a special hello to Dulwich Mishi who has kept him company on many of his own ground hopping adventures. We hope you continue to make a speedy recovery.

As we enter the twilight of another season, talk on the terraces and various social media outlets always seems to turn to the same sort of chatter about which players will be kept, which binned or let go, how much the budget will be next season, what league we will be plying our trade in, what will the new kit look like, will we sign this player or that player, who will be on or off the board, will everything be fine or will we run out of money. Nothing seems to change, just the importance different people put on these various issues. Whilst for most the summer is time to earn those 'football tokens' by spending time with the family, I can assure you these few months are always busy. The football club keeps ticking over whether it be the band of volunteers carrying out ground and maintenance works through the hot summer weekends, BBQ's for Wembley fans on numerous occasions such as the FA Cup and play-off finals, not to mention the club officials beavering away to get ready for the start of next season or the boys and girls at Programme Towers preparing stats, articles and arguing over which font to use of the front covers. Whilst there are always people willing to pitch in a few hours, it is always worth stressing that extra help is always needed. You don't need to be an expert tradesman or Michelin starred chef. There are jobs for everyone whether it is waving a paint brush or simply taking money for burgers. The BBQ's are particularly good earners for the football club (via the Supporters club) which in the end all goes back into the club and helps get the players you want to see out on the pitch. So, if you can spare a few hours please let us know when the call goes out for helpers as your help is invaluable.

**Paul Canoville & Nigel Spackman** – It is probably not too late to pick up a ticket for tonight's Supporters Club fundraising dinner with these two Chelsea Heroes. If last year's Fish & Chip dinner with Kerry Dixon was anything to go by it should be a great night. Ask behind the bar or any committee member

and I am sure we would be happy to let you have ticket.

**SALE SALE SALE** – Only two games to go to pick yourself up a bargain from the Megastore. There are several items available at much

reduced prices including home and white away shirts for £20 each (hurry as these have almost completely gone), various Blue, White & black Zouk Polo Shirts (also £20 each), Wealdstone mugs are available for a few pounds (see marked prices), T-Shirts are priced at £11 each, The Wealdstone Kits Tea Towel could be yours for £3.50 reduced from five pound each, as well as mini club pennants (£4) and mini car scarves reduced from £7.50 & on sale for £6 each. Finally, why not keep time ticking over with one of our two Wealdstone FC Clocks reduced from £15 to £12 each. Pop inside the store (behind the dugouts) to see what takes your fancy.

**Or Maybe** – if none of the sale items take your fancy why not try one of our water bottles (£4), a vast range of Stones mugs (£5) available in a multitude of colours, fridge magnets (£2), 1985 Trophy final DVD with commentary (£8), 1966 final DVD (£10), Steve Foster Artwork Canvas (£12), Wealdstone fan Lives here plaques (£7), Coasters (£3 or 4 for £10), or one of the Wealdstone Pint glasses (£10).

**New to the Megastore** – In recent weeks we have seen the arrival of some new Wealdstone hats / beanies. If you want something slightly less blue (& without a bobble) then these black and grey beanies are perfect, especially as this British weather can't decide whether it is time to warm up yet. Both are very stylish and reasonable priced at £10 each.

**Fergie Moore Book** – Fergus Moore's book 'And Sometimes the Dog was Busy' is still available and included in the sale for £8 a copy. It has already proved exceedingly popular this season and an enjoyable read on the life of a lower league football player. Fergie has even signed every copy.

**Golden Girl** – Mim will be selling Golden Goals just inside the ground for your chance to scoop an extra £50 for the first goal scored or £10 for the last goal. If you are lucky enough to win, pop into the Megastore at the end of the game to collect your prize from Mim.

**Come on you Stones and don't forget to bring your wallets.**

Adam

# The Hamlet view

**'We lost our ground but got it back again... It feels great to be home so I doff my cap to the Old Skool Stones fans who pine for Lower Mead'**



Dulwich fans get behind their team at the 'new' Champion Hill and (below) Mishi Morath

**YOU DON'T** see too many opposition fans at The Vale, and even when you do it's hard to accurately assess the numbers unless segregation is in place. Torquay, for example were clocked at just under 300 through the Megastore side turnstiles - impressive numbers and we're hoping to see at least 200 Dulwich fans here today.

The Hamlet's support has mushroomed (magic mushroomed, some might say) over the past half dozen years and now they are back, firmly ensconced at Champion Hill, they are pulling in around 3,000 for most home games. Last time we faced Hamlet here at the Vale we were on the way to winning the Ryman Prem title, 1,200 were in the ground and the 250-strong 'Dulwich Rabble' support provided a spectacle with flares,

**songs and their inimitable voodoo stick! Let's hope the Hamlet can fight off relegation as the NLS badly needs the presence of this quirky club.**

**So, back in March 2014, Dulwich super-fan Mishi Morath wrote an emotive piece for this programme and - despite having suffered a heart attack recently - he's come up trumps again...**

**C**liché corner: Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Well I don't know about you, unless you're a 'recent' convert to The Stones - as in you are a post-Ruislip fan - then your current abode will never feel the same as the dear departed Lower Mead, which if you're of a certain generation that is the home that is in your heart and what you will forever pine for.

It's similar for us Old Skool



## MISHI MORATH

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20.04.2019

Dulwich Hamlet fans who were brought up on the decaying, sweeping but still both emotional and sensational vast cinder terracing of the old Champion Hill (pictured below).

What I still call 'the new ground' (despite it now being over a quarter of a century old) is home, but it's never really felt like that...until it's taken away from you.

Now we haven't suffered like you Stones fans as we were only away from home for nine months or so. I genuinely doff my footballing cap (metaphorically, as I don't actually wear one) for your not months but decades in the wilderness at Watford, Yeading, Edgware and Northwood; not to mention having a your potential new home being pulled from under you by Barnet.

But boy oh boy, did it hurt! The vast majority of those nine months affected me much more than I should probably admit - we blokes and we don't talk about those things do we?

But put it this way, it's a safe assumption to say that if we had gone out of existence not only would I not be typing this today because I wouldn't have a club to write

I wouldn't be able to type as I'd in all probability be doing a long stretch as a 'guest' of Her Majesty as payback for punishing one or two greedy property developers for having killed my beloved Dulwich Hamlet.

All hypothetical, as it never came to that... as it is, the people responsible for evicting us have achieved the unachievable: I've now got a love and an affinity for the current Champion Hill, as you never really cherish something until you lose it...and as a lifelong Labour voter I have as one of my political heroes the ex-Tory Sports Minister Tracy Crouch who was one of those instrumental in bringing The Hamlet home!

There's another old cliché, one oft-quoted from the late Bill Shankley & that goes along the lines of 'Football isn't about life & death, it's far more important than that!'

And it's fair to say that being as Dulwich Hamlet supporter has defined and made me the person that I am, though I'm not entirely sure if that is a good thing or not! There are Wealdstone fans for whom it must be the same.

The strange thing about football & life and death is that football recently saved my life. For those of you who know me, sorry to bore you as you've heard the details. I had a day off work visiting a friend down in Kent at the beginning of February as he lives close to the football ground of the Royal Engineers, who play under the auspices of the Army FA, so I sometimes use the 'excuse' of their occasional home games to pop down and see him.

To cut a long story short I keeled over and had a heart attack, which in all probability anywhere else would have seen me brown bread, but for the wonderful soldiers who performed CPR on me until the ambulance arrived to whisk me away to intensive care. I'm slowly on the mend. It's not easy, but I will get there, a bit like The Hamlet in our first season in the heady heights of National League South. Again, like myself, some of this season has been grim and certainly not pretty, but while we're not lying at the bottom there's hope, and even though

as I type this just under a fortnight before you're reading this programme, we're not safe from relegation, I'm pretty sure that my team will pull through in the end.

But you know, if we were to be relegated it wouldn't be the end...for I think with the huge crowds we are pulling in we now have the resources to mount another Isthmian title challenge if we ever do the 'dreaded drop'. But for the moment I'm more than happy to stay up and I genuinely believe some of the players have under-performed this season and that come August we can crack on, just as you yourselves here at Wealdstone have done.

We may be like chalk and cheese when it comes to support, but underneath we are very similar: Loyal supporters who care passionately about their club. I like to think deep down we both respect each other, the only difference being we leave the Stone Island clobber to you lot!

**Mishi**

(I think he means Ted Baker - Ed)





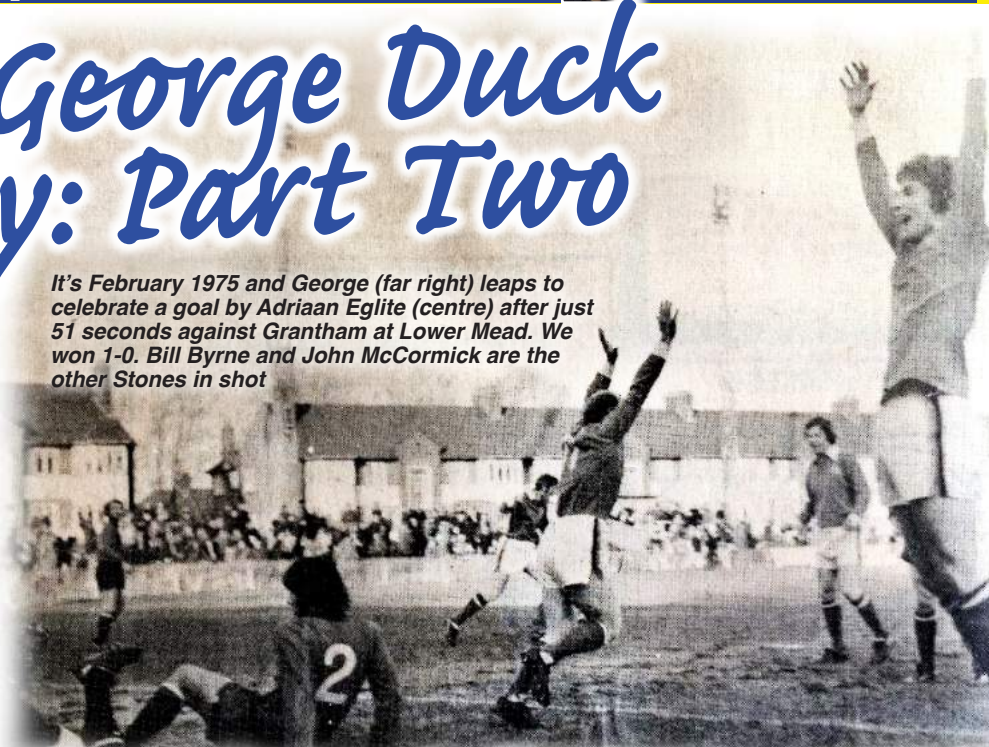


# The George Duck Story: Part Two

*It's February 1975 and George (far right) leaps to celebrate a goal by Adriaan Eglite (centre) after just 51 seconds against Grantham at Lower Mead. We won 1-0. Bill Byrne and John McCormick are the other Stones in shot*

*In the last home programme we kicked off the tale of the Stones' greatest-ever goalscorer: George Duck, who netted 251 times in just seven seasons, between 1972 and 1979.*

*Part One covered his youthful career as a Spurs schoolboy, and his short-lived pro career at Millwall and Southend before making "The best decision of my life" and signing for Sid Prosser at Wealdstone...*



**Above: George makes his point by heading a goal as Stones beat a strong Millwall side 3-1 in a London Challenge Cup replay in 1972.. having been let go a year earlier**

“One of the great things about Wealdstone was the banter and camaraderie - so different from my experiences in the professional game. I'd like to share some Great Wealdstone Memories...

“I'll never forget a 0-2 defeat at the very strong Bath side in October 1974 - me and Bill Byrne were both injured and had to sit the game out in the stand, and we had other players missing too, so to keep it at 0-0 into the last ten minutes was quite something. But then they scored a lucky goal and the big crowd erupted. And then an undeserved penalty in the last moments of the game.

“Our lads came off the pitch and John McCormick, our big, craggy Scottish centre back - who'd played in Division One for Crystal Palace under the Bath manager that day, Bert Head - took exception to the crowd's merriment and he wanted to go up into the seats and fight every last

one of them. He was going mad, nostrils flaring, screaming: 'Attack the terraces!' - if he'd had a claymore it could have been dangerous!

“We managed to finally grab hold of him and he never lived it down - we never stopped laughing because it was so out of character. But boy, was he ever a hard player... there was one away game at Dover when he came off injured and I remember him stamping his foot down in the car park, just as we were getting on the coach for the return journey saying "Don't worry lads, I'll be okay for Saturday." But come the weekend he turned up with his leg was in plaster of Paris from his ankle to his thigh.. he'd broken his leg! Rest in peace big John.

“Then there was the time when we were training on a wet, filthy night at the territorial army drill hall just opposite the ground - it wasn't a big place and it had a big ornamental clock high on the wall above

the five a side goals. Well, Paul Fairclough, who was one for the ladies, was showing off a bit and hit this shot so hard that it smashed the clock. Obliterated it, leaving glass everywhere! Sid Prosser (the manager) was furious and shouted that 'Cyril' was 'all c\*\*\*k and no brains' and we fell about laughing, it was hilarious. Sid blasted at us: "That's it, put the balls away, you're out running instead." Nice one Cyril.

“Barnet was a horrible place to go, a terrible pitch at Underhill and fans who always gave me stick.. they did make me laugh one Boxing Day, though. I'd scored and they were threatening they'd cut me up. 'Orange sauce, orange sauce, orange sauce' they sang - for a Duck, that's quite original.

“Football wise, one of my best memories was playing in Eric Burgess' testimonial against the Wolves first team in 1975. Eric's sister in law was Anthea Redfearn,

Bruce Forsyth's wife and what a night that was! Bruce kicked off the game, but then it got serious and I had the pleasure of playing up front with Jimmy Greaves, who was my all-time hero at Spurs. Wolves played for keeps, and had John Richards, Mike Bailey, Kenny Hibbitt, Phil Parkes and all their Div One stars on show and they beat us 5-2 - but I managed to get both our goals (one header, one penalty) and I was told afterwards that Greavesie had sung my praises. That's one accolade I will take to my grave.”

“The FA Cup run of 1977-78 was fantastic to be a part of. The club had never reached the Third Round before (or since) and the 3-2 win at Hereford United in the First Round replay was a great night... I have mixed feelings because as a striker you want to be getting among the goals and it was Pat Ferry (2) and Bobby Moss who stuck them away in that game. (Although it was George, as the heavily-marked dangerman, who created the space for that pair to score -Ed).

We've mentioned George's thrice-taken penalty over the win over Reading in Round Two, but his main memory of the famous game at QPR in the Third Round is tainted by illness. "I had a chest infection a couple of days before the game - I couldn't breathe properly and really I shouldn't have played, but the manager (Alan Fogarty)

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# GEORGE DUCK CONTINUED

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## COR, LUV A DUCK!

WEALDSTONE 2  
READING 1

By PAT GARROW

If you happen to be in the Harrow area and see men walking around 10 feet tall this week they're sure to be Wealdstone footballers.

They made club history by reaching the third round of the FA Cup with this well-deserved win over third Division Reading.

And what a reward for the boys who were on a £30 wage bonus. They drew Queen's Park Rangers at Twickenham - a draw that was hailed with delight by Keith Furphy, scorer of Stone's opening goal.

He said: "I was on Rangers' books but didn't see eye-to-eye with Frank Riley, now their manager. So I joined Wealdstone."

But the man who really left Reading up the creek was George Duck.

Leading scorer Duck put Stone two up with a three-goal display after Lewis brought down Moss in the 22nd minute. Reading hit back a minute later through Barlow, their goal being of the previous round.

But this wasn't their day. After 10 minutes at Furphy had scored direct from a sixth-minute corner, they never looked happy and finished the match having Stone's career off with a knee injury.

Reading manager Alan Pearty said: "We did a bit of everything in midweek about not having a chance. We knew we



NOW FOR QPR!—Keith Furphy (in the hat) and George Duck toast their Wealdstone

was insistent. I saw the video of their first goal the other day and I was on the spot and might have put in a challenge on Don Givens as he headed the ball goalwards - maybe if I'd been fit I might have done better. Although it was a soft header that put us behind.

"In fact I was ill for two of the biggest games in my time at Wealdstone - that one at QPR, and then for the home last-16 Trophy game with South Shields in 1974 when I had bronchitis. No chance of me playing in that one - we could only draw and then lost the replay - and I felt we had a really good chance of getting to Wembley that season.

"Other memories pop into my head unbidden... I remember the home game against Dagenham in the FA Cup 3rd Qual in 1975, on the way to playing Aldershot away in the First Round. That Dagenham side were one of the best in the Isthmian League but we were in

such great form at home I knew we had a good chance... we pummelled them in the second half but it stayed at 0-0, then Bobby Moss (a truth athlete, a committed player with a knack for scoring important goals) got the crucial first goal and with ten minutes left I got the ball on the edge of the penalty arc at the Cinema End and hit it right-footed off my laces just inside the near post Ian Huttley. The crowd went absolutely mental!

“A year later, in the Fourth Qualifying Round we took on Maidstone United who were favourites. Jimmy McVeigh, who later played for us, gave them the lead but I managed to head an equalizer at the Cinema End.

"Then the second half was all Maidstone until Willie (Watson) got hold of the ball in midfield and showed what a terrific player he was, getting away from tackles and hitting a fierce shot that their keeper Derek Bellotti only half-saved. And who was there for the rebound? Me! I banged

the ball into the net and then went and stood on that stone wall at the Elmslie End, up against the railings with my arms outstretched while the crowd celebrated... what a brilliant moment!"

As the 1970s wore on George was still scoring 25-30 goals a season but it was becoming more and more of a lone furrow. Eddie Presland and his No.2 Terry Dyson paid the price for a terrible second half of the 1975-76 season - the team slipping into the Southern Prem relegation zone just a few months after a glorious autumn had taken us up to third in the table - and were sacked after a 4-1 defeat at fellow strugglers Hillingdon Borough.

"I felt bad for Eddie & Terry but then the new managerial team of Geoff Coleman and Alan Fogarty straightened things out. We had a few good seasons but I had this nagging feeling that my best years were slipping away and I desperately, desperately wanted to play at Wembley. And win a trophy.

"Tell you what probably tipped me into leaving Wealdstone - it was a phone call from Eddie Presland, who had taken over as manager at Dagenham with Terry again as his No.2, just after he had been beaten in the FA Trophy semi-final by Kettering. They had been beaten by a Billy Kellock goal - they had come that close to Wembley.

"Eddie called me and said 'George, you are our missing link. If we had you in the team we can get to Wembley next year - I'm convinced of it'.

"Well, I was still working at Willesden High School and every day we drove past the twin towers on the way to taking the kids to matches and training, and that pretty much made my mind up. I had lost faith in Wealdstone ever getting there and so when Eddie put an offer in, I told the Stones I wanted to leave. Nothing to do with travelling, as Wealdstone were moving into the Alliance Premier League that summer - that was just a coincidence - it was entirely down to my ambition and,



One of my favourite all-time Stones pictures: Keith Furphy's right-wing corner is just about to drop into the Reading net and George (right) is ready to celebrate

as it turned out, that decision gave me my greatest moment in football."

The reaction among the Stones faithful was one of resignation. George had been such a brilliant, selfless servant of the club for seven years and nobody begrudged him the chance of a fresh start - personally, I thought the team had become too reliant on one man to score the goals and that it might actually give the opportunity for youngsters like Nigel Johnson and Neil Cordice to shine.

The management weren't happy, however. George was told he couldn't train with the first team while negotiations with Dagenham were ongoing. He had the indignity of turning out for the reserves in a Saturday morning pre-season friendly with Hendon Reserves at Lower Mead - a game that I remember well as I was trialling for the Rubs and had the thrill of playing for 20 minutes on the same pitch as the great George!

Within the next couple of days he was transferred to Dagenham and the money

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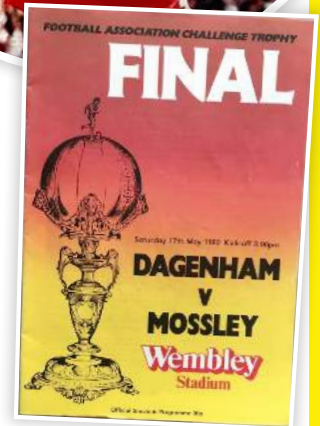
immediately used to sign influential midfielder Robin Wainwright from Hillingdon Borough ... a signing that turned out to have as much impact on the Stones fortunes in the next half-dozen years as George had at Dagenham.

"I hadn't realised the club transferred Robin at the same time" said George. "I was always impressed by him every time we played - great passer, great tackler, a very clever player and he should have had a longer career at Luton in the League. I played against him a lot of times"

**B**ut now George had to prove himself to a whole new set of fans. "If I was nervous about getting off on the right foot for Wealdstone when I was 20, it was actually harder as a recognised goalscorer in non-League at the age of 27", he confessed. "Dagenham had bought a player who was supposed to guarantee them goals - I had a reputation that I had to live up to, and those first couple



*Moment of glory:  
George after scoring*



*Right: The Wembley programme that glorious afternoon*

step to Wembley. And in the third round they forced a 1-1 draw at Burton Albion before winning the replay 3-1 at the Victoria Ground with Duck, Joe Dunwell and Chris Maycock the scorers.

George scored twice as the powerful Nuneaton side were removed 3-2 in the last eight.... and semi-final opponents Woking were simply blown away as Kidd (2) and Jimmy Holder set up a 3-1 away win, and Kidd (2), Maycock and Roche rubber-stamped the Wembley place in a 4-1 second leg win - 7-2 on aggregate!

Now, knowing George as we do, was his lack of confidence raising its ugly head again? Did he fear not playing his part in

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of months were tricky as the team wasn't really gelling and I wasn't scoring.

"But, a bit like the turning point for me at Wealdstone, we had an early FA Trophy match away at Dorchester that could have been a banana skin but Eddie said to me 'You'll see a different Dagenham today - the players will all have their serious heads on. They'll be focused'.

"And that is exactly what happened. We won 1-0 and I got the goal from close range, and from that moment I was okay".

He was, of course, rather better than okay. George's goals helped lift the Daggers to fifth place in the Isthmian League (behind Enfield, Walthamstow, Dulwich Hamlet and Sutton) and he shared almost 70 goals with strike partner Ricky Kidd.

Dagenham travelled to Cheshire to smash Stalybridge Celtic 5-0 on their next



*Fantastic pictures as George (No.9) leaps to head Dagenham into the lead at Wembley and then (main picture) runs to take the acclaim of the huge Dagggers support*

## GEORGE DUCK CONTINUED

the Trophy final after not scoring in the whitewash of Woking?

"No, I think those demons were behind me by then. Despite not scoring in the 5-0 win at Stalybridge, that was one of my best-ever performances and I was just happy to set goals up for the others. Same story in the semi-final.

"But as for the Wembley final... I just loved the whole day. We were buzzing with confidence.

We had a stack of good luck telegrams in the changing room, including one from Wealdstone via 'Guinness Ray' (Ray Corner) and I've since found out that there were dozens and dozens of Stones fans in the crowd willing me to do well, and finally win the Trophy.

"We knew Mossley were going to be tough opposition - and we knew that Northern Premier League clubs had won the Trophy every single one of the ten seasons it had been going except the one year when two Southern clubs were in the final. So the odds were weighted against us... and we didn't mind that.

**“W**e had a couple of changes from our normal line-up - midfielder Mark Wright (father of the TOWIE star of the same name) had banged his head in a car accident two weeks before the game and missed out, together with midfielder Jimmy Holder who hurt his knee in the semi-final.

"That left an opening for Joey Durrell to come into the side in midfield. Joey was quick, left-sided (ex West Ham) with knees like pistons and we had an understanding, so when he made that early run in the inside right position I knew he would check inside before crossing with his left foot. That gave me just enough time to get between the centre-halves and when Joe's cross arrived where I expected it, it was second nature to leap and redirect a powerful header into the postage stamp (top right hand corner).

"As soon as I headed it, I knew I'd scored. My inner 'geography' told me where the goal was, where the keeper



**George (far left, front row) celebrates with the Dagers... what you can't see, ringed on Ricky Kidd's head, is the hat with "Duck Walks On Water" written on it!**

was and it was the best feeling in the world to know I'd headed the opening goal in a Wembley Final.

"I just took off on a run behind the goal to where all the Dagenham fans were, in that big arc of terracing, and I can't describe it, I really can't describe the feeling.

"It was the greatest moment in my career, undoubtedly. My formative days, my best days were at Wealdstone, but winning the Trophy was something I'd always wanted to do and it was a dream come true".

George might have had a hat-trick in the first half at Wembley as he overshadowed his strike partner Ricky Kidd. "Ricky was a feisty, stocky, tenacious player and he knew where the goal was. But he was gutted at not scoring in the Final and he let me know it!

"I had an early shot blocked on the line - I thought I'd scored - and then just on half time I got up to win a header and saw it stopped by an arm on the goalline, but the ref Ken Baker said I'd won the ball illegally.

"That might have been a crucial decision because Ian Smith equalized for Mossley just after the break. But happily Chrissy Maycock popped up with a winner in the last ten minutes and we'd done it.

"I was totally drained after the game. I could hardly stand up. But I'd played and won at Wembley. And scored a goal. Life couldn't get better than that!"

**In the next programme Final Part 3: Why I joined H\*\*\*\*w B\*\*\*\*h**



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MATCH	SPONSORS
<b>WESTON-SUPER-MARE</b> Saturday, 4th August Vanarama National League South	Sentinel7
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<b>TRURO CITY</b> Saturday, 1st September Vanarama National League South	Optima Site Solutions
<b>CHELMSFORD CITY</b> Saturday, 15th September Vanarama National League South	Optima Site Solutions
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<b>HAMPTON &amp; RICHMOND</b> Saturday, 13th October Vanarama National League South	David Leigh
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<b>TORQUAY UNITED</b> Saturday, 27th October Vanarama National League South	The Jeffresons & Martin Allen Diamond Comic Distributors
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<b>EASTBOURNE BOROUGH</b> Saturday, 1st December Vanarama National League South	Preston Manor Century Boys

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<b>SLOUGH TOWN</b> Wednesday, 26th December Vanarama National League South	Sentinel7
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<b>ST ALBANS CITY</b> Saturday, 16th February Vanarama National League South	GPF Lewis PLC
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<b>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN</b> Saturday, 27th April Vanarama National League South	The Weiner Family SFC Wealdstone

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- = Yellow Card
- = Red Card
- ⊠ = 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	Billericay 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	Mitchell	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	Sheppard	Brown	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	Sheppard	
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	2-1	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	Shomotun	Wilson	Shomotun	Monakana	Mensah	Sheppard	
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	Mensah	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	Shomotun	Smith	Pratt	Green	Monakana	Hudson-Odoi	Wilson	Mensah	Regis	Shomotun	
15	Biggleswade Town	FAT1P	1-2	258	11	North	Sheppard	Okimo	Stevens	Wilson	Poku	Mensah	Smith	Pratt	McKeown	Green	Wilson	Samizadeh	Monakana	Regis	Shomotun	
26	SLOUGH TOWN	NLS	0-3	1,059	12	North	Sheppard	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Lench	Smith	Pratt	Green	Monakana	Wilson	Hudson-Odoi	Smith	Obi	Kovalkowski	
29	OXFORD CITY	NLS	0-2	711	14	North	Sheppard	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Wilson	Poku	Smith	Poku	Pratt	Green	Monakana	Wilson	Hudson-Odoi	Mensah	Lench	McKeown	
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	Wilson	Smith	Obi	Sheppard	
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	
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5	Truro City	NLS	2-1	251	8	North	Clark	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Smith	Monakana	Mitchell	McKeown	Paterson	Azeez	
16	ST ALBANS CITY	NLS	2-2	1,001	9	North	Sheppard	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Smith	Monakana	Mitchell	McKeown	Brown	Azeez	
23	Eastbourne Borough	NLS	3-0	720	8	North	Sheppard	Medford-Smith	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Smith	Pratt	Green	Monakana	Mensah	Paterson	Mitchell	McKeown	Brown	
25	BILLERICAY TOWN	NLS	1-1	906	8	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Brown	Smith	Mitchell	Azeez	Monakana	McKeown	
MARCH																						
2	Gloucester City	NLS	0-0	396	8	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Smith	Monakana	Paterson	McKeown	McKeown	Brown	Tyler
5	Weston-super-Mare	NLS	5-0	546	8	North	Tyler	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Smith	Sheppard	Paterson	McKeown	Brown	Paterson	
9	WELLING UNITED	NLS	1-3	811	8	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Brown	Smith	Paterson	Tyler	Aziz	Cox	
16	Bath City	NLS	1-1	966	9	North	Sheppard	Grant	Stevens	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Mensah	Pratt	Green	Brown	Monakana	Paterson	Clark	Antwi		
23	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	1-0	902	8	North	Tyler	Grant	Smith	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Brown	Pratt	Green	Sheppard	Moankana	Mensah	Azeez	Clark	Paterson	
30	Torquay United	NLS	2-3	2934	9	North	Tyler	Grant	Smith	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Brown	Pratt	Green	Sheppard	Pratt	Azeez	Mensah	Clark	Paterson	
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6	EAST THURROCK UTD	NLS	3-0	764	9	North	Tyler	Grant	Smith	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Monakana	Pratt	Green	Sheppard	Brown	Mensah	Azeez	Clark	Paterson	
13	Hampton & Richmond	NLS	1-2	725	9	North	Tyler	Grant	Smith	Okimo	Poku	Allarakhia	Brown	Pratt	Green	Mensah	Pratt	Azeez	Azeez	Clark	Paterson	
20	DULWICH HAMLET	NLS	---	---	---																	
22	Chelmsford City	NLS																				
27	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TN	NLS																				



**FRIENDLIES 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

# 2002: Stones honoured to be the last opponents for Tooting as they leave Sandy Lane



Biggest crowd for years... the crumbling terraces Sandy Lane are pretty full for the last game

17 YEARS AGO

**Saturday April 20 2002, Ryman League Division One: Tooting & Mitcham 3 Wealdstone 2**

**T**HIS was a dark, terrible season ('my worst in management' according to boss Gordon Bartlett, seven years into his 22 campaigns with the Stones) that ended with glimpses of sunshine.

Not so much this defeat at Tooting, who were playing their last-ever game at the atmospheric old Sandy Lane ground, but the discovery of several quite brilliant youth team players who had fought their way into the first team squad and ended the season promising hope for the future.

With a negligible budget, the nurturing of gems like Jermaine Beckford, Marvin Morgan, Tunji Bamgbola, Guled Aden, Joe O'Regan and goalkeeper David Godfrey was the only way forward for Bartlett - although he often seemed reticent to play the youngsters.

This 3-2 defeat in front of a 968 crowd (boosted by the nostalgia-mongers, the second-highest gate in the Ryman Div One that season) was more a case of the old guard as we lined up with Andy Carter in goal; Kevin Ramsey, Matt Perry, Fergus Moore and Justin Bowen across the back four; Carl Hunt, Martin

Carter and Joel Marie-Sainte in midfield; and Mickey Swaysland, Marvin Morgan and Bryan Hammett offering the goal threat. Jason Shaw, Lee Walker and Tunji Bamgbola were on the bench.

As Roy Couch wrote in his programme notes the following week: "It was Tooting's last game at their home of 70 years and, of course, we did the decent thing by losing 3-2".

Steve Symes put The Terras ahead after nine minutes to excite the large crowd, only for young Matt Perry to level things up from the penalty spot just after half time. Two quick strikes from home striker Nigel Webb around the hour mark seemed to have put the game to bed, but Bryan Hammett had the distinction of netting the last goal at Sandy Lane to give the scoreline a closer look than it really deserved.

**D**efeat was not so unusual for us that season: After winning six of the first ten games we looked set for a tilt at promotion, only to tail off alarmingly with just one league win (at Bromley just before Christmas) in 23 games! But Bartlett may be didn't help himself by sticking stubbornly to

the same players - the mould was broken with a home game against league leaders Aylesbury at the White Lion ground when he was forced to play young Dave Godfrey in goal and gangling teenager 'Starvin' Marvin Morgan up front... we won 1-0 with Morgan netting with an audacious shot on the run, while the tall and athletic Godfrey defied The Ducks almost single-handed.

Three days later the story was repeated at high-flying Bognor, Martin Carter scoring the goal and Godfrey providing the heroics - and it would have been a hat-trick as we led 1-0 at Whyteleafe the following Saturday before the game was abandoned in a downpour.

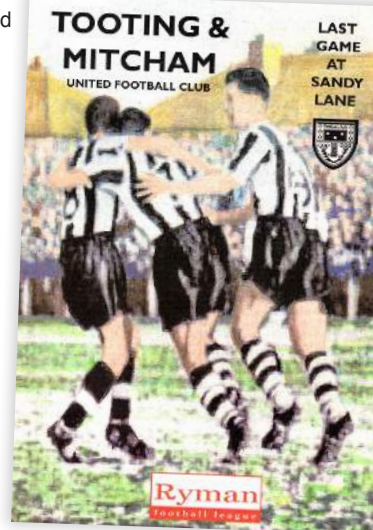
What happened when regular keeper Andy Carter was fit again? Yes, he went straight back into the team and we lost 3-1 at home to Thame.

There followed one win in the next seven games until Godfrey was reinstated for the last game of the season against Staines at the White Lion Ground - where he kept another clean sheet as we won 1-0.

The penny seemed to drop as GB then fielded all his outstanding youngsters (including an outrageously talented front line of Beckford, Morgan and Bamgbola) in the Middlesex Charity Cup Final against the newly-formed Enfield Town at Brook House, and was so nearly rewarded as were denied victory by a combination of rank bad luck and poor finishing from the penalty spot as the game went to a shoot-out after finishing 1-1 after extra time.

**T**he occasion of Tooting's last game prompted When Saturday Comes to send along reporter Andy Lyons, and this was his take on the afternoon....

**"A Ryman League First Division fixture between Tooting & Mitcham and Wealdstone wouldn't normally draw a thousand people, or anywhere near. Most of the crowd on April 20 had come specifically to see the last competitive match at Sandy Lane, Tooting's home since 1932 and the last of the big non-League grounds left in London. Chairman John Buffoni has taken**



*the brave step of striking a business deal with Ron Noades, as a result of which the club will begin next season at a new stadium built on Crystal Palace's old training ground two miles away across south London.*

*The sale of Sandy Lane to developers has enabled the club to stay in business, but many will be sad to see it go the way of other famous grounds from the heyday of the amateur Isthmian League. Green Pond Road, home of Walthamstow Avenue since 1900, disappeared*

*1990 years ago when the club was swallowed up as part of the multiple mergers that created Dagenham & Redbridge.*

*Dulwich Hamlet moved out of the vast Champion Hill in 1991 and are now based at a much smaller ground with the same name. Kingstonian, in administration after relegation from the Conference, left their old ground, Richmond Road, in 1989 for Kings Meadow, which is itself attracting interest from the aforementioned Ron Noades, seeking a new home for Brentford.*

*Today's visitors, Wealdstone, have fallen a long way since winning the non-League Double of Conference and FA Trophy in 1985, and no longer have a home of their own, a fact touched on by some Tooting fans: "We've got two grounds, you've got none."*

As a footnote, this wasn't the first time that Wealdstone had just happened to be the last team to visit a historic old ground.

On April 26 2008 we became Hendon's last opponents as they quit Claremont Road (and we won 2-1, spoiling their Ryman Prem play-off chances) while on Bank Holiday Monday, May 2, 2011, we beat Hanworth Villa in the Middlesex Charity Cup Final - which was the last game played at Hayes' old Church Road ground.

Hendon are still groundsharing (at Kingsbury) while Hayes, like Tooting, have a new ground... but somehow they're just not the same.

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



**LATEST RESULT** - Wednesday 10th April 2019 - Grosvenor Vale

**Wealdstone 4 - 1 Hayes & Yeading** Lopes 25, 59 81 (pen) Bishop-Hodgkins 87

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	<b>Bedfont Sports</b>	14	11	2	1	52	23	35
2	<b>Camberley Town</b>	13	11	0	2	48	17	33
3	<b>Potters Bar Town</b>	12	8	4	0	27	16	28
4	<b>Staines Town</b>	15	8	1	6	43	32	25
5	<b>Aldershot Town</b>	15	5	4	6	40	35	19
6	<b>Wealdstone</b>	16	5	3	8	36	40	18
7	<b>Hampton &amp; Richmond</b>	14	4	3	7	29	44	15
8	<b>Hayes &amp; Yeading</b>	16	1	4	11	30	67	7
9	<b>Northwood</b>	15	1	1	13	16	47	4

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Carn	4-2		2-3		6-0	6-0	4-1	P-P	2-0	0-2
Ham			4-3	1-2		3-3	5-4	3-3	0-2	2-4
Hay	1-7		1-2	1-6	2-4		4-2	0-2	1-5	3-3
Nor	1-4		0-3	0-5	1-2	2-2		1-3		0-3
Pot	3-2					3-3	1-0		4-2	1-0
Sta	3-3		1-4	1-2	3-0	8-4	3-0	1-2		4-0
Wea	3-3		0-5	4-5	4-2	4-1	3-4	2-2	1-3	

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



# Fan in the Stand

**STEVE MOWLE**

**WEALDSTONE v DULWICH HAMLET  
20.04.2019**

*It's not often we have a fan who's the son of an ex-player.. but today it's the turn of Steve Mowle (whose dad was 1960s star George) to be faced with the spotlight...*

**W**hereabouts do you live Steve? I live very near by in Ruislip Manor with my wife and daughter, two dogs and a cat.

**Where do you work?**

I've been a bench carpenter and joiner since I left school, currently working in Brimsdown, Enfield for a large building company called Ardmore. I'm now 58 years old.

**What was the first Stones game you saw?**

Would have been at Lower Mead as a baby as my mum always went to watch dad playing. Think dad took me to a game when his friend Charlie Townsend was still playing, so maybe 70/71. Seems a bit vague but I did go to a lot of football as a kid.

**Why did you come to that first game?**

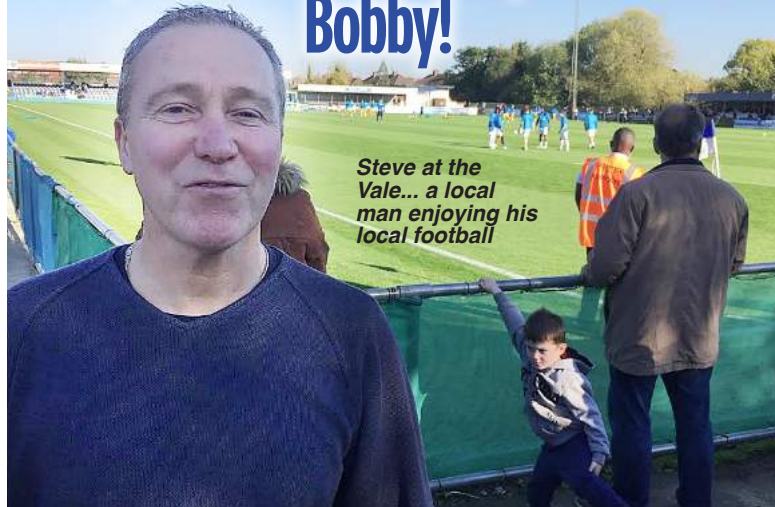
My dad was always encouraging me to play or watch football so when some mates from scouts thought it would be a laddish thing to do, off to Wealdstone we went. Around 1973/74.

**Do you follow another team?** At the age of seven I didn't really know my map of England so when George Best walked round the Benfica keeper I became another Cockney Red.

**Do you prefer lower League football?** I would say I prefer non-league, my pocket definitely does. I've never regularly watched United.

**Any drawbacks?** You do get wet if there's

**I used to play and my dad used to play, but now I just look forward to watching ..though I can get carried away sometimes. Sorry Bobby!**



*Steve at the Vale... a local man enjoying his local football*

not enough covered areas.

**How do you fit football in with your family life?** My wife and daughter know I'm unavailable between 2- 5 o'clock on home Saturdays, they are fine with it all unless they need a lift somewhere. Midweek games can be a rush getting back from Enfield.

**Is football a large part of your life?** Up until more recently you would have to say football has been a massive part of my life. I really look forward to going to the games and can get a bit carried away at times. Apologies to Bobby.

**What's the most memorable game**

**you've ever seen?** Not many to choose from live but I loved Mark Hughes volleyed equaliser against Oldham, semi-final FA cup at Wembley.

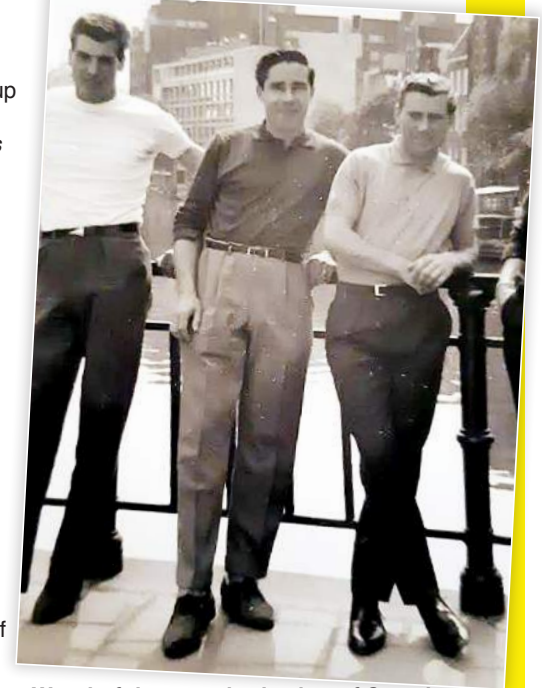
**...and most memorable Stones game, and moment?**

My own playing season had finished so I was at Wembley for the trophy final. Up alongside with the play off game at Dulwich. Thanks to fellow supporter and neighbour Richard Bird for the lift to the game. My favourite all time game though must be when we ripped into Braintree on a cold February evening back in 97. Wave upon wave of relentless attacking resulting in a 6:0 trashing of the then non-league minnow upstarts. Fantastic night and it proved important as we went on to clinch the title by a point.

**What gets your goat watching football?** Players conning the ref with bogus injuries.

**Have you played the game yourself?** Primary school Mount Stewart, 3rd Kenton cubs and scouts, Parkfield under14s, Hatch End FC (Sunday), then Ruislip Manor, Chalfont St Peter and a small spell at the social club up the road :) So you could say yes. I regret not trying to get a game for Wealdstone during my career but for most of it they were just too good for me to have a hope.

But you could put together quite a decent line-up from the ex-Stones players that I've played alongside: John Morton in goal (ex Ruislip Manor and Hatch End FC); Tom Murphy and Floyd Dennis (ex Chalfont), Fred Cummings and Andy Waddock (both Ruislip Manor), Mark Adams, Phil Dicker, Mark Hopson and Steve Fraser (all



*Wonderful atmospheric shot of Steve's dad George (centre) on a WFC tour to Amsterdam in 1962. Left is goalkeeper Bill Fowler and (right) Charlie Townsend. Below: George lifts the Middlesex Charity Cup for Wealdstone*

at Harrow Boro), James Moore (Hatch End) and Dylan Evans (also at Ruislip Manor). Subs would be Lance Pedlar and Billy Stagg (also Ruislip Manor) and Kenny Gayle of Hatch End.

**Any suggestions to improve your match-day at The Vale?**

Glad we've got a scoreboard again, really liked the old one when it was working. More covered standing areas.

**Favourite current line-up?**

North, Tyler, **CONTD OVERPAGE**



# STEVE MOWLE CONTINUED

WEALDSTONE v DULWICH HAMLET  
20.04.2019

Stevens, Okimo, Grant, Poku, Sheppard, Green, Allarakhia, Pratt, Bubba (when fit). subs Monakana, Smith, Mensah, Brown.

**...and favourite all-time line-up?** Jonathon North- has pulled off some stunning saves in his Stones career, long may it continue. Roy Davies - skilful full-back with an eye for goal. Paul Bowgett - Imperious backbone of double side. Alan Massey- hard to beat crowd favourite. Jerome Okimo - very reliable, deserves more credit than he gets. Danny Green - last minute selection, fabulous close skills, I'll forgive the missed penalties. Glen Little - for that one season you couldn't wait to see if he was playing, steered us to the Ryman title. Stuart Pearce - a man in boy's clothing, legend. Alan Cordice - on his day the fastest player in non-league. George Duck - non-league great, goal machine centre forward. Simon Garner - even at 37 he was great to watch. Subs Richard Jolly, Tom Pett, Brian Jones, Ryan Ash, Carl Homes.

**Favourite away trip?** I don't do many away trips but Brockenhurst away in the FA Cup in October 2015 has yet to be beaten. It was just about on our anniversary so I managed to talk the wife into booking a hotel near by for the night. We managed to check in well before kick off. I left the wife with some magazines to read and made the short walk round the corner to the ground. Great location, great weather, good result 5:1 or 5:2 I think, plus the goal of the season, Scott Davies from his own half. Fabulous weekend.

**What was your highlight of last season?** The trophy run saw some of our best performances, shame we fell a bit short against Brackley but the side did well getting to



Steve (ringed) with his Hatch End team mates... including Graham Sharpe (front row second left)

that semi-final.

**Best non-League ground you can remember?** Way back when they were still non-league, I did enjoy playing at Stevenage.

**Best stadium you've ever visited?** A bit of a let-down but it has to be Wembley. It is nice and local.

**Where do you watch the game at the Vale?** I usually stand just left of the away team dugout. Sometimes can be heard airing my views and willing the team on.

**What are your expectations this season?** I think we have done pretty well, if only we could be more dominant at home we would be right up there.

**What do you think of this programme?** As normal our programme leads the way.

**Favourite Fan in the Stand?** I really liked one last season from a guy who had gone to my cub pack in the seventies. I can't remember his name but I did track him down for a chat.

**What do you think of the bars and catering?** I've always liked the bars in the clubhouse.

**Do you buy much at the Megastore?** Have bought the odd mug and book but not a regular shopper.

**Where do you stand on the kit debate? Quarters or solid blue?** I would prefer the quarters - but the longer it goes on the more dated they will seem.

**What's your Stones 'Claim to fame'?** Apart from my dad being an ex-player, I did go to the same high school as Stuart Pearce. Although he was two years younger, he was the only boy who could easily take corners and reach the goal area in the air. Most of us mere mortals could only just reach the area a foot high. I guess our school pitch was on the big side. I did get to play against him at the G.E.C. summer six-a-sides in North Wembley when he would have been about 15 or 16.

**... and finally, where do you see the club in five years?** Up to the National league would be nice, but if doesn't happen, to still be strong and competitive in this league and not getting turned over by the likes of Biggleswade, Chippenham or Oxford City.



# APPEARANCES

## FIRST TEAM, SEASON 2018/19 at 14th April 2019

A = STARTING APPEARANCES • S = APPEARANCE AS SUBSTITUTE • G = GOALS SCORED \* = HAS NOW LEFT CLUB

	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	15		3												15		3	15		3	
Azeez, Femi		7								2	1				2	7	1	2	7	1	
Bridgeman, Josiah										1					1			1			
Brown, Stefan	7	6	2	1											8	6	2	8	6	2	
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					3	2		3	2		
Grant, Freddie	20			3											23			23			
Green, Danny	33	5	6	2			1	1		1					37	6	6	133	14	31	
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	8	1				1			1					2	9	1	2	9	1	
Medford-Smith, Ramarni *	10										1				11			11			
Mensah, Simon	17	6	3				1	1							18	7	3	18	7	3	
Mitchell, Reece *	2	8								1	1				3	9		3	9		
Monakana, Jeffrey	14	11	2		2						1				14	14	2	20	16	3	
North, Jonathan	38			3			2								43			386		1	
Obi, Ogo	1	2													1	2		1	2		
Okimo, Jerome	38		1	3			2	1							43		2	140	5	3	
Payne, Joe *	5									1					6			6			
Poku, Godfrey	39			3			2								44			44			
Pratt, David	35	2	11	1			2	1							38	2	12	59	3	18	
Regis, Christopher *	1									1					2			2			
Roberts, Myles	1														1			1			
Rodgers, Anton										2	2				2	2		2	2	2	
Samizadeh, Alexander *	1							1							1	1		1	1		
Sheppard, Jake	22	4	1	2	1		1								25	5	1	37	6	2	
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	14	3	4				2	1	1						17	3	5	17	3	5	
Stevens, Connor	32		4	3		1	2								37		5	37		5	
Tyler, Rhys	23	1		1	1		1								25	2		25	2		
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			



# Opposition in focus



**A**fter one of the most eventful seasons in their 125-year history, Dulwich Hamlet set out on a new adventure this campaign in the Vanarama National League South.

Despite being locked out of their Champion Hill home at the beginning of last March in a well-publicised bitter dispute between their landlords and the local council, the Club remained strong and on the field the team maintained their focus and push for promotion under long-serving manager Gavin Rose. They were rewarded two months later when Hendon were defeated in a dramatic penalty shoot-out before a 3,321 crowd at their temporary headquarters at Tooting in the Bostik (Isthmian) League Premier Division play-off final to secure promotion.

Dulwich had worked extremely hard for their promotion after an incredible 111 seasons as members of the Isthmian League. Four play-off final defeats in seven seasons, including each of the previous two campaigns, had stiffened the Hamlet's resolve and backed by crowds of around the 1,400 mark, few would begrudge them their chance to have a crack at Step 2 football.

The Dulwich Hamlet story began way back in 1893, during the closing years of Queen

Victoria's long reign. Towards the end of the summer that year, Lorraine Wilson was handed the princely sum of one shilling and eight pence (less than 10p in today's coinage) by a couple of keen young footballers and asked to start a Dulwich Hamlet Football Club. 'Pa', as Mr Wilson was affectionately known, tackled the task with great relish and over the next thirty years he helped to build Dulwich Hamlet into a powerful force in the world of amateur football.

Life in the early days was fairly tough. The club's original ground in Woodwarde Road had no changing facilities. On match days the players used to walk half a mile through the streets of Dulwich Village to get from their dressing room to the pitch. Usually they had to carry the goalposts, crossbars and corner flags with them. One consolation was that the players' route took them through the gardens of the local inn where no doubt they paused on their return journey for a post-match drink or two!

Dulwich made their debut in competitive soccer when they joined the local Camberwell League in 1894/95. The following season the championship of that league's 'B' Division became the first entry on what has proved to be a long list of honours. Achieving senior status in 1900, the club proceeded from strength to strength and in 1904/05 they won the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time. They have now won the Surrey Cup a record 16 times, most recently in 1974/75. In 1907 Dulwich gained election to the Isthmian League.

During the First World War, the legendary Edgar Kail joined Dulwich. In his brilliant fourteen-year career with the Hamlet after that war, Kail scored 427 goals (including a club record of 53 goals in the 1925/26 season). He also played three times for the FULL England International side, scoring twice on his debut against France. Kail helped Dulwich to the Isthmian League championship in 1919/20, 1925/26 and 1932/33, two FA Amateur Cup triumphs in 1919/20 and 1931/32, and the

London Senior Cup in 1924/25. Another Hamlet legend of that era was goalkeeper Bert Coleman who gained a FULL England cap in 1921, keeping a clean sheet against Wales. Dulwich's other major successes during their heyday between the wars were two more FA Amateur Cup wins in 1933/34 and 1936/37, and another London Senior Cup victory in 1938/39; they were also runners-up in the Isthmian League five times. Incidentally, their 7-1 win over Marine (Liverpool) in 1931/32 equalled the record score for an FA Amateur Cup Final.

Dulwich were quickly into their stride after the Second World War and in 1948/49 they were Isthmian League champions for a fourth time. In 1949/50 they lifted the London Senior Cup again, and it was in the same season that full-back Reg Merritt embarked upon a long career with the Hamlet during which he made a club record 576 appearances. One of the most popular players of the immediate post-war period was flying left-winger Tommy Jover whose career goals tally for Dulwich has only been bettered by Edgar Kail. Tommy completed more than seventy years magnificent service to the club, as player, official and latterly club President from 1985 until his death at the grand age of 91 in 2008. The club's main stand is now named in his honour.

Dulwich were runners-up to Wimbledon in the Isthmian League in 1958/59, but then went through a very lean spell which, apart from three good seasons in the mid 1970s, culminated in relegation from the top division. However, they bounced straight back under manager Alan Smith (who later managed Crystal Palace), winning the Division One championship at the first attempt in 1977/78. Midfield dynamo Chris Lewington was an ever-present that season and he repeated the feat in each of the next four seasons to complete a remarkable 290 consecutive appearances – another club record.

Since the phasing out of amateur football and the end of the FA Amateur Cup in 1974, Dulwich have been a semi-professional club

## HAMLET FACTS

**GROUND** - Champion Hill

**FOUNDED** - 1893

**MANAGER** - Gavin Rose

**2017/18** - Isthmian League Premier 2nd

and competed in the FA Trophy. Twice they have reached the quarter-finals, losing to Boston United in a replay in 1979/80, then to Macclesfield Town, again in a replay, the season before last.

It was most appropriate that Dulwich were able to celebrate their centenary in 1993 by moving into a new Champion Hill Stadium. Their famous old ground, which was situated on the same site, opened in 1931 and for a long time was the mecca of amateur football. Numerous Amateur Internationals and other important matches were staged there, including the FA Amateur Cup Final between Kingstonian and Stockton in 1932/33 which attracted a record crowd of 20,744. Sadly, the old ground fell into disrepair over the years and in order to satisfy safety regulations several alterations had to be made which reduced the capacity considerably. Eventually, in 1991, the stadium was totally demolished as part of Sainsbury's redevelopment of the area.

After the heartbreak of defeat in successive play-off finals, Gavin Rose and his squad had another crack at promotion to the Isthmian League Premier division in 2012/13 and this time they displayed real mental strength, pipping a well-supported and talented Maidstone United outfit to the Division One South title. In an exciting finale to the season, Dulwich drew 1-1 with Burgess Hill Town in front of a 1,137 crowd to finish top of the table, one point clear of rivals Maidstone.

During Gavin Rose's reign as manager, a number of the club's young players have been snapped up by League clubs, including the likes of Erhun Oztumer (Peterborough United, Walsall and now Bolton Wanderers), Ethan Pinnock (Forest Green Rovers and Barnsley), and last season Reise Allassani who moved to Coventry .City in the Summer.

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v DULWICH HAMLET

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### HAMLET WHO'S WHO

#### AFOLABI 'DIPO' AKINYEMI - FORWARD

Transferred from Stevenage Borough at the beginning of March 2018, following successful loan spells at Champion Hill in each of the past two seasons. Originally with Potters Bar Town, he made 16 appearances for Stevenage and also had loan spells at St. Albans City, Billericay Town and Bishop's Stortford.

#### CHARLIE ALLEN - MIDFIELD

Joined Hamlet just before the transfer deadline. The son of Martin Allen, he began his career at Brentford whilst his father was First Team manager there. He later had spells with Dagenham & Redbridge, Billericay Town, Notts County, Gillingham, Margate and Farnborough. After some time out of the game, he recently had a short spell at Grays Athletic.

#### MICHAEL CHAMBERS - DEFENDER

A former Hamlet youngster who returned to the fold during the summer of 2016. He broke into the First Team at Champion Hill in 2011/12 when his performances attracted the attention of several big clubs. Crystal Palace won the battle to sign the prodigious central defender, but his development at Selhurst Park was disrupted by injury and following his release he spent the 2015/16 season with Welling United in the National League.

#### NYREN CLUNIS - MIDFIELD

Was the Club's leading marksman in season 2010/11 and again last term. A graduate of the Hamlet's successful youth set-up, he made his First Team debut back in November 2009 and his first senior goal secured a 1-0 win at Fleet Town. He has since been a regular in the squad, making over 440 appearances and scoring more than 110 goals – he is only the seventh Hamlet player to reach a century of goals since the last war. Last season he cleaned up the Club's Player of the Year awards, winning each of the supporters', players' and manager's awards.

#### ANTHONY COOK - MIDFIELD

Signed during the summer from Ebbsfleet United, having spent part of last season on loan at Woking. His other former clubs

include Cardiff City, Dagenham & Redbridge, Chelmsford City and Bromley. With over 250 previous appearances in the National League/National League South behind him he has brought vital experience to Dulwich in their first season at this level

#### PRESTON EDWARDS - GOALKEEPER

Signed permanently during the summer of 2016 after spending the latter part of the previous season at Champion Hill on loan from Ebbsfleet United. An England C international, his other previous clubs include Millwall, Dover Athletic and Grays Athletic. He also had a loan spell with Boreham Wood two seasons ago. He set a new Club record in 2016/17 with 66 First Team appearances - the most ever by a Hamlet player in a single season

#### GEORGE ESSUMAN - DEFENDER

Signed on loan from Torquay United in January for the rest of the season. As a youth, he had spells at Norwich City, West Ham United and Sheffield Wednesday. Since switching to the Non-League game, his former clubs include Dover Athletic and Margate.

#### NATHAN FERGUSON - MIDFIELD

Signed in August 2017 and went on to make 55 appearances last season, which was more than any other player. A former Dagenham & Redbridge youth, he made his name with Grays Athletic in 2015 and this led to a move to Football League side Burton Albion

#### NATHAN GREEN - DEFENDER

Signed in the summer of 2016 from Margate and made 59 appearances in his first season. Began his career at Croydon Athletic where he helped them win the Isthmian South title in 2010. Later had spells with Lewes, Billericay Town, Kingstonian (loan), Tonbridge Angels, Dagenham & Redbridge, St. Albans City (loan) and Dartford before joining the 'Gate

#### CONNOR HUNTE - MIDFIELD

22-year-old midfielder who signed for Dulwich in March, on loan from Billericay Town for the rest of the season. Once a professional with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

#### SIMON JORGENSEN - GOALKEEPER

Very tall Danish goalkeeper, aged 26, who signed for Dulwich last month. A product of

FC Copenhagen's academy, he previously played in this country for Accrington Stanley and Whitehawk.

#### JAMIE MASCOLL - DEFENDER/MIDFIELD

Jamie is currently on loan from Charlton Athletic. A former youth at Champion Hill, he made 18 First Team appearances in his first spell with Dulwich

#### MAGNUS OKUONGHAE - DEFENDER

Made over 200 appearances for Colchester United earlier in his career. Began as a youth with Fulham and has also played for Rushden & Diamonds, Crawley Town, Dagenham & Redbridge, Luton Town, Maidstone United and Welling United.

#### MICHAEL ONOVWIGUN - MIDFIELD

Returned to the Club during the early part of last season after making a couple of appearances for Dulwich at the start of the previous campaign. He also had stints with Kingstonian and Merstham in 2016/17 and a loan spell with Carshalton Athletic earlier this season.

#### ARYAN TAJBAKSH - MIDFIELD

28-year-old midfielder who was signed from Maidstone United in February. His other former clubs include Cheshunt, Enfield, Hendon and Cray Wanderers.

#### QUADE TAYLOR - DEFENCE/MIDFIELD

Returned to the Club in September 2016 from Braintree Town. He previously made 12 First Team appearances for Dulwich in season 2010/11 after coming through the youth set-up, before being snapped up by Crystal Palace. He spent two years at Selhurst Park, followed by another two years with Bolton Wanderers, for whom he played one First Team League match against Birmingham City at the end of the 2014/15 season. He has also spent periods on loan at Welling United and Dagenham & Redbridge.

#### DAN THOMPSON - FORWARD

Scored on his Dulwich debut away to Gloucester City just before Christmas. Started his career at Hampton & Richmond Borough, making his debut at only 16 years of age and netted his first career goal three days later, against Woking. A year later

he signed for Portsmouth, but made only a single First Team appearance, in a League Cup-tie. Since his release from Pompey, he has played for several non-league clubs including Bognor Regis Town, Burgess Hill Town, Tonbridge Angels and Braintree Town

#### DOMINIC VOSE - MIDFIELD

Joined Dulwich in August 2018. Began his career as a youngster with Fulham and West Ham United. Since then he has played in the Football League for Barnet, Colchester United, Scunthorpe United and Grimsby Town and in non-league for a number of clubs including Welling United, Whitehawk, Bromley and, most recently, Chester.

#### LUKE WANADI - FORWARD

Joined in February on loan from Aldershot Town for the rest of the season. This is his second spell at Champion Hill, having made 21 appearances for Dulwich back in season 2014/15, and he has also played for East Thurrock United, Hampton & Richmond Borough, Staines Town and Bromley.

#### GAVIN ROSE - MANAGER

Former midfielder who is the Club's longest serving manager, having taken charge of over 500 games since August 2009. Originally with the Club in season 2002/03, when he made 40 first team appearances whilst doubling up as youth team manager, he has also had spells with Wimbledon, Charlton Athletic, QPR, Southend United, Bromley, Gravesend & Northfleet and Walton & Hersham amongst others during his long career. In recent years he has been involved in running the Aspire Academy which specialises in coaching youngsters and he also had managerial experience with Beckenham Town whom he led to within a whisker of the Kent League championship. Under his guidance, Hamlet won the Isthmian South title in 2012/13, after reaching the divisional play-off final in each of the previous two seasons; and made it to the Premier Division play-off final three seasons running, defeating Hendon on penalties in last season's final to gain a coveted place in the National League South. In addition, they were quarter-finalists in the FA Trophy in 2016/17 and have twice reached the Isthmian League Cup Final during his stay. In 2012/13 he became the first Hamlet boss to win a Manager of the Year award.

# ACTION REPLAY

Words - Dec O'Reilly

Saturday 13th April 2019 - Beveree Stadium  
National League South - Attendance 725



# 2

Sotiriou (24,55)

## LINE-UP

Maynard-Brewer

Ruddick

Sprague

Connors

Bray

Downer

Hill

MacLaren

Dundas

Sotiriou

Miller-Rodney

Subs:

Crawford

Wellard

Simpson

Barrington

Oliyide



## FIRST HALF

Beavers midfielder Casey Maclaren attempted to test Stones' keeper Jonathan North when his shot trickled into North's palms inside three minutes.

Wealdstone took the ascendency seconds later when a dangerous ball from the right-hand side by Rhys Tyler was headed wide by Stefan Brown.

The game settled down after ten minutes, good skill and turn from Stones' Danny Green eventually fell to Brown who shot wide of the far post from the edge of the box.

A flurry of strikes from Green and Tarryn Allarakhia were blocked half way into the first half before Simon Mensah was fouled on the edge of the box.

Hampton countered from the Stones corner and Ryan Hill was able to cross to the far-post towards Sotiriou whose deflected volley bounced past North after 24 minutes.

The Stones would have been disappointed to concede against the run of play, Hampton almost doubled their lead two minutes later when a fierce left-footed strike from full-back Oliver Sprague dragged over the bar.

Half-time drew closer with a lack of clear-cut opportunities for each side which did not benefit the Stones.



## SECOND HALF

Pressure began to mount on the home side, Rhys Tyler had his shot blocked in the box five minutes after the break.

It did not take long for Sotiriou to double his tally, the striker done so after 54 minutes when he capitalised on an error from Stones skipper Jerome Okimo.

There was life in the Stones when substitute David Pratt was fouled in the box and makeshift centre-half Smith converted from the spot with 25 minutes left.

The home side came again searching for a third, Tyrell Miller-Rodney almost found it in the 73rd minute when his strike from outside the box fizzed wide.

Another chance for the Stones was headed away by Hampton after Green's cross. The resulting corner was headed down again by Okimo but could not find a Stone at the far post.

The Stones were searching for an equaliser when Monakana had his free-kick blocked by Miller-Rodney with less than 10 minutes to go.

The resulting corner almost found Freddie Grant who leaped highest at the far post before it was deflected wide for another corner.

Wealdstone youngster Femi Azeez almost found the away side's second goal seconds later when the Stones corner found the winger on the edge of the box but the finish could not beat Maynard-Brewer.



# 1

Smith (64) P

## LINE-UP

North

Tyler

Grant

Smith

Okimo

Poku

Allarakhia

Brown

Monakana

Green

Mensah

Subs:

Pratt

Paterson

Azeez

Clark



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• Markie Barton  
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• Your name and details here



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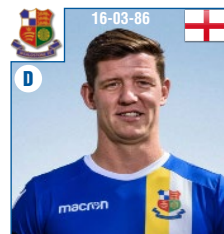
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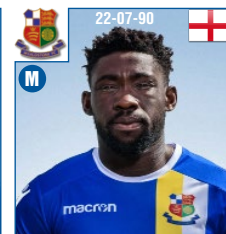
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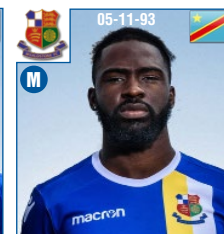
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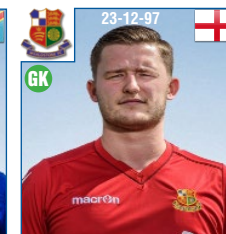
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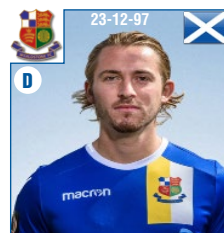
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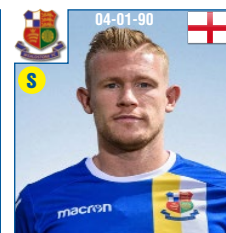
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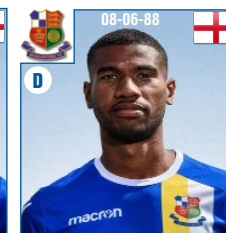
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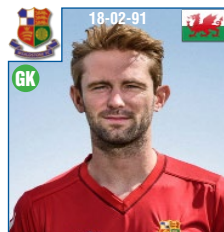
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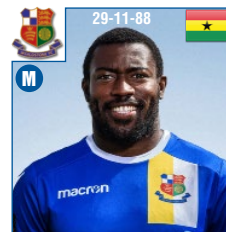
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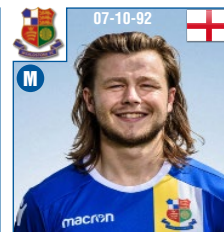
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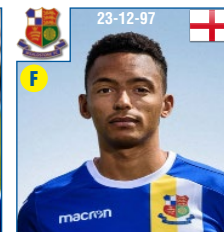
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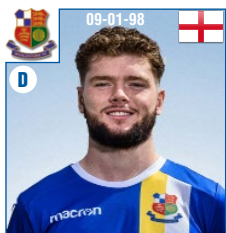
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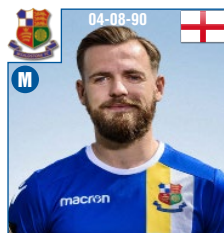
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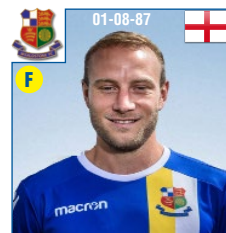
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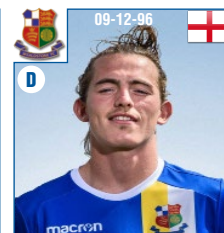
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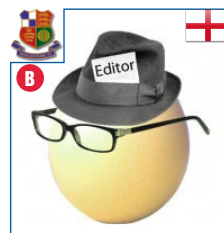
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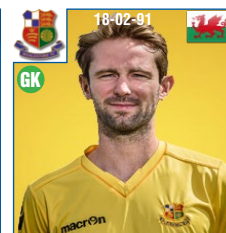
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1 Torquay United	39	26	7	6	88	38	20	15	2	3	53	22	19	11	5	3	35	16	50	85	0-3 2-3
2 Woking	39	22	9	8	71	44	19	12	2	5	36	21	20	10	7	3	35	23	27	75	1-0 2-0
3 Welling United	39	21	7	11	63	43	19	13	4	2	39	22	20	8	3	9	24	21	20	70	1-3 1-1
4 Chelmsford City	39	20	9	10	67	45	20	12	5	3	35	20	19	8	4	7	32	25	22	69	2-3 0
5 Bath City	39	18	10	11	55	36	20	11	4	5	32	18	19	7	6	6	23	18	19	64	3-3 1-1
6 Billericay Town	39	18	8	13	69	60	19	9	3	7	30	30	20	9	5	6	39	30	9	62	1-1 0-1
7 St Albans City	39	17	10	12	64	57	19	11	4	4	32	21	20	6	6	8	32	36	7	61	2-2 0-0
8 Dartford	39	17	10	12	49	49	20	11	6	3	30	20	19	6	4	9	19	29	0	61	1-1 3-0
9 Wealdstone	39	16	12	11	56	46	19	8	5	6	28	27	20	8	7	5	28	19	10	60	-- --
10 Concord Rangers	38	16	13	9	60	44	20	10	7	3	37	18	18	6	6	6	23	26	16	58	1-1 2-2
11 Slough Town	39	16	10	13	49	45	20	9	6	5	25	18	19	7	4	8	24	27	4	58	0-3 1-0
12 Oxford City	39	16	5	18	61	58	19	9	2	8	34	24	20	7	3	10	27	34	3	53	0-2 0-3
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