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Michee Efete's put the ball in the back of the Oxford City net in the dying minutes and the crowd explodes with joy at our last home game!
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 Vanarama National League South, Saturday 28 September 2019, 3pm





Written in Stone

Welcome once again to Grosvenor Vale.

We extend our warm welcome to today's visitors Havant & Waterloooville, their management team, officials, players and supporters. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us this afternoon.

Welcome also to Simon Ryder from First Financial and his guests who are sponsoring this afternoons game.

Also joining us for a pre wedding celebration is today's mascot 32yr old Dan O'Brien and friends.

Enjoy the game

Mark

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'MASCOTT' DAN O'BRIEN

Today's mascot is 32 year old Dan O'Brien from Devon. Dan is a professional actor, currently appearing in London's West End in Mamma Mia. Alongside singing, dancing and acting, Dan's hobbies include playing golf and football. His sporting hero is Ian Wright. Today is Dan's first visit to Grovesnor Vale, and he can't wait to walk out onto the hallowed turf, hand in hand with captain Okimo. Dan will be getting married in October to his lovely fiancée, Emily and we'd like to wish him all the very best of luck for the big day.

Interesting facts about Dan O'Brien

1. Dan's nickname for his girlfriend is 'monkey' and she calls him 'Mr Bear'
2. Dan's birthmark is located in a rather sensitive area and has often shocked and appalled many previous partners
3. Dan was once so intoxicated on a night out in Gran Canaria, that he had to be carried back to his room (on board a cruise ship) by a local fireman
4. Dan claims to have a metal plate in his hip, which sets off alarms every time he leaves a clothes shop. However, none of us have ever seen any proof of this and are suspicious that he is in fact just a serial thief





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1997 / 1998 Isthmian League Division 2 (3rd)
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2003 / 2004 Isthmian League Premier Division

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Wealdstone FC Board of Directors

From the Gaffer

We return to league action at The Vale today as we host Havant after we have been on the road over the last couple of weeks away at Welling & Farnborough.

I will start today's notes by giving a squad update. We have managed to bring in George McLennan a left back that I have known for a number of years now. With Ryan Sellars been out for at least another eight weeks I felt we just needed to add an extra fullback to our squad. Please give George a warm welcome to our club.

Looking back at when we last played at The Vale we came up against Oxford City. They showed their intention from minute one when they just came to defend in numbers & try to hit us on the break. We knew we would have to be patient & I felt we created enough chances to win by a stronger scoreline than the one goal that gave us all three points. We spoke at halftime about it being key for us to keep a clean sheet. We really appreciate our supporters driving us forwards in these type of tighter games, you guys have played a major role in recent weeks.

Our last league game we travelled to Welling Utd & I felt we showed grit & courage within our team performance. Within the first 45 minutes Welling asked plenty of questions of us, they were the better side with this period but we defended really well & we stayed in the game. We got to halftime with a Zero beside our name, this was key as it gave us the opportunity to tweak things slightly & we put in a much stronger attacking performance in the second half. When we had our strongest period from the 63rd to the 83rd minute we scored two goals. Our second goal was an outstanding team & creative goal from Dennon. Within the last ten minutes of the game Welling managed to pull a goal back & they put us under severe pressure - and but for Oxo making a brilliant last minute crucial save & our supporters collectively driving us over the line we would have not come away with our victory. Welling are good experienced side so to gain our win down there is something we should all be proud of.

Last weekend we played in The FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round away at Farnborough. Our players focus & appetite for this game was first class. We all know what The FA Cup is all about, it's a magical competition where David can beat Goliath. Collectively we ran so hard to make sure that there was not going to be a cup upset and we could have won by more than the five goals we scored, we created so many clear cut chances which was great to see. If you look at some of the teams in our league that got turned over from teams from the leagues below that just shows you that we can't take any opponent lightly & our players showed professionalism all the way to the end.

Today we host what is for me the strongest squad within our division. Havant are in my opinion a National league squad. Dos (Paul Doswell) has recruited some seriously experienced & talented players. There is no doubt in my mind that Havant are the favourites to gain promotion back to The National league this season. Stu & I watched them play against Dorking a few weeks back ago, Havant won 6-0 & we both drove home that night saying "wow that was probably the best performance we have seen at this level". Dos knows what it takes to gain promotion from this division, he did an amazing job over eleven years at Sutton.

In my early days when I first managed at this level Dos helped me loads, he loaned me top-end players for basically their expenses only and he was always on the end of the phone to give me guidance & advice. No doubt whatever the scoreline today we will have a little beer together after the game.

For us today's game is what we want to be competing in week in week out. Even this early in the season it's nice to be involved in a top of the table clash. This will be our toughest test to date, and we gonna need our passionate supporters more than ever - so keep up the positive support guys.

Together We Are The Stones
Cheers



Dean

THE STONES INTERVIEW

BY TIM PARKS



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Nick Arnold

'I remember playing against Wealdstone for Whitehawk.. now I'm just glad I'm on the right side of the Stones fans!'



Nick slides in to dispossess the dangerous Dan Wishart in the home win over Maidstone. Right: Nick (circled) in the Engand C line-up v Estonia.. and as an Aldershot legend



Nick Arnold went under the radar a bit when he was signed from Aldershot in the summer to replace the popular Rhys Tyler - but just one quick look at his Wikipedia page showed what an excellent replacement he was going to be!

Nick's career came under threat from cartilage problems, and then an anterior cruciate ligament injury that sidelined him for much of last season. But his rehabilitation went really well and his form now - rampaging up from right back to join attacks - might well put him back in the frame for more England honours. He was capped for England C after being named 'Conference South Right Back of the Year' for both of the seasons he was with Whitehawk.

Take it away, Nick....

What's your most memorable game? Probably that England C cap away to Estonia, in November 2016 - England won 2-1 and was a privilege to be selected and play for your country at any level.

What's your favourite position on the pitch? I started off as a striker and a winger

when I came up through at Reading.... and then got rwarded with a scholarship after I played a couple games at right back. I never seemed to move back forward! I do enjoy going into midfield but my favourite is definitely right back.

Have you scored many goals? What's the favourite? I haven't scored many (not for the lack of trying, I shoot every game) maybe about six - my most memorable was probably for Whitehawk away at Ebbsfleet in the play offs, a volley back post. And then also scored my penalty in the shoot out so not bad.

Do you have far to travel in for matches and training? I live in South London and travel by car to most games. I drive in after work for training

Does anybody in your family play the game? No, nobody in my family play football but my two biggest fans are my parents, they come to pretty much every game.

What's your marital status? Not married and no kids yet, but in a very happy long term relationship with my beautiful girlfriend Kelly.

What's the best team you've ever played

in? Well I've played in a lot of successful sides - my Reading youth team had a great team, in the 18 months at Whitehawk we made the play offs both years and in the couple of seasons I was fit at Aldershot we also made the National league play offs. So it would be hard to choose! My first year at Aldershot though was probably the best as we were very underrated when we started and ended up just falling short of what we should have achieved.

Who are the stand-out players you've played with? There's so many good players I've played with so would be hard to choose. Few have had some great careers so not sure I can pick!

And what about this current Stones team? This squad is right up there, quality-wise with the other teams I've played in. We've got a great team spirit and we play football the right way, so it's brilliant to be a part of.

Are you now free from injury? I am completely recovered - I ruptured my ACL and tore my cartilage and then, after returning to play then tore the rest of my cartilage. So frustrating! It's taken a long time but definitely I'm getting over it and really pleased to be playing again.

Do you have a job outside football Nick? I'm

in recruitment. It's not too hard to work it around football, I finish early enough to be able to get to training and I've just started it so enjoying it at the moment

Did you know much about Wealdstone before you signed? I knew a bit about them, I think a lot of people do as they're a massive non league side. I spoke to Stu (Maynard) and then the gaffer and once we talked about what both parties were wanting from each other it was quite an easy decision to come here.

Have you played against the Stoneds before? I've played a couple of times against them for Whitehawk so I knew the ground etc. The fans have always turned out in their numbers and are always very loud with a great atmosphere - and I'm now on the right team to enjoy it!

What are your ambitions in football? Right now, I'm just buzzing to be playing again. It wasn't long ago that I was thinking of giving the game up due to my injury so now being back playing is the biggest thing for me. What will be in the future, but I'm just back enjoying my football and taking it from there.

Pic: STEVE FOSTER aqueoussun@googlemail.com



NICK ARNOLD



Supporters' Scene

Good Afternoon and welcome to our visiting fans who have made the trip up from Havant and Waterloooville.

I am writing these notes after our Fa cup game against Farnborough so by the time you read these we will know our next opponents (Bristol Manor Farm..Ed.). All being well we can look forward to a good run in the cup this year.

Forrest gump famously said life is like a box of chocolate you just don't know what ya gonna get. The same can be said about football, I doubt any supporters imagined the start to the season we have had. When DB and SM started assembling their squad most fans were unsure what we were getting, players from lower leagues are usually always received rather skeptically ,but after only one defeat they have shown us " terrace managers" that we need to have faith in the management team. Although we don't know what we are going to get DB and SM really do. Dean and Stuart have assembled a well balanced, attacking team with a good mixture of experienced and young footballers. You can see in the warm ups , and the games, that the "old heads" are passing their knowledge on to the younger members and they are all learning from each other. You can also see that this team has really bonded and are enjoying playing for the Stones. This team has brought the good feeling back to

the terraces that was missing last season. The atmosphere surrounding the club is contagious as crowds are steadily growing. There's still a long way to go this season but so far so good.

Off the field, I think we can all agree that the teams social media presence has gone from strength to strength. Dec has created a social media presence we can be proud of. The introduction of the monthly Stones cast has been greatly received and shows us fans a little insight into the team.

Please support the next fundraiser, the 80s Disco at the Social club on 5th October. Tickets are available to purchase from behind the bar during open hours.

The megastore continues to expand its range of merchandise and now includes Beach towels, door mats and Cushions along with the more traditional replica shirts, scarves and hats and a vast array of old programmes from all aspects of the game.

The committee continues to meet and support the club in many ways. We are always looking for more people to join us. If you are interested in joining the committee and making a difference to YOUR club please talk to a member of the committee or email at wfcscsecretary@gmail.com

Enjoy the game!

Ian

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY BARRY

Lifelong Wealdstone supporter and current club Treasurer Barry Benveniste celebrated his 70th Birthday last Manday (23rd). On behalf of everyone here at Wealdstone FC - Happy Birthday Barry.

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BY SUDHIR RAWAL



The Elmslie Ender



We love a bit of financial speculation here at Wealdstone & EE provides food for thought...

Ten wins on the spin, eleven from twelve, we are in record-breaking territory at the moment as Wealdstone's flying start to the season continues. As an ever pessimistic supporter, we are a couple more wins away from being safe from relegation! The statos have been looking back at our history and the only comparable start that they can find is when we won Isthmian League division three, when we started with thirteen league wins from our opening fourteen matches, but in-between there were defeats in the FA Cup and Vase, so this start is pretty much up there with the milestones in history

We are likely to get our sternest test to date today with the visit of pre-season title favourites, Havant and Waterlooville. Dean Brennan last weekend in his post match interview commented that they had the best squad in the league, boosted by being full-time as well. Their squad is full of former Sutton United players, who not only have the experience of being promoted from this level but performing credibly at the one above as well, with a manager at the helm who has

done it and seen it at Conference South. Now that Billericay are shedding players like a snake sheds its skin, it is very difficult to argue that Havant and Waterlooville aren't the favourites to win the title, our fantastic start not withstanding.

Since our last home game, when we beat Oxford City through a late goal, we travelled to Welling United, where for the first time this season we were outplayed, out-fought and out-thought in the first half, but we still went in at the break level. Once Connor Smith came on we established a level of control in the game, scored one from a corner and then finished off the game with a beautiful team move. There was still time for the now usual late drama, with their penalty and then a great save well into injury time from Oxborough was needed to extend our lead at the top to a remarkable eight points this early in the season. Good teams find a way to win games when they haven't played as well as they can. We certainly did that at Welling.

Last week we were again on the road with a trip down the M3 to Farnborough, for whom the term boom and bust seemed to have been invented. I have lost count on

which incarnation of the club we are on now, but their fine stadium stands as testament to their former high spending glories. The current vintage of the Hampshire team were honest tryers but our class came through in the end and had we had our shooting boots on, double figures wouldn't have been unfair. Those with memories of a Trophy tie at Cherrywood Road a few years back when they were in their pomp of spending and supporter arrogance, will no doubt have had a wry smile at our comprehensive win.

Taking of big spenders, Billericay Town were back in the news as their chairman/owner announced that he was leaving the club. We, of course, have been here before and Tamplin could well change his mind again, but there does seem to be a feeling that this may well be for good. The Internet experts have also discovered that his house is for sale as well, so there seems a permanency to his departure. A look at Billericay's latest financial statements to 31 May 2018 show monies owed to creditors to be around £2 million. Another season and a bit on, that figure will have risen to at least

2.5 million. What happens to those loans and whether the lender or insolvency experts will call them in will tell us much about the future prospects of the club?

Many clubs spend lots of money. Some do it well. Our visitors are another well-financed club, with a decent stadium but also a wealthy owner that has invested well in the club and infrastructure and not known for making knee-jerk judgements. 'Looville, when they went down from the Connie South, kept faith in their manager who rewarded them with not only an immediate return to the South but concurrent promotions into the Conference. They are now managed by Paul Doswell who rather uniquely comes with his own finance, as he did in his Sutton United days. Much of what Sutton United achieved as they were promoted into the Conference, raising their gates five fold in the process, were down to Doswell. The point being that clubs can enjoy finance but some spend it well and develop a club over time, whilst others are boom and bust.

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'Good teams find a way to win games when they haven't played as well as they can'



A fine stand and a fine example of extravagant spending Pic: Steve Foster

OFFBEAT CORNER

THINGS WOT WE LIKED THIS WEEK



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Just when you thought the Stones couldn't be any more on-trend...

our occasional DJ and tannoy man (and steward) Russell Greenberg (Russpa) is now clearly leading the way in the sartorial stakes on an international stage.

He wowed the Grosvenor Vale fashionistas with this terrific check shirt-and baggy shorts combination at the beginning of the month (pictured above right) and the next thing you know the designers were climbing over themselves to get the hot new look on the catwalks at last week's London Fashion Show.

Karl Lagerfeld and Stella McCartney have long been admirers of Russ's quirky look, and quickly came up with their own Burberry take on the Stones fan's checky chic. Sadly, there are always one or two trying to jump on the bandwagon and getting it very, very wrong. Mark Lloyd (right) attempts to recreate the look... but red checks? Really? At a Wealdstone game? The only saving grace is that it won't show up ketchup stains. Probably.

TP



This was one of those scorelines that you glance at in the non-League paper, then do a comedy double-take and think...

what was that?! A 50-11 away win for Bishops (whoever they are)? Plenty of goals there to keep the neutrals happy. But closer inspection reveals it to be a bad case of abbreviation. Folkestone 'I' stands for Folkestone Invicta, and that's an 'S' for Stortford rather than a '5'. But you knew that.



was cleared off the line
bv Stortford captain Sam

On the same theme, it was a very busy afternoon for striker Luke Gymer who managed to net in the 67th minute for both Harlow Town in their home 1-1 draw with Tooting, and a consolation for Hertford Town in their home 9-1 defeat by Westfield (and that was a nine by the way, not more poor abbreviation). Can't have been much traffic on the A414 that afternoon. If you're dual-

registered Luke, I'd stick with Harlow if I were you.

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HT 0-1	Hertford Town 1	Westfield 9
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			Sheer 50, 90	

IT'S NEW! IT'S...

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If you were hoping to read Jonathan North's column... bad luck! Today we have the pleasure of a few words from guest columnist Jake....

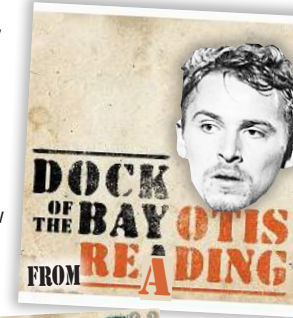
I'm now onto my third season with the Stones, and it feels like only yesterday I was 20 years old playing for the club at the back end of the 2017-18 season. The club's come a long way in the short time I've been here, from the FA trophy run in 2018, to the play-offs in 2019 and now what could look to be an exciting season ahead of us.

With a number of new signings and just a handful of familiar faces from last season, the squad and management team has a real sense of togetherness this year which does not go unnoticed and has played a big part in our successful start to the campaign.

With eleven league games gone and eleven substitute appearances to my name, unfortunately, I will not be continuing that unremarkable streak due to an injury I've picked up. Being in and around a winning side at Wealdstone at this current moment however, is a fantastic feeling and if it means keeping the bench warm to continue our form I will happily take one for the team.

Currently, the highlight of my Saturday afternoon each week is a toss up between my 10 minute cameo appearance and partaking in the half

The Jake Sheppard column



Left: Jake wowed the players so much last season with his Otis Redding initiation song that the star's record label signed him up



time entertainment that us substitutes put on for the Stones fans who haven't swarmed to the bar. Amidst the obligatory 'That's why you're on the bench' shouts, typically after the third ball goes over the stand, you will occasionally find Phil, Northy and myself (not Herschel) curl a few pearlys into the top locker.

Yet the downside of taking 100 free kicks at half time is that every time I hit the post or bar, £2 subsequently goes from my terribly shallow pockets into the fines kitty, so I've managed to contribute a small fortune already thanks to my disappointing set piece conversion rate.

I thought I'd take the opportunity in this column to mention our new number one this season. The Ox has

been sensational so far, and truly believe he has a long career ahead of him in the game. Arguably, you could say the only time we've looked like conceding this year was when he went off with a head injury for the last 20 minutes away to Weymouth. (That may also be down to the fact that I came on at a similar point in the game). Speaking of goal-keepers, its come to my attention that Northy has dropped me in it somewhat in a column of his a few weeks back.

Unfortunately, Jonathan lost his head in a pre-season friendly away to Hayes and never went back to collect it. If anyone has seen his head, or possibly knows where it could be, please get in touch with one of us after the game and we can arrange for him to collect it.

HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE

WEALDSTONE v HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE

Opposition in focus

Local football can be traced as far back as 1883 in the Borough of Havant, when Havant FC was formed, playing in the Portsmouth Football League. In the 1950's Bobby Tambling made the large jump from playing for Havant FC (youth team) to join Chelsea, followed by International recognition with England. On retirement Bobby returned to the Havant area opening a local sports shop. In 1969 Havant FC merged with local side Leigh Park United winning the Portsmouth Football League at their first attempt.

This witnessed a boom time in the Club's history as they joined the 4th Division of the Hampshire League. Between 1970-1977 the team progressed through to the 1st Division of the Hampshire League. This meant their home ground at Front Lawn would be unsuitable if the Club was to progress any further. The current home of Westleigh Park was acquired in 1980 and after two years of hard work and considerable cost opened in August 1982. The new club was rebranded Havant Town FC.

1986 saw Havant Town FC as founder members of the Wessex League. They finished runners up on three occasions before finally winning the title and moving into the Southern League in 1991.

Meanwhile Waterlooville Football Club, who were established in 1905, had become firm fixtures in the Southern League since 1971. They too had slowly progressed from humble beginnings moving through Waterlooville District, Portsmouth and Hampshire League Divisions.

With the formation of the National Conference, the Southern League re-organised themselves. In 1981 the side from Jubilee Park nearly won the Championship but narrowly failed despite going 31 matches without defeat.

Waterlooville then spent a lot of years proving too good for the Southern League but not quite up to the grade of the Premier one. 1993 witnessed an 11th place finish in the Premier, their highest ever placing.

Relegation and rising costs meant that the Club struggled to remain competitive and the talk of a merger with their fierce rivals was first mooted. Havant Town FC had their own problems as well. In 1997 the Club Manager had left unexpectedly, taking the core of his talented squad with him. June 1998 saw the two rivals join forces. Jubilee Park was sold and the newly renamed Havant & Waterlooville FC was created.

A NEW ERA BEGINS

On the 22nd August 1998, the new look team beat Chelmsford City 2-0 to begin a new era in the Club's history. The team duly won the Southern League Southern Division, earning promotion to the Premier Division at their first attempt. With success came more financial backing and £500K was spent to bring the ground up to Conference standard. The Club had now improved both their Stadium and fan-base as the local community flocked to see their local heroes in action.

In 2004 the Club were part of the new restructuring of the Conference South. They have remained in the Division ever since.

Season 2006-2007 witnessed the highest placing for the Club, earning a play-off spot. A hard fought Semi-final against Braintree Town ended with the Hawks remaining in the Division.

Season 2011-2012 witnessed excitement of a different kind as the Hawks escaped relegation by the skin of their teeth, an extra time 93rd minute goal was badly needed to ensure that Conference football remained at Westleigh Park.

The last 16 years have seen the Club consolidate as an established member of the Blue Square South. With the game of football changing in the past few years, mainly due to financial matters being tightened up at all levels, the business side of all Clubs has become paramount. Fortunately the Club has been very prudent in this area and any money that has been made has been carefully re-invested in the Club as a whole; not just on the playing staff.

The Club can now boast a public house, The Westleigh, situated next to the ground. The stadium still retains its Conference 'A' Standard and is often viewed jealously by visiting directors. The Club is working towards making the Club fully self funding with long-term security the ultimate aim.

The philosophy of the playing squad has changed over the past couple of seasons. Younger talent was sought out, backed up by some quality experienced Older heads to help establish growth of the squad year on year. 2005-2006 saw the Club Launch its Academy in conjunction with South Downs College.

It is the Clubs impressive Cup exploits that has really captured both local and National attention as we have earned the un-official title of 'Cup Specialists'.

RECENT SEASONS

2014-2015 A successful season which saw the club reach the play-offs in fifth place, losing to promotion-winners Boreham Wood 2-4 on aggregate in the Semi-Final. A decent FA Cup run culminated in a live televised First Round tie against Preston North End. Last 16 in the Trophy and victory in the Portsmouth Senior Cup saw silverware lifted for the first time in many seasons.

2015-16 Hawks were relegated to the Ryman League for the first time in their history, on goal difference. However they won the Hampshire Senior Cup for the first time, beating Winchester City at St Marys Stadium, Southampton FC. We also had long runs in both FA Cup and FA Trophy, losing to the two clubs promoted to the Football League, Cheltenham Town and Grimsby Town respectively.

2016-17 The club bounced back to win the Isthmian (Ryman) League Championship on the final day of an incredible season. Our final home fixture saw a 1-0 win against runners up Bognor Regis Town in front of an amazing 3455 crowd.

2017-18 An incredible season saw the club complete the treble of National South, Hampshire Senior and Portsmouth Senior Cups. The League title was clinched in the 89th minute of the final fixture at home to Concord Rangers. Reached 4q in FA Cup and 1P in FA Trophy.

2018-19 First ever season in National League ended in 22nd place and relegation. Went out of both Major cups in the opening rounds for the first time ever, but won the Hampshire Senior Cup. Lee Bradbury was replaced by Paul Doswell at the seasons end.



HAWKS FACTS

GROUND - The Westleigh
CAPACITY - 5,300 (710 seated)
MANAGER - Paul Doswell

2018/19 - National League 22nd

Previously

H 14/08/17 **L** 0-1 **A** 13/03/18 **L** 0-1

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE

P 6 W 2 D 1 L 3 F 8 A 10

WHO'S WHO?



ROSS WORNER - GOALKEEPER

Ross joined Havant & Waterlooville in May 2019 from Sutton United after two loan spells away from the club at Maidstone and Chelmsford.

He started his career as an academy graduate from Woking, he broke through into the first team in 2007 playing 61 times over a three-year period at The Cardinals.

BENNY READ - DEFENDER

Benny joined the Hawks in May 2019 as part of a new young player lead directive which new manager Paul Doswell wanted to achieve. He signed for the club from Wessex League Premier side Hordean.

ANTHONY STRAKER - DEFENDER

Anthony joined Havant & Waterlooville in May from Bath City after his contract was ended by mutual agreement. After playing in the youth ranks for Crystal Palace he has represented Aldershot Town, Wycombe Wanderers, Southend United, York City, Motherwell and Grimsby Town.

SIMON WALTON - MIDFIELD

Simon joined Havant & Waterlooville as a player/coach in May from Maidstone United. Simon came through the ranks of his hometown club Leeds United and broke into the first team in 2004, where he scored three times for the club over a two-year spell.

DEAN BECKWITH - DEFENDER

Dean Beckwith joined the Hawks in May from Sutton United, linking back up with manager Paul Doswell who he played under for four seasons at Gander Green Lane. An experienced central defender, he has spent more than 15 years at either Football League or at the highest standards of Non-League football. Dean made his breakthrough at Gillingham then represented Hereford United, Northampton Town, Luton Town & Eastleigh

SAM MAGRI - DEFENDER

Sam joined in July from Ebbsfleet United and is a Maltese International. His club career start at Portsmouth then on to Queens Park Rangers, Nuneaton Town, Crystal Palace & Dover Athletic.

WES FOGDEN - MIDFIELD

Wes is currently in his second spell at the club after re-joining The Hawks in 2016. He started his career at Brighton & Hove Albion after coming through their academy system

ANDY DRURY - MIDFIELD

Andy joined in July having left Ebbsfleet United. Drury started his career back in 2001 when he played for Sittingbourne, before moving two years later to Northfleet and Gravesend (now Ebbsfleet United) for the first of two success laden stints at Stonebridge Road. He has also represented Lewes, Stevenage, Luton, Ipswich, Crawley & Eastleigh.

DANNY KEDWELL- FORWARD

Danny Kedwell is another who joined in July after leaving Ebbsfleet. Danny started his career at Chatham Town in 2001 before moving to Tonbridge Angels then Fisher Athletic, Maidstone United, Herne Bay, Welling United, Grays Athletic, AFC Wimbledon & Gillingham.

JONAH AYUNGA - FORWARD

Jonah Ayunga joined Havant & Waterlooville in May from Sutton United. The 21-year-olds senior career began at Dorchester Town. Has also represented Brighton & Hove Albion, Burgess Hill Town, Sligo Rovers & Galway United.

ROARIE DEACON - MIDFIELD

Roarie started his career at Arsenal before joining Sunderland in a bid to develop

through the system at the Stadium of Light. Despite making appearances for their reserve/U21 team, again he would not make a first team appearance for the North East outfit and would be released in 2013 to join Stevenage. Has represented Crawley Town & Dundee.

BRAD TARBUCK - MIDFIELD

Bradley Tarbuck joined Havant and Waterlooville in 2016 ahead of the Hawks' one off season in the Ryman Premier League. Bradley joined from Dorchester Town after a difficult spell in his career following his release from Portsmouth. At the age of 16, he was the, then, youngest player to make his senior Portsmouth debut in a 3-0 League Cup defeat to Plymouth Argyle.

KINGSLEY LATHAM - GOALKEEPER

Kingsley in July on a six month loan move from Premier League side Southampton. He joins us having previously had first team experience with Dorchester Town last season.

NICKY BAILEY- MIDFIELD

Nicky joined The Hawks in the summer after a three-year spell at boyhood club Sutton United. He had previously represented Barnet, Southend United, Charlton Athletic where he ended top scorer for The Addicks and was voted Player of The Season, Middlesbrough & Millwall.

JOE COOKE - MIDFIELD

Joe joined Havant and Waterlooville FC in July 2019 having previously spent time with Winchester City last season. It was his impressive performances for Winchester which saw him catch the eye of Paul Doswell and invited him for a trial at the Hawks. A successful period which also included strong performances in pre-season matches saw him earn a first team contract at the Hawks.

MARLEY RIDGE- MIDFIELD

Marley Ridge is a 21 year old midfielder who burst on the scene as part of the Hawks academy at South Downs College. After impressing for the academy and then the first team he signed his first contract in 2015. Ridge has since had loan spells with the likes of Winchester City, Petersfield Town and Moneyfields to get minutes in first team football whilst also playing for the Hawks in local cup competitions.

JOSH TAYLOR - MIDFIELD

Josh joined in the summer window of 2019 from Sutton United after spending his previous season on loan at Maidstone United. Josh started his youth career in the Crystal Palace academy, and in early 2018 he went on loan to Hampton & Richmond. Josh has represented the Three Lions and he made his debut for England C in October against Estonia u23's, England came out as victors in a 1-0 win at Breyer Group Stadium home to National League champions Leyton Orient.

CHRIS PAUL - MIDFIELD

Chris joined Havant and Waterlooville in December 2018 on an 18 month contract. Chris came as a free agent after leaving QPR in the summer of the same year. He started his career as a youth player at Tottenham Hotspur before moving to QPR. During his time at the Rangers he became a regular in the clubs Under-23 team before his 2018 release.

ALFIE RUTHERFORD - FORWARD

Alfie Rutherford joined the Hawks back in the summer of 2016, having signed from local rivals Bognor Regis. Alfie's goal against Wealdstone in March 2018 went viral after video footage saw him fall through the net, notching tens of thousands of views online. Off the field he is a fans favourite with his cheeky chappy personality, often making time for supporters in The Westleigh after games.

HAWKS LAST 5



DAN WICKS

Fan in the Stand

My schoolmates became aware of the Stones as the club grew in Ruislip.. now they tell me I watch 'real football'!

Today's featured fan is 22-year-old Daniel Wicks - and if that name sounds familiar it's probably because his dad Steve was safety officer at the club for four or more years.

He's a young man who always buys a programme... what's not to like?!

Whereabouts do you live Dan?

In Ruislip Manor, about a seven minute walk from The Vale.

When was your first Wealdstone game? I believe in 2008, if not, it was 2007!

Against who, result and your first impressions of the club and stadium? It was against Watford in a friendly at Grosvenor Vale. I believe we won but can't remember the score... I was only 11 years old! (It was when we famously beat the Hornets 3-1 in the first-ever game staged at the Vale - Ed).

The stadium was pretty much the same as Ruislip Manor left it but with a new coat of paint. You could tell that the fans were happy to have a place to call home.

Are you working, and where? I currently work in a Primary School. The early finishes are great for getting to mid-week games!

Who or what persuaded you to come to a game? My Dad supported The Stones when he was younger but had to stop going to games because his football career picked up. Luckily, the year Wealdstone moved to Ruislip, my Dad retired. From then, he



began taking me to games and the rest is history!

Do you follow another team? I loosely follow Liverpool. It's always nice to see them win but I'll keep Wealdstone as my main team.

Do your family follow another team? My Dad also comes to The Vale and supports Wealdstone. My grandad would choose Woking and Wealdstone if asked. My uncle is a season ticket holder at Fulham and he often watches Wealdstone when they are away. My cousin and uncle follow TNS in the Welsh League. My cousin is actually in their academy.

Is it easy to fit football in with your work/family commitments? Yeah, it's very easy when you finish work at 3:30! I very rarely miss a home game. It's usually the distances that make away games chal-

lenging, but we do go to the closer ones.

What is the main attraction of watching the Stones? I think it's the exclusiveness and the community feel. It seems to create a passion amongst the crowd that you don't get at other clubs. The fact that it's a local team to feel proud of helps as well.

Do you prefer non-League over League football?

Absolutely, it's an integral part of the community. It's rougher and tougher, means so much more to win that way. You know everyone around you and you've all helped the club in one way or another.

What is your all-time favourite Stones line-up (1-11)? I'll do this one for over the years I've been going... sorry Psycho...

Jonathan North, Marvin McCoy, Alan Massey Jerome Okimo, Lee Chappell, Glenn Little, Luke O'Nien, Danny Green, Tom Pett, Richard

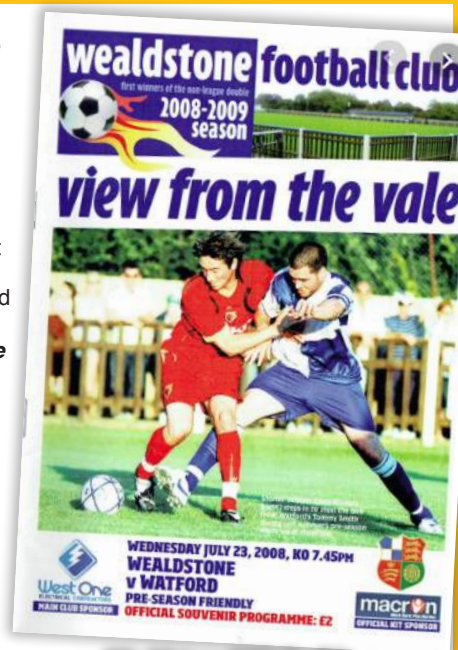
Jolly, Britt Assombalonga.

And your current favourite line-up? Oxborough/North (can't decide), Arnold, Stevens, Okimo, Efete, Phillips, Clifford, Green, Mendy, Lafayette, Lewis.

Do you think the club can ever progress to the football league? I do think it can. It might take time but I think any club can live the dream, especially one with a great fan base like ours. Finances are the most important thing though.'

Are your friends aware of Wealdstone?

Yes, they are! Lawrence Mason has a season ticket. Harry and Andrey come as well often. Ross also comes and he had a brief stint in the management side of the u18s. Friends I go to gigs with (Steve, Mark, John and many more) come too. Mark Barton has a role in the club. Other friends know of the club as



Wealdstone 3 Watford 1:
Dan's first-ever Stones game

well - too many to mention!

Are they surprised you don't follow a 'big' club? Friends were at the start in school but eventually it became wider known of who I support as the club grew in Ruislip. Now days, people tell me I watch "real football"! To be honest, if you don't count Watford, we are the biggest club in North West London!

What is your favourite stones game you've ever seen? The Borough Masacre is always a good one. Winning against Cambridge in the FA Trophy seven years ago too. Last year's play-off semi was great, apart from the result. Probably Cambridge though for me. It's more for the impact the win had on me rather than entertainment.

What is the best game you've EVER seen? For entertainment, games like Portugal and Spain in the 2018 World Cup spring to mind but for the impact of a result, Cambridge away again.

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DAN WICKS CONTINUED

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Who is your favourite current Stones player/s? I think

Lafayette has incredible talent, along with Green and Lewis. Most of them are superb. Probably Lafayette.

Do you think more could be done to attract youngsters along to the Vale? I

think it's just success in competitions now and playing a style of football that people want to see. We do a lot more than most clubs our level. Good recruitment on the pitch and off will help that. With Deano at the helm, it's all good!

What do you think of the pricing for games at The Vale? I have no issues with it.

It's the average for this league and all the money helps the club anyway. Season ticket early bird prices are good, which is what I go for! I do think friendly games could be cheaper for season ticket holders though, especially if they are during the season.

Do you use the megastore or social club/catering etc? Yes I do. I've bought all the kits and other things from the shop. I also have been to a lot of gigs at the Tropic but now tend to go up to Central London for original artists more.

What's your favourite of the three kits this season? That's a tough one! I like the darker kit with the orange a lot and also love the white and orange away kit. I struggled at first with the home kit, but once I bought it and saw the team wearing it, I grew to love it as well. Probably the home kit.

Have you played the game yourself (to any level) and memorable moments?

I played in a couple of futsal teams at university. Two memorable moments were when we held a draw to the best team in the league with none of our starting players - I played at the back, hence I'm proud! The



Cambridge Utd 1
Wealdstone 2: Everyone's favourite game!

other moment was when I got a bruised shoulder muscle and was out for a couple of weeks. I went down and ref said to me "anymore and I'll have you in the book". Injustice, eh?

Are you a regular programme buyer? Yes, every week!

What do you think of this one? Is it too big/too expensive? Does it have a future in print, or should it be in digital format?

I think it's perfect. The best programme in football for me. The price is good for the high quality content. I think digital could be good but printed copies should be still made as people like physical mementos - plus program collectors love them as well.

And what do you think of the club's online presence and digital media? I

think it's the best it's ever been. Dec and his team are doing a stellar job. I really liked the monthly Stones Cast this month. It was as professional as it's players and their management. Kudos!

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!

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DISCO PARTY NIGHT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5,
2019 AT RUISLIP SOCIAL
CLUB, GROSVENOR VALE,
RUISLIP, MIDDX HA4 6JQ

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of the
80s**

TICKETS: £5

**DOORS OPEN AT
8.15PM- LATE**

Ruislip Social Club in Association with Wealdstone Supporters Club
Tickets available from Ruislip Social Club available during opening
hours - any evening from 5pm

RESULTS & FIXTURES 2019/2020

KEY TO SYMBOLS

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



AUGUST				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17/GK			
3	DARTFORD	NLS	4-1	930	⊕ 5	⊕ 23	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
6	Dulwich Hamlet	NLS	0-1	1484	⊕ 10	⊕ 20	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
10	Braintree Town	NLS	4-0	482	⊕ 24	⊕ 20	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
13	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	1-0	837	⊕ 7	⊕ 18	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
17	Hemel Hempstead Town	NLS	3-0	732	⊕ 18	⊕ 20	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
24	HUNGERFORD TOWN	NLS	3-1	771	⊕ 8	⊕ 29	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
26	Weymouth	NLS	4-3	1522	⊕ 4	⊕ 24	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
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14	Welling United	NLS	2-1	594	⊕ 4	⊕ 22	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
21	Farnborough	FAC2Q	5-0	404	⊕ 12	⊕ 24	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
28	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
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5	Bristol Manor Farm	FAC3Q	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
12	Chelmsford City	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
19	Billericay Town	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
26	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
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9	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
16	Hampton & Richmond	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
23	FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying	FAT3Q	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
30	CONCORD RANGERS	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
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7	Bath City	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
14	FA Trophy 1st Round Proper	FAT1	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
21	WELLING UNITED	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
26	Slough Town	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
28	ST.ALBANS CITY	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
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4	Oxford City	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
11	CHELMSFORD CITY	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
18	Havant & Waterlooville	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
25	BATH CITY	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
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1	Tonbridge Angels	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
8	BILLERICAY TOWN	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
15	Eastbourne Borough	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
22	DORKING WANDERERS	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
29	Dartford	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
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14	Chippenham Town	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
21	BRAINTREE TOWN	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
28	Concord Rangers	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
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10	Hungerford Town	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
13	WEYMOUTH	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
18	Maidstone United	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
25	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	NLS	—	—	—	—	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN

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



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 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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WELLING UNITED Saturday, 21st December Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
ST.ALBANS CITY Saturday, 28th December Vanarama National League South	Tony Platt

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DULWICH HAMLET Saturday, 7th March Vanarama National League South	In memory of Darren Hooker People for Print
BRAINTREE TOWN Saturday, 21st March Vanarama National League South	Wealdstone FC Ladies
HAMPTON & RICHMOND Saturday, 4th April Vanarama National League South	In memory of Ian Spicer
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WEALDSTONE LADIES 2019/20

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Can the Stones keep on rolling?

League sponsors Vanarama offer some answers about the actual importance of the start to the season

Go on, admit it. You hoped for it, maybe thought there was an outside chance of it, but didn't realistically imagine leading the way with a quarter of the season chalked off was on the cards.

If you didn't think heading the table was likely 11 matches in, then we don't think you would have had the Stones down for an eight-point lead, either!

It's the club's best start to a season that many will ever remember - nine wins on the trot is the type of stuff dreams are made of and the foundations in which championships are built from.

It's got us thinking as we've gone on a stat-finding mission...how many clubs who have sat top of the tree at this stage in the past five years have gone on to win the league? Let's find out.

Billericay don't do under-the-radar. They were in control this time last year but eventually went on to miss out on the play-offs altogether.

In 2017-18 it was Dartford leading the way. Havant won it, pipping them to the title with the final kick of the season on goal difference.

There was better news to be found in 2016-17. Maidenhead were the pacesetters

at this point and Alan Devonshire's team went on to take the title.

The year before was Sutton United's season. But after 11 matches they were down in 11th, with Ebbsfleet flying high.

In 2014-15, Bromley were champions - however they were fifth a quarter of the way in. Havant were the team in charge early on.

But of course, no club has had a lead of the Stones' size in that time!

Dean Brennan is taking it all in his stride. He's not interested in talking titles - but he is very happy to talk about one thing.

Already crowds are up on last season, with 941 on average now watching the side in action.

Fan power, he says, is going to be crucial. Buckle your belts folks, it's going to be some ride!

Sponsors **Vanarama** have recently launched the Club Reward scheme to help fans back their club's budget. Every time a fan takes out a brand new van lease with **Vanarama** or a brand new car lease with **Motorama** their club will earn £100 and you will receive £30 cashback!

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To describe Havant and Waterlooville as a yo-yo club is, frankly, unfair to yo-yos. Any kid in a toy shop would be delighted with something that went up and down with such fantastic regularity... but to be a H&W fan, the rise and fall, rollercoaster ride might be rather wearing.

In the last three years they've been in the Conference South; been relegated to the Ryman Isthmian League; won that and been promoted back to the National League South; won that and been promoted to the Conference National; and then last season they were relegated back to the National League South. And the way they've started this season nobody would be surprised if they bounced straight back into the National League.

Five different divisions in five years! That sort of fairground ride barely looked possible the first couple of times we faced them at Grosvenor Vale after our own promotion to the Connie South.

Remember that fantastic game in October 2014 when we were just finding our feet, still only having won one league game but having signed the likes of Shaun Lucien and Daniel Brown? The Hawks (as Havant & W are strangely known) were bowling along near the top of the division with players of the calibre of Scott Donnelly and JJ Hooper but it was us, the underdogs, wot nearly won it after Scott McGleish's brave header in front of an explosive Bulla Stand. Donnelly whipped in a late free kick for 2-2 and honours were shared.

The last time our paths crossed was in the NLS two seasons ago- and we had reason to feel aggrieved after dominating both games but losing both 1-0.

The first clash, in front of a 900 crowd at the Vale in the second week of the season, proved cataclysmic for Stones'

They may have had a few ups and downs, but we Havant really given them a game since that 2014 cracker at The Vale



Below: Abs Eisa tormented the Hawks defence all evening back in August 2017 but somehow we failed to score... and it was the same story in the return game. Right: The programme that night



finals after unlikely wins over Hereford, Warrington and Billericay.

Three days before the Trophy 1st leg at Brackley we travelled down to Westleigh Park to face a Havant & Waterlooville side who were a point clear at the top of the table.

Wilkinson raised a few eyebrows with his team selection at the ground - eight changes from the team that had drawn 2-2 at Braintree a few days earlier - with many fans in the stadium feeling the team had one eye on the Brackley game. But the performance demonstrated that scenario was way off beam.

Debuts were handed to Jake Sheppard (on loan from Reading) and second choice

keeper Ravan Constable with Stephane Ngamvoulou also back in the starting line-up after his loan at Burgess Hill Town had come to an end.

Jonathan North missed his first game of the season and Jerome Okimo and Bradley Bubb dropped to the bench, with Danny Green missing out completely due to injury. We should have been struggling against the league leaders but in fact Stones were the dominant side throughout.

But after Mustafa Tiriyaki had been denied twice by (genuinely) world-class stops by Young, the football Gods conspired against Wealdstone as Havant scored (after 81 minutes) with their only effort on goal in the whole game. Eddie Oshodi had gone down in the Hawks area only for the referee to wave away the appeals. The Hawks broke up the other end and Wes Fogden's initial effort was well stopped by Constable but Rutherford followed it up to cue joyous celebrations in the home end.

A few weeks later the Hawks lined up against Concord Rangers in their final league game of the season needing three points to edge second placed Dartford out of the title race on goal difference - and in true rollercoaster fashion it took an 89th minute Jason Prior goal to clinch automatic promotion!

long-serving boss Gordon Bartlett. Chairman Peter Marsden was a bit twitchy after just four points from the opening three games, and our inability to find the net despite overwhelming pressure on the Hawks goal was GB's undoing. We lost again at home to Chelmsford five days later and that was it for the manager after 22 years service.

Ryan Young was our nemesis in both games. He pulled off three great stops in the

0-1 at the Vale (though he should have had no chance from a late Dylan Kearney header. Harrow Times reporter Ron Walker opined that 'it was a chance that Dan Fitchett, the man Kearney replaced as sub, would definitely have scored'. You sure, Ron?

Bobby Wilkinson took over as boss, got us playing more pragmatically and a mixed start to 2018 saw us losing too many NLS games - but an exhilarating run to the FA Trophy semi-



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But who remembers this first-ever clash at Lower Mead 47 years ago?

Well, we've played Havant FC six times in the 1990s (with a dreadful record of drawn one, lost five) and Havant & Waterlooville six times the last five years (won two, drawn one and lost three) since the clubs amalgamated... but who remembers the FIRST time we played Waterlooville?

Before we go there, though, we have to ask: When does one club become a new entity? Does it lose all its past history? This is hardly a new phenomena, with clubs such as Enfield Town laying claim to the defunct Enfield FC's star-studded history, and another 'phoenix club' AFC Wimbledon making its case for Wimbledon FC's previous exploits.

In those cases, the huge majority of fans of the old club move lock, stock and barrel to the newly-formed club, making 'ownership' of the old club's history pretty clear-cut.... even if, technically, that history cannot be attached to the new outfit. What would happened if (God forbid) the only option Wealdstone had for survival was to merge with Harrow Borough and play at Earlsmead?

Would this column in the 'Harrow & Wealdstone FC' programme forget about the Stones' rich history? Would



Waterlooville keeper Keith Dyke plucks the ball from George Duck's head while Bill Byrne hovers (right)...and (below) a brilliant dummy by Mickey Brown takes him past the Hampshire side's defender



Borough's exploits in the past be forgotten? Of course not, which is why I'm pretending that which is our previous meetings with both Waterlooville and Havant are relevant today – and I'm sure their fans will agree. So back to that first meeting....

Saturday September 9th 1972, FA Trophy First Round: Wealdstone 1 Waterlooville 0

THIS was an historic first for the Stones – the club's first ever match in the FA Trophy, and a nod towards its new life as a semi-professional outfit.

For the previous 70-odd years of our existence, the Stones had taken part in the FA Amateur Cup but of course since the club turned 'pro' in 1971 we were no longer eligible

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Splendid 'Stones move smoothly into next round of F.A. Trophy

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 1, Waterlooville 0

A GOAL in the 27th minute from back-four player Dave Cockell put Wealdstone into the next stage of the F.A. Challenge Trophy (better known as the Non-League Cup), gave the Lower Mead side their third victory in eight days and assuredly gave the defence another big boost.

For the third successive match the men at the back refused to concede anything and as the goals for column shows a total of eight in the same period, things begin to look bright for Wealdstone followers.

As was expected Premier Division Waterlooville, who play most of their games on Portsmouth's Fratton Park ground, put up a tremendous fight. They were expected to be a yard faster than 'Stones, but that they were not – a tribute to the fitness of manager Prosser's men.

Overall Wealdstone showed most composure at the back and more enterprise up front throughout and the only unhappy note was the way the home side inexplicably lost control of the midfield for a 20 minute spell in the second half.

This loss of midfield control was something which bedevilled 'Stones' performances many times last season and it is a dis-

certainly unless something is done to prevent this happening the fact will equally not pass unnoticed by future opposition – with disastrous results.

Having said all that one can do nothing but highly commend 'Stones' performance. Apart from the lapse mentioned the work-rate was high throughout and that they did not win by a greater margin was due to some fine anticipation by the Hampshire club's goalkeeper Keith Dyke, stalwart work by defenders Freddie Phillips and John Kill, and some misfortune.

Micky Brown, for example, who like George Duck and Dave Cockell, passed the latest of late fitness tests, had the worst of luck when he struck a post; John Furie, who had a splendid game, working tirelessly throughout, had a tremendous shot spectacularly saved by the leaping Dyke; and Dyson had cruel luck with a power drive which was blocked by one defender, half cleared by another and finally turned away for a corner by a third.

Every one a winner

BECAUSE the judges considered Wealdstone's F.A. Challenge Trophy victory over Waterlooville was the result of a tremendous team effort, no man of the match was voted after Saturday's game.

Instead the judges decided that the cash prize should be placed in the players' fund for distribution at the end of the season.

It is a curious fact that it has crept into one or two games this campaign – a fact which doubtless will not have passed unnoticed by the manager.

FRUSTRATION

Bill Byrne also had his moments of frustration, particularly when he gave two defenders three yards start and burst between them only to see Dyke finger-tip his drive away.

And assuredly Wealdstone's set-piece plan whereby Dixie Hale, who seems to have found a new lease of life, hovers like a menacing hornet at the back of his front runners to hammer any back-ball with tremendous power, must soon pay off.

'Stones used that ploy on four occasions in this game and each time, Hale was on or near target.

There were groans from all parts of the ground to greet the news that Presland was still unfit but these had turned to cheers for his deputy, John Beyer, long before the interval.

Of course immaculate Eddie was missed. He had played so commandingly this season and done his work with such elegance that he has stood out head and shoulders above most Southern League defenders.

SUPERB RUN

But Beyer is playing so well that one believes a place must be found for him when Presland returns – probably in the F.A. Cup qualifying game next Saturday against amateurs Wind-son and Eton.

Beyer's tackling was of high order, his kicking clean and

imaginative and one superb first half run after he had won a ball in a massive, blocking tackle which he was never really entitled to reach, had the crowd on its feet roaring approval.

Of the rest, Micky Brown, despite a heavily strapped thigh, showed touches of sheer brilliance in some of his work; Dyson had another good game; Duck continued to reveal shrewd distribution; Cockell was splendidly rugged in his tackling and ever ready to join the fray up front; Burgess had a better game and skipper John Pearce was Mr. Reliable as ever.

John Barr was John Barr, which requires no further comment.



Courtesy of long-time Stones fan Mick Pullen, here is the 1972 report of our glorious win over Premier Division side Waterlooville at Lower Mead thanks to a goal from defender Dave Cockell (above, No.4) who sported a typical 70s barnet...

ANXIETY

The all important goal came in the 27th minute, only seconds after Duck, Byrne and Brown had all somehow failed to turn the ball in as the visiting defence panicked beyond belief. All that led to a corner and Dyson's inswinging dropped into a melee of flailing legs for Cockell to force home a rebound.

Barr was forced full-length to a shot from Bradwell early in the second half and during a listless spell Allen and Dyer caused Pearce and his men some moments of anxiety.

Generally, however, Wealdstone were well in command of a remarkably clean cup-tie which produced much football to be admired and was capably controlled by Mr. D. B. Mahoney, from Croydon.

Had Wealdstone trebled their score the visitors could have had no complaint.

Wealdstone: Barr; Burgess, J. Beyer; Cockell, Pearce; Hale, Furie; Dyson, Brown (M), W. Byrne; Duck. **Sub:** Alick Brown.

to play in that famous old competition. You may be wondering why our debut season in the Trophy was our second season as professionals... good question! I have a hunch that we actually FORGOT to apply for a place in the Trophy, or maybe applied too late, that first 1971-72 season. Our friends from Barnet actually reached the final that year (the only time the Bees have done so) only to lose 3-0 to Stafford Rangers in the Wembley final.

But back to Waterlooville. The Hampshire side had only turned pro the same time as ourselves, being one of a whole raft of clubs accepted in the summer of 1971 into the Southern League. We played out that first season in the First Division North, finishing midway, while the 'Ville had a tremendous season in the Southern Division and won promotion at the first time of asking!

Thus we found ourselves taking on a Premier Division side this late summer Saturday at Lower Mead, in front of a 707 crowd – not a bad turnout to see a Stones side who had made a stuttering start under newish boss Sid Prosser. He was turning around a side formed largely of ex-Football League pros past their sell-by date, and bringing in youngsters like George Duck, Bill Byrne, Alick Brown, John Pearce and John Beyer to augment the better of the experienced players – people like midfielders Terry Dyson (ex-Spurs double winner) and Dixie Hale (ex Watford), and defenders Eric Burgess (ex Colchester) and Eddie Presland (ex-West Ham). We also had the mercurial Mickey Brown, a former schoolboy sprint champion, who was in turns absolutely explosive and woefully misfiring in front of goal. Happily, he was more of the former than the latter.

Waterlooville were officially a nursery club of Portsmouth FC (which was not uncommon at the time), allowing Pompey squad players the chance of regular football – which was

apparently why the Ville were so successful that first season. Waterlooville also played a number of games at Fratton Park which must have been a great occasion for their Southern League opponents... although it also backfired with opponents raising their game, as we had ourselves found during the calamitous groundshare with Watford.

You know we mentioned Havant & W's yo-yo existence earlier in this story? Well, the earlier incarnation suffered the same 'bounce' by being immediately relegated at the end of this first season among the Southern League Prem 'big boys'.



The Trophy game was particularly memorable for a freak goal by defender Dave Cockell, his only one for the club. The jobbing ex-pro was one of the few of Alan Humphries' 1971 signings to see his contract extended into a second season, and his recognition came with the scruffiest goal of the season – an almighty scramble on the goalline ending with a Ville defender desperately lashing the ball at Big Dave's heels – from which it rebounded into the Cinema End net. Cockell responded with a goal celebration worthy of winning the World Cup... in fact Carlos Alberto's unrestrained joy at sealing

the Jules Rimet Trophy for Brazil a couple of years before was muted in comparison.

So if you were at the brilliant Cambridge United Trophy game seven years ago, or the stonking 5-2 win at Billericay in early 2018, this win over Waterlooville was merely a fore-runner of giantkillings to come...

Wealdstone: John Barr, Eric Burgess, John Beyer, Dave Cockell, John Pearce, Dixie Hale, John Furie, Terry Dyson, Mickey Brown, Billy Byrne, George Duck. Sub: Alick Brown.

Waterlooville: Keith Dyke, Pat Wright, Macdonald, Freddie Phillips, John Kill, Alan Avery, Barry Dyer, Ernie Bradwell, Barry Allen, Hare, Barry Jack. Subs: Bob Mitchell.



APPEARANCES

FIRST TEAM, SEASON 2019/2020 @ 21/09/2019

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

	NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH			FA CUP			FA TROPHY			MIDDX SENIOR CUP			MIDDX CHARITY CUP			TOTALS			WFC CAREER		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
Arnold, Nick	11			1											12			12			
Beckles-Richards, Reece		1													1			1			
Clifford, Billy	11	3		1											12	3		12	3		
Coker, Afolabi		1													1			1			
Efete, Michee	11	1		1											12	1		12	1		
Green, Danny	11	2		1											12	2		150	14	34	
Lafayette, Ross	11	7		1		2									12	9		18	8	10	
Lewis, Dennon	9	2	4	1		1									10	2	5	10	2	5	
McLennan, George					1										1			1			
Mendy, Jacob	6	4	5		1	1									6	5	6	6	5	6	
North, Jonathan		1													1			390	2		
Okimo, Jerome	11			1											12			157	5	3	
Oxborough, Aston	11			1											12			12			
Phillips, Michael	11	2		1											12	2		12	2		
Roberts, Phillip		6													6			6			
Sheppard, Jake		11													11			40	17	4	
Smith, Connor	5	2		1											6	2		28	13	5	
Stevens, Connor	11		1	1											12	1		54		7	
Watt, Sanchez	2	4			1	1									2	5	1	2	5	1	



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WEALDSTONE U18's
SAMBA YOUTH LEAGUE 2019/20



2019 / 2020 FIXTURES

AUGUST	Opposition	Competition	Result
Wednesday 28th	BEDFONT SPORTS	League	W 3-0
SEPTEMBER			
Wednesday 4th	CB HOUNSLOW UNITED	FA Youth Cup P	W 2-1
Wednesday 11th	Hayes & Yeading United	League Cup P	0 - 0 W 5-4 Pens
Wednesday 18th	NORTHWOOD	FA Youth Cup 1Q	W 4-1
Wednesday 25th	Hampton & Richmond Borough	League	P-P
OCTOBER			
Wednesday 2nd	BEDFONT SPORTS	FA Youth Cup 2Q	
Wednesday 9th	CAMBERLEY TOWN	League	
Wednesday 23rd	WOKING	League Cup 1	
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	D 4 - 4
Sunday 22nd	Denham United Reserves	League	L 11-2
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	Edgeware Town	League	
Sunday 10th	TOWER HAMLETS	League	

NEXT MATCH U18'S

Samba Youth League Cup
 Wednesday 2nd Oct
 Bedfont Sports HOME



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- ❑ 2 x Match tickets (+ car parking space)
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- ❑ Publicity over the PA system and via the official club website and social media
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HUNGERFORD TOWN Saturday, 24th August Vanarama National League South	Mike & Val Weston
MAIDSTONE UNITED Saturday, 31st August Vanarama National League South	Thordor Training
OXFORD CITY Saturday, 7th September Vanarama National League South	Dotty Tabby Cat
HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE Saturday, 28th september Vanarama National League South	Sponsorship available!
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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	In memory of Roy Couch Nick Woolford
ST.ALBANS CITY Saturday, 28th December Vanarama National League South	In memory of Bob Hall

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	Alan Couch
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Saturday, 2nd November, 3:00pm

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Vanarama National League South – Table @ 21st September

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	11	10	0	1	27	10	5	5	0	0	11	3	6	5	0	1	16	7	17	30	-- --
2 Hemel Hempstead Town	11	7	1	3	18	12	5	4	0	1	10	4	6	3	1	2	8	8	6	22	3-0
3 Havant & Waterlooville	11	5	5	1	24	12	6	2	3	1	11	5	5	3	2	0	13	7	12	20	
4 Dorking Wanderers	11	6	2	3	18	17	6	4	1	1	10	4	5	2	1	2	8	13	1	20	
5 Weymouth	11	5	4	2	20	12	5	3	1	1	12	7	6	2	3	1	8	5	8	19	4-3
6 Braintree Town	11	6	1	4	23	18	5	3	0	2	12	10	6	3	1	2	11	8	5	19	4-0
7 Billericay Town	11	5	4	2	17	15	5	4	1	0	10	4	6	1	3	2	7	11	2	19	
8 Slough Town	11	5	3	3	17	12	6	3	2	1	10	6	5	2	1	2	7	6	5	18	
9 Concord Rangers	11	5	2	4	18	14	6	3	1	2	9	7	5	2	1	2	9	7	4	17	
10 Bath City	11	4	4	3	17	11	6	3	2	1	10	5	5	1	2	2	7	6	6	16	
11 Maidstone United	11	4	3	4	15	13	5	1	3	1	8	6	6	3	0	3	7	7	2	15	2-1
12 Dulwich Hamlet	11	4	2	5	15	14	6	2	1	3	9	10	5	2	1	2	6	4	1	14	0-1
13 Chippenham Town	11	3	4	4	11	11	5	3	1	1	7	4	6	0	3	3	4	7	0	13	1-0
14 Chelmsford City	11	3	4	4	17	18	6	3	3	0	14	6	5	0	1	4	3	12	-1	13	
15 Welling United	11	3	3	5	12	16	6	3	1	2	9	8	5	0	2	3	3	8	-4	12	2-1
16 Eastbourne Borough	11	2	5	4	9	15	5	2	1	2	7	7	6	0	4	2	2	8	-6	11	
17 St Albans City	11	2	4	5	13	20	6	1	2	3	6	12	5	1	2	2	7	8	-7	10	3-2
18 Dartford	11	2	4	5	16	24	5	1	3	1	8	8	6	1	1	4	8	16	-8	10	4-1
19 Oxford City	11	2	4	5	11	19	6	1	2	3	6	12	5	1	2	2	5	7	-8	10	1-0
20 Tonbridge Angels	11	2	2	7	11	21	6	2	1	3	7	10	5	0	1	4	4	11	-10	8	
21 Hungerford Town	11	2	2	7	13	25	5	1	2	2	6	8	6	1	0	5	7	17	-12	8	3-1
22 Hampton & Richmond	11	2	1	8	14	27	5	1	1	3	8	10	6	1	0	5	6	17	-13	7	