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elcome once again to Grosvenor Vale for our first home league fixture of September.

We extend our warm welcome to today's visitors Oxford City, their management team, officials, players and supporters. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us this afternoon before your trip back up the M40.

So, how was August for you? I don't believe that many supporters would have predicted a return of 21 points from a possible 24 at 2.55 on the 3rd. Equally few I guess would have believed the entertainment that has been provided by our team in the few short weeks since. There will be many battles ahead this season but I think it's clear we are up for the fight. On behalf of all the supporters, thank you Dean and Stuart, all of your team and all our

players. Keep up the hard work.

The board should also be praised for providing the funds to create our squad and also everyone who has contributed to the budget either through your continued attendance, via the Rolling Stones fund raiser, as a Match Sponsor or Ball donor, a Kit Sponsor, programme buyer or Bar user every penny counts. As always we will continue to operate a sustainable football club and we are still looking for supporters or businesses to step forward as sponsors to ensure we remain competitive on the pitch. Full details of all our sponsorship packages, which can be customised to your individual requirements, can be found in the pages of this very programme.

Mark

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Club Chairman Rory Fitzgerald added.....

"The response from fans has been amazing and made a meaningful difference to the budget we've been able to make available to Dean and Stuart. We're working on a number of areas of the club to enable us to retain a competitive budget and the success of this is a real boost to the management team who are doing a great job"

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From the Gaffer

hese notes were written prior to Tuesday's game at St. Albans but hopefully our wonderful run of results continued.

Reflecting on last Saturday's game at home to Maidstone, first and foremost I was delighted that we won the game as that is what this business is all about. For the majority of the game our performance levels were once again very strong but I felt we should have seen the game out in a much more comfortable fashion.

I know that when we play the bigger clubs in our division that we are not going to have it all our way but our performance last Saturday deserved a stronger score line in our favour.

What impressed me most was that after Maidstone scored in the 86 minute our opponents never got another sniff at our goal.

- That takes good leadership which we have.
- 2. It takes sacrifice which our players are prepared to give for each other.
- 3. It takes togetherness which is something we have all created within our great football club.

Our players managed the last nine minutes in a classy fashion against an experienced team. We are still a young progressive group but I know we can still improve in all aspects our game.

All that said - we won 2-1 and won well.

Today we host Oxford City, and I know Jonna's teams like to play a good technical style of football. They have plenty of ability and on their day they can beat any team in this division. Today is going to be another good test of our

mental strength, we have to keep doing what we are good at but to do what we are good we must earn the right. There are no easy games within The National League South, we are once again going to have to drive each other forward from our players to our supporters.

We are Wealdstone FC together...

Dean





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STONES INTERVIEW

BY TIM PARKS

Today's player interview is a little different as Michael Phillips - our summer capture from Maidstone who has just signed a two-year deal quickly emailed me back his questions from the team coach on the way to Weymouth. I love a quick response! We later had a chat and he revealed his early career at

Premier League Crystal Palace...

How did you come to ioin the Stones, Michael? Me and Stuart Maynard spoke on the phone a few times last season when he was managing at Billericay with Dean Brennan - he wanted me to come and play for them. Things at Maidstone (where I was plaving) were up in the air after Harry Wheeler came across as manager. I knew Maynard and Dean

were still interested in the summer and I was happy to come to Wealdstone - there was no bad blood with Maidstone. I left there on good terms and had a good relationship with the club and fans. (Michael was actually voted the fans' Player of the Year last season)

I know you were at Crystal Palace in their youth system, but what was the most memorable game vou've plaved in? 'Well, I went with the Palace first team squad to the Asia Trophy in Hong Kong two years ago - what an experience! There were around 40.000 in this huge stadium and I came on as sub for the last 35 minutes playing against the likes of Phillippe Coutinho, Salah, Mane, Firmino, Trent Alexander-Arnold etc . That was my debut game and I also played against West Brom in the same tournament. We lost 2-0 to Liverpool but beat West Brom in the third

'We've got some great players and I can see us getting a long run going.. we don't fear anyone in this league'

place game also 2-0.

Have you always been a midfielder?

No, I started in Sunday league football as a striker and worked my way back. Played most of my career in centre midfield but I've also played in many positions like including centre-back, right-back, as a No.10 behind the striker and on the wing - also making an appearance in goal!

Have you scored many goals in senior football?

I've scored a fair few goals, though most I've scored in a season was 14 from midfield in under-18s but I'd expect to score at least 4+ a season

What's your most memorable goal?

That was scoring against Woking in the FA trophy to help Maidstone get to the guarter final last season- I was playing at right back and underlapped inside, getting on the end of a high ball and heading over the keeper.

What was it like at Maidstone? Did you get on with the plastic pitch?

Left: Michael tussles with Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho

in the Asia Trophy

two years ago.

Above right: He

is distraught as

Divok Origi settles the game at 2-0; and (right) he gets on the ball against

West Brom.

ar left: Michael and

Dean Brennan

flt's not the best - I'd much rather play on grass and the surface at The Vale is great'.

Whereabouts do vou live? Is it tough to commute across for training and games? 'I've been living in lewisham all my life but currently I've been living in Croydon for two years - and yes it's a long way! I travel by train to get to training during the week but I go back with Nick Arnold and to games as he lives round the corner from me.

Do you have any family who play the game? I can say no one in my family can kick a football. unfortunately!

What's the best team you've ever played in? Well that was the Asia Trophy trip with Crystal Palace playing alongside Wilfried Zaha, Johan Cabaye, Townsend, Benteke, Van Arnholt, Jason Puncheon... a strong side.

Who was the stand out player in that side? The stand out has to be Wilfred Zaha

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Can you compare the current stones side with any team vou've played in? That's hard because I've been in different situations - at Crystal Palace I was coming up through the youth, Maidstone was my first year in men's football. But I would say that we have some outstanding players with big Ross, Greenie and Billy Clifford, Dennon and Jacob Mendy all really good-

and we have a good bench too! That makes a difference because we have that strength to make up for the injuries vou're bound to get.

Do you have a job outside the game? I currently just do coaching here and there, and I'm hoping to get involved with the Wealdstone under-23 set up next vear

Did you know any of the players here before you signed? I've never ever played against Wealdstone but I know Michee from Palace, and then Maidstone while I used to play against Dennon when he was at Watford. And against Connor Smith too. And Ross was at Maidstone for a short while so ves. it was good seeing them all again

How do you think you're settling in? I'm really enjoying myself at the Stones - great facilities, superb supporters and a good group of lads and the

NEXT UP TO BE INTERVIEWED: IT'S NICK ARNOLD!

staff. The pitch is ledge. I just want to play at the highest level possible and the best way is to keep playing well.

At the moment we're looking like we can string a really good runs of wins together, and if we can do that we have a great chance of making the play-offs or better. So far I've seen nothing to frighten us - we lost to Dulwich but I don't really know why as we missed a lot of chances-Weymouth weren't bad but probably Chippenham we're the toughest as they kept a good shape and were awkward.

'We've got some interesting games coming up and Welling and Havant & Waterlooville will be a test. But we're just enjoying growing as a team at the moment and don't fear anybody'

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Supporters' Scene

ood afternoon and welcome to the supporters of Oxford City and wish them a safe journey home up the M40, a journey I know well from travelling to Abingdon regularly. As I write this, I'm so pleased that Wealdstone are still top of the League following their victory over Maidstone United. As highlighted in the programme, they were the last team to play Wealdstone in the GM Vauxhall Conference League (now National League). I was there that night at Lower Mead and recall the air of despondency that hung over the club in May 1988. However I think the last time the Club was top of the table at this point in the season was just three months later. (I found that out from the Supporters Club stand at the Harrow Show.) The Stones had opened their account in the Beazer Homes Southern League Premier Division very strongly and were a force to be reckoned with. Sadly they 'ran out of steam' by Christmas and finished 11th with an empty trophy cabinet. Let's hope history does not repeat itself!

On the subject of history, I liked Attic's transcript in the Hungerford programme of the Stones Soccer Line. I did phone up a few times when the back page of the Harrow Observer was my usual means of following the Stones. I wonder if any of the recordings were saved such as the post-match interviews, these would form a valuable archive. This last week has seen the 80th Anniversary of the outbreak of World War Two. On the 2nd September Wealdstone played their only FA Cup game that season versus Old Johnians at home where they won 7-3. Of course the contest was scrapped leaving Portsmouth to become the longest holders of the Cup having won it in 1939. The global conflict had its influence on the club which have been well chronicled by Roger Slater and the fallen are remembered in the Club house and the main stand.

Thanks to all of you that joined the supporters coach for the Weymouth game. We do hope to continue providing this service but desperately need someone to take this on. Feel free to speak to a

Committee member to discover what is involved. We also do need more committee members in general. I have taken on membership matters within the Supporters Club and can be contacted on wealdstonescmembership@gmail.com. I'm in the process of designed a new Life Members Certificate, so bear with me. A review of the personal data we hold will be undertaken this autumn to check its accuracy.

Do visit the Megastore today if you get the chance. Should any younger fans or Pebbles want a FREE bundle of last season's programmes, just ask for one

Pick n Mix Coming Soon — We are pleased to announce that once the ridiculously hot temperatures have subsided and been replaced with the much more normal chill of late summer and early autumn, we will be stocking and selling all those classic sweets of old that have often been requested over the years by yourselves. Thanks to twitter, people have already given us a helping hand and suggested what classics they want to see inside the Megastore, but it is not too late to add your suggestion. So hopefully soon you should be able to scoop a bag of lemon sherberts, fried eggs, strawberry bonbons or a quarter of cola cubes.

Fergie Moore Book – We are down to the last few copies of Fergus Moore's book 'And Sometimes the Dog was Busy' which is an excellent read, that I happily polished off in the close season. It is priced at £5 per copy to clear the last few we have and offers a great insight into life as a non-league player / manager. Fergie has even signed every copy.

Lastly, 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.

Up the Stones!

Terry

The Elmslie Ender



New starts at Wealdstone and **new starts at Bury....**

he feel-good factor is well and truly back. Seven wins from eight games, six on the spin and our best start to a season for twenty-three years, when we went thirteen wins from fourteen games at the start of the season winning the third division of the Isthmian League...

Maidstone looked a tricky game. The other Stones had won four on the spin themselves having been relegated from the Conference National. They have remained full time, but other than the first ten minutes and the last five minutes plus injury time, they were second best to a dominant Wealdstone. Had we won by three or four, it would not have been an injustice as in the second half the Kent side needed goal line blocks and a decent save from their keeper to keep them in the game. The nervy final few moments wouldn't have been necessary had those chances gone in, but we actually held out comfortably enough.

To think that we are an almost brand new side, only three of the starting line up were at the Vale last season, there is probably more to come from this group as they learn to play together even more. In my first article of the season I wrote about having a symbiotic link between all the strands of the club, from the

: board to the management through to the players and most vitally of all with the fans. We didn't have that for the last two seasons. but it certainly appears to be there now. There will be bumps along the way, but I am sure we are all enjoying what we are seeing on the field at the moment.

If there is one moan, albeit a small one, and that was the crowd last week, a disappointing 1.066. Yes, I am disappointed with a four figure attendance. Much like the Chippenham gate, it did look bigger than it was announced but that could mean that just more of our season ticket holders did turn up to watch as we do count all season tickets in the official attendance. With the Kent side bringing around 200 fans, I would say we were 150-200 short of where we should have been. Only Chelsea/Brentford of the local pro clubs were playing. Fulham played the night before, Arsenal/Spurs the day after and probably more crucially QPR and Watford were away. This week, with the international break in place, with our start, you'd be disappointed with less than four figures even though Oxford's travelling continent will be considerably smaller than Maidstone's.

Whilst the football view of the world here in HA4 appears to be very rosy, we saw last week the other cruel side of football as Bolton Wanderers were nearly wiped from the footballing map, a fate that did fall upon Bury. Over a hundred thirty years of a football club and a community hub destroyed by nefarious owners and a governing authority whose fit and proper standards aren't fit for purpose. A man who has a history of businesses being liquidated or struck off being allowed to take

over - a man who didn't not where Burv was: who didn't know they had a football club - from a man who allegedly mortgaged the football stadium to support his ailing business. But that is how football in the professional game works. Someone comes along to bail you out. They always do. The view is that you push a football club as far as you can, chase the dream, try to take them up the leagues/division until you can't nor are willing to fund the club anymore and then someone else comes to the rescue to take over the cycle in the hope that the economics of the higher league are better than the lower. It happens over

and over again, but the economics of the higher leagues are as brutal as the lower. How often do football clubs actually go bust? The last time it happened in the Football league was 1992 when Maidstone United went to the wall and until the same fate befell Bury, there hasn't been one for 27 years.

Anyone who has seen the explosive interactions between Steve Dale, the incumbent chairman of Bury, and his players, the media and supporters will be shaking their heads and wondering how he was even allowed

anywhere near a football club, but the previous chairman appears even worse. He chased a football dream of getting Bury in the Championship, a club whose average attendance even in a promotion season was 3,300. They went up from League 2 to League 1 last season with money they clearly did not have. Financial doping. Bury's financial losses for the three years to 31 May

2017 were £2.8m, £2.5m and £3m. This is Burv. Staggering numbers. Bury had one significant asset which was their stadium, valued at £5.5m. It doesn't take an accountant to work out that if you are losing pretty close to three million pounds every year and own one asset of any real worth, you aren't going to be around for too long.

I am sure a new Bury, an AFC, will rise again and, if the supporters stay with them, as they did at Wimbledon. Aldershot and Hereford, they will reach a level of football that is appropriate for the club, be that at Football

League or lower. Much will depend if they get to play at Gigg Lane or will the liquidators sell it off, probably to property developers, to pay off creditors. Without a stadium, a home, as we all well know, a football club is listless and a wandering soul deprived of the love of its family/community. For the moment we can sympathise with the Bury fans. We have been pretty close to the fate that has befallen them in the past.

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I first came to the Vale because we won free tickets at the Ruislip Manor fun day ...now we go home and away

oday's fan is 10-year old Owen Miall-Smith who is both a keen Stones follower and also goalkeeper for the Wealdstone Youth Under 11 'red' team.

Tim Parks fell into conversation with his family - dad Michael and Mum Hazell - on the way back from the epic Weymouth trip and they agreed to feature in this issue. Now we want more volunteers! This 'Fan in the Stand' column has been going for nine years but it has become a bit of a slog for your programme team to find new faces.... can you help us out and play a part in the feature? Either vourself or a fellow deserving

fan? Just have a word or email Tim on tim.fparks@gmail.com

Now, onto those questions....

Where do you live Owen? Just around the corner from the ground in Ruislip.

What was your first Wealdstone game? Wealdstone v Eastbourne 1-1 draw on 09/08/2014 - the club's first game in Conference South.

What were your first impressions? When I first went to the club I thought we were a very good team and could go on to the football league and also I thought the ground was bigger than I expected. The atmosphere was incredible and I couldn't wait to go back.

What school do vou go to? Deanesfield Primary School- I've always lived in Ruislip



Who first introduced you to the club? won free tickets at a raffle at Ruislip Manor summer fun day.

Do you follow any other team? I go to Tottenham matches and England matches - my dad Michael supports Tottenham and he is a season ticket holder both there and at Wealdstone

What was his first Stones game? His first Wealdstone game was the same as me! And my mum Hazel remembers coming to the ground when she was very young to watch Ruislip Manor play.

What attracts you to coming to Wealdstone? I like watching Stones play because we are a very good side and the attractive way they play.

What's your favourite stones team since

vou've been coming to the Vale? It is this 2019/20 team - it looks like this side is capable of winning the league.

shirts togethe

stays together Michael, Owen

and Hazell Mia

Smith show off

Do your school friends know about Wealdstone ? One of my school friends does because he plays for the Wealdstone youth team like me but iust a level below - but he doesn't come along to watch games like me.

Are your friends surprised you watch non League football? No. mv friends are not surprised because I play for the club.

What was your favourite Stones game? That was when I went to my first away game against Billericay in the FA trophy Quarter Final two years ago. A great 5-2 win!

Who are your favourite stones players? Jonathan North and Danny Green - Northy because he is a legend and Danny because he is a skilful and great midfielder.

Do you think the club do enough to attract vounasters like vou to games? I think there needs to be more advertising locally and at home games to attract the vounger generation to more matches.

Do you use the Megastore at the Vale? Yes I use the megastore. Me, my dad and my mum all have replica shirts. My favourite kit this season is the home kit I like it because of the bright blue and orange colours.

Do you think the club can win promotion to the EFL one day? Yes I think in the next few years we can go on to be in League two.

Nobody wants to tempt fate, but our terrific start to the National League South season begs comparison to previous campaigns... which often ended in triumph.

That was certainly the case the only time our first eight league results mirrored this season's won seven, drew 0, lost one. Back in 1996, in the rather lower strata of the Ryman Div Three, we lost (shockingly) 4-0 at Flackwell Heath but won the other seven. And ended up league champions by a single point.

Back in the glory days of the mid-1980s. when the Stones were playing in the Conference National (then known as the Gola League) we challenged for the title three times in successive seasons and (of course) won it in 1985. Our record in the first eight games in 1984-85 was won six. drew two. lost nil - which using the same point system as today would have yielded one less than this class of 2019. And it's been pointed out that we had to wait until December 22 for our first four-figure crowd at Lower Mead when 1,002 saw the clash with title challengers Altrincham.

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

We had an identical won six. drew two lost nil record in 1982-83 when finishing third... and a year later it was won five. drew three lost nil as we finished fourth in the table.

Back in our Southern League titlewinning days, 1973-74 saw a slow start, winning five, drawing one and losing twice in the first eight games - but we won the title by 11 clear points in the end! And the titanic 1981-82 season, when we pipped Hastings to the title, saw another August stutter as we drew with Hastings and lost at home to Dorchester - before winning the next ten!

This was written before our trip to St Albans on Tuesday so fingers crossed...

Opposition in focus

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This success lasted two years before relegation to Division 1 in 1998. There they staved until the Pyramid restructuring in 2004 took them into the Southern League Division 1. Finding adjustment difficult, City were

relegated into the South Midlands League, but showed determination in bouncing back at the first attempt, into Division 1 South and West of the Southern League.

Cup success has been limited in recent years other than when City again reached the 1st Round of the FA Cup in 1999/2000 against Wycombe Wanderers. After two sensational draws, the second abandoned just before the newly established penalty shoot-out after an electrical fire, City narrowly lost the unique third encounter at Oxford United's Manor Ground, before more than 4,000 fans.

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

In season 2009/10 City

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

a new pavilion, a new full size artificial grass pitch and six International standard Netball courts - all fulfilling the club's registered charity status.

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

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



CITY FACTS

GROUND - Marsh Lane CAPACITY - 3.500 MANAGER - Mark Jones 2018/19 - National League South 12th **Last Season**

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WHO'S WHO?

CRAIG KING - GOALKEEPER

Popular goalkeeper who enters his second full season with the Hoops, having joined the club in January 2018 after a spell out of the game, having previously been with Luton Town in the EFL.Craig spent time at Bishops Stortford and Southport on loan, whilst also making a few first team appearances for the Hatters in the Checkatrade Trophy.

STEVEN CARO - GOALKEEPER

Young goalkeeper who has come through the Oxford City Academy. He is into his second season as back-up for Craig King, and made a handful of appearances in 2018/19 with four starts and two substitute appearances, including one league clean-sheet in his first start against Chippenham Town.

JOE OASTLER - DEFENDER

Joe has been nearly ever present since joining the Hoops in 2017/18, with the 2019/20 season being his third at the club. His first two seasons saw him make 97 appearances in the Blue and White Hoops, proving his worth since joining the club. Previous clubs include Torquay United, Aldershot Town, Gosport Borough and Queens Park Rangers.

EDDIE JONES - DEFENDER

Eddie has built a reputation of being one of the most consistent performers on the pitch over the past two seasons. He's proven to be one of the most dynamic players in the City squad, having been used from right-back through to attacking midfield. His performances have seen him make 92 appearances in his two completed seasons at the club.

BEN JEFFORD - DEFENDER

Ben joined the club at the start of the 2018/19 season from league rivals Welling United, however his season was cut short due to a serious injury picked up at the start of the

year. He played both at left-back and centreback during his debut campaign at the club, performing well in both of these positions.

TARIK MOORE-AZILLE - DEFENDER

Tarik joined the club towards the end of the 2018/19 season following a spell at league rivals Hungerford Town. A tall and powerful centre-back, Tarik is able to get on top of attackers, as he also holds the pace to get back if necessary. His former clubs include St Albans City, where he joined after a spell in the Arsenal academy.

FINN TAPP - DEFENDER

Signed at the start of the 2019/20 campaign after being release from Milton Keynes Dons. He joined the Dons when he was aged 8 and made his way through the Academy until the end of last season. He made four appearances in the League Cup and EFL Trophy for the Dons, scoring one goal. He played at Staines Town on loan last season.

REECE FLEET - MIDFIELD

Reece is City's current top appearance maker as he starts the 2019/20 season on one shy of 200 club appearances. He made his Hoops debut in 2011/12 in City's promotion season from the Southern League, however he moved to Solihull Moors for two seasons, before returning in 2014/15, where he has remained at the club ever since. Signed a two year deal at the start of 2018/19.

ZAC MCEACHRAN- MIDFIELD

Zac has earned a reputation of being the most technically gifted player in the squad. He's guaranteed to register plenty of goals and assists in any season. He registered his 100th City appearance in 2018/19, in two spells at the club. Zac is from a big footballing family with brothers Josh and George both having spells at Premier League Chelsea in the past few seasons.

JOSH ASHBY- MIDFIELD

The former Oxford United man is starting his second full season with the Hoops, having

been released from United at the end of 2017/18. He had a spell on loan with City in 2016/17 however, becoming an important part of the midfield. One of the best passers at the club, Josh even had an eye for goal last season, netting four times.

JACK SELF - MIDFIELD

Talented midfielder who rejoined the club midway through 2018/19 season. He spent time at Didcot Town and Banbury United in five years away from the club. He made one appearance for City in 2013/14 in an Oxfordshire Senior Cup appearance, before he returned an became a key part of the City midfield.

KYRAN WILTSHIRE - MIDFIELD

Kyran is primarily a winger who joined from Maidenhead United at the start of 2018/19. He was one of a handful of players who registered 50 appearances for the club throughout the season. He also covers at left-back and can also play in central midfield positions, as well as on both wings. He has also had spells at Bishops Stortford and MK Dons.

BEN BARRETT- MIDFIELD

Young midfielder who made the step up from the Oxford City Academy in 2018/19, having played for the Oxford City Nomads previously. Made a handful of first team performances during the season, and particularly impressed in FA Trophy appearances against Maidstone United and Maidenhead United.

STEFAN BROWN-FORWRD

Striker who shot to fame in 2012/13 as he scored a rapid 15 minute hat-trick in the FA Cup first round against Bradford Park Avenue. Since then, he has had spells at Basingstoke Town, Hungerford Town and **WEALDSTONE** before joining the Hoops at the start of the 2019/20 campaign, where he had a good pre-season in front of goal.

DANNY ROWE - FORWARD

Joined the Hoops in 2019/20 after having a spell at Hemel Hempstead Town, where he impressed former assistant manager Joe Deeney. Had previous spells with Braintree Town and Boston United before making the move to Oxfordshire. He has shown plenty of promise in pre-season having netted three excellent goals in the six fixtures.

NANA OWUSU- FORWARD

Nana joined Oxford City in 2019/20 and arrives with a reputation of being a setpiece specialist. He was previously with Maidenhead United for the past two seasons, and did score a free-kick against the Hoops in the FA Trophy fixture in January 2019. Previously was with the Reading Academy before joining Basingstoke Town.

CRAIG FASANMADE - FORWARD

Young, talented forward who has progressed through the Oxford City youth teams, and played regularly for the Oxford City Nomads. Made over 30 first team appearances in 2018/19, primarily off the bench, however he grabbed three goals – his first was in a 5-0 win against Hemel Hempstead in the FA Cup.



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Back Row (L to R)

Jacob Mendy, Reece Becles-Richards, Kavan Cotter, Ryan Sellers, Dejon Noel-Williams, Matty Saunders.

Middle Row (L to R)

Abigail Maunders, Gary King, Michee Efete, Afolabi Coker, Michael Phillips, Aston Oxborough, Jonathan North, Joe Ringer, Connor Stevens, Jacob Cook, Ross Lafayette, Kirk Rayment, Tony Waugh.

Front Row (L to R)

Danny Green, Dennon Lewis, Billy Clifford, Nick Arnold, Stuart Maynard, Dean Brennan, Jerome Okimo, Connor Smith, Sanchez Watt, Jake Sheppard.



RESULTS & FIXTURES 2019/2020

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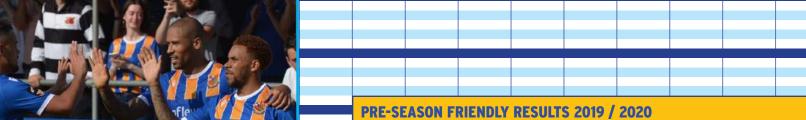
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PHI Michael Phillips

RBR Reece Beckles-Richards

RIN Joe Ringer **ROB** Phil Roberts **SHE** Jake Sheppard **SMI** Connor Smith

STE Connor Stevens **MEN** Jacob Mendy **WAT** Sanchez Watt



July 5, away vs. Bracknell Town - W 4-1 (Mendy, Lewis 2, Efete)

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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, Sellars, Matt Saunders, Ed Cook, Yaw Ofuso, 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, Sellars, Billy Clifford, Yaw Ofuso, 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, Deion Noel-Williams, Sanchez Watt, Eric Lopes, Sellars

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 9Coker 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)



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Saturday Sept 7 1974, Southern League Premier Division: Ketterina Town 2 Wealdstone 3

F you are a regular reader of this Rewind column vou'll be familiar with my love of the 1974-75 season. now a worrying 45 years ago.

It was the first time the Stones had rubbed shoulders with non-League football's true elite - our amateur days had seen us face the likes of Enfield. Wycombe, Sutton and Hendon on a regular basis but after we'd turned professional in 1971, the lure of winning promotion to the Southern League Prem was what sustained us.

And then it happened. Under Eddie Presland. Wealdstone won the Southern League Div One South by 11 points

and charged into the top division on a riptide of confidence, self belief and no little ability.

But we had to doubt if we'd really flourish there. And after two wins against Weymouth and Dartford, we foundered at Tonbridge and at home to Margate. That self belief was wavering.

Especially as we then faced this daunting trip up the M1 to Kettering, who had won the Southern League title in 1973 and then missed election to the Football League by just five votes the following year. They were managed by Big Ron Atkinson (just starting out on his impressive career

1974: Johnny H hits a goal to remember as Stones turn over title wannabes Kettering



in the dugout) and had a whole raft of ex pro stars who were just waiting to blow away the Stones. But remarkably, beauti-

fully, the afternoon turned out rather differently. Turning up with three coachloads of supporters was nothing unusual in those days (most of our fans seemed to be very old, or teenagers like myself) but the sheer size of Kettering's Rockingham Road and the 2,233 crowd really brought home the fact that we were sparring with the big boys.

The Ks scored within a few minutes. As we'd been expecting. But what we weren't

Managers Notes from Ston Albanson



Forgive me if I hark back to last week's game against Dartford but I don't think I can let it pass without making comment about the tremendous performance the team gave. It certainly ranks as the best display I personally have ever seen from a Southern League side and the fact that we scored four goals was an added bonus.

One factor that did disappoint me on Saturday was the size of the gate, which although was easily the highest in the league (and higher than several Fourth Division clubs) I'm sure that but for the lack of prematch build up due to an industrial dispute by the local press our gate would have been considerably higher.

That over it is now time to keep the momentum rolling. After today we are faced with a number of away games and if we can get a fair points return from these matches it will stand us in good stead.

Next week sees the start of the new style reserve league when our youngsters take part in the autumn competition.

This season the league has been split into two sections, one before Christmas and one after. It is hoped that next year the league will be extended to become a very good competition.

Finally a word of congratulations to our groundsman Terry Jordan for the excellent playing surface that he and his helpers have prepared

Kettering Town

Wealdstone

DICK DIGHTON 1 JOHN MORTON ROGER ASHBY 2 DEREK EVANS JOHN LOUGHLAN 3 JOHN WATSON

MICK GOODALL 4 ERIC BURGESS SEAN SUDDARDS 5 JOHN McCORMICK

FRANK LARGE 6 JIM GODFREY

TOMMY HORSFALL 7 RAY FULTON

GRAHAM ATKINSON 8 TERRY EVANS

JIM CONDE 9 BILL BYRNE

ROY CLAYTON 10 GEORGE DUCK

JOHN PAWLEY 11 JOHN HENDERSON

SAM FERRIS 12 PAUL FAIRCLOUGH

Referee : P. J. DAVIS, Redditch. H. BOWDEN, Northampton. G. STEVENS, Syston

BALL DONOR FOR TODAY'S GAME

STAMFORD ROAD OLD BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB

Left: The impressive main stand at Kettering's old Rockingham Road ground and (above) their team boss Ron Atkinson - just starting out on his managerial career - sings his team's praises in the programme. Right: How the teams lined up that memorable afternoon

expecting was a sublime equaliser from Johnny Henderson that transformed the whole afternoon. I can still picture it now. Imagine Glenn Little's languid but deadly run from the halfway line at Dulwich and

crank it up several notches - Johnny H collected the ball 55 yards

from goal, inside the centre circle and sprinted away from the first marker, before running diagonally towards the box faced by two more.

Gathered behind the goal, the 200+ Stones fans felt the first stirrings of excitement.

Talking to Johnny Henderson a few years ago (at the Brockenhurst FA Cup game in the New Forest, just a few miles from his home) he recollected that everything about the goal was instinctive. "My first touch was good and the second one pushed the ball

outside towards the touchline while I ran around inside the defender, who was a bit slow to react. Then as the next two defenders converged on me I slipped the ball between them and was through - just the keeper to beat" he said.

"Dick Dighton, the keeper, was really fast off his line but he left just enough of a gap to slide the ball across him and into the far corner. I'd scored!"

hat was one of the Wealdstone goals of all time, enhanced by the surroundings, the opposition and the sheer unlikeliness of a goal just when Kettering were threatening to run riot.

As the attached report shows, Jim Godfrey then headed the now-confident Stones in front only for Ks' centre forward Jim Conde to net his second goal of the game to equalise. Kettering were now favourites to go on and win, but the real quality in this Stones side shone through again as our

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ON THIS DAY CONTINUED

OXFORD CITY REWIND 07.09.2019

Second half show earns win

Kettering 2, Wealdstone 3

it to inflict on Football League aspirants Kettering their first home goal down after only 45 seconds,

ealdstone improved immeasurably in the second

Above: The Harrow Observer's excellent coverage of the win at Kettering, and (top) popular winger Johnny Henderson in action at Lower Mead for the Stones later that season. We completed a notable double over Kettering the following March on a Lower Mead mud heap (picture right) by 2-1 after a week of heavy rain. Splashtastic!



ace marksman George Duck coolly lobbed the stranded Dighton for the winning goal.

An away win at the team tipped to win the title! I've probably never felt as proud or excited to be a Stones fan as I did travelling back from Kettering that afternoon - there's nothing better than an away win against the odds, impressing a partisan home support and giving yourself a boost up the table. We finished a creditable eighth that season but I'll never forget Kettering 1974. Happy days!

Welcome, Wealdstone

This afternoon we are pleased to welcome all connected with Wealdstone Football Club on their second visit to Rockingham Road.

Wealdstone Football Club on their second visit to Rockingham Road.

The former Athenian League club joined the Southern League from the Isthmian League when they turned professional in 1971. In their first season they played in Division One North which brought about their first visit to Kettering. On that occasion an early goal from Jim Hastie sent the Stones home pointless, and reversed the result at Lower Mead Stadium when we lost by the odd goal in five. In the next season Wealdstone were transferred to the Southern section, and after on unsuccessful attempt at this division they won the title last season by a margin of eleven points.

Wealdstone

Wealdstone are a very ambitious club and like their former amateur colleagues, Romford, Wimbledon, Barnet and Maidstone, will undoubtedly prove to be a valuable asset to the Premier Division.



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Tenacious 'Stones end Kettering's long run

Kettering 2, Wealdstone 3

SENSATIONALY going a goal down after only 45 seconds, Wealdstone fought back with tremendous spirit to inflict on Football League aspirants Kettering their first home defeat for 11 months.

After the way the 'Stones flopped against Margate the previous week, few thought that the highly-professional outfit of Kettering would be their victims, and a point would have been a fine achievement. But having lived dangerously in the first half, Wealdstone improved immeasurably in the second when facing a gale-force wind, and deserved the points.

Although they had de-feated Bury Town 2-1 three days earlier in the Southern League Cup second leg with goals from Godfrey and a Bury de-fender, Wealdstone, with several regulars absent, had not impressed, and did nothing to suggest that their trip to Northamptonshire would yield

amptonshire would yield any kind of reward.

But in the event, they recovered from a shaky start, displayed magnificent fighting spirit, and goals from Henderson, Godfrey and Duck sent the three coaches of 'Stones supporters home happy

three coaches of 'Stones sup-porters home happy.

Morton had his best game yet in the royal blue and white, and on four occasions showed immense courage when diving headlong at the feet of Ketter-ing's forwards. His class showed perhaps for the first time.

Manager Eddie Presland had selection problems, for Terry Evans was unfit, while he had decided to rest Derek Evans. who had struggled for the previ-

ous couple of games. But very sportingly, Ray Fulton, who has suffered from knee trouble has suffered from knee trouble since the Tonbridge game, felt he was not 100 per cent fit and so dropped out in favour of De-

I say "sportingly" deliberate-ly, for every Wealdstone player knows that when he misses a game there is a very definite chance of having to fight to regain his place.

BLUNDERS

Kettering's two goals were the result of very bad defensive blunders. Right from the kickoff Godfrey was caught in possession on the half-way line and in seconds Conde had majestically swept the ball into the net. Burgess contributing to the mis-

take.

Kettering could have gone further ahead as Wealdstone struggled to find some semblence of rhythm, but they survived and eventually drew level in the 42nd minute with a goal which had the 2,500 crowd applayding.

playding.

Henderson picked up a loose
ball in the centre of the pitch,
loose towards goal, raced headlong towards

raced headlong towards goal, eluding desperate tackles from Suddards and Acky, and the suddards and Acky, and the suddards and Acky, and the suddards and the right-hand post. It was a goal of sheer brilliance and even the Kettering players stopped to applaud.

Wealdstone played much better in the second half and only three minutes had gone before Godfrey rose beautifully to head in Fairclough's precision corner from the left.

DUCK WINNER

After 64 minutes Kettering got back on terms, again through Conde, but Wealdstone were so unlucky to concede it. Evans was robbed well out on the left flank, and Clayton rounded Morton and drove towards the empty goal. Kinnear, showing superb anticipation cut it off on the goal line, but his clearance struck Conde and the ball virtually rebounded into the net.

net.
Immediately afterwards
Morton threw himself at Clayton's feet and Kettering swarmed to the attack. But Wealdstone, fighting like men
possessed, gradually gained
control.
A period of intense pressure
ended in the 84th minute when

Welcome,

ace marksman George Duck obbed the stranded Dighton

for the

Wealdstone

This afternoon we are pleased to welcome all connected with Weatlastone Football Cube on their second visit to Rockingham Road.

The former Athenian League dub joined the Southern League from the Isthmian League when they turned professional in 1971. In their this season they played in Division One North which brought about their first season they played in Division One North which brought about their first visit to Kettering. On that occasion an early goal from Jim Hastie sent the Stones bome pointless, and reversed the result at Lower Mead-Stadium when we lost by the odd goal in five. In the next season Weald-Stadium when we lost by the odd goal in five. In the next season Weald-Stadium when we lost by the odd goal in five. In the next season Weald-Stadium when we lost by the odd goal in five. In the next season Weald-Stadium when we lost by the odd goal in five. In the next season was the season when the season were transferred to the Southern section, and after on unsuccessful attempt at this division they won the title last season by a margin of eleven points.

Weakstone are a very ambitious club and like their amateur colleagues, Romford, Wimbledon, Barnet and Maidstoundoubtedly prove to be a valuable asset to the Premier Division.

did travelling back from Kettering that afternoon - there's nothing better than an away win against the odds, impressing a partisan home support and giving yourself a boost up the table. We finished a creditable eighth that season but I'll never forget

win the title! I've probably never felt as proud or excited to be a Stones fan as

An away win at the team tipped to

Stones later that season. We completed a notable double over Kettering the following March on a Lower Mead mud excellent coverage of the win at Kettering, and (top) popular winger Johnny Henderson in action at Lower Mead for the heap (picture right) by a week of heavy rain. Splashtastic!

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Duck picked up a cross from the left, and coolly lobbed the ball over the advancing Dighton. A minute later Watson raced 20 yards to clear off the line but Wealdstone ended on the attack and worthy winners.

Watson was booked for a foul on Pawley, Kettering's best player, while Frank Large also went in the book. But it was a clean game, and an exciting one clean game, and an exciting one considering the conditions. Considering the conditions.

Kinnear was outstanding in the 'Stones back four, while Godfrey and McCormick had excellent second halves. Henderson had his best game for some time back in his old position as a front runner and underlined the fact that he is much better in a free running role

better in a free running role than in midfield. This win will put the 'Stones in great heart when they make the long trip to Yeovil. Yeovil have the same record, six points

have the same record, six points from five games, and themselves had a great victory at Maidstone on Saturday. It should be a battle royal.

Wealdstone: Morton: Kinnear. Watson, Burgess, McCormick; Godfrey, Evans (D.); Fairclough, Byrne, Duck, Henderson. Sub: Fulton.

COLIN POPE



ON THIS DAY CONTD

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2013: Tom Pett is a heartbreaker for Bury.. and Stones hero

Saturday Sep 7 2013, Ryman Premier Division: Bury Town 0 Wealdstone 1

he first seed of hope that this was going to be a special season was sown here in leafy Suffolk six years ago.

The team that lost a heart-breaker to Concord in the play off semi final the previous season had been pretty much rebuilt after a whole raft of players - Richard Jolly, Lee Chappell Chris O'Leary, and many others - had moved on or retired. The replacements, quite frankly, didn't look quite up to it as we kicked off the new season with three draws against Maidstone, Wingate & Finchley and Bognor.

The forum was full of dark muttering. But then a win at Hampton, a win at Harrow Borough, a savaging of Enfield (that saw the famous emergence of Glenn Little) and then the 7-1 annihilation of Cray Wanderers hauled Stones into the leading positions, leading up to this always-tricky visit to Bury St Edmunds.



A lovely, historic town but a football team who almost never lost at home. With a keeper, Marcus Garnham, who had been our nemesis on many occasions in the recent past.

But at ten minutes to five this early September afternoon the Stones had silenced the large home crowd - boosted by the fact it was non League Day - and sparked wild celebrations among the 170 travelling Wealdstone faithful.

We were simply brilliant.
Although Jerome Okimo and Jey
Siva were both injured, Bury
founded on the rocks of Sean
Cronin, Wes Parker, James
Hammond and teenage debutant

Orlando Rodrigues while the midfield of Elliott Godfrey, Stefan Bailey and the mercurial Little was effective, combative and creative. And up front Bury just couldn't handle the live wire Tom Pett, Scott McGleish and Chris Moore.

The only goal came after just nine minutes from current Lincoln City star Pett (who had finally broken into Gordon Bartlett's team after his capture from Potters Bar the previous season) in the first half when he danced around Garnham from Little's clever through pass and swiv-

elled to hook the ball into the net (left).

Late on, Little and Pett each struck the post as we finished well on top. The victory put Stones second in the table behind Kingstonian - and eight months later those position were reversed as we romped to the title by 11 points.

Wealdstone: North, Hammond, Rodrigues, Parker, Cronin, Godfrey, Little, Bailey, McGleish, Moore, Pett. Subs used: Martin, Grant, Dean. Not used: Hutchinson, Haxhia (GK) Attendance 877 (170 Stones)





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APPEARANCES FIRST TEAM, SEASON 2019/2020 @ 02/09/2019

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- Prime seats in the main stand if required
- Publicity over the PA system and via the official club website and social media
- Boardroom hospitality (half time refreshments, snacks and hot food after the game)
- Bar allowance
- 2 x Match-day programmes

Vanarama National League South

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MATCH		SPON	SORS								
	DARTFORD Saturday, 3rd August Vanarama National League South	Support the Stones - s	ponsor the match ball								
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	WELLING UNITED Saturday, 21st December Vanarama National League South	In memory of Roy Couch	Nick Woolford								
	ST.ALBANS CITY Saturday, 28th December	In memory	of Bob Hall								

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Our magnificently refurbished hospitality lounge, courtesy of GPF Lewis & Ruislip Social Club, is looking foward to welcoming you and your guests in surroundings befitting such a special occasion be it a birthday, anniversary or any other special event!

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	BILLERICAY TOWN Saturday, 8th February Vanarama Mational League South	Sponsorship	available!
	DORKING WANDERERS Saturday, 22nd February Vanarama National League South	In memory of Jim Klarfeld	Sponsorship available!
(1)	DULWICH HAMLET Saturday, 7th March Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship	available!
	BRAINTREE TOWN Saturday, 21st March Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship	o available!
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Also this season, you can sponsor both home AND away kit for £250 – earning you a special extra treatment on these pages and on our web site. So come on, choose your favourite Stone now and call Paul Rumens on 07710 929692.

your choice here at the Vale.

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RON MOORE



ALAN COUCH



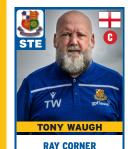
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Havant & Waterlooville

Saturday, 28th September, 3:00pm £9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

Tonbridge Angels

Saturday, 26th October, 3:00pm £9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

Welling United

Saturday, 21st December, 3:00pm £9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

Saturday, 21st September, 3:00pm Visit our web site or social feeds for draw details

AWAY

Welling United

Saturday, 14th September, 3:00pm www.wellingunited.com | @wellingunited

Chelmsford City

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGŪE SOUTH

Saturday, 12th October, 3:00pm www.chelmsfordcityfc.com | @officialclarets

Billericay Town

Saturday, 19th October, 3:00pm www.billericaytownfc.co.uk | @BTFC

Dorking Wanderers

Saturday, 2nd November, 3:00pm www.dorkingwanderers.com | @DorkingWDRS

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