

# THE LINE-UPS

**WEALDSTONE**  
ROYAL BLUE/AMBER

v

**WELLING UTD**  
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v BATH CITY (Vanarama National League South)  
Saturday January 25, KO 3pm  
v HARROW BOROUGH (Middx Senior Charity Cup  
2nd rd) Tuesday January 28, KO 7.45pm

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**INSIDE THE STATE OF THE GAME, 40 YEARS ON**



**MICHCRAFT!**

Stones' Michee Efete got us off to the best possible start, firing past Slough keeper Jack Turner in the first 90 secs on New Year's Day

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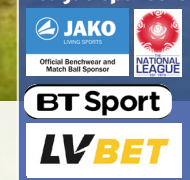
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**WEALDSTONE v WELLING UNITED**

Vanarama National League South,  
Saturday 11 January 2020, 3pm



League sponsors



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**A** very warm welcome to The Vale for today's Vanarama National League South clash with Welling United - who appointed Bradley Quinton as their new manager four days ago. In an unusual move, the Wings' Chairman Mark Goldberg sacked himself as manager (having appointed himself as team boss after Steve King departed in August) and brought in the man who steered Braintree to the National League via the playoffs two years ago.

Our form hasn't been great lately with the 3-1 defeat at Billericay on Tuesday night following on the 3-2 setback at Oxford City... but we are still top of the table!

As Dean Brennan said in his after-match interview: "We are in an unbelievable situation considering the resources we have. Results like these happens in football and now is not the time to attach blame - the players, management team and supporters must stick

together and work to produce a performance in the next game".

This is obviously a recycled programme from the first (postponed) Welling game back in December but we hope the updated wraparound cover and statistics will make it one to savour.

Apart from 'The Simon Ricketts Matchday' putting their name to today's game, thanks also to Tony Paulley of Harrow Sales & Marketing who are joint sponsors. And a big thanks to today's ball sponsors: 'in Memory of Roy Couch' and Nick Woolford.

There will also be a minute's applause for Phil Tricker, a former leading light on the Supporters Club committee who died before Christmas at the age of 84 - and is properly remembered elsewhere in the pages of this programme. The applause is clearly appropriate for both Simon and Phil, who both dearly loved this football club.

Tim

## MASCOT - AITOR RIOBO ADEL

Aitor is 8 years old and attends East Lane Primary School where he is in Year 4. At school he particularly likes History but outside of school he is very competitive enjoying most sports especially swimming. Aitor is also a big fan of music and dance. For Wealdstone he plays for the Under 9 Whites where he is a left back or midfielder. Aitor supports Tottenham Hotspur and Barcelona, the later mainly because his dad is a big Real Madrid fan. His favourite players are Harry Kane, Messi and Liverpool's Andy Robertson. Aitor is looking forward to meeting the Wealdstone team and thanks his mum and dad for organising the treat.



## MATCH SPONSOR HARROW SALES & MARKETING

## MATCH SPONSOR THE SIMON RICKETTS MATCHDAY

**Some of Simon's family and closest friends have sponsored today's match in his memory.**

Wealdstone were not Simon's first love...like his dad Brian, and brother Howard – who is here this afternoon – Simon watched Watford for many years. But somewhere along the way he fell out of love.

He didn't lose his passion for the game but he no longer identified with football at the higher levels. He wanted something that was closer to the heart and spirit of the game.

And so, about 13 or 14 years ago, Simon started going to watch Wealdstone with his pal, Glen and he slowly began to fall in love. When the club moved to The Vale Simon came along too and – in his very Simon-like way – he became part of the furniture here, like an old chair or an ornament on the mantelpiece. Probably no one was quite sure where he'd come from, and couldn't remember precisely when he'd arrived but it didn't matter because he just fitted in.

Of course, it wasn't long before he was on first name terms with everyone and he and Glen were involved in starting the Wealdstone Fans Twitter feed. They sponsored players or the match ball, they went to away games and the end of season dinner.

Simon passed away just over a year ago and for those who don't know, Simon was a journalist – a very fine one – and one of the traditions of the print trade is that on retirement a "banging out" ceremony is performed to say farewell. We weren't entirely sure how it would go in a football ground... but as we banged on the fences and heard the banging spread round the ground I don't mind admitting it was an incredibly moving moment. We vowed then to sponsor a match as our small way of saying thank you.

Thank you for making us feel so welcome here this afternoon and thank you for making Simon one of your own.

Lionel Birnie



WEALDSTONE v WELLING UNITED

BY MARK HYDE



# Written in Stone

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS

**W**elcome to Grosvenor Vale this afternoon for our last National League South fixture before Christmas.

We extend a very warm welcome to our visitors Welling United, their management team, officials, players and supporters. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us.

Thanks also to our ever supportive club sponsor GPF Lewis who are sponsoring today's Game.

Further thanks to our ball donors Nick Woolford and also Alan Couch in memory of his much missed brother Roy.

We hope you all enjoy your day of hospitality. We continue to look for 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.

Enjoy the game

Mark



## HELP REQUIRED

**W**e are looking for a volunteer to join our amazing matchday hospitality team.

Operating in the roll of sponsor and guest liaison this position is a fantastic way to become involved in the club and help develop our important relations with our matchday sponsors and guests of the Board of Directors.

If you would like more details or to discuss the position please E-mail club President Paul Rumens at [paulrumens59@gmail.com](mailto:paulrumens59@gmail.com)

**We need YOU!**



## MATCH SPONSOR GPF LEWIS

Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



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#### LEAGUE TITLES

1951 / 1952 Athenian League  
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#### LEAGUE CUPS

1981 / 1982 Southern League Cup

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY CUPS

1958 / 1959 Senior Cup  
1962 / 1963 Senior Cup  
1964 / 1965 Senior Cup  
1967 / 1968 Senior Cup  
1984 / 1985 Senior Cup  
2003 / 2004 Charity Cup  
2010 / 2011 Charity Cup

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1997 / 1998 Isthmian League Division 2 (3rd)  
1998 / 1999 Isthmian League Division 1 (3rd, annulled)  
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held by Peter Marsden Property  
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Supporters Club**

## GROUND REGULATIONS

People are only allowed entry to The Vale on match days subject to the following rules and regulations:

- 1) The club reserves the right to eject from the ground any person who is considered to have committed any of the following acts:
  - Entering the ground through any means other than through the turnstiles or entrances
  - Entering the field of play before, during or after a game without prior authorisation
  - Being drunk, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs • Using violence of any nature
  - Carrying items which may be considered a danger to others, including cans, bottles, or glasses containing alcoholic beverages
  - Throwing any article onto the field of play • Climbing floodlight pylons, fences, stands or any structure or building
  - Using obscene or bad language likely to cause offence to others • Hitting the side or back panels of the Bulls stand
- 2) No spectator ball games.
- 3) The consumption of alcoholic drinks is permitted INSIDE the social club bar, garden and boardroom areas.
- 4) Vehicles parked on the Grosvenor Vale site are at the owners' risk.
- 5) Wealdstone Football Club supports the FA's campaign on pyrotechnics (e.g. flares and smoke bombs). Any misuse of such items in and around the Ground will result in those responsible being asked to leave the ground and, in line with football authority guidance, may result in a report to the Police, potential prosecution and a ban from the Club of up to three years.

Wealdstone FC Board of Directors

# From the Gaffer

It's been ten days since our last game, it was strange not playing last Saturday but I'm hoping it was nice little refreshing break for our players.

Looking back at our last three league games, first & foremost I'm delight with our points return of seven points from nice, I'm also very happy with our clean sheet count. We made some brave decision within our team selection & decided to select more defensive minded players. The lads that have come in have been patient and done really well for our team. That's in the past now & in this business we have to concentrate on taking it one game at a time. Today's game sees us host Welling Utd, in our previous encounter we managed to win 2-1 & I felt Welling are probably one of the best sides we have played so far this season. They have experience & quality within there ranks. Mark has won this division when he was manager at Bromley, so today with Welling this is



gonna be another tough game for us. We have to keep pushing each other so we can all improve, we have set high standards for each other and we will need our Supporters to get The Vale intimidating & rocking. Keep giving our team that positive support

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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BY SUDHIR RAWAL



# The Elmslie Ender



## Christmas & Beyond

FIND OLD ELMSLIE ENDER MAGAZINES AT THE WFC MEGASTORE: www.wfcmegastore.co.uk

**A**s we come into the hectic Christmas programme, whatever happens in today's game, Wealdstone will, on Christmas Day, be top of the league. Hark back twelve months and at a similar time of year, we were in freewill before a magnificent New Year revival took Stones to the brink of the Conference National. If Wealdstone can have a similar New Year campaign as we did last year, then it is pretty likely that the painful failure of last season could be tossed away for something anew. Of course there is still a long way to go, with a very tough run of games coming up that will play a big part in shaping the race for the title. Our Christmas double with Slough will no doubt be very difficult and then just in the New Year, we face a trip to Havant & Waterlooville, their notoriously poor pitch notwithstanding, which will no doubt see a titanic clash before what you would think will be a two thousand strong crowd.

There is no doubt we are well ahead of schedule that anyone of us thought where we would be at the start of the campaign, with a new management team and nearly a new playing squad, but we have played some lovely football, a level of entertainment we haven't had in years, but the question is whether we can sustain form and results. Chelmsford City's manager, Rod Stringer,

before we thumped them three nil in Essex, questioned our team's ability to sustain a challenge when the weather turns. The management duo saw the team conceding silly goals and have changed formation and personnel to bring us a bit of sturdiness at the back that has seen three clean sheets on the spin, so maybe that answers Stringer's question.

Last Thursday there was to be a fans forum which will no doubt talk about finances and desire to keep the squad together and also to add to it. This is an official football programme rather than a fanzine, so I will not comment too much on this, other than the simple fact that more money raised, invested etc., etc., will ensure that the group stays together and is added to for the final run in. Finances are a board responsibility. The club have come up with an imaginative pricing structure for the three games over the busy Christmas period played at the Vale, which will hopefully see some big crowds pack out the stadium.

Our form in 2019 has been incredible to date, of the 39 games played, we have won 24, drawn 8 and lost only 7, which if extrapolated, would you get you a top two place almost every year, so 2020 could be a special year if we can carry on that sort of form into the New Year and beyond.

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Tuesday 10th December 2019 - Grosvenor Vale  
National League South - Attendance 676



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**LINE-UP**

Isted  
Arnold  
Edjenguele  
Clifford  
Stevens  
Okimo  
Phillips  
Mende  
Lafayette  
Charles  
Lewis  
**Subs:**  
Jebb  
Green  
Smith  
Shomotun  
Noel-Williams

**A dominant first half display from the Stones included goals from Dennon Lewis and Jerome Okimo, as the league leaders extended seven points clear at the top of the table.**

Manager Dean Brennan made two changes to the side that drew at Bath City on Saturday, centre-half Connor Stevens returned from suspension while Nick Arnold dropped into right-back for Michee Efete, out to tonsillitis.

Midfielder Jack Jebb returned to the bench, while Michael Phillips and Billy Clifford were pushed into more advanced roles than at Twerton Park last weekend.

Within five minutes the league leaders broke Eastbourne's defensive line, as winger Lewis missed the target early on.

The deadlock was broken on the 16th minute when Lewis latched onto a blocked shot from captain Jerome Okimo and steered his shot underneath Sports 'keeper Tom Hadler.

Wind was drastically affecting the first half, with Hadler's goal-kicks getting caught above the half-way line within the first 30 minutes.

A defensive error at the back from the Stones almost led to a surprise equaliser, with Sports striker Iver Gregory steaming in on-goal before Harry Isted denied Gregory from point-blank range.

The response from the table toppers was positive, winger Jacob Mendy hit the post from a cross from the right-hand side.

Wealdstone eventually doubled their advantage before the break, as Okimo turned in the area and fired a rifle in at the near-post six minutes before the interval.

The weather improved at half-time and Eastbourne were far better at the start of the second half, as right-back Tobi Adebayo-Rowling's low cross was blocked by Stones defender Connor Stevens before Isted gathered.

Sports midfielder Dean Cox, who scored in this fixture last season, had a penalty appeal waved away within the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Another chance went begging for the visitors not long after, Gregory nodded on Adebayo-Rowling's cross at the front-post and Isted dived acrobatically to parry away. Eastbourne's second half pressure eased up after the hour-mark, they became less threatening as the time ticked on and the hosts held onto their two-goal advantage.

Stones substitute Jack Jebb was brought on to create a third Stones goal and combined with Danny Green seconds after coming on before scuffing his shot wide.

Eastbourne dominated possession in the latter stages of the game, struggling to break a resilient Stones defence that confirmed a third consecutive home league win.



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**LINE-UP**

Huk  
Beard  
Harris  
D Gallagher  
McMannus  
Prior  
Barham  
McShane  
J Gallagher  
Moore  
Richards  
**Subs:**  
Beckles  
Muitt  
Brigs  
Taylor  
Sole

## PHILLIP TRICKER R.I.P.

# Fan in the Stand

**Farewell to Phil, the man behind the first football fanzine.. and who bravely took on Barbara Robson in allowing Coach Two to arrive first!**

Two and a half weeks ago came the sad news that long-time Stones fan Phillip Tricker had died - transporting many of us back to the 1970s when Phil Tricker and his wife Christine helped run supporters coaches to away games.

Invariably they would be in charge of Coach Two. Coach one was ruled by travel secretary Barbara Robson (and her mother) and comprised most of the older fans, happy with a sandwich in tin foil, a thermos flask and the promise of some indifferent Southern League Division One action to punctuate the afternoon.

Invariably there were two coaches and Coach Two was home to us teenagers - desperate for a bit of excitement, the frisson of hooliganism when our paths crossed with Football League club fans at motorway service stations ('45 minutes, back on the coach promptly at 1pm') and the boyish tomfoolery that led to Phil standing up at the front of the coach, peering over his thick glasses and bellowing 'Will you all sit down, and that means everybody' in a baritone voice redolent of the schoolteachers we had left behind for the weekend.



Phil and his wife Christine

By the end of the 1973-74 season, as the club pressed for promotion and the Elmslie End filled with what must have been 300 teenagers, queues formed outside the club shop to buy the iconic green tickets that ensured your place on exotic trips to Bideford, Bath, Poole, Andover or the Metropolitan Police. There were often three coaches in those halcyon days. But one rule always

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A selection of Long Ball Down The Middles, the groundbreaking supporters club magazine, circa 1977-83

prevailed: Coach One always had to get there first.

Gloriously, that rule was shattered on the way to Crawley Town for a game played on a Tuesday afternoon in the midst of the March 1974 power crisis. The use of floodlights were forbidden so this League clash kicked off at 5.30pm, not the most

convenient place for anybody (let alone 100 school kids) to be on a midweek afternoon in Sussex.

And for once Coach Two lost touch with Coach One in heavy traffic (well it was a classic bottom v top of the table clash and interest was running high) on the outskirts of the town centre. Somehow Barbara Robson's crew found a longer route with the delightful consequence that it pulled into the car park at Crawley's old Town Mead ground to find Coach Two already parked up and disgorging its excitable passengers.

There was a look of thunder on Barbara's face. Phil and Christine pretended not to see her (considering their shortsightedness maybe no pretence at all) and Barbara simply instructed her driver to park in front of Coach Two to block our

later departure. Order had been restored!

Half a dozen years later, I found myself on the Supporters Club committee and working alongside Phil on production of the club's groundbreaking magazine 'Long Ball Down the Middle.'

This was before the days of fanzines and 'lads mags' and Wealdstone were genuinely the first club to publish a mag first entitled 'Wealdstone Whispers' back in 1971.

Phil Tricker was the editor and printer, as that was his trade in those days, but I stepped into his editorial shoes in 1977 as a cocksure newly-trained journalist.

He quickly put me straight as to what was feasible for a basic, stapled 20-page production, and I spent several evenings at his house in Kingsbury

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# PHILLIP TRICKER CONTD

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while we pleasantly argued the toss over a cup of tea!

First the Couch brothers, Alan and Roy did the collating (marrying together all the pages and stapling) succeeded by the DuGard brothers (Nick and Bob) and it took us many hours with a print run of several hundred.

Phil eventually stepped down from the printing duties with another fan, Rob Bayly volunteering to publish on the new fangled web-offset machines at his Maidenhead print works and Long Ball Down the Middle entered a new professional era. That publication was it course superseded in the 80s by The Elmslie Ender, continuing the tradition of Innovative, market-leading Wealdstone FC publications.

Phil Tricker, along with his supporters club committee friends Pete Fuller and Ray Kemp, was at the vanguard of that movement and we salute him for that.

**A**lthough Phillip and Christine had no children of their own, his nephew Freddie Reed was signed up as a life member of the Supporters Club the day he was born and says he very moved by the thought of a pre-match round of applause in memory of his Uncle and will be at the Vale today. Also present is his long-time friend Ian Saddler who shared Phil's passion for

record-collecting.

Ian says: "I've known him since around 1972 when we met in a record shop, discovered that we were both avid collectors and that we shared an interest in football. We became firm friends, even starting a music magazine together.

"Phil wasn't just a Stones fan - he was heavily involved with The Groundhoppers, travelling all over the south of England to watch matches.

"But he never drove so when the club moved from Wealdstone he found it more difficult to get there, but in recent years he would regularly get a cab.

"But above all Phil loved music - vintage Rock'n'Roll, Blues and Country music. He was an expert in 40s and 50s Country, a virtual walking encyclopedia - he was even given the keys to the city of Dallas Texas for services to music.

"He was a printer originally but took redundancy in the 80s and became a fulltime record dealer.

"His death was quite a shock as Phil and I had been out to dinner with friends just a week or so before. He was a totally honest and unassuming man who completely immersed himself in his hobbies.

Wealdstone FC was a big part of his life."

**WORDS: TIM PARKS**

## Last time we won the Middlesex FA Senior Cup..

**AS WE** eagerly look forward to playing the winners of the Barnet v Staines clash in the County Cup, the iconic picture below shows just how long ago it was that

we last won the trophy: August Bank Holiday Monday 1985!

Yes, Over 34 years since Stones beat Enfield 4-2 at Hendon's old Claremont Road ground in a final held over from the previous season. Skipper Paul Bowgett (left) is seen hoisting the trophy with strikers Mark Graves (centre) and Alan Cordice (right) looking pretty pleased with adding the County Cup to the Conference and FA Trophy titles we had won just a few months earlier. Heady days!



**WEALDSTONE U18's**  
**SAMBA YOUTH LEAGUE 2019/20**



**2019 / 2020 FIXTURES & RESULTS**

AUGUST	Opposition	Competition	Result
Wednesday 28th	BEDFONT SPORTS	League	W 3-0
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
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
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Thursday 10th	Northwood	League	D 2-2
Monday 14th	Hampton & Richmond Borough	League	L 2-1
Wednesday 23rd	BEDFONT SPORTS	FA Youth Cup 2Q	W 1-0
Wednesday 30th	Reading City	FA Youth Cup 3Q	L 2-0
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Wednesday 20th	WOKING	League Cup 1R	W 1-0
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Monday 2nd	CB Hounslow	MFA Youth Cup 2R	W 2-0
Wednesday 4th	ALDERSHOT TOWN	League	L 0-1
Monday 9th	Uxbridge	League Cup 2R	W 1-0
Wednesday 11th	Hayes & Yeading United	League	W 1-0
Wednesday 18th	BRACKNELL TOWN	League	
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Monday 6th	Uxbridge	League	
Monday 13th	Bedfont Sports	League	
Wednesday 22nd	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	League	
Thursday 30th	Camberley Town	League	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Wednesday 5th	STAINES TOWN	League	
Thursday 13th	Northwood	League	
Monday 17th	Aldershot Town	League	
Wednesday 26th	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	League	
<b>MARCH</b>			
Wednesday 4th	Bracknell Town	League	
Wednesday 11th	UXBRIDGE	League	



Pic Steve Foster

**NEXT HOME MATCH U18'S**

**Samba Youth League**  
 Monday 22nd Jan  
 Hampton & Richmond

**WEALDSTONE FC UNDER 18'S 2019/2020 FIXTURES - ALL HOME GAMES KO @ 7.30PM**



# MATCH SPONSORS

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

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

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

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



MATCH	SPONSORS	
<b>DARTFORD</b> Saturday, 3rd August Vanarama National League South	<b>Support the Stones - sponsor a match!</b>	
<b>CHIPPENHAM TOWN</b> Tuesday, 13th August Vanarama National League South	<b>Wealdstone FC Supporters Club</b>	
<b>HUNGERFORD TOWN</b> Saturday, 24th August Vanarama National League South	<b>Ray Corner and Peter Carter</b>	
<b>MAIDSTONE UNITED</b> Saturday, 31st August Vanarama National League South	<b>Markie Barton</b>	
<b>OXFORD CITY</b> Saturday, 7th September Vanarama National League South	<b>The Guild</b>	
<b>HAVANT &amp; WATERLOOVILLE</b> Saturday, 28th October Vanarama National League South	<b>First Financial</b>	
<b>BRISTOL MANOR FARM</b> Tuesday, 8th October FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round	<b>GPF Lewis</b>	
<b>MAIDENHEAD UNITED</b> Tuesday, 22nd October FA Cup 4rd Qualifying Round	<b>GPF Lewis</b>	
<b>TONBRIDGE ANGELS</b> Saturday, 26th October Vanarama National League South	<b>In memory of John O'Connor</b>	<b>AFC Lightning</b>
<b>EASTBOURNE BOROUGH</b> Saturday, 9th November Vanarama National League South	<b>Emin Alibey &amp; Family</b>	
<b>ROYSTON TOWN</b> Saturday, 23rd November FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round	<b>Bearings Scaffold Services</b>	
<b>CONCORD RANGERS</b> Saturday, 30th November Vanarama National League South	<b>Jim Sorrell</b>	

MATCH	SPONSORS	
<b>WELLING UNITED</b> Saturday, 21st December Vanarama National League South	<b>GPF Lewis</b>	
<b>ST.ALBANS CITY</b> Saturday, 28th December Vanarama National League South	<b>Tony Platt</b>	
<b>SLOUGH TOWN</b> Wednesday, 1st January Vanarama National League South	<b>Recycle DNC Ltd</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>CHELMSFORD CITY</b> Saturday, 11th January Vanarama National League South	<b>The Simon Ricketts Matchday</b>	<b>Harrow Sales &amp; Marketing</b>
<b>BATH CITY</b> Saturday, 25th January Vanarama National League South	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>BILLERICAY TOWN</b> Saturday, 8th February Vanarama National League South	<b>Glide &amp; Friends</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>DORKING WANDERERS</b> Saturday, 22nd February Vanarama National League South	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>DULWICH HAMLET</b> Saturday, 7th March Vanarama National League South	<b>In memory of Darren Hooker</b>	<b>People for Print</b>
<b>BRAINTREE TOWN</b> Saturday, 21st March Vanarama National League South	<b>Wealdstone FC Ladies</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>HAMPTON &amp; RICHMOND</b> Saturday, 4th April Vanarama National League South	<b>In memory of Ian Spicer</b>	<b>Turf Doctor</b>
<b>WEYMOUTH</b> Easter Monday, 13th April Vanarama National League South	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN</b> Saturday, 25th April Vanarama National League South	<b>In memory of Harry Leigh</b>	<b>Available</b>

# RESULTS & FIXTURES 2019/2020

## KEY TO SYMBOLS

ABC Three-letter Player ID (See list)

- 1st substitution
- 2nd substitution
- 3rd substitution

■ Caution

■ Red Card

■ Straight Red

⓪ Goals

⓪ Penalty

⓪ 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	2	⓪ 5	⓪ 23c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
6	Dulwich Hamlet	NLS	0-1	1484	10	⓪ 10	⓪ 20c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
10	Braintree Town	NLS	4-0	482	6	⓪ 24	⓪ 20c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
13	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	1-0	837	2	⓪ 7	⓪ 18c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
17	Hemel Hempstead Town	NLS	3-0	732	1	⓪ 18	⓪ 20c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
24	HUNGERFORD TOWN	NLS	3-1	771	1	⓪ 8	⓪ 29c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
26	Weymouth	NLS	4-3	1522	1	⓪ 4	⓪ 24c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
31	MAIDSTONE UNITED	NLS	2-1	1066	1	⓪ 15	⓪ 21c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
SEPTEMBER																							
3	St.Albans City	NLS	3-2	805	1	⓪ 11	⓪ 18c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
7	OXFORD CITY	NLS	1-0	1102	1	⓪ 10	⓪ 17c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
14	Welling United	NLS	2-1	594	1	⓪ 4	⓪ 22c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
21	Farnborough	FAC2Q	5-0	404	1	⓪ 12	⓪ 24c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
28	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	NLS	1-4	1140	1	⓪ 15	⓪ 18c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
OCTOBER																							
5	Bristol Manor Farm	FAC3Q	0-0	422	1	⓪ 9	⓪ 14c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
8	BRISTOL MANOR FARM	FAC3QR	4-0	524	1	⓪ 11	⓪ 12c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
12	Chelmsford City	NLS	3-1	1263	1	⓪ 9	⓪ 12c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
19	Maidenhead United	FAC4Q	1-1	871	1	⓪ 13	⓪ 14c	OXB	MEN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	WAT	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
22	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	FAC4QR	0-2	835	1	⓪ 6	⓪ 12c	OXB	MEN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	WAT	LAF	GRE	WAT	LEW	RBR	SHE	MEN	RIN
26	TONBRIDGE ANGELS	NLS	3-1	866	1	⓪ 16	⓪ 15c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	MEN	GRE	WAT	LEW	SHE	WAT	CHA	RIN
29	CB HOUNSLOW UNITED	MCC1	5-1	TBA	1	⓪ 9	⓪ 8c	RIN	EKO	MEN	CLI	COK	SHE	SAU	CHA	DNW	WAT	AND	ARN	LOP	MND	EVE	
NOVEMBER																							
2	Dorking Wanderers	NLS	2-2	817	1	⓪ 13	⓪ 10c	OXB	ARN	EFE	SHE	STE	OKI	WAT	SMI	DNW	GRE	LEW	SAU	RBR	CHA	COK	EVE
16	Hampton & Richmond	NLS	0-2	927	1	⓪ 2	⓪ 7c	NOR	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	DNW	GRE	LEW	MEN	JEB	CHA	LAF	EVE
23	ROYSTON TOWN	FAT3Q	2-3	436	1	⓪ 9	⓪ 10c	NOR	ARN	EFE	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	LEW	MEN	DNW	JEB	CHA	EVE
30	CONCORD RANGERS	NLS	3-0	832	1	⓪ 11	⓪ 6c	IST	EFE	EDJ	CHA	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	JEB	LEW	DNW	GRE	CLI	ARN	EVE
DECEMBER																							
3	HAYES & YEADING UTD	MSC2	6-2	114	1	⓪ 2	⓪ 7c	IST	ARN	EDJ	CLI	STE	MAT	CHA	SMI	DNW	GRE	SHO	JEB	MEN	LOP	SAR	SHO
7	Bath City	NLS	0-0	1203	1	⓪ 2	⓪ 9c	IST	ARN	EDJ	CLI	CHA	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	JEB	LEW	DNW	GRE	SMI	ARN	SHO
10	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	NLS	2-0	676	1	⓪ 19	⓪ 10c	IST	ARN	EDJ	CLI	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	JEB	LEW	DNW	GRE	SMI	ARN	SHO
21	WELLING UNITED	NLS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	Slough Town (1:00pm)	NLS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	ST.ALBANS CITY	NLS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

### KEY TO PLAYER IDS

AND Enoch Andoh  
ARN Nick Arnold  
CHA Ashley Charles

CLI Billy Clifford  
DNW Dejon Noel-Williams  
EDJ William Edjenguele  
EFE Michee Efete  
EKO Enoch Ekoneo  
EVE Lewis Everett

GRE Danny Green  
IST Harvey Isted  
JEB Jack Jebb  
LAF Ross Lafayette  
LEW Dennon Lewis  
LOP Eric Lopes

MAT Daniel Matsuzaka  
MCL George McLennan  
MEN Jacob Mendy Mendy  
MND Douglas Mendes  
NOR Jonathan North  
OKI Jerome Okimo

OXB Aston Oxborough  
PHI Michael Phillips  
RBR Reece Beckles-Richards  
RIN Joe Ringer  
ROB Phil Roberts  
SAR Elliott Sartorius

SAU Matthew Saunders  
SHE Jake Sheppard  
SHO Fumnaya Shomotun  
SMI Connor Smith  
STE Connor Stevens  
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 U23s - 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, Clifford (sheppard 61), Stevens, 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), Michael Phillips (Lewis 61), Smith (Cook 78), Noel-Williams (Beckles-Richards 45), Green (Saunders 89), Mendy (Watt 61), Subs not used: Paterson, Ringer

July 23, 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), Michael Phillips (Lewis 61), Smith (Cook 78), Noel-Williams (B

July 27, home vs. Wycombe Wanderers - L 0-1

Joe Ringer, Nick Arnold, Ryan Sellers, Billy Clifford, Stevens, Okimo, Sheppard, Connor Smith, Lafayette, Green, Jacob Mendy-Mendy SUBS: Michee Efete, Sanchez Watt, Afolabi Coker, Jacob Cook, Matt Saunders, Reece Beckles-Richards, Noel-Williams, Dennon Lewis

August 20, home vs. Hayes & Yeading United - W 2-1 (Roberts, Faniyan)

North, Bay Downning, George McLennan, Matt Saunders, Afolabi Coker, Kevin Songolo, Reece Beckles-Richards, Sheppards, Dejon Noel-Williams, Phil Roberts, Sanchez Watt. SUBS: ~Joe Ringer, Ayomide Faniyan, Luca Perrin, Richie Malunda, Jahmali Espritt

# Opposition in focus

**W**elling United Football Club were founded in 1963. An incredible journey in the early years has seen the club rise from an under-15 Sunday youth team to the heights of the Football Conference where the Wings remained for a remarkable 14 years. History has proved this to be one of the most astonishing journeys in the modern football era.

The Wings are now in their eighth season in the Nationwide Conference South, now named the Blue Square Bet South, following that unbroken spell in the original Conference between 1986-2000. Originally formed in 1963 with just one youth team playing in local league football on a nearby park pitch, the club expanded its youth system before embarking on a period of Saturday football in the London Spartan League. Membership of the Athenian League and Southern League (South) followed. For the first fifteen years Welling played on a sports ground at nearby Butterfly Lane, Eltham, before taking their present ground at Park View Road, after the demise of Bexley United who at the time were members of the Southern League. After progressing from park football to senior football in a relatively short space of time, success was to continue with three promotions within five years. Initially winning the Spartan League and then after three more seasons in the Athenian League, progression and election to Southern League rounded off a marvellous period of success. This continued after just one more season when promotion to the Southern League Premier Division was secured after the league was re-organised. In the Fifth season in this division the Wings romped to the title by a record 23 points after an incredibly exciting season and were

promptly promoted to the Conference.

The Wings dropped out of the top flight when they were relegated on the last day of the season in 1999/2000.

After four years back in the Southern League Premier, Welling finished just high enough to qualify for the inaugural season of the newly formed Conference South as the FA restructured the leagues so that two fed into the Conference which became Conference National. Welling's first foray in the league in 2004 was a struggle under the guidance of former England defender Paul Parker. With the Wings languishing near the bottom for the first three months of the season Parker left the club by mutual consent. Adrian Pennock took charge of the struggling Wings and guided the Wings to safety in

The next season was on where it was exciting to be following Welling again with notable success in the FA Cup where they lost in the First Round away to Huddersfield Town. The FA Trophy also proved rewarding where Welling drew Woking away and after a thrilling match narrowly missed out on a place in the Fourth Round when they let a 2 goal lead slip and finally went down 3-2. The Wings spent most of the season in the play-off places but a succession of draws, and a few defeats at the end of the campaign saw Welling finish the season in ninth place. They continued their improvement with an 8th place finish, missing out on a playoff spot by four points. In that season the Wings reached the Quarter Final of the FA Trophy, which had only been managed once before in the club's history.

2008-2009 saw Welling United become a real force in the Blue Square South. Highlights of the season included a 1-0 defeat of AFC Wimbledon, ending the eventual champions

18 game unbeaten streak, a 4-0 win over promotion hopefuls Hampton & Richmond Borough and winning the Kent Senior Cup with a 6-1 defeat of Whitstable Town in the final, the Wings' first trophy for ten years.

At the start of the 2010-11 season, the Wings were rocked by the news of a winding up order by HRMC on the 12th August. Given 14 weeks to pay the outstanding debt the Wings' fans showed their devotion to the club raising almost all the £60,000 needed to avoid the club going bust. Despite this they were still deducted five points by the Conference and were handed a transfer embargo lasting until March 2011. Against all the odds, Jamie Day's side held a place in the playoff positions for the majority of the season playing wonderful attacking football. A fantastic run of results against the Wings' main rivals looked to have secured their place in the top five. However fatigue eventually caught up on the small squad and dropped points at the end of the season proved costly as the Wings missed out on the playoffs by one point. They still finished sixth, their highest position in the Conference South ever and their highest league position for ten years. 2011/12 saw the Wings climb to their highest league position for 26 years finishing third in the table and earning their first ever (and so far only) venture into post-season football. After reaching the playoff final with a 2-1 aggregate win over Sutton United, the Wings were defeated by their arch rivals Dartford by a score of 1-0 at Princes Park meaning another year in the Conference South.

Welling United finally regain their place in the Conference Premier after Jamie Day's team set a new Conference South league record of 12 consecutive wins and overcame a 10 point deficit by runaway leaders Salisbury City to win the league by four clear points.

In their first season back they enjoyed a comfortable season and would have finished higher had they not had a poor run at the end of the season with safety already guaranteed.

However, that proved to be the pinnacle. After all seemed to be moving along nicely, a vacancy arose at Ebbsfleet and Day, along with his management team of Barry Ashby and Dean Frost, found the lure too great and

departed. Jody Brown came and went, then Loui Fazakerley took over the reins. Although Welling survived that season by the skin of their teeth there was no escape the following season and they finished rock bottom. Towards the end of that season Mark Goldberg bought into the club and also took on the role as team manager. Back in the Conference South, but now known as the National League South, Welling again struggled and Goldberg stood down to concentrate on off field affairs as he looked to re-build the whole structure of the club. Having finished a disappointing season but safe from relegation,

Steve King was invited to be the manager last season and he led Welling to a third placed finish and a play-off final but defeat in a tight game at Woking meant that there was to be no promotion.

Over the summer, another management overhaul saw King leave with Goldberg restoring himself as manager with a director of football and a strong coaching team installed for the 2019-20 season.



## WINGS FACTS

**GROUND** - Park View Road  
**CAPACITY** - 4,000 (1000 seated)

**MANAGER** - Mark Goldberg

**2018/19** - National League South 3rd

**PREVIOUSLY IN THE LEAGUE**

**H** 09/03/19 **L** 1-3 **A** 14/09/19 **W** 2-1

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v WELLING UNITED

**P 17 W 9 D 5 L 3 F 21 A 18**

# WELLING UNITED

## WHO'S WHO?

### DANIEL WILKS - GOALKEEPER

As a youngster he played for Watford before moving to St. Mirren. He returned to England to play for Maldon and Tiptree from where he was loaned to Colchester United, playing every game for their under twenty-threes.

Following a one month loan at Whitehawk last season, the move was made permanent and he went on to gain England C honours.

### JOE ANDERSON - DEFENDER

He was a youth player at Fulham and made a first team League Cup substitute appearance against Manchester City. Having had a spell on loan at Woking, he moved on to Lincoln City where he made forty-five league appearances before being released when they were relegated. He then played for AFC Hornchurch, Billericay Town, and Cambridge United before signing for Bromley where he stayed for four years. After a season at Maidstone he joined Chelmsford for 2018-19 and has now moved on to Welling

### DQUAME COPELAND- DEFENDER

After returning to England from Ytterhogdals IK in Sweden he had spells last season at Greenwich Borough and Bedfont Sports.

Other clubs for whom he has played include Partick Thistle, Bromley, Dagenham and Redbridge, Fleet Town, Tunbridge Wells and Conwy Borough.

### ARCHIE JOHNSON - DEFENDER

Welling's longest serving player is now in his fifth season as a first team squad member having been introduced from the club's development system at age of sixteen. He came into the side as a winger but has made most of his appearances at left back. Loan spells have included time at Beckenham Town and Thamesmead Town and he was an important member of Cray Wanderers' title winning side last season whilst on dual registration

### SANCHEZ MING - DEFENDER

His one month loan from Dulwich Hamlet is his second spell at Welling having spent 2008-09 with the club. He signed initially from Fisher Athletic and made thirty-four appearances before moving on to Dulwich. Subsequent clubs included Chipstead, Bishop's Stortford, Bromley and Staines Town before he returned to Dulwich. He

played two full seasons for them then came to Welling on loan. He has now signed permanently for the new season.

### EJIRO OKOSIEME - DEFENDER

After coming through the Middlesbrough youth system, he has played Vanarama National League football for Braintree Town and Dover Athletic. Other clubs represented include Billericay Town, Bishop's Stortford, Chatham Town and Macclesfield.

### MAGNUS OKUONGHAE - DEFENDER

Came up through the Fulham youth system before signing for Rushden and Diamonds. Further clubs included St Albans City and Crawley Town, Dagenham and Redbridge, Colchester United where he spent six years before moving on to Luton Town. He played ten games for Welling, on loan from Maidstone United before spending last season at Dulwich Hamlet.

### JAY RICH-BAGHUELOU - DEFENDER

Teenage centre back moved from Australia two years ago and joined Welling from Dulwich Hamlet in the summer. Spent time with Charlton Athletic and was expected to sign for them and also had a trial with Championship Reading.

### ROB SWAINE- DEFENDER

Club captain signed from Maidstone United in the summer. He first played for Mark Goldberg at Bromley where he spent two and a half years before moving to Billericay Town and then Chelmsford City for a second time.

### MONTEL AGYEMANG - MIDFIELD

Came up through the ranks of Leyton Orient and made his debut for them in February 2015. He went on loan spells to Royston Town and Grays Athletic before moving on to Colchester United. He then moved to Maldon and Tiptree. Last season he played for East Thurrock United.

### JULIEN ANAU - MIDFIELD

Having started in his native country with Paris FC, he moved to England to try his luck with Fareham. He then moved to Spain for a season with Ontinyent. Last season he travelled again and played for two clubs there. He started the season at Larne before finishing the season at Carrick Rangers.

### ANTHONY COOK - MIDFIELD

After one league game for Dagenham Redbridge he joined Chelmsford City in 2009. He then went to Ebbsfleet United before joining Bromley he returned to Ebbsfleet. In 2018 he had a loan spell with Woking before signing for Dulwich Hamlet at the start of last season.

### CONNOR DYMOND - MIDFIELD

Having spent a season at Hemel Hempstead Town, Kingstonian and then Margate, the combative midfielder has returned to Park View Road. He started at Crystal Palace and had loan spells at Barnet and Newport County. After leaving Selhurst Park he had a season at Bromley

### NATHAN GREEN - MIDFIELD

Having come up through the Croydon Athletic youth system he played for Lewes and then Bromley before signing for Billericay Town. He then moved on to Tonbridge Angels then Dagenham and Redbridge in the Football League. Also represented Dartford, Margate & Dulwich Hamlet.

### GAVIN MCCALLUM- MIDFIELD

He spent the last four seasons at Eastbourne Borough and was player of the year term having scored fifteen goals from out wide in a struggling team. Previously, his clubs have included Yeovil Town, Weymouth, Sutton United (two spells), Hereford United, Lincoln City and Woking. He scored on his debut for the Canada national team.

### REECE PRESTEDGE - MIDFIELD

After five seasons at Bishop's Stortford he signed for Mark Goldberg at Bromley where he spent three seasons. Upon leaving the Ravens he joined Maidstone United but left them at the end of the 2017-18 season. He then joined Hemel Hempstead Town but left them without playing a game to spend the season at East Thurrock United.

### THEO WIDDRINGTON - MIDFIELD

Signed on loan from Bristol Rovers where he is in the second year of a two year contract. He joined the Portsmouth set up at the age of six and signed a professional contract at the age of 17 but didn't make a first team

appearance, although he did play seventeen games on loan at Havant and Waterlooville. When his one year contract ended, he moved on to Bristol Rovers and has had two loan spells at Bognor Regis Town.

### DANNY WALDREN - MIDFIELD

After two seasons at Billericay Town he has returned to Welling United. Having made his debut for Croydon Athletic at the age of 16, he remained there for five years before signing for Bromley where he stayed for four years, leaving after captaining the team to the National League South title. He then spent a season at Dulwich Hamlet before his first spell with the Wings.

### ADAM COOMBES - FORWARD

Spotted whilst at Sutton United, he was signed by Chelsea's academy before he signed for Notts County. In 2016 he signed for Bromley and then moved on to Welling United then Billericay before returning.

### AARON COSGRAVE - FORWARD

After leaving West Ham United's academy, he played for Colchester United before joining Coggleshall Town then Havant and Waterlooville at the start of last season.

Midway through the season, with seventeen appearances under his belt, he left Havant and signed for Chelmsford City but left them at the end of the season.

### BRADLEY GOLDBERG - FORWARD

He is a proven goal-scorer who won the Golden Boot in Bromley's promotion winning season to the National League. Earlier in his career he had spells at Hastings United and Dagenham and Redbridge (which included loans at Bromley and Bristol Rovers) before a permanent move to the Ravens. Joined Welling in 2017.

### JOSHUA OYINSAN - FORWARD

Last season at Cambridge City, he was prolific and has now earned the right to step up to a higher level. As a teenager, he was at Bromley before moving on to Potters Bar Town. Since then, he has played for Ware, Dunstable Town, Barton Rovers and Royston Town but it was at Cambridge that he really made his mark.

## WINGS LAST 5





# APPEARANCES

2019/2020 FIRST TEAM, up to & inc. @ 10/12/2019

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
Andoh, Enoch												1			1			1			
Arnold, Nick	17	2		3			1			1					22	2		22	2		
Beckles-Richards, Reece		2													2					2	
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Coker, Afolabi		3			1							1			1	4	1	1	4	1	
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Efete, Michee	18		1	5	1		1								24	2		24		2	
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Everett, Lewis													1		1					1	
Green, Danny	16	3	3	4			1			1	1				22	3	4	160	17	36	
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Lewis, Dennon	17	2	5	5	2		1								23	2	7	23	2	7	
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Matsuzaka, Daniel										1					1			1			
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North, Jonathan	1	1					1								2	1		392	2		
Okimo, Jerome	19		2	5			1	1							25	3		170	5	6	
Oxborough, Aston	15			5											20			20			
Phillips, Michael	18		3	5			1								24	3		24	3		
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Shomotun, Fumnaya										1	1				1	1		10	5	4	
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Stevens, Connor	18		1	5			1			1					25	1		67	7		
Watt, Sanchez	4	5		2	3	1						1			7	8	2	7	8	2	





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<b>HARROW BOROUGH</b> Tuesday, 28th January Middlesex Senior Charity Cup	Mike and Val Weston	
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## STATE OF THE GAME

Almost 40 years ago, the Football League was in a dire state... and the game saw non-League and its properly-run clubs as the solution...

Forty years ago our national game was in a parlous state writes **Tim Parks**.

It wasn't even the lowest point - that came after the appalling death toll of Heysel and Hillsborough plunged its currency through the floor. To be a football fan in the mid-80s was to be a social pariah.

In the winter of 1981 the News of the World - whatever happened to that august publication? - exposed the huge losses incurred by the Football League's member clubs and the fact that the snowy weather that year led many of them on the brink of bankruptcy. In the days before television money and meaningful sponsorship, the absence of gate money, even just for a few weeks, was enough to prompt the sort of language that the

NoW employed.

It claimed that our national game was 'slowly bleeding to death' and highlighted regionalisation as a possible solution... plus the integration of non-League clubs who, in many cases, were leading a much more healthy financial life.

If you're wondering why Wealdstone are not mentioned, this was the year the Stones were winning promotion back to the Conference (or Alliance Premier League as it was then known) by scooping every every honour the Southern League had to offer. Our stats in the feature would have made an interesting comparison, with Lower Mead holding an official 10,000 capacity and chairman David Morritt no doubt claiming crowds of 3,000 were we to be invited into the Football League...

## CASH CRISIS? GIVE US A CRACK AT THE LEAGUE

MARTIN SPENCER, Chelsea's financial director, reckons that around 80 of the 92 Football League clubs were in financial crisis before a snowflake fell.

Several Third and Fourth Division clubs openly admit that the freezing weather is bringing them close to oblivion as football lurches unwillingly to an inevitable and, many believe, urgent reorganisation.

Now a searching News of the World investigation reveals, hearteningly, that at least a dozen non-Leaguers have the grounds, facilities and cash to replace those League clubs drifting into oblivion.

Most of these ambitious outfits could step in tomorrow—if required. Or they would be willing to join in a restructured, regional Fourth Division.

Our probe uncovered, surprisingly, that members of the part-time Alliance Premier—the only feeder to the Football League now that the Isthmians, the Northern Premier and the Southern League have agreed to form a pyramid

By **TERRY McNEILL**

below them—have grounds superior to those of their alleged betters.

The average annual wage bill in the Third and Fourth Divisions is a crippling £250,000. It's the one item of expenditure that is dragging them ever deeper into trouble during the freeze-up.

In the Alliance, it is a manageable £65,000 and although the weather is biting deeply into their resources, they are able to survive without pleading for hand-outs from the pools companies.

The standard bearers for those bursting for the major breakthrough are Scarborough, Boston United and Altrincham. They have impressive credentials to back their claims for League status.

My inquiries into football just below League level were almost without exception a source of encouragement for our national game that is bleeding slowly to death.

The League should embrace those waiters with the financial soundness and appropriate facilities NOW.

## LINING UP FOR A PLACE IN THE SUN

**ALTRINCHAM:** The most polished and successful non-League side for the past two seasons. Operating at a profit. Wage bill: £109,000 (inflated because of bonuses from a successful Cup run; they've reached the FA Cup third round for past three seasons). Ground holds 10,000, with 1,200 seats. Average attendance expectations in League: 3,000. Ground "A" graded, which means good enough for Football League.

**BATH:** Made less last year, but many local businessmen are willing to invest if they attain League status. Wage bill: £100,000. Ground holds 10,000 with 1,000 seats, and spokesman insists it is "better than 95 per cent in the Fourth Division." "A" graded. League gate expectation: 2,500.

**KETTERING:** Struggling financially, but confident of doing better if elected to League. Wage bill: £45,000. Ground holds 12,000, with 23,000 seats. Have magnificent stand and excellent other

facilities. Gate expectation: 3,000. "A" graded.

**MAIDSTONE:** Not in profit, but invested heavily in restaurant and multi-sports complex and pub. Wage bill: £85,000. Ground holds 15,000, with 800 seats, more on way. "A" graded.

**SCARBOROUGH:** Have been in profit for seven years. Sumptuous new stand that's the envy of all. Ground holds 10,000, with 800 seats. Wage bill: £62,000. Gate expectation: 5,000.

**STAFFORD RANGERS:** Breaking even. Wage bill: £31,000. Ground holds 15,000, with 500 seats. Good catchment area. Gate expectation: 4,000. "A" graded.

**YEOVIL:** Lost £50,000 last year, but not worried. Wage bill: £90,000. Ground holds 14,500, with 2,100 seats. Excellent facilities. Failed to get into League by only three votes five years ago. Nearest League club 50 miles away. Gate expectation: 5,000.

**GRAVESEND AND NORTHFLEET:** Profit for last three years. Wage

bill: £65,000. Ground holds 12,000, with 1,400 seats, covered on three sides. Thriving social centre. Gate expectation: 3,000. "B" graded but expecting "A" grade.

**BOSTON UNITED:** Huge profit of £160,000 last year and have money invested in bank. Magnificent ground and have set-up crying out for League status after spending £500,000 since 1973. Ground holds 15,000, with 2,300 seats. Gate expectation: 3,000. "B" graded.

**WEYMOUTH:** Profit of £50,000 and have property assets of £350,000. Wage bill: £80,000. Ground holds 8,000, with 500 seats. Gate expectation: 1,500. "B" graded.

**NORTHWICH VICTORIA:** Breaking even. Wage bill: £43,000. Ground holds 14,000 with 660 seats. Catchment area of 120,000. Gate expectation: 3,000.

**TELFORD:** In profit and have £150,000 invested. Wage bill: £70,000. Ground holds 18,000,

with 1,200 seats. Plans for new stadium approved by council. Gate expectation: 6,000.

**BARROW:** In profit and a lovely come-back story. Voted out of League to accommodate Hereford in 1972. Risen from ashes and far stronger now. Paid off debts. Wage bill: £65,000. Ground holds 12,000, with 1,200 seats. Built £250,000 sports complex. Gate expectation: 4,000.

**WORCESTER:** In profit last season. Wage bill: £60,000. Have spent £100,000 on new lights and vice-presidents' club. Ground holds 15,000, with 2,000 seats. Lively catchment area. Gate expectation: 5,000.

In addition to these clubs, Enfield, Dagenham, Runcorn, Dartford and Barnet also have their sights on the Football League.

**ENFIELD AND DAGENHAM,** in particular, have hugely-profitable clubs to supplement their lotteries and have the cash to enable them to achieve an "A" grading. Their finances are the only of many League clubs.

Two years further on, the Stones were in the Conference (then known as the Gola League) and chairman Morrith had his eyes on the prize of a place in the League.

But Lower Mead was ramshackle - he knew that tens of thousands of pounds needed to be spent to bring it into line even before the Taylor Report days.

His big idea was to merge Wealdstone with our local rivals Harrow Borough, and then sell that club's Earlsmead ground with the proceeds helping redevelop the Stones' iconic town centre ground.

The Harrow Observer got wind of his plan and decided to set up an opinion poll (vox-pop as it was known in my day) asking supporters of both clubs for their view on this controversial subject.

And so (top of page) we have half a dozen Stones fans, and below that probably the entire Boro supporters club. Of course, the most interesting thing is that nearly all those Stones faces are still recognisable today!

## Lower Mead — the view from the terraces



I am very much against the idea of a merger. I don't think Mr Morrith is taking any notice of the supporters, who are the most important people. If you take the Leytonstone-Hilford example you will see that the two sets of supporters do not get on. They stand apart from each other at the ground and that would happen here. The rivalry between Wealdstone and Harrow Borough is far too intense. We can do well enough without Borough. We will need a new stadium to get into the Football League, but the capacity will have to be at least 15,000.  
David Albert,  
Chatsworth Gardens,  
West Harrow.



I DO not think a merger would work. It is a financially unacceptable proposition. If Mr Morrith wants to go ahead with the development as a business venture it does not need the twinning of the clubs. There is enough support locally for two clubs without a merger. It might work with two larger clubs, but there is no way that these two clubs could exist together. It could work on a shared ground idea. There is a lot of rivalry between the supporters and they will not get on. The stadium itself is a good idea, but I think it is a pie in the sky for this area."  
Mark Winkworth,  
Royston Grove,  
Hatch End.



I AM very anti the merger. People say crowds will increase if we join up with Boro. But logic does not support that. Boro only get about 200 for a game. They don't take crowds away from us, the League clubs do. We ought to push for the league on our own. Boro have shown so little inclination even to get into the Gola League and seem to lack ambition. A new stadium is potentially a very good idea, so long as it attracts other sports to generate some cash.  
Richard Waters,  
Hilfield Way,  
Chorleywood.



IF we joined with Boro we would lose our identity, just like a number of clubs who have merged with local rivals. Borough do not get big enough crowds to warrant a merger. It is ludicrous. They are not a go-ahead club. They only want to stay in the Isthmian League, while Wealdstone have got history and some fame behind them. If we are going to join the Football League we should do it on our own merits. We would need a new stadium for that and it would also be nice to have better facilities for the supporters."  
Sateesh Khanna,  
Argyle Road,  
North Harrow.



I AM 100 per cent against a merger. I cannot see how Borough's 200 supporters will generate the extra cash that will be needed to pay the extra players we will have to take on. I cannot see Wealdstone ever making the Football League because there are already so many League sides around here already. It is a non-starter. If we can afford a new stadium it would be a good idea. But I would not like to see the money coming out of Mr Morrith's own pocket because it would give him even more of a hold on the club."  
James Bartrick,  
Braeman Avenue,  
Neasden.



CROWDS would plummet if there was a merger because it would be a long way for either set of supporters to travel. The supporters would lose their identity and stay away and a lot of people would reject the new club. There is a lot of ill-feeling between the two sets of supporters at the moment. The only way I can see Wealdstone getting League status is if the Third and Fourth Divisions were regionalised. The stadium is a good idea, but if we were forced to share Borough's ground for a year the crowds would go down — just as we are starting to pull them in again."  
Sudhir Rawal,  
Grange Road.



I WOULD not like to see the merger with Harrow Borough. I don't think it would work because the two sets of supporters just do not get along. They have both got their own identity. We should be trying to get into the Football League on our own. Having a new stadium is a good idea, though. We will need one to get into the League."  
Jeremy Albert,  
Chatsworth Gardens,  
West Harrow.

## Earlsmead — the view from the terraces



AS far as I am concerned, Mr Morrith would build a super-stadium, amalgamate the clubs and everything down here would disappear. If it happened, I would not go and watch it. I prefer Non League football in Harrow. Anyway, I don't think a merger is the only way we would get League football in Harrow. Wealdstone have got a big chance without us.  
Braze Rogers,  
Long Drive,  
South Ruislip.



I DON'T think a merger is a good idea. You have got two sets of supporters that are very close together in Harrow and there is too much competition between them. It just would not work. I think it is a terrible idea. People are enjoying Non League football down here and it is a very friendly club, but if it did happen I wouldn't turn my back on it. Personally I don't think League football would be allowed because there is too much competition around.  
Keith Taylor,  
Somervell Road,  
South Harrow.



FINANCIALLY, a merger would probably be all right, but I can't see the two sets of fans uniting under one name. You are also going to get a lot of players, and what is going to happen to the surplus? I'm quite happy watching Non League football and certainly couldn't travel the distances involved in the Gola League or Football League. If a merger happened I just wouldn't go.  
Rosemary Wagstaff,  
Doncaster Gardens,  
Northolt.



A MERGER is not a good idea anywhere and I certainly would not want it with Wealdstone. Obviously it is not a good idea to have two big teams in the same borough and you are going to get better support with a merger. But you get to know a club, and you don't want to go anywhere else and you don't want anyone else down here. League football can only be good for Harrow though, and possibly the only way is for the two clubs to get together.  
Steve Murray,  
Parkfield Crescent,  
Ruislip.



I AM not entirely against the idea of a merger if we were to stay in Non League football. I don't like the idea that we have got to be working forward to League football, which means hooliganism and segregated fans. Personally, I don't feel that a merger is the only way to get League football — I think Wealdstone could get it on their own.  
Simon Grigor,  
Balmoral Road,  
South Harrow.



I WOULD not like to see a merger. I am Harrow Borough through and through and would not like to see this club go into the Football League. I don't want to see teams down here that bring trouble. I like Non League football and find it more entertaining than paying to see a First Division match. As for the merger, it is probably the only way you would get League football in Harrow but I don't want it.  
Andrew Headland,  
Warwick Avenue,  
South Harrow.



IF we had a merger I don't think the two sets of supporters would get on together. It would also mean a lot of players being dropped on both sides, and we have got a good team at the moment at Boro. Perhaps a merger is the only way to get League football in Harrow though, and if it happened I would go and watch.  
Cliff Jones,  
Malvern Avenue,  
South Harrow.

And here is the newspaper article that sparked the debate on the previous pages. Stones chairman David Morrirt was nothing if not ambitious, and shamelessly self-serving.... his desire to name the new ground after himself came as no surprise. Sadly, his plans came to nowt as the

scheme to turn the pitch 90 degrees and build on the rest of the site foundered when he tried to push through the demolition of the parade of shops alongside the Dominion Cinema. Instead, the local residents found themselves saddled with the 24/7 noise of a Tesco superstore, and the football club found itself saddled with a ruinous move to

groundshare at Watford.

Stones supporters had been hoodwinked by the devious Alan Clifton, Morrirt's predecessor as chairman, who painted himself as the club's saviour while lining his own pockets following the sale of Lower Mead.

But at least our club had ambition. Over

in South Harrow, our red rivals (as reported below) again turned down the opportunity of joining the APL after finishing in the Isthmian top three. Enfield, Dagenham and Wycombe had all moved across to the 'Conference' and it wasn't long before Sutton followed suit.

Not so our friends from Earlsmead. Will that chance ever come their way again?

## Boro turn down chance of Alliance football

FOR the second season running Harrow borough have turned down the chance to apply for election to the Alliance Premier League.

The sheer cost of a step up to the top flight of Non League soccer has convinced club officials that it would be better to spend at least another season in the Isthmian League, writes Paul Jacques.

But Boro chairman Mr Peter Rogers hinted that a change in the Alliance League structure would prompt a change of heart.

"If they decided on some form of zoning in the Alliance then we would certainly be interested," said Mr Rogers.

Boro's decision to put the move on ice makes it very unlikely that any Isthmian clubs will apply to the Alliance. Teams finishing in the top three of the Isthmian Premier Division are eligible to apply for election.

Boro are clear favourites to land the championship and their nearest rivals — Worthing, Sutton United and Slough — have all indicated that they will not be applying. The deadline for applications is this Saturday.

Boro manager Mike Tomkys added that the travelling involved was the biggest stumbling block to joining the Alliance.

He added: "As it stands it would involve far more financial commitment.

"We have one or two programmes to develop the club, and if we did move up we would have to spend that money on the football. We don't feel at this point that it is the right move, having looked at it from the financial and club side.

"But that is not to say that this time next season we wouldn't consider it in a different light."

It is the cost of travelling, particularly with trips to Bangor and Scarborough, that is the biggest hurdle to overcome for clubs wishing to enter the Alliance.

"I personally couldn't do it," he explained. "It is almost a full-time set up in my opinion.

"I couldn't afford the time and I think a lot of the players would have to seriously think about it. There is no way I could do myself and my job justice if we moved up."

The increased standard of the football holds no fears for Tomkys, particularly after their record against Alliance clubs last season.

"From the football side I would welcome it," said Tomkys. "We would have to strengthen in one or two positions but even with our present set-up we would hold our own in the Alliance."

In your next edition.... how does the Stones' current midfield compare with previous great Wealdstone sides?

# Morrirt announces plans for his super-stadium

WEALDSTONE chairman David Morrirt this week announced details of his plans to build a new, £1 million super-stadium as part of an ambitious project to bring League soccer to Harrow.

The club's present Lower Mead stadium would be pulled down and the new multi-purpose stadium built on its site, writes *William Bull*.

Architects are already drawing up plans for the 10,000 capacity stadium, which will boast seating for about 7,000.

Planning permission for the new stadium, which would cater for other sports as well as soccer, will be sought from Harrow Council within the next couple of months.

Mr Morrirt, chairman of local building company Morrirt Homes, says the redevelopment scheme is part of the club's "masterplan" to gain election to the Canon League.

He has wanted to build a new stadium ever since he joined

## £1 million project for League soccer at Lower Mead

The plan also includes moves for a controversial merger with Isthmian League champions Harrow Borough. Mr Morrirt feels that Harrow cannot afford two soccer clubs.

"I would like to see the two clubs joined," he said. "Having two teams in the area is too many. It does not make financial sense in a town such as Harrow and a merger could be the only answer."

Mr Morrirt first approached near neighbours Harrow Borough about a merger two years ago, but Borough officials were not keen on the idea.

Wealdstone first started playing at Lower Mead in 1923, 23 years after they were formed, moving from the College Farm Ground in Belmont Road, Wealdstone.

If all goes to plan, building work could start in May next year, and the new stadium be ready for the start of the 1986-87 season.

Meanwhile, Gola League Wealdstone could be forced to share a ground next season while the work is carried out. Harrow Borough's Earlsmead would be the obvious choice as it is the only local ground up to Gola League standard.

"I have been talking about bringing our stadium up to scratch for a



David Morrirt — masterplan to gain election to the Canon League

long time and we shall be going in for planning permission to give ourselves a new stadium at Wealdstone," said Mr Morrirt.

"We shall rip down Lower Mead and rebuild it. But it will not be an all-seater stadium because I know some of our fans do like to stand behind the goals and they will still be able to."

He added: "When I first came to Wealdstone I always said I wanted a Morrirt Stadium in Harrow and we are starting to work heavily towards that now.

"It will be called the 'Morrirt Stadium'."



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£9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

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MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP

Tuesday, 28th January, 7:45pm

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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	24	16	2	6	48	29	11	10	0	1	23	9	13	6	2	5	25	20	19	50	--	--
2 Bath City	25	13	7	5	41	23	13	8	4	1	23	10	12	5	3	4	18	13	18	46		0-0
3 Havant & Waterlooville	21	12	6	3	46	25	11	5	3	3	19	12	10	7	3	0	27	13	21	42	1-4	
4 Slough Town	23	12	6	5	36	23	13	8	4	1	20	10	10	4	2	4	16	13	13	42	2-1	1-2
5 Dorking Wanderers	25	12	6	7	44	37	13	8	2	3	22	11	12	4	4	4	22	26	7	42		2-2
6 Weymouth	23	11	7	5	39	23	12	8	1	3	24	12	11	3	6	2	15	11	16	40		4-3
7 Dartford	25	10	7	8	43	40	12	4	5	3	23	17	13	6	2	5	20	23	3	37	4-1	
8 Maidstone United	23	9	8	6	40	28	11	4	5	2	22	13	12	5	3	4	18	15	12	35	2-1	
9 Chelmsford City	25	9	8	8	45	41	13	6	5	2	30	21	12	3	3	6	15	20	4	35		3-1
10 Hemel Hempstead Town	23	10	5	8	30	31	11	6	3	2	16	11	12	4	2	6	14	20	-1	35		3-0
11 Concord Rangers	24	10	3	11	37	35	13	6	2	5	24	17	11	4	1	6	13	18	2	33	3-0	
12 Oxford City	24	9	6	9	40	43	13	5	3	5	20	26	11	4	3	4	20	17	-3	33	1-0	2-3
13 Hampton & Richmond	24	10	3	11	33	37	11	4	2	5	14	16	13	6	1	6	19	21	-4	33		0-2
14 Eastbourne Borough	25	7	8	10	24	42	12	5	2	5	16	20	13	2	6	5	8	22	-18	29	2-0	
15 Dulwich Hamlet	24	7	7	10	38	33	12	3	3	6	20	19	12	4	4	4	18	14	5	28		0-1
16 Billericay Town	22	7	7	8	33	37	9	5	4	0	17	9	13	2	3	8	16	28	-4	28	1-3	
17 Braintree Town	25	8	3	14	36	57	12	4	2	6	18	24	13	4	1	8	18	33	-21	27		4-0
18 Chippenham Town	25	5	9	11	26	35	12	4	4	4	14	17	13	1	5	7	12	18	-9	24	1-0	
19 Tonbridge Angels	24	6	6	12	33	44	12	6	2	4	25	22	12	0	4	8	8	22	-11	24	3-1	
20 Welling United	24	6	5	13	24	36	13	5	2	6	18	18	11	1	3	7	6	18	-12	23		2-1
21 St Albans City	25	5	8	12	27	42	13	2	5	6	14	23	12	3	3	6	13	19	-15	23	1-0	3-2
22 Hungerford Town	25	5	3	17	29	51	12	2	2	8	11	22	13	3	1	9	18	29	-22	18	3-1	

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