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WEALDSTONE **v** HUNGERFORD

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Written in Stone

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to Grosvenor Vale for the visit of Hungerford Town

Finances are always tight as we continue to operate a sustainable football club. As always at this time of the season, we are looking for supporters or businesses to step forward as sponsors to ensure we remain competitive on the pitch. We have a range

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Mark

MATCH SPONSOR RAY CORNER & PETER CARTER

Thanks to the ever generous Ray and Peter for sponsoring today's match.

Ray's son Wayne gave us a brief introduction to Ray *(as if any were needed..Ed.)*

Ray's first Wealdstone game was a thrilling win against Stevenage that included a winner from Wealdstone legend and regular supporter Hugh Lindsay. Ray on also once owned a house that backed onto Harrow B*ro's Earlsmead ground and he would often pop into their clubhouse on a Sunday lunchtime to keep them informed on how good Wealdstone were. Ray worked for Guinness and would swap shifts so he didn't miss a game *(Those that care were there..Ed.)* Ray's enduring contribution to Wealdstone is without doubt his famous 'I'm never going again' outburst at a club AGM..... He's still coming.



Ray at Wembley in 1985



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MASCOT GEORGE DAVISON

Today's Mascot is 8yr old George Davison. George is the eldest of our very own Tim Parks's six grand kids and lives in Takeley, Essex with his brother Jack and Sisters Daisy and Emily who will all be introduced to the club in due course. His mum Charlotte says George is 'so excited' to be mascot today and certainly brought us luck in his first game - the 3-0 win at Chelmsford last April that reignited our playoff hopes..



From the Gaffer

Reflecting on the first five games of the season the performance levels we as a team have set have been high, I am therefore extremely happy with our points return of 12 from the 15 available.

The key to us performing to these strong levels and achieving these high standards has been the intensity that our players have produced within the games.

As a group we are demanding of each other and we are enjoying working hard for our team, we have shown bravery in possession and our fitness levels have been excellent.

Obviously confidence is high with our camp but we must stick to what has put us in this position. For me this is how we create that key togetherness at our fantastic football club. We work in a very simple way, and the lads have so far stuck to our philosophy really well. We have earned the right to do what we are good at, and as long as we keep sticking together and giving our all, we will continue to perform to the levels we have set ourselves this season.

Today we host Hungerford and it's key we continue to take it one game at a time. Hungerford have good fitness levels and they are a well organised team with ability throughout the squad. They are a young team and their players are looking to make names for themselves at this level and are prepared to work extremely hard. There is no doubt today is gonna be another tough test for us.

From a Wealdstone point of view we have to focus on what we do well, we need to play on the front foot and we need to play with that intensity we have played with in the last five games.

Collectively we have to create an atmosphere that the opposition just does not want play against us here, we want to continue to make

The Vale an intimidating fortress and as I always say, it's very important we give our supporters something to sing about.

As a team we would like to thank our supporters for your incredible support last Saturday. Keep up the great work guys.

We are Wealdstone FC together...

Dean





BY DOMINIC WHYLEY



WEALDSTONE v HUNGERFORD TOWN

Behind the Vale



Vice Chairman Dominic Whyley brings us up to date on all things Wealdstone FC

Welcome to today's game against Hungerford which is now our 6th game in a hectic August. It's been a great start to the season and we go into this game top of the league and our highest position in the non-league pyramid for close to 35 years. That said, everyone knows it's very early stages but the results and the style of play have been very enjoyable so far.

It was an incredibly busy Summer off the pitch with Bobby Wilkinson departing the club having taken us to within 10 minutes of the play-off final. Whilst it was an agonising end to the season, those games at Bath and Woking were great days out for the club and just reward for the management and players who enjoyed a strong finish to the season in difficult circumstances.

The change of manager and the resulting overhaul of the playing squad wasn't ideal at a time when it feels like the club would have benefited from a period of stability after a turbulent last couple of seasons. That said, the process we followed to appoint Dean and Stuart was incredibly thorough with pretty much all board members interviewing the final short list of candidates. I'd like to personally thank Rory for the incredible amount of time he invested in the managerial process.

I'm personally delighted that Dean and Stuart have joined us and after a long spell at

Hemel Hempstead they also had a turbulent year last season managing at 3 different clubs. We also welcome Kirk and Gary to the club complete the management team and Abbey our new physio.

This is a tough division this year despite the loss of Woking and Torquay with a number of clubs recruiting very astutely and evidence of some large budgets at a number of clubs. Regardless of what other clubs pay players and the strength of other squads, all we can do is focus on the talented and hard-working bunch that Dean and Stuart have recruited and make sure that we only pay what we can afford. With a younger squad and a reduced budget we must hope that injuries are kind to us and the team knits together as in my opinion there is a lot of quality and potential in this group.

As a Board, we have lost Jon Pettifer due to personal reasons however Andy Lavin has joined and will play a vital role in helping grow our commercial activities and has already organised a fund-raising dinner with Harry Rednapp at Sandy Lodge Gold Club. In addition to the events Andy is organising the Supporters Club will also be looking to organise a series of events at the club during the season.

I believe we have a good mix of business sense, football knowledge and Wealdstone DNA on the Board however the biggest question that will be asked of this group is

whether we can fund a competitive side at Conference South level and this remains a big challenge which we're working hard to meet.

We've consciously made as much money as we can available to Dean and Stuart as whilst we needed to change the profile of the squad it was vitally important to remain competitive and play attractive football to avoid stalling as a club. One consequence of that decision is that we've not been able to divert any monies to meaningful ground improvements however with the remaining term on the lease, we need to be selective on development spend.

The phenomenal reaction to Jez Albert and Khanna's fundraising scheme has been a real positive and I'd like to thank them and everyone who has contributed. Whilst I believe that well run supporter fundraising is a very acceptable and important part of the financial model at this level we also need to drive better outcome across all areas of the club. This includes commercial activity, the ever growing social club, the supporters club, overall site usage as well as cost control and improvements in the marketing of the club to help the underlying financial performance.

We are working on all of these areas but we are a small board and the club will always need the support of other volunteers to keep moving forwards. We already benefit from a huge number of people undertaking activities to support the club however if anyone feels able to help the club in any way, please get in touch.

We're also grateful for the investment made by two long standing but more recently, occasional, supporters, Andy Evans and Keith Davies, with Keith becoming an Associate Director. Like most clubs at this level we're very much open to discussing investment and one thing we have all agreed on at Board level over the past few years is that this club could take off with the right financial support and astute management.

Season ticket renewals started slowly however we ended up broadly in the with last season and I believe the pricing of our

season tickets is great value so I hope we can grow this number and our overall crowds going forwards.

I thought the social media coverage over the Summer was outstanding and we're genuinely privileged to have Dec and Nicole on board. Crowds in our first two home games have been good and we want to compliment the excellent social media activity with posters and efforts to better engage Wealdstone youth and local colleges & universities including Brunel. John Young has stepped forward over the Summer to help with some of this work and to support commercial renewals and is doing a great job. We did lose our club photographer Dan on the eve of the season when he joined Hemel Hempstead to head up their media team. Adam Williams has been standing in however we're actively looking for a first team photographer to join the team.

I was delighted that we could host the Gordon Bartlett / Leo Morris recognition match against QPR legends in July and huge thanks to Richard Johnson, Marc Bircham and Roger Slater for their roles in arranging this. I've said it before but I want everyone who passes through our club to have a positive experience whether they are with us for 5 minutes or 5 years, how we treat people needs to be a key value that we promote.

Like every season there will be ups and downs and the inevitable disappointments and poor performances but I hope the players and management get to see this great club at its best and we are patient and realistic in our expectations for the season. There are still a few annoying things to deal with behind the scenes however if we all pull together in the right direction we can enjoy some special moments as a club and who

knows where we'll end up.

Enjoy the game, enjoy the season and thanks, as always for the support you give across so many areas of the club.

Dom

'This is a tough division this year despite the loss of Woking and Torquay'

THE KEEPER'S COLUMN

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Jonathan North

'The Ox has been brilliant.. biggest challenge for my shirt since Sean Cronin's clean sheet at Brackley!'

We're only five games in but already it's clear that there are plenty of reasons to be positive. Top of the league, scoring goals and keeping clean sheets. Roll on the next nine months!

Obviously, this year has not only seen a new season arrive but also a new management team. I shan't dwell on the past too long, but it's always disappointing when someone loses their job, especially when they clearly care about the work they're doing. Making the play-offs last year is an achievement that shouldn't be underestimated, and I truly think if not for a few injuries, then we could have beaten Woking - and then who knows what may have happened in the final.

But onto the current day and the arrival of Deano and Maynard. I've known the pair of them for a while so was personally really pleased with their appointment. I think you can only really judge managers by the style of football their teams play, and we always had tough games against Hemel when they were in charge. They always played attacking football, pressed hard and scored plenty of

Aston Oxborough... our loan keeper from Norwich (on a deal until the end of 2019) has been a literal giant between the sticks throughout August



Shepp had a few kind words for his mate Northy at Hemel...

Okay, you didn't get the nod but you're probably the best keeper on the bench

goals - and that's been the case so far too. As I said, plenty of reasons to be positive and I can't foresee too many 0-0 draws this year!

While it's been hard at times to keep track of some of our new signings, undoubtedly in my eyes some of the best business was keeping hold of the core of last year's squad. Jerome, Connor, Greeny and Sheps are not only brilliant players but people who have quickly understood the club and get the 'Wealdstone' way. You don't find many better pairings at CB in this league than Jerome and Connor, Greeny is Guti in disguise and Sheps has been a great companion on the bench so far...

Oviously Season Number Ten hasn't started the way I would have liked it to! In fact, it's been pretty s**t. Having recovered from being poleaxed against Bath, I was all set for another year of action.

However, an innocuous twist in our second pre-season game turned out to be a little worse than initially thought. It kept me out of the rest of pre-season and despite my best efforts, meant I wouldn't have been able to do myself or the team

justice in the opening games. As a result, in came the Ox! First impressions were that he's a proper size for a goalkeeper (backed up by the fact he didn't fit into my Smedium goalkeeper kit) and it's fair to say he's been brilliant since.

I know only too well what an injury to someone else can do for you, having got my chance here due to a similarly twisted ankle to Sean Thomas back in 2010. I'm nearing full fitness now, and certainly know I have a fight on my hands to get a look-in this year. Certainly the biggest challenge I've faced goalkeeping wise since Sean Cronin's clean-sheet away at Brackley!

A big problem over the years has always been our home form and, to an extent, the overall atmosphere at the Vale. I'm a firm believer in goals and wins being the biggest factor behind creating a positive environment, and hopefully the start we've made will go a long way to bringing the noise we make at away games to home matches too.

Anyway, here's hoping to another three points today - and keep an eye out for my free-kicks during half-time.

Northy





BY SUDHIR RAWAL



WEALDSTONE v DARTFORD
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The Elmslie Ender



First impressions as EE returns from distant lands

Having been on holiday for the first three games of the season, and following our fortunes on Twitter, I was looking forward to seeing Wealdstone in the flesh verses Chippenham and certainly wasn't disappointed. The first half was a joy to watch: we played slick football, passing the ball around well and had we gone in at half time three goals to the good, it wouldn't have been unjust. Like many I expected an onslaught, down the Vale slope, attacking the Bulla, but it never really materialised. That said, whilst Chippenham had more of the ball in the second period, Ashton Oxborough didn't have to make to meaningful save to make, so well did we defend. It was also good to see that Rhys Taylor and David Pratt, as expected, got a good reception at the end of the game.

Moving on we travelled to Hemel for a so-called local derby last Saturday, but it appeared that the Hertfordshire side's supporters were boycotting the game, maybe in sympathy with their St Albans counterparts, as so few turned up. There were as many Stones fans as Hemel in a crowd of 762, though it appeared that there were many less in the stadium itself,

and it was our fans that were celebrating as we romped home 3-0. To be honest, it was a totally controlled performance on our part, which we dominated almost from start to finish, without having to go through the gears.

Looking at the statistics, we have only conceded two goals to date, both from corners and nothing from open play. Our young keeper has hardly had to make a save, though he's dealt with everything very well that has been thrown at him, so well have the defence and the midfield shield in front of them have performed. As was mentioned on the forum, we lost Poku, Grant and Tyler from last year's defensive unit and haven't missed them at all to date and maybe have even upgraded in those positions. No one is getting ahead of themselves, so early in the life of a new team, both on the field and off it, but the signs look good. We are playing entertaining stuff on the park and concerns around us letting in a few haven't come to fruition to date.

The crowd at Hemel, the lack of home support, certainly raised an eyebrow or two as did the chav element in their VIP section, but another Hertfordshire club,

St Albans, has caused consternation amongst social media platforms as they have raised the turn up on the day admission prices to a staggering £18 (online prices are £16.20) for Conference South football. Of course there are many arguments, as we well know, on how you fund football at this level, but to charge that sort of money for admission is madness. Pro clubs local to St Albans, even Watford, will have lower match day admission prices, so the alternatives are plentiful. It just isn't about the spend at the gate, by getting more people through the turnstiles, you also increase in stadium spend which is lost if people feel they are being ripped off or now will not go to games at all. Some St Albans supporters have boycotted games to date. Gates have plummeted; average crowds have gone from over 800 down to 462. How long those admission prices will stand will be interesting. Further bizarre decisions at Clarence Park mean that a season ticket holder at a pro club can use their s/t for reduced admission prices at a lower per game rate

'We dominated almost from start to finish, without having to go through the gears'

than someone who has a season ticket. One tip from social media is that when Stones play at St Albans in a couple of weeks, two adults being part of a family ticket at £27 (2 adults and 2 children) but only two adults need to use the individual tickets, can get in for less than that even the on-line price!

Our midweek matches appear to have changed to Tuesday nights from the very successful attendance wise, Monday nights. I obviously understand that by playing on a Tuesday as opposed to a Monday, the players get an extra day to recover from the weekend and maybe there is time on Monday to work in training on specific issues, but from an attendance perspective it certainly has a negative effect. Our gate of 837, verses Chippenham, though it looked bigger, wasn't bad at all but I have no doubt that it would have been a hundred more the day before, without the various alternatives from other games and later in the season Champions League football.

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Fan in the Stand ...then and now

'We are seen as dinosaurs... but it was us oldies who kept the club going back in the dark days'

TODAY we've taken a bit of a different tack as the fan in question is 68-year-old Graham Clark, who will have been watching the Stones for 60 years next season!

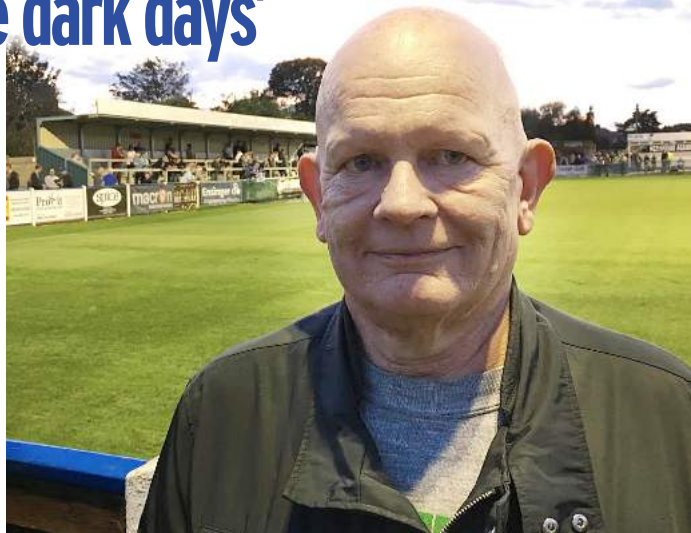
He contributed to this feature in 2004, and we thought it might be interesting to compare Wealdstone FC across the intervening 15 years.

This is Graham's view...

The Club is much more professionally run than in my early days. We have survived business men with both good and, sometimes dubious reasons for being involved. After the Watford fiasco we have been, realistically, a supporters-run Club and it was this that kept us going until we arrived at the Vale and since.

I know the "oldies" (of which I am one) often get criticised for being dinosaurs but it was most of us that kept the Club going in our long groundsharing days. Thankfully, these days are now past and we can look towards the future, with a good mix of ages now watching. However, I would like to have the ground situation permanently sorted out, although, what has been achieved at the Vale is a near miracle by many dedicated supporters.

Having watched in excess of 2,500 matches (including about 800 all over the country), I have to admit my travelling days are now less. I now tend to visit grounds not



been to before or Cup/important matches only. However, over the years I still average about 70% of all games played, although I know there are many of you doing all matches home and away which I admire. It is this dedication that will keep the Club going into the distant future.

Gordon Bartlett once told us supporters in the dark old days that we thought the Club is bigger than it was. But we have always been a big Club, looked on enviously by other clubs, who don't like the dedicated 'hard core' support we always have had. We are nearly back to the league status of the early 80s and when we are there, all the struggles on and off the field will have been worth it. UTS!

GRAHAM CLARK

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And now for a few questions Graham...

Where do you live (and how long you've been there):

Kenton. For over 60 years now!

Where do you work? Now retired so plenty of time for football.

First Stones game attended? Barnet (h) 19/11/60 We won 3-0.

What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan? A friend's father as Lower Mead was only a 10mins walk from my house.

Do you prefer lower-League football? Yes.

Any disadvantages? Some of the grounds visited are pretty poor but standards are improving.

How big a part of your life is the game? Fairly big and will give it priority whenever possible, but with other interests games sometimes clash with them - although I try to keep my diary free on footie nights!

Do you follow any other team? Tottenham.

Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen? WFC v Hereford (away) in the FA Cup and Spurs v Benfica in the European Cup.

And most memorable Wealdstone game? WFC v Stevenage. The legendary 6-5 match.

What really gets your goat watching football? Players behaviour, trying to get people sent off and all that complaining to the ref.

Have you ever played the game yourself and most memorable moments? Only works football in the Southern Olympian League. Doing the League and Cup double one season and being our third successive promotion.

Any suggestions to improve your Stones-watching experience at the Vale? Perhaps a bit more cover and more elevated terracing to help us small 'uns to see better.

Favourite current Wealdstone line-up? Too early in the season but my preferences would be... North (Mr Reliable), Okimo and

Stevens (both complement each other & are consistent), Efete (can defend and good going forward), Arnold (getting better as fitness improves), Smith (gives you power in mid field), Phillips (calm on the ball), Clifford (runs all day in support of the forwards), Green (in a roving role came be destructive), Lafayette (finally we have a forward who looks like one!), Lewis (has pace which defenders don't like).

Favourite all-time Stones line-up (with reasons)? Jonathon North (has won many a game for us by his saves), Jerome Okimo (reliable and consistent), Stuart Pearce (dominated the left hand side of the pitch and a great tackler), John McCormick (classy and dominant central defender from Crystal Palace), Paul Bowgett (Mr. 100%. Another formidable central defender not to messed with), John Watson (crunching tackles all over the field and hard as nails), Charlie Townsend (superb magician with the ball and excellent free kick taker), Hugh Lindsey (hero of the Stevenage match and probably hardest shot in the game at the time), Alan Cordice (fantastic pace and always troubled defenders with it. Injury cut short his career too early), George Duck (legend in his own time for his goalscoring exploits. Once even scored for the opposition to show his versatility), Richard Jolly (could be relied on to score important goals. Famous for his penalty in Dulwich play-off shoot out!)

Best away trips to watch football? Truro and Barrow.

Best non-League ground you've visited? Boston United and Hereford United.

Best stadium you've EVER visited? Bernabau.

What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? Make the play-offs comfortably.

Finally, where do you see the club in five year's time? Would be nice to be in the National Conference ...and holding our own in it.

OVERPAGE: GRAHAM IS THE FAN IN THE STAND, 2004

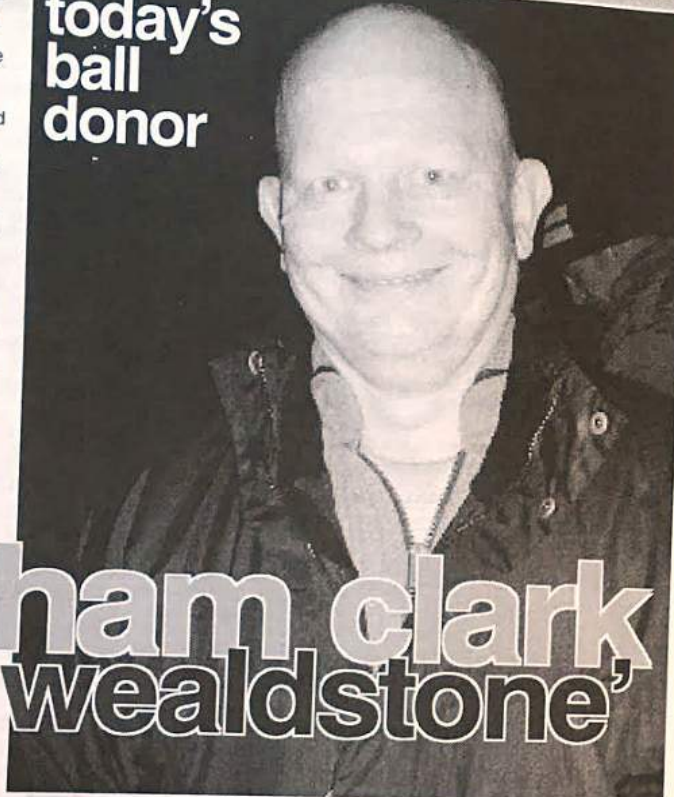
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Graham, who is the Wealdstone FC Company Secretary, has supported the Stones since 1961, when he saw them beat Uxbridge 3-0 in the Middlesex Senior Cup. Since then only a partial break – when playing football on Saturday afternoons between 1969-71 – has stopped him from watching them “through thick and thin” both home and away for 42 years. Thanks Graham, for sponsoring tonight's match ball, and here's to many more happy years of following the Stones!

This is his story, in his own words...



graham clark 'my wealdstone'

MY FIRST GAME

... at least the first

game I remember clearly was my first-ever FA Cup match and it was against Enfield of all people – a team you either hated or admired (however, with their ability to beat us regularly, it quickly became the former!) There were plenty of fights and goals for me, as a youngster, to enjoy, but unfortunately the result did not go our way as we lost 1-5.

SPECIFIC MEMORIES

October 1963 - It felt great to be allowed to go and see my first, ever, evening floodlight match against a 'professional' team such as Arsenal, who we were playing in the London Senior Cup. Once again it resulted in a defeat for the stones, but at least I got to see some current and future Division 1 players (now being slightly older I do not need permission to see evening matches !!)

May 1985 - Those who were there will not easily forget Andy Graham's winning goal at Kettering that gave us the Gola Conference title and the Stones being 'unofficially' presented with the

Championship Trophy. (The trophy was actually given to us 'officially' after our final match at Barnet. A match we got 'drubbed' in due to resting players for the Trophy Final and is best forgotten about). This could have been in my low points below, but as we had won the league it was an irrelevant result!!

FAVOURITE MOMENTS

1965 - For anyone who was there it just has to be the 6-5 win over Stevenage, in the FA Cup, when after falling 3-5 behind, Hughie Lindsay ran up to score his fourth and our sixth goal with a thunderous free kick which only he could have produced at the time. A legendary match with plenty of penalties, bookings and a sending off.

1977 - A great evening out, in good company and splendid chinese meal ended in a famous 3-2 win at Hereford. Having gone a goal down early on,

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which I had expected, we suddenly, for 15mins, played like world beaters and were incredibly leading 3-2. A lead we managed to hang onto for a famous victory that was even mentioned on the ITV News that night as 'non league Wealdstone have caused a surprise by beating Hereford in the FA Cup tonight'

LOW POINT

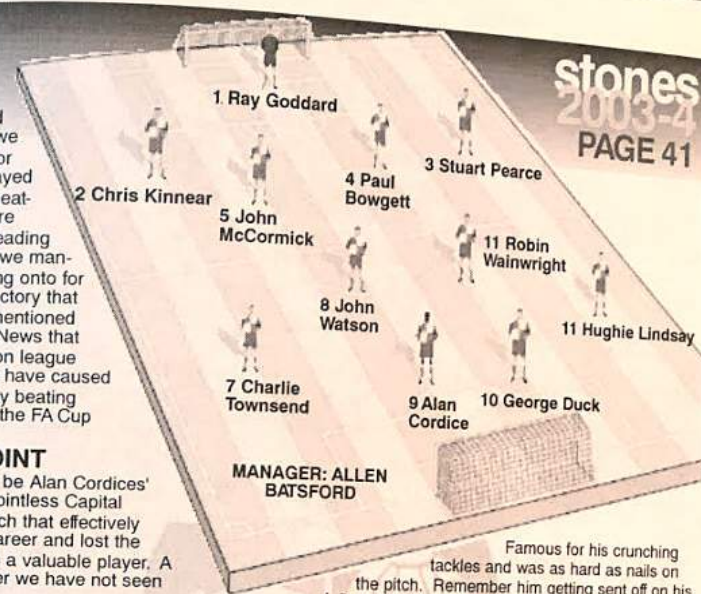
THIS has to be Alan Cordices' injury in a pointless Capital League match that effectively ended his career and lost the Stones such a valuable player. A type of player we have not seen since.

Plus...Watching us lose to a works team called CAV, in an "away" match that was played at Lower Mead as a favour to them! We had a player stretched off, having been fouled in the penalty area, and the ensuing penalty was blazed over the Eimslie Stand. It was just one of those day, so I thought, but there have been a few matches since then which run this match close for awfulness !!

MY ALL-TIME FAVE LINE-UP

- 1. RAY GODDARD:** Good reliable ex-pro keeper who seemed unflappable under pressure
- 2. CHRIS KINNEAR:** No particular reason, apart from couldn't think of anyone else! Played over 200 games before eventually becoming Dover Manager.
- 3. STUART PEARCE:** Who else! Great tackler who totally controlled the left side of pitch, taking all the corners and free kicks etc
- 4. JOHN MCCORMICK:** Not sure how we got this ex-crystal Palace player, but very classy and reliable at the heart of the defence. A real 'find'.
- 5. PAUL BOWGETT:** Mr 100%, who always led by example, whilst discussing footballing points with Dennis Byatt. One mystery surrounding him though, was why so many opposition players seemed to 'fall down' in his presence, when the ball was nowhere to be seen!
- 6. JOHN WATSON:** Mr Nice Guy (I don't think!).

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MANAGER: ALLEN
BATSFORD

Famous for his crunching tackles and was as hard as nails on the pitch. Remember him getting sent off on his first appearance for club. Could do with similar hard men now.

- 7. CHARLIE TOWNSEND:** Mr Class. Incredibly accurate passer of the ball who had great vision. Also an excellent free kick taker.
 - 8. HUGH LINDSAY:** Very slight frame which belied the power he had in his shot. Great free kick taker famous for his Stevenage winner. Once knocked out one of his own players with a free kick!
 - 9. ALAN CORDICE:** Lightning fast and often given 'offside' when yards on side. Always exciting to see him on the ball and watch both opposition players and team mates try to catch him. Tragic injury ended his career.
 - 10. GEORGE DUCK:** Goalscorer 'extraordinaire', whose exploits speak for themselves. Holds the club scoring record and always seemed to be in the right place at the right time. Even managed to score an own goal, proving his versatility, and can even be forgiven for his goal for Harrow Borough against us...
 - 11. ROBIN WAINWRIGHT:** Classy midfield player famous for his long hair. A crowd pleaser on his day, with only one drawback.. he came from Hillingdon Borough.
- MANAGER: ALAN BATSFORD:** Shrewd manager who built up a great team, which Brian Hall benefitted from. Good tactician, very knowledgeable about the game, and very approachable. Loss to the club when he went.

Would you like to be a 'Fan in the Stand'? Send an email to tim.parks@gmail.com or come and see me (Tim Parks) in the ground. The more the merrier!

HUNGERFORD TOWN

Opposition in focus

Hungerford Town Football Club has come a long way since its formation in 1886. The club first played on Hungerford Marsh field but soon moved to the present ground at Bulpit Lane.

Initially playing at Intermediate level (Newbury & District League and also the Swindon & District League), Senior status was consolidated in the ranks of the Hellenic League in 1958 and in 1961 the club won the Hellenic League Benevolent Cup. After a period of team rebuilding in the 1960's Hungerford won the Division One League and Cup double in the 1970/71 season.

The 1970's were memorable times as the club reached 3 Berks & Bucks Senior Cup Finals in four years losing to Chesham Utd in 1976 and to Slough Town in 1977 (though only after a replay at Elm Park, Reading). The 1977/1978 season, Hungerford's last in the Hellenic League, saw them finish third in the league and win the League Cup. The club also produced a fairy tale run in the FA Vase eventually losing out to Barton Rovers in a semi final replay. These achievements enabled the club to gain election to the Isthmian League in 1978. In addition to the action on the field, the current clubhouse was opened in 1974 and new changing rooms and floodlights were added in 1975.

The 1978/79 season, Hungerford's first season in the Isthmian League, ended with a twelfth place finish in Division 2 and another Berks & Bucks Senior Cup final visit (the third in 4 years - this time it was the mighty Wycombe Wanderers who narrowly won after a replay).

In the next two seasons the club narrowly missed out on promotion finishing in 3rd place each time, though some consolation was gained in 1979 when the club reached the 1st round proper of the FA Cup for the first and only time, losing 3-1 to Slough Town. The same season the FA Vase semi-final was again reached, only to lose this time to Guisborough Town 5-3 on aggregate. 1980/1981 brought more disappointment with another 3rd place

finish but there was some consolation when Hungerford Town was invited to compete in the Anglo Italian Semi-Pro tournament.

1982 brought further success when Hungerford defeated Wycombe Wanderers 1-0 to win the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup. Promotion was again narrowly missed in 1984/85. However this was also a turbulent period for the club as, after 9 successful years as manager, Jim Kelman left the club.

1988/89 saw a return to prominence under joint managers Gary Goodwin and David Dodds who guided the club to sixth place in the table and a third FA Vase Semi Final appearance. This time it was Sudbury Town who denied Hungerford its much deserved trip to Wembley. The 1990-1993 seasons saw the club finish 9th, 9th and 10th under Gary Goodwin and later ex Man Utd player, Wilf Tranter, before a dismal start to the 1992/93 season saw the departure of Tranter at Christmas. Former Hungerford goalkeeper Jimmy Greenwood briefly returned to the club as manager and achieved Division 2 safety though he departed 5 months later to rejoin Thatcham Town.

The club then secured the services of two ex players, Gerald Smith and his assistant Norman Matthews from the Hellenic League club, Kintbury Rangers, and the two together managed to keep the club ticking over in the Isthmian Division 2 for the next two seasons..

1996/97 brought the club its highest finish for several seasons and a Quarter Final Associate Members Cup appearance though in the following year the club narrowly escaped relegation again. The following year former Swindon Town player Don Rogers was appointed as manager and although the club reached the third qualifying round of the FA Cup, the league form was disappointing - Rogers resigned just after the start of the 1999/2000 season to be replaced briefly by Richard Evans who parted company with the club at the start of the 2000/01 season.

Evans was replaced by Gary Ackling who changed the emphasis of the club to looking

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for local youth talent and produced a strong mid table finish in the 2001/02 season, with help from assistant and long time player Tim North. Unfortunately for the club, the deadline for ground improvements was not met at the end of the 2001/02 season, and a relegation to the newly restructured Isthmian Division 2 followed.

Despite achieving a respectable fifth place finish in the league on top of a great FA Cup run into the third qualifying round, the decision was taken, for the long term benefits to the club, to rejoin the Hellenic League for the 2003/04 season, they finished the season in a creditable sixth place and winning the Hungerford Cup defeating AFC Newbury 2-0.

After a disappointing start to the next season Ackling resigned in October and was replaced by assistant Tim North. The club ended the 2004/05 season by winning the Hellenic League Supplementary Cup by beating Ardley United 3-2 after extra time.

2005/2006 began with the election of Andrew Fitton as Chairman and following a disappointing below mid table finish to the end of the season Tim North resigned and was replaced by Alan Clark

Two seasons of near misses in the league were made up by cup runs in various competitions.

The 2008/2009 season began with the election of a new chairman, Nigel Warrick a local businessman who stated he wanted to improve the club both on and off the pitch. He immediately set about a refurbishment program for the club including both bars. On the pitch despite a sticky start in the league and a disappointing early exit in the FA Cup, the club went on a 22 match unbeaten run which took the club to the top of the league and after a period where the lead swapped between ourselves and Shortwood United, a last day draw at Hook Norton enabled the club to clinch the Hellenic League championship on goal difference and promotion to the Southern League. There was disappointment for the team in both the Floodlit Cup final where we lost 2-3 after extra time to Marlow United, and also the FA Vase 5th round where we lost 3-4 also after extra time after leading

twice in normal time.

2010/2011 began with a new man in charge, Bobby Wilkinson and his coach Michael Gilkes. In the league the club hovered around the play off zone but eventually finishing in 7th place but there was some consolation in the shape of an FA Cup run.

Last season the club began with the lowest budget in the League and expectations not good, results and performances were inconsistent and the club struggled in the relegations spots throughout the season. In March following the announcement that several key personnel in the club were standing down at the end of the season, the club were able to secure the services of new Chairman Patrick Chambers and his wife Nicky and Vice Chairman Carl Reader. This seemed to give everyone a boost, results improved, culminating in the side winning at Champions Torquay United on Easter Monday. Survival was achieved the following Saturday against East Thurrock United.



CRUSADERS FACTS

GROUND - Bulpit Lane
CAPACITY - 2,500 (170 seated)

MANAGER - Ian Herring

2018/19- National League South 19th

Last Season

H 19/01/19 W 1-0 A 07/08/18 D1-1

FA Cup 06/10/18 W 2-1

HUNGERFORD TOWN

WHO'S WHO?

ADAM SIVITER GOALKEEPER

Age 19

Adam has joined the side on a season long loan from Birmingham City.

TOMMY REES - GOALKEEPER

Age 17

Tommy has come through the Academy to earn his place in the first team squad.

MATT BERRY-HARGREAVES - DEFENDER

Age 20

Matt joined the side following his release from Oxford United, having previously been a member of our Academy.

JOSIAH DUNSTAN - DEFENDER

Age 18

Josiah joined the side in August from Hartpury College.

MARCUS JOHNSON-SCHUSTER - DEFENDER

Age 24

Marcus joined last summer from WEALDSTONE and was previously at Basingstoke Town.

MATT JONES - DEFENDER

Age 23

Matt signed in July 2018 from Farnborough FC and was previously at Swindon Town.

ELLIOT KING - DEFENDER

Age 18

Elliot is another to have come through the Academy.

JAMES RUSBY - DEFENDER

Age 30

James joined the side in August 2014 from Marlow and has proved to be a solid and dependable member of the team.

KOFI HALLIDAY - MIDFIELD

Age 23

Kofi is another Summer signing, having joined from Fleet Town.

OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

MIKE JONES - DEFENDER / MIDFIELD

Age 30

Mike rejoined the side in February having spent a season and half with Chippenham Town.

DANIEL BAILEY - MIDFIELD

Age 19

Dan has graduated from the Academy side, and joined the squad last season.

LOUIS MCGRORY - MIDFIELD

Age 22

Louis joined the side in the Summer having previously played at Weston-Super-Mare.

GEORGE SMITH - MIDFIELD

Age 20

George joined the side from Kintbury Rangers this Summer.

ZIDAN AKERS - FORWARD

Age 20

Zidan joined in the Summer from Basingstoke Town and has previously had spells with Reading & Hearts.

JAMES CONSTABLE - FORWARD

Age 34

Beano joined the side from Eastleigh in the Summer and has previously played in the EFL for Oxford United amongst others.

LIAM FERDINAND - FORWARD

Age 24

Liam joined the club from Bracknell having previously played at Binfield..

CONOR LYNCH - FORWARD

Age 21

Conor is yet another Academy product moving up to the 1st team.

ALI THORP - FORWARD

Age 18

Ali is another who has joined from Kintbury Rangers.



Supporters' Scene

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen..... "Calls will be charged at 25 pence per minute off peak, 38 pence per minute peak time. If you are under 16, please make sure you have the consent of your parents before proceeding. Before we reveal today's result from our huge local derby against our deadly rivals, I'd like to run through today's suburban league results. Please bear with me whilst I just adjust myself before proceeding" and so on and so on.

This of course, being a tongue in cheek reference to the infamous Wealdstone Soccerline of which provided a vital if slightly expensive means of communication with the outside World. At the time, (probably the very early 1990's) the soccerline, along with the weekly Harrow Observer, were the primary official forms of communication with the outside World. I'm sure those of a certain age will fondly recall popping into the local newsagent early Thursday morning to retrieve a copy of the Harrow Observer and flipping it straight over to the back page. This is how you obtained your written match reports, photographs from the game and other news that was related to Wealdstone Football Club. So, you can see why the soccerline had a fair amount of appeal as the match reports were usually online within the hour. Before then if you just wanted the result, it was a case of either a case of sitting patiently through teletext, or phoning the club directly of which usually resulted in a harassed sounding member of bar staff barking the result down the phone and then abruptly hanging up. It was a simple life back then!

Then came the phenomena that we now know as the internet. In its relatively early days, probably around the mid to late 1990's, a lifelong Wealdstone fan named Rob Saville pioneered the first Wealdstone FC related Website. He also made available an extremely unofficial Wealdstone FC mailing list of which meant a plethora of free, near instant information was made available to supporters. Of course, being unofficial, match reports and opinions could get rather, let's say, heated from time to time as well as questionable in their accuracy! However, in

the main it was a very well received service of which attracted a Worldwide audience. Also, shortly after this, several 'unofficial' Wealdstone websites were born. A handful of tech savvy supporters who had embraced the bold new World of home computing were able to offer their own personal take on club affairs. A by-product of the year 2000 technical explosion was the availability of relatively low cost digital cameras. All of sudden, supporters could publish their photographs to the World within hours of being captured. Naturally videos started to follow although both formats were a little crude when compared with what is available today. However, the seeds were sown for what was to follow over the next 20 odd years.

Fast forward to around 2010 and more than two thirds of the country has access to an internet connection. No longer is it seen as the preserve of a few dedicated geeks and is now very much the mainstream means of communication. Naturally expectation levels have risen and with mobile phones now embracing the World Wide Web, along came products such as Twitter of which was quickly embraced officially and unofficially by Wealdstone FC. This of course now meant that you could receive 'live' updates from games no matter where you were in the World.

No matter how good the technology, you require equally good people to be able to utilise it to the full. At Wealdstone we have been spoiled down the years both from an official and unofficial point of view. There are several names that could be mentioned but I'll simply concentrate on the present. I think its fair to say that our official communications from Dec O'Reilly, ably assisted by Nicole Cho Yee are outstanding. Club news, interviews and updates from games are probably the best in our division at the very least. Having had the privilege of being able to work with our media team I can reliably say that some serious work goes on in the background here. Long may the good work continue.

Enjoy the game.

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OFFBEAT CORNER

WEALDSTONE V HUNGERFORD 24.08.2019

THINGS WOT WE LIKED THIS WEEK



We caught out our injured full-back Ryan Sellers at Billericay last week, lurking by the Mr Whippy van and suddenly re-appearing with a couple of ice creams. Apparently it's all part of the rehabilitation for his calf injury, balanced nutrition and all that. That's what Ryan told us anyway

THEY say you can't have enough local derbies in football, but this is taking the wotsit. Spotted in the Non-League paper last season... what are the chances of a) having two different clubs from the same town in the same division, and b) them both playing each other on the same day? They actually spelled 'Aylsbury United' wrong but believe me, it's the same town. The next game down is Barton Athletic v Thame City... okay, we just made that one up :)

DIVISION ONE CENTRAL	
AFC Dunstable ..1	Aylsbury U1
Christle 55	Mitford 66
HT 0-0	Aft 78
Aylesbury3	Dunstable Town 2
Young 31, Deacon 32	Lauder 32
Merridan 44	Wreh 47
HT 3-1	Aft 92
Barton Rovers2	Thame Utd4
Clayton 13	Goss 22
Osobu 58	Giedhill 35

ANYBODY else notice just how unpleasant Chippenham Town's all-silver kit was last week at The Vale? The last time we saw anything quite so vile was Manchester United's grey strip that they wore just once at Southampton in 1996... and then only for the first half, incurring a £40,000 Premier League fine for changing into a different, blue kit at half time. They were losing 3-0 at half time, and still lost anyway. Shame.

Saturday 17th August 2019 - Vauxhall Road
National League South - Attendance 762



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LINE-UP

Beasant
Kpohomouh
Braham-Barrett
Sundire
Essam
Starling
Nash
Howells
Ashford
Midson
Bettemer
Subs:
Galliford
Ibie
Magagada
Boness



FIRST HALF

The first 15 minutes of play were rather cagey, with both sides maintaining a compact and dynamic shape, as they looked to settle into the edgy contest. Wealdstone were able to register their first shot within the second minute of play. A sweeping move from the visitors led to Nick Arnold and Phillips combining; with the latter, skilfully surging into the box, and dragging his effort just wide of the far post.

The Stones seized the lead in the 17th minute of the match, as Connor Smith whipped a fantastic cross into the box. The classy Phillips was quickest to react, latching onto the ball to convert past the Tudor's goalkeeper Sam Beasant, for his first goal of the season. Wealdstone were forced to make an early substitution in the 37th minute, as the injured Smith was replaced by Mendy. As the first half drew to a close, the Stones began to galvanise more goal scoring opportunities. Substitute Mendy made an immediate impact; denied only by the woodwork in the 41st minute, as he rifled a shot from the edge of the area, which smashed off of the crossbar.

Just on the stroke of half time, the Stones doubled their lead in an exquisite manner. The in-form Phillips, who had put in another storming performance in midfield, delivered a delightful cross from the right wing, finding Lewis at the back post, who clinically headed home past Beasant.



SECOND HALF

Returning for the second half, Wealdstone illustrated their winning intent, exhibiting attractive football, as they demonstrated slick passing and purposeful movement. This resulted in Arnold and Lewis striking goal bound efforts in the 47th and 50th minute, respectively. Throughout the match, the imposing Lafayette lead the line for the visitors in impressive fashion, working tirelessly as a prominent outlet and target man for the Stones.

In the 73rd minute, Norwich loanee Aston Oxborough was called into action, as Isaac Galliford struck from the edge of the box; Wealdstone's goalkeeper produced a comfortable save to preserve their lead. Energetic Mendy cemented the result for the Stones in the 76th minute of the match. Danny Green whipped in a brilliant freekick from the right wing for Lafayette, but Beasant was equal to his effort. However, Mendy was alert, pouncing in the box to produce a sublime header, which looped over Beasant into the top corner, for his second goal in as many matches. In the closing stages of the match, Oxborough produced a terrific save, denying Galliford a conciliatory goal for the Tudors. Overall, it was another confident, brave, and mature demonstration from the Stones; with the defence, brilliantly marshalled by the excellent Jerome Okimo and Connor Stevens, producing a stellar performance, to secure a third clean sheet in three games.



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Phillips (16),
Lewis (43),
Mendy (75)

LINE-UP

Oxborough
Arnold
Efete
Clifford
Stevens
Okimo
Phillips
Smith
Lafayette
Green
Lewis
Subs:
Mendy Mendy
North
Watt
Sheppard
Roberts

RESULTS & FIXTURES 2019/2020

KEY TO SYMBOLS

ABC Three-letter Player ID (See list) ○ 1st substitution ■ Caution Ⓜ Goals
● 2nd substitution ■ Red Card Ⓜ Penalty
● 3rd substitution ■ Straight Red Ⓜ Goal + Pen



AUGUST	Competition	Result	Crowd	Lge	Wind/Sky/Temp	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17/GK	
3	DARTFORD	NLS	4-1	930	2	⊙ 5 ☀ 23°C	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
6	Dulwich Hamlet	NLS	0-1	1,484	10	⊙ 10 ☁ 20°C	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
10	Braintree Town	NLS	4-0	482	6	⊙ 24 ☁ 20°C	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
13	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	1-0	837	2	⊙ 7 ☀ 18°C	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
17	Hemel Hempstead Town	NLS	3-0	732	1	⊙ 18 ☁ 20°C	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
24	HUNGERFORD TOWN	NLS	---	---	---	---	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
26	Weymouth	NLS	---	---	---	---	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
31	MAIDSTONE UNITED	NLS	---	---	---	---	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN

SEPTEMBER	Competition	Result	Crowd	Lge	Wind/Sky/Temp
3	St. Albans City	NLS	---	---	---
7	OXFORD CITY	NLS	---	---	---
14	Welling United	NLS	---	---	---
21	FA Cup 2nd Qualifying	FAC2Q	---	---	---
28	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	NLS	---	---	---
OCTOBER	Competition	Result	Crowd	Lge	Wind/Sky/Temp
5	FA Cup 3rd Qualifying	FAC3Q	---	---	---
12	Chelmsford City	NLS	---	---	---
19	Billericay Town	NLS	---	---	---
26	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	NLS	---	---	---
NOVEMBER	Competition	Result	Crowd	Lge	Wind/Sky/Temp
2	Dorking Wanderers	NLS	---	---	---
9	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	NLS	---	---	---
16	Hampton & Richmond	NLS	---	---	---
23	FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying	FAT3Q	---	---	---
30	CONCORD RANGERS	NLS	---	---	---
DECEMBER	Competition	Result	Crowd	Lge	Wind/Sky/Temp
7	Bath City	NLS	---	---	---
14	FA Trophy 1st Round Proper	FAT1	---	---	---
21	WELLING UNITED	NLS	---	---	---
26	Slough Town	NLS	---	---	---
28	ST. ALBANS CITY	NLS	---	---	---
JANUARY	Competition	Result	Crowd	Lge	Wind/Sky/Temp
1	SLOUGH TOWN	NLS	---	---	---
4	Oxford City	NLS	---	---	---
11	CHELMSFORD CITY	NLS	---	---	---
18	Havant & Waterlooville	NLS	---	---	---
25	BATH CITY	NLS	---	---	---
FEBRUARY	Competition	Result	Crowd	Lge	Wind/Sky/Temp
1	Tonbridge Angels	NLS	---	---	---
8	BILLERICAY TOWN	NLS	---	---	---
15	Eastbourne Borough	NLS	---	---	---
22	DORKING WANDERERS	NLS	---	---	---
29	Dartford	NLS	---	---	---
MARCH	Competition	Result	Crowd	Lge	Wind/Sky/Temp
7	DULWICH HAMLET	NLS	---	---	---
14	Chippenham Town	NLS	---	---	---
21	BRAINTREE TOWN	NLS	---	---	---
28	Concord Rangers	NLS	---	---	---
APRIL	Competition	Result	Crowd	Lge	Wind/Sky/Temp
4	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	NLS	---	---	---
10	Hungerford Town	NLS	---	---	---
13	WEYMOUTH	NLS	---	---	---
18	Maidstone United	NLS	---	---	---
25	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	NLS	---	---	---

KEY TO PLAYER IDS	Player Name	Player Name	Player Name	Player Name	
ARN	Nick Arnold	LEW	Dennon Lewis	RBR	Reece Beckles-Richards
CLI	Billy Clifford	NOR	Jonathan North	RIN	Joe Ringer
EFE	Michee Efete	OKI	Jerome Okimo	ROB	Phil Roberts
GRE	Danny Green	OXB	Aston Oxborough	SHE	Jake Sheppard
LAF	Ross Lafayette	PHI	Michael Phillips	WAT	Sanchez Watt
STE	Connor Stevens				
MEN	Jacob Mendy				



Pictures from our emphatic 3-0 win at the weekend away last Saturday at Hemel Hempstead Town courtesy of Adam Williams

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS 2019 / 2020

- July 5, away vs. Bracknell Town - W 4-1 (Mendy, Lewis 2, Efete)**
 North, Nick Arnold, Okimo, Jacob Cook, Stevens, Olomowewe, Sheppard, Connor Smith, Lafayette, Green, Azeez Subs: Paterson, Cotter, Jacob Mendy Mendy, Noel-Williams, Michee Efete, Dennon Lewis, Afolabi Coker, Yaw Ofosu, Alfie Young, Matt Saunders, Hassan Jalloh
- July 9, away vs. Hayes & Yeading United - D 2-2 (Green, Lafayette (pen))**
 (Squad Friendly)
- July 12, away vs. Reading U23 s - L 0-2**
 Paterson, Michee Efete, Sellers, Matt Saunders, Ed Cook, Yaw Ofosu, Dylan Switters, Sheppard, Noel-Williams, Jacob Mendy Mendy, Dennon Lewis Subs: Eric Lopes, Billy Clifford, Femi Azeez
- July 13, away vs. Hitchin Town - W 3-2 (Lafayette 2, Lopez)**
 Theo Richardson, Nick Arnold, Sellers, Billy Clifford, Yaw Ofosu, Okimo, Beckles-Richards, Connor Smith, Lafayette, Green, Dennon Lewis Subs: Jacob Cook, Dylan Switters, Sanchez Watt, Eric Lopes
- July 16, home vs. Colchester United - L 0-3**
 Theo Richardson, Michee Efete, Nick Arnold, Billy Clifford, Stevens, Okimo, Jacob Mendy Mendy, Connor Smith, Lafayette, Green, Dennon Lewis Subs: Sheppard, Matt Saunders, Afolabi Coker, Yaw Ofosu, Reece Beckles-Richards, Jacob Cook, Dejon Noel-Williams, Sanchez Watt, Eric Lopes, Sellers
- July 18, away vs. Chesham United - L 2-3 (Watt, Clifford)**
 Paterson, Michee Efete, Sellers, Matt Saunders, Afolabi Coker Yaw Ofosu, Reece Beckles-Richards, Jacob Cook, Sanchez Watt, Sheppard, Dennon Lewis Subs: Nick Arnold, Joe Ringer Stevens, Okimo, Connor Smith, Billy Clifford, Green, Jacob Mendy
- July 20, home vs. Watford Under 23s - W 4-0 (Green, Noel-Williams, Mendy, Lewis)**
 Richardson, Arnold (Efete, 78), Sellers, Clifford (sheppard 61), Stevens, Okimo (Coker 78), Trialist (Lewis 61), Smith (Cook 78), Noel-Williams (Beckles-Richards 45), Green (Saunders 89), Mendy (Watt 61), Subs not used: Paterson, Ringer
- July 27, home vs. Brentford 'B' - W 2-0 (Lafayette 2)**
 Ringer, Arnold, Efete, Clifford (Lewis, 74), Stevens, Okimo, Phillips, Smith, Lafayette (Richards, 87), Green (Trialist, 78), Watt (Mendy, 67)



MATCH SPONSORS

A great way to celebrate a special occasion or advertise your organisation's support of Wealdstone, match sponsorship packages start at just **£345** (fans) or **£395** (corporate). As match day sponsor you will enjoy:

- Match tickets for four people (inc. prime main stand seats if required)
- A fantastic advertising package, including publicity over the PA system, website and social media
- Boardroom hospitality includes pre match and half-time refreshments as well as a superb array of culinary delights post match, courtesy of in-house caterer Lynn Evans
- Match-day programmes for all in your party
- VIP car parking
- Name and present the 'Man of the Match' award
- A stunning dedicated glass award



*Please note that we can accommodate **multiple match sponsors** and can **tailor the experience** to whatever are your requirements. For example, we can cater for as many as **25 people** in our magnificent new **hospitality lounge**. This facility has undergone a comprehensive re-fit with substantial investment courtesy of our club sponsors GPF Lewis & Ruislip Social Club. Our match sponsors and their guests are all entertained in surroundings befitting such a special occasion be it a birthday, anniversary or any other special event!

We will work with you to ensure you and your guests get to enjoy a truly memorable experience. If you or your organisation are interested in sponsoring a match here at The Vale, please contact Club President, **Paul Rumens** (paulrumens59@gmail.com or call **07710 929692**) to discuss.

MATCH	SPONSORS
DARTFORD Saturday, 3rd August Vanarama National League South	Support the Stones - sponsor a match!
CHIPPENHAM TOWN Tuesday, 13th August Vanarama National League South	Wealdstone FC Supporters Club
HUNGERFORD TOWN Saturday, 24th August Vanarama National League South	Ray Corner and Peter Carter
MAIDSTONE UNITED Saturday, 31st August Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
OXFORD CITY Saturday, 7th September Vanarama National League South	The Guild
HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE Saturday, 28th september Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
TONBRIDGE ANGELS Saturday, 26th October Vanarama National League South	In memory of John O'Connor
EASTBOURNE BOROUGH Saturday, 9th November Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
CONCORD RANGERS Saturday, 30th November Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
WELLING UNITED Saturday, 21st December Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
ST.ALBANS CITY Saturday, 28th December Vanarama National League South	Laurence

MATCH	SPONSORS
SLOUGH TOWN Wednesday, 1st January Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
CHELMSFORD CITY Saturday, 11th January Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
BATH CITY Saturday, 25th January Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
BILLERICAY TOWN Saturday, 8th February Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
DORKING WANDERERS Saturday, 22nd February Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
DULWICH HAMLET Saturday, 7th March Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
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The World of Ball

Vertical amber bands of purest evil #AgainstStripes

BY MARTIN READ



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To be fair, the stripes don't look half as bad when we score in them...



"It just come out with it: I'm not a fan of the stripes. I'm sure most people will love this year's kit - available from all good mega-store this very afternoon - but I'm struggling.

Yellow on home kits is not the end of my footballing world per se, but it would help if the shade in our stripes was the type of buttercup yellow we've come to expect. This year's shade, with its significant uptick in magenta, has turned that "traditional" Stones yellow into, well, a perhaps uncomfortably bee-like amber, if you catch my drift.

Drawing a line

If memory serves, the first time we went with yellow and blue stripes was way back in 1982/83 when it was next to impossible to find another club playing in anything similar. Our then chairman David Morritt was keen on finding a kit unique in all of the footballing world, and apparently that's what we got. Since then, of course, yellow has crept in to a few fair few of our home kits, perhaps most memorably with that single horizontal line above the breast on the title-winning jersey of 2013/2014.

But it's not the yellow I have a problem with, it's those damnable stripes. Of course, striped shirts in football are nothing new. And in fact, they're one of the original forms of football shirt designs - if not also the most bastardised over the years.

But how often are the teams in stripes the teams with trophies? Just six of the 24 clubs to have ever been crowned champi-

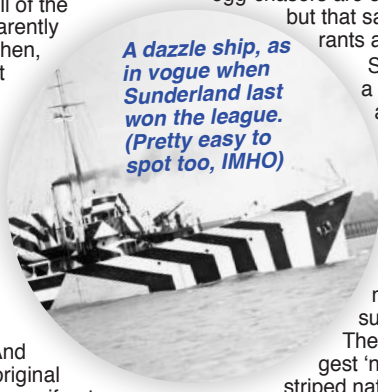
ons of England have striped shirts as their traditional kit. Only 18 times in 120 seasons has a team in stripes taken the First Division / Premier League title - and the last time it happened was with Sunderland way way back in 1936.

Look beyond football and the use of stripes takes a nose dive. There are no striped F1 cars, no striped cricketers. I've found precious few rugby colours in actual vertical stripes (and that's a sport which tolerates the colour craziness of Harlequins). The egg-chasers are oddly attached to hoops, but that sartorial no-no probably warrants a whole other article.

Stripes outside of sport? Not a bother. In fact, stripes have a habit of adding some left-field spark to a whole range of everyday things. Take Pacers, the minty take on Opal Fruits* from the 1980s. Pacers had stripes. Green on white. Now, should a grown man still carry around such pointless information?

There's a strong case to suggest 'no'. Nevertheless, it's the striped nature of this confection that sticks in my head, not the taste.

Stripes also remind me of dazzle ships. No, I do not mean the Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark album of 1984 (though you're right, that particular part of their back



A dazzle ship, as in vogue when Sunderland last won the league. (Pretty easy to spot too, IMHO)

catalogue has been unfairly maligned over the years); I'm talking about the 'dazzle ship' camouflage after which the LP was named. The picture here shows just how very much not like camouflage this was. It screams "look at me, over here, yeah, I'm a bloody great ship and I'm decked out in eye-watering black and white stripes. Shoot at me!" Except that, apparently, the effect did actually work from a great distance. (Well, to a degree. You don't see HMS Queen Elizabeth rocking the look today, do you?)

And it's at this stage that I would like to introduce you to the gloriously named Zipporah Lisle-Mainwaring who has managed to hack off her neighbours in Kensington by painting her house in bloody great red and white stripes. Is this a good thing? Should we all be able to paint our houses in stripes? *That* would be dazzling alright. Come on, would you want such a house in your street? (She's won the right to keep it this way, btw.)



"Just around the corner. You can't miss us."

* Oh what, 'Starburst' you say? Jog on.

Ban the bands

The other problem with stripes is a problem football has had since the early 1980s. The introduction on to kits of sponsors and player names has only added to the problem of excess shirt 'information'. A third colour is typically required for this new content to stand out, and that often comes at a cost to its presentation. When we had yellow and blue stripes in the eighties, we used red shirt numbers. I mean, what the hell? You also tend to get red numbers on black and white stripes, white on red and black, blue on red and white. Is this a good thing? You could say I'm not convinced.

Today, most historically "striped" clubs have addressed this issue by having their stripes solely on the front, with the back a plain colour. This allows player number and name to stand out, and that's our choice this season too.

So how *does* a sponsor make their name stand out on striped shirts? Well, a few weeks back we saw turf accountant japesters Paddy Power pretend that their solution on Huddersfield Town's kit was a massive sash. Hilariously, this turned out to be publicity for their real intention of - hurrah! - taking the sponsor's name off the shirt entirely. Except the FA managed to T&v&y the entire episode, fining the terriers for flouting shirt sponsor regulations. I mean, it was obviously a *joke* you fools - and a good one at that.

Finally, there's this thought: in the Netherlands, researchers have discovered that "viewing stripe patterns produces gamma oscillations in the brain which - in extreme circumstances - can cause seizures for those with photo-sensitive epilepsy and cause headaches, even for non-sufferers." Crikey, so how's The Vale for *that* health and safety compliance situation?

Anyway, there you have it. Now look, yes, I'm sure the stripes will grow on me if - for example - we win the league or something; but for now, I'm of the type that says ditch that stripe.



APPEARANCES

FIRST TEAM, SEASON 2019/2020 @ 17/08/2019

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	NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH			FA CUP			FA TROPHY			MIDDX SENIOR CUP			MIDDX CHARITY CUP			TOTALS			WFC CAREER		
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Arnold, Nick	5														5			5			
Beckles-Richards, Reece		1													1			1			
Clifford, Billy	5		2												5		2	5		2	
Efete, Michee	5														5			5			
Green, Danny	5		1												5		1	143	14	33	
Lafayette, Ross	5		2												5		2	11	8	3	
Lewis, Dennon	3	2	1												3	2	1	3	2	1	
Mendy, Jacob		4	2												4	2		4	2		
North, Jonathan																		390		1	
Okimo, Jerome	5														5			150	5	3	
Oxborough, Aston	5														5			5			
Phillips, Michael	5		1												5		1	5		1	
Roberts, Phillip		2													2				2		
Sheppard, Jake		5													5			40	11	4	
Smith, Connor	5														5			27	11	5	
Stevens, Connor	5		1												5		1	47		7	
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2019 / 2020 FIXTURES

AUGUST	Opposition	Competition	Result
Wednesday 28th	BEDFONT SPORTS	League	
SEPTEMBER			
Wednesday 4th	CB HOUNSLOW UNITED	FA Youth Cup P	
Wednesday 11th	Hayes & Yeading United	League Cup P	
Wednesday 25th	Hampton & Richmond Borough	League	
OCTOBER			
Wednesday 9th	CAMBERLEY TOWN	League	
NOVEMBER			
Monday 4th	Staines Town	League	
Wednesday 25th	NORTHWOOD	League	
DECEMBER			
Wednesday 4th	ALDERSHOT TOWN	League	
Wednesday 11th	Hayes & Yeading United	League	
Wednesday 18th	BRACKNELL TOWN	League	
JANUARY			
Monday 6th	Uxbridge	League	
Monday 13th	Bedfont Sports	League	
Wednesday 22nd	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	League	
Thursday 30th	Camberley Town	League	
FEBRUARY			
Wednesday 5th	STAINES TOWN	League	
Thursday 13th	Northwood	League	
Monday 17th	Aldershot Town	League	
Wednesday 26th	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	League	
MARCH			
Wednesday 4th	Bracknell Town	League	
Wednesday 11th	UXBRIDGE	League	

WEALDSTONE LADIES 2019 FIXTURES

SEPTEMBER	Opposition	Competition	Result
Sunday 8th	EAST LONDON	League	
Sunday 15th	London Dev. Academy (Watford)	League	
Sunday 22nd	Denham United Reserves	League	
Sunday 29th	CLAPHAM UNITED RESERVES	League	
OCTOBER			
Sunday 6th	Headstone Manor	League	
Sunday 13th	ENFIELD TOWN RESERVES	League	
Sunday 27th	Larkspur Rovers	League	
NOVEMBER			
Sunday 3rd	Edgware Town	League	
Sunday 10th	TOWER HAMLETS	League	

NEXT MATCH

U18's Wednesday 28th August
v Bedfont Sports 7.30 Kick Off - HOME

REWIND: 50 YEARS AGO  BY TIM PARKS

Today marks half a century of Wealdstone watching for me.. and it only seems like 49!

It seems extraordinary to say, but yesterday (August 23) was the 50th anniversary of my first Wealdstone game. So you'll have to forgive a rather self-indulgent slant on today's Rewind as we travel back to the start of the 1969-70 season - the day I was introduced to this great club of ours.

There have probably been more downs than ups over the subsequent half century but it was undeniably a great club even then.

So what attracted me to the Stones? Usually it's family that is responsible for constructing those invisible ties that tether us to a club for a lifetime - but my dad wasn't really into sport (despite being born 50 yards from Arsenal's old Highbury ground and sneaking in after half time when he was a boy) and my uncle and grandad were dyed-in-the-wool Chelsea fans.

They had season tickets right through the 1950s, 60s and early 70s and my first glimpse of the huge bowl of Stamford Bridge, for a 1-0 win over Nottingham Forest in 1968, should have enslaved my heart to the West London blues forever.

But for some reason my feelings remained cold. Even the glamour and the excitement of approaching the ground,

WHAT'S GONE WRONG WITH WEALDSTONE ?

The shock mix-up over Bernie Bremer, the sole member of their Amateur Cup winning squad to stay with the club since, brings further emphasis to the niggling question "What's gone wrong with Wealdstone?"

For the past two seasons have seen an exodus without parallel in the club's history, falling gates and, perhaps the ultimate, an international star leaving the most successful amateur club in the country to play four mat-

ches at Lower Mead and then going back to Enfield because "my football was suffering".

To find the cause, let's go back to the resignation of seven-year coach Vin Burgess — "I was tired" — at the end of the 1967-68 season. With the choice of ex-pro Dave Underwood, Wealdstone switched to a defensive setup with Underwood, not a unanimous choice, declaring "I'll get the defence right and then think about the attack."

This was followed by a series of successfully fought defensive matches that did anything but cheer the fans but made the club a lot of money, the F.A. Cup run that ended in the first round proper at St. Albans and the five Amateur Cup matches with Hertford Town being real money-spinners.

In the middle of it all, however, Underwood had a series of "words" with Lower Mead hero Charlie Townsend and the club, as they should, backed coach against player.

With the start of the current season, Gordon Sedgley, Howard Moxon, and, eventually John Connell (referred to above)



coach Burgess

OBSERVER SPORTS EDITOR

strengthened the side but the tactics remained defensive and strikers Keith Searle, then home-grown John Hutchinson left for Wycombe Wanderers.

ADMISSION

The witches' cauldron finally boiled over in the week of the Amateur Cup first round contest with lowly Vauxhall Motors. On the Tuesday, Moxon, now the only "name" left in the Wealdstone line-up, wrote his resignation letter and grumbings from other senior players left the club, in the phrase of a senior official, "with the situation where we couldn't field a Cup side without using every reserve."

After frenzied efforts by two members of the committee, Moxon agreed to withdraw his letter on one condition, which Underwood made rapidly "him or me."

For the second time, Wealdstone chose and this time they tood the player before the coach, thus tacitly admitting they had

been wrong in the previous melees.

Moxon was named player-coach and by taking the job — only John Evans of Barking has had a similar spot in the Isthmian League — effectively ruled himself out of England team manager Charles Hughes' calculations.

Underwood, who, had declined a weird three year contract offer a year before from the then management committee chief Bill Roberts, rejoined former Fulham colleague Jimmy Hill in his Sunday TV programme.

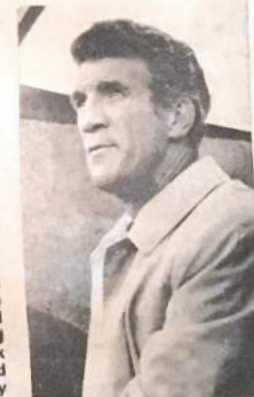
IMPOSSIBLE

"Howard's job" said one senior player after the match at Woking "is an impossible one. He has a job to do, training to keep up, coaching to try and get players to see. Without someone like Charlie back to take some of the load off him, it's a seven-day week and no joy."

Moxon himself is showing

the strain of it all and I would doubt if he or anyone else could go through another full season without assistance.

It is equally ironic to note that last Tuesday without Bremer or Moxon, the star-less side put on the bravest and best show I've seen to crush the old enemy Enfield.



Ex-coach Underwood

This article appeared in the Harrow Observer at the end of my first season following the club. It was clearly a time of turmoil at Lower Mead but I was blissfully unaware of it!

seeing the Match of the Day vans parked up outside, the salty hot chestnut sellers, the newspaper placards and the surging crowds - and the often thrilling games as champions Leeds and Manchester United came to town - really didn't do it for me.

My uncle was often away on business so I traveled down on the Met Line to Baker Street from Pinner to meet my grandad

Tom, and then on to the Chelsea game. It was intriguing, seeing the household names in action and Osgood, Hudson, Cooke and Houseman were worshipped by the fans... but not by me.

For some reason, not readily apparently, my heart was stolen the very first time I pushed my way through the clanking Lower Mead turnstiles for the game with

Sutton United 50 years ago.

It must have been a subconscious attraction because I honestly cannot remember being aware of football at all until Manchester United won the European Cup in May 1968. Even England winning the World Cup barely registered for this boy who was more into soldiers, guns and aircraft

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kits- until Best, Law and Charlton swung into action at Wembley that May evening.

My dad, who had his own business in the Exhibition Grounds at Wembley, brought home the United v Benfica match programme the day before the game and, who knows, that simple act may have sparked my life-long love for football - and football programmes.

My Uncle Terry and Tom certainly tried their best to get me interested in Chelsea. Looking back only last week, with the Stones results for that 1969-70 season and the Chelsea programmes that I inherited from my Grandad when he died, I could track the matches I saw 50 years ago.

And only a week before my first Wealdstone game we had a family trip to see Chelsea's tame 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace at the Bridge.

Perhaps that whetted my appetite. I remember reading about the Stones in the Harrow Observer and my dad saying 'why don't you go along and watch them? It's only a few miles down the road'.

And there, in the paper was the preview for the coming Saturday's game: Wealdstone, FA Amateur Cup winners three years before and who had made a decent start to the Isthmian League season, versus Sutton, title challengers and beaten Amateur Cup finalists, at Lower Mead.

My school mate Philip West said he fancied coming along too, and although the train from Hatch End was our preferred

option, Dad had to go into Harrow that afternoon and so dropped us off at the end of Hindes Road.

I'm not sure what I was expecting. My only previous experience of football was Chelsea, and a couple of schoolboy interna-



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My life in the 1969-70 season: I had discovered football, but despite watching these Chelsea games my heart was stolen by the rather less charismatic team who played behind the ABC Cinema in Harrow.

Above: The games I saw that season at the Bridge. Left: The programme for that first game against Sutton United



tional trips to Wembley from primary school. There was a long queue at the turnstiles and then suddenly we were past the corrugated iron fence, round the back of the corrugated iron main stand and up to the Elmslie End.

This was different. This was exciting! We found a spot behind the goal, wedged in with the kids just yards from the stanchion and maybe it was the proximity to the action, the way you could hear the players grunting and swearing and the immediate reaction of the volatile crowd... whatever it was, I was won over.

What do I remember of the game? Very little. We lost 1-0 to a goal scored by Sutton's Amateur international Trevor Bladon and the crowd was a shade over 2,000, but my only recollection was a missed chance by our new signing John Connell close to the end. He had two goes but was unable to force the ball past United's celebrated keeper Dennis Roffey - and received dog's abuse from the Stones fans who seemed to resent the fact he was even playing.

It was only in hindsight that I realised why: Connell, a tricky Irish international striker,

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REWIND: 50 YEARS AGO

had joined us from 'the enemy' Enfield only the previous week and had displaced Stones favourite Hughie Lindsay from the side.

Indeed, Lindsay stormed out even before the kick off when he realised he wouldn't be playing!

So I missed seeing Wealdstone legend Lindsay play by just one game. Hughie went off to Hampton to see out his last years in the Athenian League, a disappointing end to a brilliant career for the England and British Olympic international.

So there we go. My first game. The Stones - as shown in the accompanying cutting - had a stop-start season, finishing tenth in the end, while Sutton went on to have a stellar campaign. Their challenge to eventual champions Enfield was derailed by a brilliant FA Cup run that saw them reach the 4th round proper, only to lose 6-0 to the mighty Leeds United machine at Gander Green Lane.

Imagine how disappointed they were, though, after battling through to the Third Round and dreaming of a money-spinning game against Manchester United or Chelsea ... and being drawn against another non-League team!

That's exactly what happened to Sutton United. They couldn't believe their bad luck when they were drawn away at powerful Southern Leaguers Hillingdon Borough. And

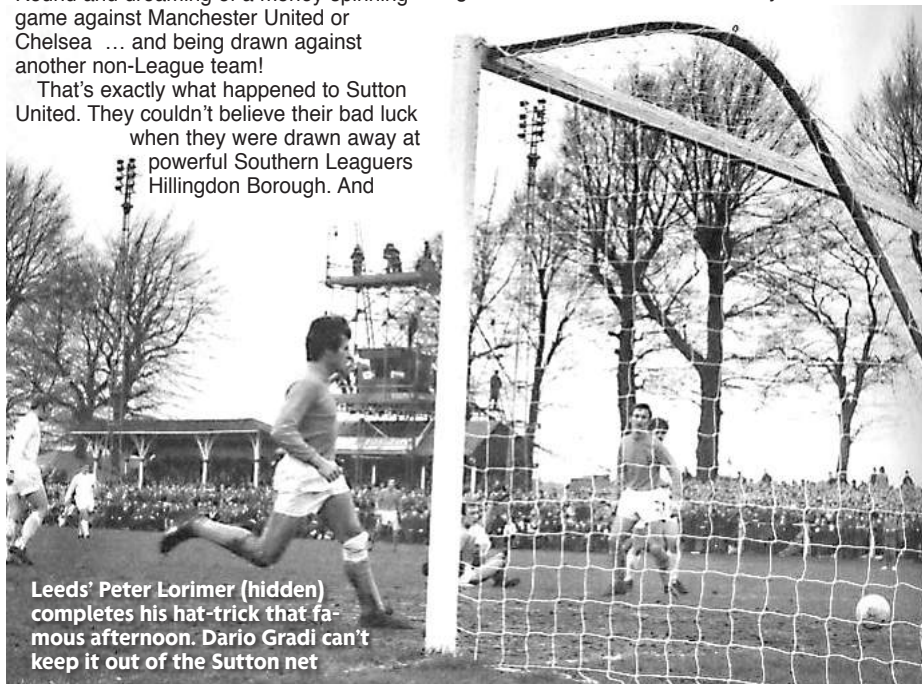
neither could Hillingdon, who had beaten fellow SL Prem side Wimbledon 2-0 in the First Round, and then 3rd Div Luton 2-1 at the Leas Stadium in Round Two to book what seemed certain to be a glamour tie.

But at least there would be one non-League name in the Fourth Round. And when the pair fought out a 0-0 stalemate at the Leas on January 3rd, 1970, what a match awaited the winners: drawn at home to Leeds United, the reigning Football League Champions!

Not only that, but Don Revie's boys were acclaimed as one of the best club sides in the World, top of the Division One table and through to the quarter-finals of the European Cup.

Having seen Sutton at first hand I gave my school pals the benefit of my wisdom in the days leading up to the eagerly-anticipated game. "I think it might be a draw" I pronounced, sagely. "With Leeds just edging the replay".

It didn't turn out to be quite as close as I'd predicted, however. Fifty years later I've got no better... we'll lose 1-0 today!



Leeds' Peter Lorimer (hidden) completes his hat-trick that famous afternoon. Dario Gradi can't keep it out of the Sutton net

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Vanarama National League South – Table @ 18th August

Opposition	All						Home						Away						+/-	Pts	Results	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A				
1 Wealdstone	5	4	0	1	12	2	2	2	0	0	5	1	3	2	0	1	7	1	10	12	--	--
2 Weymouth	5	3	2	0	11	5	3	2	1	0	8	3	2	1	1	0	3	2	6	11		
3 Bath City	5	3	2	0	8	2	3	2	1	0	4	1	2	1	1	0	4	1	6	11		
4 Concord Rangers	5	3	1	1	9	5	2	2	0	0	4	2	3	1	1	1	5	3	4	10		
5 Dulwich Hamlet	5	3	1	1	7	5	3	2	1	0	5	3	2	1	0	1	2	2	2	10	0-1	
6 Billericay Town	5	3	1	1	7	6	2	2	0	0	3	1	3	1	1	1	4	5	1	10		
7 Dorking Wanderers	5	3	1	1	8	9	2	2	0	0	6	2	3	1	1	1	2	7	-1	10		
8 Havant & Waterlooville	5	2	3	0	12	5	3	1	2	0	7	1	2	1	1	0	5	4	7	9		
9 Hemel Hempstead Town	5	3	0	2	8	8	3	2	0	1	5	4	2	1	0	1	3	4	0	9	3-0	
10 Chelmsford City	5	2	1	2	10	7	2	2	0	0	8	1	3	0	1	2	2	6	3	7		
11 Welling United	5	2	1	2	6	7	3	2	0	1	4	4	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	7		
12 Braintree Town	5	2	0	3	10	9	3	1	0	2	7	7	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	6	4-0	
13 Chippenham Town	5	1	3	1	4	3	2	1	1	0	3	1	3	0	2	1	1	2	1	6	1-0	
14 Maidstone United	5	1	2	2	5	5	3	0	2	1	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	2	0	5		
15 Oxford City	5	1	2	2	6	10	2	1	0	1	3	5	3	0	2	1	3	5	-4	5		
16 Eastbourne Borough	5	1	2	2	3	7	2	1	1	0	3	1	3	0	1	2	0	6	-4	5		
17 Tonbridge Angels	5	1	1	3	3	7	2	1	0	1	2	2	3	0	1	2	1	5	-4	4		
18 Hungerford Town	5	1	1	3	5	10	3	1	1	1	3	4	2	0	0	2	2	6	-5	4		
19 St Albans City	5	0	3	2	3	7	3	0	2	1	1	4	2	0	1	1	2	3	-4	3		
20 Slough Town	5	0	2	3	3	6	2	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	1	2	2	4	-3	2		
21 Dartford	5	0	2	3	4	13	2	0	2	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	2	11	-9	2	4-1	
22 Hampton & Richmond	5	0	1	4	8	14	3	0	1	2	5	7	2	0	0	2	3	7	-6	1		