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Stones' new signing Moses Emmanuel was the talisman for our 4-2 win at title challengers Havant & Waterlooville last Saturday. Here he celebrates the first of his two goals with Dennon Lewis and Jerome Okimo

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# Written in Stone

**A** very warm welcome to The Vale for today's vital Vanarama National League South clash with second placed Bath City.

We extend this welcome to our visitors and old friends Bath City, their management team, officials, players and supporters. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us this afternoon and join us in the bar before and after todays game.

A big thanks to those supporting us through their generous sponsorships and joining us in the hospitality lounge today, Robert Barrett and guests from todays Match Sponsors Rolfe East along with our guests

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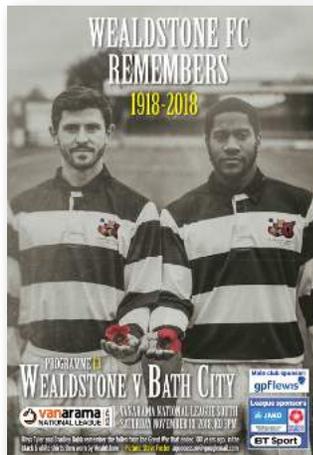


## THANK YOU

We last had the pleasure of hosting Bath City Football Club here at Grosvenor Vale on the 10th of November 2018.

This fixture coincided with the 100th anniversary of the Ending of the Great War and a day we at Wealdstone had chosen to both dedicate our new War Memorial and to Honor the 11 players and staff from our great club who gave their lives in that conflict by wearing a replica of the 1918 kit. (Shown Right)

Bath City Football Club very kindly agreed to field a team in their change shirts to enable us to wear these Black & White hooped shirts for the occasion and we would like to place on record our sincere thanks to all involved.



# STONES' HALF TERM REPORT

WEALDSTONE v BATH CITY 25.01.2020

## Hard work and togetherness, from the players to the management, board and the fans... that's the key to success



## SAYS Dean Brennan

**T**HE Gaffer couldn't have timed his talk with **TIM PARKS** any better than after the 4-2 win at Havant that re-established our title credentials..

**What a start to your Stones career it's been, Dean! It's certainly repaid the faith of the board after your impressive interview ... have you ever had such a good first half to a season?**

First and foremost I'd like to say how privileged I am to be the manager of Wealdstone - we have so many good people at our football club. People like (club secretary) Uncle Fingers have made our job so easy with their knowledge and professionalism. After six months in charge I have enjoyed every minute at this special place. Going back to the question - well, we did have a fantastic start in our first year of management back in 2012 at Hemel. That was in the league below, but never in The National League South have we had such a great start. I put this down to the platform

that Rory and the board have given us as a management team. Our training facility at Harefield is the best we have ever worked with and the players we have recruited are good players - but the key to our group is our work ethic. We have created that positive togetherness from our supporters to the Chairman, the board and our management team and the lads. We are all positively driving each other forward to make our football club successful.



**You've had more than your fair share of injuries already, particularly at left back. Has that unbalanced the team a little?** Yes, we've had quite a few long term injuries this season. Our keeper Northy got injured in pre-season but we managed to get in Aston Oxborough and then Harry Isted who have been first class. Ryan Sellars has not kicked a ball for us yet, nor has Kavan Cotter, and we lost George McLennan to an ankle break on his debut but we are hoping to have both players back before March. But I feel our squad

has handled the long-term injuries really well. Michee did a great job at left back, he's now showing what he can do within his best position down the right - and you look at last week at Havant and how strong our bench was despite also having five top players unavailable for selection.

**Everywhere you look, our players have overachieved this season in my opinion. Has it surprised you that they've risen so well to the challenge? Was a top eight placing at this stage more what you were expecting?** To be honest we spoke with brutal honesty to our players in the summer - we believed in every one of them and I had no doubt that they are all top players. They just needed the right environment to showcase their abilities. From our players' point of view, 2018/19 was not a successful one for 90% of the new recruits and they had fallen short of the standards I know they can achieve. We have set ourselves a points total target come the end of April, and should we achieve that we will have had an amazing season. There is still plenty of hard work and sacrifices to be made but we are on the right track.

**This being football, there has even been some criticism of the league leaders... how do you answer claims that your teams tail off on the heavy pitches?**

I don't read too much into all the mind games from different managers. What disappoints me is when our own don't stick by us through tough moments. It's easy to destroy or break things, but it's so much more difficult to create them and that's what we are doing at the Stones. We want everyone in it together - that's how you create success.

**Is one of your strengths that you can respond quickly to any dip in form by strengthening the side in key areas? You have been very decisive in identifying problem positions.** I feel that in some of the games we've lost we actually deserved better than a defeat, but our squad was a little stretched at the time and we have a tight youngish squad as it is. We are always looking to improve. The day you stand still in this business is the day you will fail. We feel recruitment is the key to this business.

We have lost out on some players this season and the majority of the time we have had to work in a very patient manner. If you look Moses Emmanuel, we tried to sign him twice already this season but we made it third time lucky! We have also used the loan market well

with both Harry & Oxo & Coombsey. **We played a more expansive game in the first few months of the season until our rivals sussed it out to some extent and adapted their own tactics. Is that both flattering and challenging?**

It's for sure more challenging. I definitely agree that teams have counteracted our early season game plans and made life more difficult for us. Most teams sit in against us as we try play with a more technical philosophy, but we have had to adapt slightly in different games.

We are big on the one percenters, and we feel tactically that we have players that have good football brains for the tactics we implement. I also feel that with the weather and heavier pitches we have to rotate our team selection more. That's the challenge that lands on my lap - it can sometimes be the toughest part of my job.

**By my reckoning you are operating on a very mid-table playing budget... does the tracking and 'seduction' of new players take up a large part of your week?** We are constantly tracking players, either watching video of them or if we are eliminating a player or we are putting more ticks beside a player's name. We try to watch a player we want to recruit live at least three times. We do background checks on the player's personality, on where the player lives, and we just try make sure that the player would fit into our group well. Usually when we sign a player the message is simple, work as hard as possible for yourself and your family and earn the right to do what you are good at. We want the lads to show us their attributes - that's what we have signed them for. But they have to work extremely hard for our team.

**How do you share duties with the rest of the management team on a typical week?** We have management team meetings before every training session and game. I will orchestrate the training session built around who we are playing that week. We all share the scouting load, we try have as many eyes as possible at games midweek. Between everyone we have working with us we would cover a dozen plus game per week.

**I imagine that keeping everyone happy is one of the hardest parts of the**

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*job. Jonathan North obviously fits into that category... he has taken his parting from the club very graciously. Do you feel that signing high-quality keepers on loan is a better and more cost effective way forward?* I feel with the resources we have it makes common sense to go into the loan market especially in the goal keeping department- firstly it's more cost-effective and secondly with GKs they work with their goalkeeping coaches day in, day out so they are in much sharper state than what you get with a part-time goalkeeper.

Northy is a legend at our football club and it was such a tough decision to make... but I felt it was the best decision for our team. We all wish Northy well with his future and we thank him for his loyal service to our

magical football club.

*Finally Dean, do you have a points target for the season or do you break it down into batches of three games, or whatever? Or is it the time honoured 'each game as it comes'?* The points target is set and agreed with our players in pre-season. We focus on only one game a time, I have never looked at batches of games of three or six. I'm a great believer in you can only affect today, learn from yesterday and strive to improve for tomorrow.

*All that's left to say is congratulations on a magnificent first half to 2019-20. You and the new management team have been a breath of fresh air into the club and long may the success continue!*

## Havant & Waterlooville 2 Wealdstone 4: Pictures that captured the day



Thanks to Adam Williams for the above pictures, and to Steve Foster for today's front cover image

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## IN MY OWN WORDS

# JONATHAN NORTH

After a tenure lasting a decade, Jonathan North has agreed to leave the club by mutual consent.

What follows is a message to the supporters of Wealdstone FC, in his own words.

**S**o, here ends ten years. Here's to the broken bones and broken skulls. Highs and lows, wins and defeats. Cup ecstasy and cup agony. Regrets and memories. But all in all, one amazing journey.

At a time like this, it's impossible not to take a step back and reflect. When I first joined Wealdstone in the summer of 2010 it was a club desperate to climb back to former glories, recently moved to the Vale and a fanbase around the 350 mark. In my first season we finished a solid mid-table in the Ryman Premier and the heady heights of the Conference South seemed a long way away.

To be leaving the club in the position it is now, top of the Conference South and with crowds regularly topping 1,000 is something I'm both proud about and pleased about for those who have put so much time and effort into helping us get into this position. When I look back at some of the away trips we have endured together over the past ten years, it is also particularly poignant that I'm leaving in the week leading up to no doubt one of the biggest Wealdstone away followings for a very long time. Train, beer, football at its finest.

If you can leave something in a better place than it was in when you first joined, then I believe you can walk away with your head held high. I've always felt proud to play for Wealdstone and represent a club I felt an instant connection with. Getting the 'Wealdstone Way' is something which is often talked about and I think that's something I understood immediately. Winning is of course vitally important but so is doing it the right way. Playing with passion and pride and building a connection with the fans. As we hopefully continue to move higher up the pyramid and attract new fans and players alike, I still believe it's vitally important we try to keep those principles as a club.

Wealdstone has always been more than just a team I turn up to play for, largely because of the people involved – one of those being Gordon Bartlett. GB re-ignited my love for football, brought back my



confidence and allowed me to play with the knowledge that he had total belief in me as a person and player. He stuck by me during the difficult times, during my leg-break and the somewhat difficult time following my return to action and upon our promotion to the Conference South. Some of the happiest times of my football life came playing under him and that's because of the culture he created and the knowledge that every single win genuinely meant something to him. I don't have many regrets, but if I were to have one, it would be not being able to go to the next step with him. He deserved it.

Of course, you, the fans, have also made my time so very special. I've genuinely made memories which I shall bore people with when I'm old and lonely and so many of those have been alongside you guys. Newport, Southport, Cambridge, Barrow, Margate, Canvey, Billericay, Woking, Bath City the list could go on and on. Every one of those games mentioned will mean something to those who were there and will be a bond we will carry together. You too have stuck by me and I've loved (nearly!) every moment.

My final message is of course about the remainder of this season. Opportunities like this don't come around often and this club is on the verge of something special. I wish that I could be a part of it - but enjoy it, relish it, get behind the team and I have every confidence that the lads will get over the line.

Thanks for everything & Once A Stone....

NORTHY

## PETER THOMSON

# Fan in the Stand

You get one fan from Edinburgh and then they're likes buses! Meet Pete, who sets off at 5.30 in the morning to make it for a Stones home game...

**W**e're going Scots crazy! Just a month or so after featuring Edinburgh resident Jim Sorrell as our Fan in the Stand (for the Concord game) today we turn the focus on ANOTHER fan from the Scottish capital: Pete Thomson, who sets off from home at 5.30 on a matchday morning (by plane or train) in order to arrive at The Vale in time. Unfortunately, the day he was first interviewed for this feature he had travelled down for the Eastbourne game which had to be called off due to electrical issues..... Doh!

**Your name and age?** Peter Thomson, 63. Born and bred in Edinburgh. Lived in Scotland apart for a brief spell over the border in Northumberland, so I'm almost a Geordie !!

**Your first Stones game?** Sept 2018 v Chelmsford City, lost 3-2 and we missed a late penalty. And they scored from the halfway line!

**Who introduced you to the club?**

Long-time fan Chris Cone - we had worked for Standard Life Bank as Business Development Managers with Chris covering part of London and myself in Scotland. We usually talked about football although he supported Watford! We kept in touch after being made redundant some 10 years ago. In 2018 I asked him if he had any way of getting Watford v Man U tickets.. He said he hadn't but was now following the Stones and asked would I like to come down and watch- the rest is history.

I usually get up on a Saturday morning around 5.30am and either get the train or fly down and make a weekend of it.



**Your first impressions of the club?** First impressions are important in anything you do - I was made to feel most welcome, despite giving the guy at the turnstiles a Scottish banknote! He knew about the my local club Jam Tarts (Hearts) when I gave him my season ticket.... I was impressed! I also met the manager at that time and one of the Directors on an introduction from Chris. And I got my picture taken with the Raider also which was good. (see above right). Being from Edinburgh I am a season ticket

holder with Hearts of Midlothian whom I supported from an early age. First game was in 1964 against East Stirlingshire which was a 4-0 home win. The legendary Dave Mackay of Spurs and Derby played for Hearts - I was too young to see him playing though. I watched England win the World Cup in 1966 on a black and white telly, which my English friends always remind me of. I am at most home Hearts games when not at the Stones and travel on occasions to away games.

**My most memorable game?** It must be our 5-1 win over Hibernian, our local Edinburgh rivals in the Scottish Cup Final in 2012 - a bit like Man Utd v Liverpool parlance. Great weekend all round, with the game itself followed on the Sunday with an open top bus victory parade in the city.

**Best Stones game?** That would be this season in Sept when we beat Oxford City with that late Michee Efete goal. I was gutted to miss the postponed Eastbourne game because of the floodlight fiasco... but I met some of the players and it was very sociable.

**Is football a big part of your life?**

Yes, a very big part part having coached amateurs, youths at Spartans FC and Stenhousemuir FC since the age of 19, and being a qualified SFA referee. My claim to fame as a player was to score four goals in a school cup final when I was 12. Never made it to the top though! I was fortunate to meet Kenny Dalglish some years ago at a function- what a player and manager.

My two sons (aged 23 and 18) are both football daft and also follow Hearts. They both were at the Cup Final win against Hibs - happy memories. Both follow Liverpool which goes against my leanings towards Man Utd !

**Who are your favourite Wealdstone players?** The best Stones players I've seen are Jonathan North, Jerome Okimo and Danny Green. The present side is of course top of the League which is great! Be good to have a



**Pete's pals:** Chris Cone (above left) and the inimitable Raider, Gordon Hill

young Stuart Pearce still playing!

**How does the standard down here compare with Scotland?** The National League South is probably similar to the Scottish Leagues 1 or 2 in terms of ability, attendances, stadia. Would be a big ask though for the current players to step right into a current SPL team.

**What's the best Hearts team you've seen?** That would be 2012 with the Scottish Cup win. Other than that, it would be the team of 1985-86 which lost the league title on the last day of the season when we lost to Dundee and Celtic beat St Mirren 5 -1.

**Can Hearts challenge for the title?** Hearts have some way to go to even think of challenging Rangers and Celtic for the Scottish Prem title. With the right manager and player investment though, there is always a chance. Fergie did with Aberdeen in 80's after all.

**And where will the Stones be in five years' time?** I would like to think the Stones would be at least in the National League in five years time with the ambition to become a EFL side. You have got to have ambition and drive for this... and cash!!

PS: Your match programme is very good with the emphasis on fan involvement and a sense of community which is a rare quality nowadays. Thanks for your interest in an ageing Scot!



BY SUDHIR RAWAL



WEALDSTONE v BATH CITY  
ELMSLIE ENDER

# The Elmslie Ender



Pic: Adam Williams

## Let's get The Vale Rocking

**M**y article today was going to be about the lack of atmosphere here at the Vale despite increasing crowds and being top of the table. Yet, writing this the morning after Havant, there's only one place to start and that is at West Leigh Park. I will happily admit, with our away form going south, having not won for three months away from the Vale, I thought the title was gone. It was Havant's to lose even if that was based on them winning their games in hand beating us as well. We did a straw poll in the little micro pub that we were in Chicheser pre match and I don't think a single person predicted an away win. We of little faith. Humble pie with double cream.

Last Saturday will go down in the patheon of great Wealdstone awaydays after we stormed the 'Looville barricades with a stunning 4-2 win. After about twenty or so minutes of the first half, I am not sure many thought we'd come home with three points. Havant attacked down the slope and seemed to be swarming all over us and took an early lead from a corner that we should have dealt with better. As the half wore on, Stones came much more into the game and scored an excellent equaliser from Etefe. At the half time whistle, a goal apiece, again I think most of us would have taken that at full time.

Danny Kedwell managed to get his considerably bulk off the ground with a

superb header to put Havant ahead again, but instead of pushing us back to take on the ineictive , it was Wealdstone that were driving forward, roared on by around 400 travelling fans, and it wasn't too much of a surprise tha Stones levelled through Emanuel. From here on in it was wave after wave of Wealdstone attacks and the Havant defence parted like the Red Sea (copyright Jeremy Albert) for Moses but twice there wer head in the hands moments as we just couldn't put the ball in the net. They seemed like pivotal moments but Moses kept his hand and, after the red sea parted again, he this time buried his chance in the top corner to set of scenes of chaos behind the goal, with Danny Green adding the cherry on the cake with our fourth. Had we won 6-2 it wouldn't have been unjust. A remarkable turnaround and our first win on the road since mid October.

Obviulsy there is a long way to go but we set down a marker last week and maybe momentum has shifted towards us. Naturally, today is another huge game at the Vale and last week's result will count for nothing if we don't get a positive result today against second in the table, Bath City, who are on an incredible run of results themsleves. Huge games coming up aplenty.

Four hundred travelling fans last week made for some atmoshphere and I know there are flagons of beer in our bellies that ensue that the vocal cords are lubricated,

but why are the noise levels so fragmented and low at the Vale. Our gates are now bigger than anytime in the last forty years, yet week after week, people bemoan the lack of noise. Partly it is that we are at home and most clubs support, compared to ther away following, is poorer. There's also the fact that at the top end of the ground, despite it being covered, with the gap in the stand at the back, disspates the noise. Yet, ironcially, the best game for nosie at that end was Hereford when the roof had blown off! As was clear from Havant, the baton for making noise needs to be passed over from the old gits that start most of the singing to the youth. They were brilliant last week and let's not alientate them this time that they disappear. At the Turret End, I'd make the first to banks of seating, standing only to encourage more noise. Too many people happy to sit on their behinds and do buggar all.

Attacking down the slope towards the Bulla; once feared under the lights especially with half the crowds we now get, is now somewhat tame. Again, maybe time for the old gits to vacate the central part of the stand for the youth to encourgange more noise. Whatever the solution, the irony is that whilst our atmpshere has wained, our home form has rocketed and our current run at the Vale is incredible. Maybe the truth is that whilst noise levels are slopped off what has happened is the pressue on the players has also lessened – something that past managers as well as opposition management teams have commneted on. Get the Wealdstone fans on their teams backs was part of the tactics that some clubs employed.

Dean Brennan has spoken many times



about making The Vale a caldron as, to be fair, have previous managers, to make it as intimidating as possible. After Saturday's match, Paul Doswell, 'Looville's manager, said "Their support was phenomenal, never seen that amount of away fans down here and the noise was throughout the game, even when they were losing." Who knows why it isn't the same at home, but these are exciting times and let's try and get the Vale rocking. It could make the difference.

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400 ecstatic Wealdstone fans at Havant last Saturday ... Bring The Noise!!



Pics: Adam Williams

# THE STONES INTERVIEW BY TIM PARKS



WEALDSTONE v BATH CITY 25.01.2020

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## Jack Jebb

'I love Dean & Stu's passion.. plus the quality of players here made me want to be a part of it'



Jack gets on the ball in the 1-0 home win over St Albans, later setting up Dennon Lewis's crucial goal with a peach of a pass

Today's 'victim' is our former Gunners star Jack Jebb, who was unlucky enough to be suspended for last week's tour de force at Havant after picking up a red card at Billericay.

But he's back in the squad today, staking his claim to a place in 'The best midfield in the National League South' according to many observers...

**Whereabouts do you live Jack?** I live in Sutton

**Are you married? Any kids?** Neither - not married and no kids.

**How did you get signed by Arsenal? Through youth team football?** I was just playing locally and got asked to go down to Hale End, the academy training ground and they offered me a deal when I was seven. I stayed 11 years.

**Did you ever come close to the first team?** I was 19th man for a Carling Cup game against West Brom but that's the

closest I got, but I did get to train with them quite a bit.

**Who were your contemporaries in the youth team?** We had a good side, players like Alex Iwobi, Héctor Bellerín, Serge Gnabry, Glen Kamara, Ainsley Maitland Niles, Issac Hayden just to name a few. Steve Bould was the manager for my first couple of years, then Steve Gattin.

**Any highlights from those years?** It was probably scoring two goals in the quarter final of the FA Youth Cup against Everton at the Emirates, with us winning 3-1. And also playing in the Youth Champions League, away against Barcelona in the semi final.

**I know you went out on loan to Stevenage in League Two towards the end of your time at Arsenal. Was that around the time Jerome Okimo and Tom Pett joined from the Stones?** Yeah I was with Jerome at Stevenage and remember he and Tom Pett had signed from Weald-

stone that season. The football was completely different compared to youth team football - it was much more physical than I was used to playing and I had to adapt my game but it was a good learning experience. It was really good to go into 1st team football back then with the fans playing real football for points... that was what I enjoyed.

**What were your highlights around that time?** I think making my league debut for Stevenage against Burton Albion was memorable because that was the start of my career really. But I was also playing for England youth team when we beat Portugal 1-0 in a euro qualifier and I scored the winning goal... that was a memorable game for me too.

**What's the best goal you've ever scored?** Well there's a few in my youth team days but in first team football I'd probably say a goal I scored for Sutton away at Tranmere - it was from outside the box, I had a touch then hit it hard in the bottom corner. Think we ended up drawing 2-2. Or one of the free kicks I scored for Welling because I'm happy when they come off.

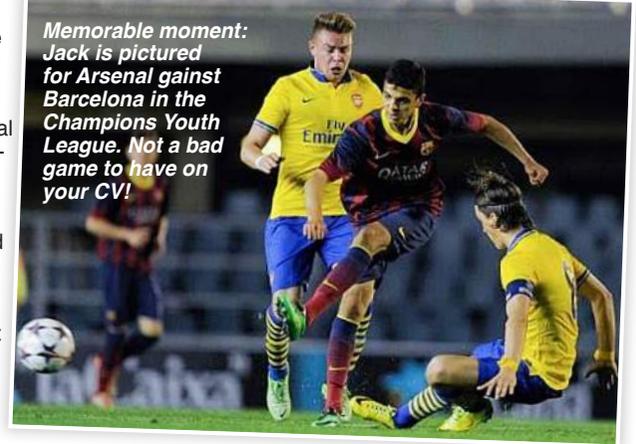
**What's the best team you've played in?** The most enjoyable team I've played in was probably last season at Welling - unfortunately I got a bad injury about 15 games in that kept me out for the rest of the season but I was playing my best football with that team. To be honest it's similar to the Wealdstone team at the moment where we like to play good football and everyone's on the same wavelength.

**How do you rate the current squad at The Stones?** It's very strong - I think anyone of us can step in the team and do a good job. Team spirit is really good as well and we all push each other to do better

**Did you know many of the players before you signed?** I knew Ross from Sutton, and Jerome and Connor Smith from Stevenage - plus I knew of a few others from playing against them.

**How did the move come about?** I spoke to

**Memorable moment:** Jack is pictured for Arsenal against Barcelona in the Champions Youth League. Not a bad game to have on your CV!



Deano and Stuart quite a lot and they definitely were a big reason I came as I like the passion they both have and the way they want to play. But also seeing the players Wealdstone had and how well they were doing made me really want to be a part of it. Also I knew the fans were good from when I've played against them a couple of times - though since I've been here I've been really impressed with how good the supporters are. They always push us on.

**Have you played against Stones before?** I remember playing at Wealdstone for Welling when we lost 1-0 I think to a last minute goal from a corner (Ricky Wellard's header in 2017). It's always been a tough place to go and get a result.  
**Do you have a job outside football?** No.

**What's your favourite restaurant?** I know it's an obvious one but it's got to be Nando's for me ... can't beat some chicken thighs and piri piri chips.

**Your favourite place to unwind?** I'd probably say at home, feet up watching a bit of football - preferably with the Arsenal on.

**Where do you stand in the Stones free kick pecking order?** Ha! To be honest my free kicks I've had so far haven't been up to my standards, but I'm sure I'll start putting a few of them away from now till the end of the season. We've got a few players that are good at set pieces here so if you miss one then someone else will want the next one ... but it's good we've got that quality from different players.

NEXT UP TO BE INTERVIEWED: WATCH THIS SPACE!



**JACK JEBB**

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Saturday 18th January 2020 - The Westleigh  
National League South - Attendance 1,749



**2**

**LINE-UP**

- Worner
- Straker
- Walton
- Beckwith
- Magri
- Fogen
- Drury
- Kedwell
- Ayunga
- Tarback
- Taylor
- Subs:**
- Read
- Bailey
- Rutherford
- Cook
- Paul



**4**

**LINE-UP**

- Isted
- Efete
- Mendy
- Clifford
- Stevens
- Okimo
- Charles
- Smith
- Emmanuel
- Green
- Lewis
- Subs:**
- Lafayette
- Coombes
- Watt
- Sheppard
- Ringer

**A first half header from Michee Efete, along with a second half brace from Moses Emmanuel, and a goal from Danny Green sealed an emphatic win for the Stones, as the visitors produced a stunning comeback to power past Havant & Waterlooville. Dean Beckwith and Danny Kedwell were on target for the Hawks.**

Manager Dean Brennan made two changes to the starting line-up which defeated Welling United last Saturday, with midfielder Jacob Mendy slotting in for Jake Sheppard at left back, and Ashley Charles stepping into midfield for the suspended Michael Phillips. Wealdstone had the worst possible start to the match, conceding in only the fourth minute of play, as Andy Drury's corner was met by Beckwith, whose effort was adjudged to have crossed the line by the linesman. The Hawks dominated the early stages of play, and were unfortunate not to have increased their lead further, with Jonah Ayunga proving a constant threat for the home side. As the first half progressed, the visitors began to settle into the match, commanding more possession, and generating more cohesive attacking play. In the 25th minute, the Stones were duly rewarded for their vigour, as their full backs combined superbly to level the match. Left back Jacob Mendy whipped in a teasing cross, and man of the moment Efete, who has been in scintillating form, leapt to power a fantastic bullet header past Ross Worner.

Spurred on by this goal, Wealdstone began to gather further momentum, with Clifford starting to dominate proceedings in midfield, and ignite attacks for the Stones. The climax of the first half saw end-to-end action for both sides, as the match developed into a pulsating game.

The Stones started the second half in a similar vein to the first, relinquishing another early goal, within two minutes of the interval. Drury curled in a free kick, which was met with a towering header from Kedwell at the far post, edging the Hawks back into the lead.

Galvanised into action after surrendering another goal, Wealdstone increased their intensity and duly profited in the 58th minute, as Clifford drove in a low cross for Emmanuel, who coolly slotted past Worner for his first goal for the club; drawing the visitors level in the process. The Stones then stepped up into another gear, with danger man Emmanuel causing havoc for the Hawks' defence. The striker completed his brace in the 75th minute, as the influential Clifford won the ball, drove forward, and then squared to Emmanuel, who clinically converted past Worner to send the Stones into the lead. As the second half drew to a close, Wealdstone were firing on all cylinders, and edged further ahead of the Hawks through Green, who popped up in the box to poke home the Stones' fourth goal, in the 81st minute.

The Hawks rallied in the remaining ten minutes to reduce the deficit, but resolute and tenacious defending from the Stones, along with excellent game management, secured an outstanding away victory for the table toppers.



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- 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

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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>ST.ALBANS CITY</b> Saturday, 28th December Vanarama National League South	<b>Tony Platt</b>	<b>Kenneth Arntzen</b>
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<b>WELLING UNITED</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>Rolfe East</b>	
<b>CHELMSFORD CITY</b> Tuesday, 4th February 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>In memory of Harry Leigh</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN</b> Saturday, 25th April Vanarama National League South	<b>Available</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
- ⊕ Goals
- ⊖ Penalty
- ⊕ Goal + Pen



AUGUST				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17/GK	
Competition	Result	Crowd	Lge	Wind/Sky/Temp																
3 DARTFORD	NLS	4-1	930	⊕ 5 ⚡ 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 ⚡ 20c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
10 Braintree Town	NLS	4-0	482	⊕ 24 ⚡ 20c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
13 CHIPPENHAM TOWN	NLS	1-0	837	⊕ 7 ⚡ 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	⊕ 18 ⚡ 20c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
24 HUNGERFORD TOWN	NLS	3-1	771	⊕ 8 ⚡ 29c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
26 Weymouth	NLS	4-3	1522	⊕ 4 ⚡ 24c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
31 MAIDSTONE UNITED	NLS	2-1	1066	⊕ 15 ⚡ 21c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																				
3 St. Albans City	NLS	3-2	805	⊕ 11 ⚡ 18c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN ○	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
7 OXFORD CITY	NLS	1-0	1102	⊕ 10 ⚡ 17c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN ○	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
14 Welling United	NLS	2-1	594	⊕ 4 ⚡ 22c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN ○	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
21 Farnborough	FAC2Q	5-0	404	⊕ 12 ⚡ 24c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
28 HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	NLS	1-4	1140	⊕ 15 ⚡ 18c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
<b>OCTOBER</b>																				
5 Bristol Manor Farm	FAC3Q	0-0	422	⊕ 9 ⚡ 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	⊕ 11 ⚡ 12c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
12 Chelmsford City	NLS	3-1	1263	⊕ 9 ⚡ 12c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
19 Maidenhead United	FAC4Q	1-1	871	⊕ 13 ⚡ 14c	OXB	MEN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
22 MAIDENHEAD UNITED	FAC4QR	0-2	835	⊕ 6 ⚡ 12c	OXB	MEN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
26 TONBRIDGE ANGELS	NLS	3-1	866	⊕ 16 ⚡ 15c	OXB	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI ●	LAF	GRE	WAT ○	LEW ○	RBR	SHE ●	MEN ○	RIN
29 CB HOUNSLOW UNITED	MCC1	5-1	TBA	⊕ 9 ⚡ 8c	RIN	EKO	MEN	CLI ○	STE	SHE	SAU	CHA	DNW	WAT	AND	ARN	LOP	MND	DNW	EVE
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																				
2 Dorking Wanderers	NLS	2-2	817	⊕ 13 ⚡ 10c	OXB	ARN	EFE	SHE ○	STE	OKI	WAT	SMI	DNW	GRE	LEW	SAU	RBR	CHA	COK	EVE
16 Hampton & Richmond	NLS	0-2	927	⊕ 2 ⚡ 7c	NOR	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	DNW	GRE	LEW	MEN	JEB	CHA	LAF	EVE
23 ROYSTON TOWN	FAT3Q	2-3	436	⊕ 9 ⚡ 10c	NOR	ARN	EFE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	LAF	GRE	LEW	MEN	DNW	JEB	CHA	EVE
30 CONCORD RANGERS	NLS	3-0	832	⊕ 11 ⚡ 6c	IST	EFE	EDJ	CHA ○	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	JEB	LEW	DNW	GRE	CLI	ARN	EVE
<b>DECEMBER</b>																				
3 HAYES & YEADING UTD	MSC2	6-2	114	⊕ 2 ⚡ 7c	IST	ARN	EDJ ○	CLI ○	STE	MAT	CHA	SMI	DNW	GRE	SHO	JEB	MEN	LOP	SAR	
7 Bath City	NLS	0-0	1203	⊕ 12 ⚡ 9c	IST	EFE	EDJ	CLI ○	CHA	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	JEB	LEW	DNW	GRE	SMI	ARN	SHO
10 EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	NLS	2-0	676	⊕ 19 ⚡ 10c	IST	ARN	EDJ	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	CHA	LEW	DNW	GRE	JEB	SMI	SHO
26 Slough Town (1:00pm)	NLS	1-2	1307	⊕ 17 ⚡ 9c	IST	EFE	EDJ	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	CHA	LEW	DNW	GRE	JEB	COO	EVE
28 ST. ALBANS CITY	NLS	1-0	1068	⊕ 7 ⚡ 8c	IST	EFE	EDJ	JEB	STE	CHA	PHI	MEN	COO	GRE	LEW	LAF	SHO	CLI	ARN	SMI
<b>JANUARY</b>																				
1 SLOUGH TOWN (1:00pm)	NLS	2-1	1289	⊕ 2 ⚡ 6c	IST	EFE	EDJ	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	JEB	LEW	COO	GRE	CHA	SMI	NOR
4 Oxford City	NLS	2-3	449	⊕ 6 ⚡ 5c	IST	EFE	EDJ	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	JEB	LEW	COO	GRE	CHA	SMI	NOR
7 Billericay Town	NLS	1-3	642	⊕ 14 ⚡ 14c	IST	SHE	EDJ	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	MEN	LAF	COO	LEW	SMI	JEB	CHA	WAT	NOR
11 WELLING UNITED	NLS	1-0	932	⊕ 18 ⚡ 10c	IST	EFE	SHE	CLI ○	STE	OKI	PHI	SMI	EMM	GRE	LEW	MEN	JEB	CHA	WAT	DAD
18 Havant & Waterlooville	NLS	4-2	1749	⊕ 4 ⚡ 3c	IST	EFE	MEN	CLI ○	STE	OKI	CHA	SMI	EMM	GRE	LEW	LAF	COO	WAT	SHE	RIN
25 BATH CITY	NLS	—	—	—																
28 Staines Town	MSCQF	—	—	—																
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																				
1 Tonbridge Angels	NLS	—	—	—																
4 CHELMSFORD CITY	NLS	—	—	—																
8 BILLERICAY TOWN	NLS	—	—	—																
15 Eastbourne Borough	NLS	—	—	—																
22 DORKING WANDERERS	NLS	—	—	—																
29 Dartford	NLS	—	—	—																
<b>MARCH</b>																				
7 DULWICH HAMLET	NLS	—	—	—																
14 Chippenham Town	NLS	—	—	—																
21 BRAINTREE TOWN	NLS	—	—	—																
28 Concord Rangers	NLS	—	—	—																
<b>APRIL</b>																				
4 HAMPTON & RICHMOND	NLS	—	—	—																
10 Hungerford Town	NLS	—	—	—																
13 WEYMOUTH	NLS	—	—	—																
18 Maidstone United	NLS	—	—	—																
25 HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	NLS	—	—	—																
<b>TO BE ARRANGED</b>																				
HARROW BOROUGH	MCC	—	—	—																

### KEY TO PLAYER IDS

<b>AND</b> Enoch Andoh	<b>LOP</b> Eric Lopes
<b>ARN</b> Nick Arnold	<b>MAT</b> Daniel Matsuzaka
<b>CHA</b> Ashley Charles	<b>MCL</b> George McLennan
<b>CLI</b> Billy Clifford	<b>MEN</b> Jacob Mendy Mendy
<b>COO</b> Jack Adam	<b>MND</b> Douglas Mendes
<b>DAD</b> Kieron Dadogan	<b>NOR</b> Jonathan North
<b>DNW</b> Dejon Noel-Williams	<b>OKI</b> Jerome Okimo
<b>EDJ</b> William Edjenguélé	<b>OXB</b> Aston Oxborough
<b>EFE</b> Michee Efete	<b>PHI</b> Michael Phillips
<b>EKO</b> Enoch Ekoneo	<b>RBR</b> Reece Beckles-Richards
<b>EMM</b> Moses Emmanuel	<b>RIN</b> Joe Ringer
<b>EVE</b> Lewis Everett	<b>ROB</b> Phil Roberts
<b>GRE</b> Danny Green	<b>SAR</b> Elliott Sartorius
<b>IST</b> Harvey Isted	<b>SAU</b> Matthew Saunders
<b>JEB</b> Jack Jebb	<b>SHE</b> Jake Sheppard
<b>LAF</b> Ross Lafayette	<b>SHO</b> Fumnaya Shomotun
<b>LEW</b> Dennon Lewis	<b>SMI</b> Connor Smith
	<b>STE</b> Connor Stevens
	<b>WAT</b> Sanchez Watt

### PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS 2019 / 2020

- July 5, away vs. Bracknell Town - W 4-1 (Mendy, Lewis 2, Efete)
- July 9, away vs. Hayes & Yeading United - D 2-2 (Green, Lafayette (pen))
- July 12, away vs. Reading U23s - L 0-2
- July 13, away vs. Hitchin Town - W 3-2 (Lafayette 2, Lopez)
- July 16, home vs. Colchester United - L 0-3
- July 18, away vs. Chesham United - L 2-3 (Watt, Clifford)
- July 20, home vs. Watford Under 23s - W 4-0 (Green, Noel-Williams, Mendy, Lewis)
- July 23, home vs. Watford Under 23s - W 4-0 (Green, Noel-Williams, Mendy, Lewis)
- July 27, home vs. Wycombe Wanderers - L 0-1
- August 20, home vs. Hayes & Yeading United - W 2-1 (Roberts, Faniyan)

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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
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Monday 6th	Hampton & Richmond Borough	MFA Youth Cup QF	L 3-1
Monday 13th	Bedfont Sports	League	W 2-1
Monday 20th	K SPORTS	League Cup QF	W 3-1
Monday 27th	Camberley Town	League	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Monday 3rd	Uxbridge	League	
Wednesday 5th	STAINES TOWN	League	
Wednesday 12th	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	
Monday 16th	CAMBERLEY TOWN	League	
Wednesday 25th	Staines Town	League	
<b>APRIL</b>			
Monday 6th	BRACKNELL TOWN	League	
Wednesday 8th	HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH	League	

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# Opposition in focus

**B**ath City was formed in 1889 and played at the Belvoir Ground in East Twerton until the 1st World War. After this they played at Lambridge (now the site of Bath Rugby club's training ground), returning to their roots in Twerton in 1932. The club has been at Twerton Park for the last 77 years.

Originally the Club played in local football competitions, then joined the Western League in 1908, progressing to the Southern League in 1921. City played in the Western section of the Southern League, which they won in 1929/30 and 1932/33.

During the 2nd World War City played in a number of unofficial competitions and became the only semi-professional side to win a Football League trophy, the Second Division Northern Section Championship, finishing above Liverpool, Manchester United and Everton. After the war the Club were obliged to revert back to the Southern League.

Post-war the Club won the Southern League championship in 1959/60 and again in 1977/78, when they lost only two league matches during the whole season. In the first championship-winning season, in 1960, the Club played Brighton in the FA Cup when a record 18020 attended Twerton Park.

In 1979 the Club became founder members of the Alliance Premier League, now the Football Conference, a league in which they remained until 1986/87. Relegated in that season they bounced back to the Conference two years later. Bath continued in the Conference until relegation to the Southern League in the 1996/97 season.

Off the field, dramatic events have taken place over the last few years. Despite ten

years of ground sharing with Bristol Rovers and good FA Cup runs, City continued to spend more than they earned. In December 1997, matters finally came to a head when, faced with mounting debts, the Club's major shareholder negotiated for the Independent Supporters Association to take over the running of the Club. In 2002, the Supporters Society ('Trust') was set up with the help of 'Supporters Direct' and in one year raised nearly £250,000 from Trust members and private shareholders to buy back the club and regain control from the majority shareholder.

Former City player and Wales international, Paul Bodin, managed the club for 3 seasons before making way for Alan Pridham in May 2001. The club narrowly avoided relegation by winning their final 2 matches of the 2001-02 season and improved to 14th place in 2002-03. After a poor start to 2003-04, Pridham was replaced by Gary Owers. He guided City to 6th place in 2004-05, but that season's highlight was reaching the 2nd round of the FA Cup.

John Relish took over as manager in May 2005 and after coming second in 2006, City emphatically won the Southern League title in May 2007 to earn promotion to the Conference South. Relish left in October 2008 with his assistant, Adie Britton taking over. After successive 8th place finishes, City secured promotion back to the Conference National after finishing 4th and winning the play-off final at Twerton Park in 2010. After an excellent 10th place finish in their first season City endured a miserable season only climbing off the bottom of the division with one game to go. Back in Conference South, after brief flirtations with the top and bottom of the division, City finished 11th but in October 2012

Twerton Park Bath



saw a change of manager as Lee Howells took over from Adie Britton. Howells guided City to an improved 7th in 2013-14.

The 2014-15 season saw City lose on penalties to North Ferriby United in the FA Trophy semi-final, the furthest they have got in the competition's history. Fourteenth place was achieved in the league.

Gary Owers was reappointed manager in February 2016 after the resignation of Lee Howells and he oversaw a run of five wins in the final seven matches to preserve City's National League South status. Throughout the 2016-17 season they flirted with the play-off positions but inconsistency ensured a 9th place finish. After a promising start to the 2017-18 season Owers left to take charge of Torquay United and former City player, Jerry Gill, was appointed and took the club to a respectable 9th position.

Off the field the club has moved to Community ownership following a successful 'Back the bid' campaign during the past two years. This has given the club greater stability and the ability to move forward on and off the pitch with the redevelopment of Twerton Park the long term plan.

City have a proud FA Cup history having reached the third round proper 6 times. Wins against league clubs along the way have

included Crystal Palace, Exeter City, Notts County, Millwall, Southend United, Cardiff City, Hereford United and Grimsby Town.



### ROMANS FACTS

**GROUND** - Twerton Park  
**CAPACITY** - 8,840 (1006 seated)  
**MANAGER** - Jerry Gill

**2018/19** - National League South 5th

**PREVIOUSLY IN THE LEAGUE**

**A** 01/05/19 **W** 3-1 **A** 07/12/19 **D** 0-0

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v BATH CITY

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# BATH CITY

## WHO'S WHO?

### RYAN CLARKE - GOALKEEPER

Ryan signed for City in the summer of 2018. He started with his home town club of Bristol Rovers but it was at Oxford United that he made his name as one of the outstanding custodians in the lower leagues. After leaving Oxford in 2015 he joined Northampton Town and then had spells at AFC Wimbledon, Eastleigh and Torquay United.

### HARVEY WILES-RICHARDS - GOALKEEPER

Bath lad Harvey earned his spot in the first team squad having impressed in the youth team. Harvey has made a couple of first team appearances already and looks to have a bright future ahead of him.

### DAN BALL - DEFENDER

Joined City from Bristol City having come through the youth system at Ashton Gate. Injuries hampered his progress with the Robins but he quickly settled at Twerton Park and now in his seventh season at Twerton Park and has made over 250 appearances.

### CONNOR RILEY-LOWE - DEFENDER

Connor, 23, signed for City this summer from Truro City. He racked over 80 appearances for the White tigers and chipped in with a few vital goals. Previously the Paignton born defender played for Exeter City where he progressed through the youth levels making his debut in a 2-0 defeat to a then Championship side Bournemouth in the 2014/15 league cup.

### DAN BOWRY - DEFENDER

Dan, an Antiguan & Barbudan international, has joined on loan from Cheltenham Town to strengthen Jerry Gill's defensive options. Started his career with Charlton Athletic.

### ALEX HARTRIDGE - DEFENDER

Alex signed for Exeter at the beginning of 2016. Alex, aged 19 at the time made his football league debut in December 2018 in a 1-2 loss to Grimsby Town. Hartridge, who plays on the left hand side, spent time on

loan at Truro City last season and has joined City on loan for the rest of the season.

### VINCE HARPER - DEFENDER

Currently a Bristol City U-23 squad member, Vince has joined City to the end of the season on-loan. Has previous non-league experience with Gloucester City and Weston-super-Mare.

### JOE RAYNES - DEFENDER/MIDFIELD

Bath born Joe has earned a place in City's team having served local clubs Odd Down, Larkhall Athletic and Frome Town with some distinction in the formative years of his career.

### FRANKIE ARTUS- MIDFIELD

Bristol born midfielder who was released by Bristol City having missed out on the first team despite a host of loan spells at other clubs. Was picked up by Cheltenham Town before moving on to Grimsby Town and Hereford United. Signed for City in June 2014 and is closing in on 200 appearances.

### TOM SMITH -MIDFIELD

Tom has joined City on a permanent basis having enjoyed loan spells at Twerton Park from both Swindon Town and Cheltenham Town. Has an excellent goal ratio for a midfielder.

### JORDAN SIMPSON - MIDFIELD

Jordan, who signed for City from Forest Green Rovers, started his career at Swindon Town where he played for their under-18 team. He has had loan spells at Hungerford Town, Havant and Waterlooville and Hampton & Richmond Borough.

### ZAC SMITH - MIDFIELD

Another young Bristol City player who has joined on-loan until the end of the season to further his experience. Has also played for Taunton Town.

### TOM RICHARDS - MIDFIELD

Released by Bristol City in the summer of 2019, Tom signed for City after impressing during pre-season. Has experience at this level after being on-loan at Truro City during the 2018-19 season.

### SAMUEL PEARSON - MIDFIELD

Has joined City for a second time on work experience from Bristol City. Has already forced his way into the Romans' first team.

### NOAH CHILVERS - MIDFIELD

Another who has joined City on loan from Colchester United. A creative midfielder who has made an immediate impression with several excellent performances for City.

### ANDY WATKINS- FORWARD

Having started at Bideford, Andy spent many years bulging the net for Truro City scoring nearly 150 times for the Cornishman. Joined City in May 2013 and his pace and mobility has proven to be a real asset. Racked up over 250 appearances for City.

### ADAM MANN - FORWARD

Adam had a successful season with Evesham United last season earning a move up the pyramid to City. Previously with Gloucester City this skilful attacker can play centrally or wide and will bring plenty of pace to City's attack.

### ROSS STEARN - FORWARD

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.

### RYAN BRUNT - FORWARD

Joined City in the summer of 2018 and has made well over 50 appearances since.

### LOUIS BRITTON - FORWARD

Young striker Louis has joined City from neighbours Bristol City for the rest of the season. Had a productive spell at Yate Town earlier this season scoring 11 goals in 14 games.

### JERRY GILL - MANAGER

Jerry was named as manager of Bath City in October 2017. This marked a return to Twerton Park having played well over 200 times for the club between 1990 and 1996. He began his career with Trowbridge Town before spending 18 months at Leyton Orient. He dropped back into non-league football with Weston Super Mare from where he joined City in December 1990. Was soon a regular in the side, both in midfield and at right-back, before moving onto Yeovil Town in 1996. He spent just one season with the Glovers. He attracted interest of then 1st Division Birmingham City, who paid £30,000 for his services in July 1997. During his five seasons with the Blues they reached the League Cup Final and won promotion to the Premier League. He joined Cheltenham Town in February 2004 helping them to promotion to League One via the play-offs. He made his first move into coaching with Forest Green Rovers in October 2008 before bringing playing career to a close at Redditch United for the 2009-10 season. In January 2010 he was named as Weymouth manager but, with the club already in financial meltdown, he resigned after 44 days. Since then he has held roles at Bristol Rovers, Birmingham City and Kidderminster Harriers, with his major appointments being at Norwich City as U18 and U23 Coach and then Wolverhampton Wanderers as U18 Coach.

## ROMANS LAST 5

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# 34 years ago.. Vinnie Jones goes from bit-part Wealdstone sub to a First Division match-winner for Wimbledon against Man United!

## Jubilant Jones lifts Wealdstone

Wealdstone 2 Dartford 1

WEALDSTONE narrowed the gap on the Gola League leaders by another two points with victory over trouble-torn Dartford on Saturday.

It was hardly an inspiring performance from Stones on a heavily sanded Lower Mead pitch. But, with no other side in the top eight winning, it was the result that mattered most on the day, writes William Bull.

Dartford have had problems behind the scenes, with John Still resigning as manager and Steve Wishart being appointed on a temporary basis only two days before the match.

And the visitors, struggling at the foot of the table, seemed to have settled for a point from the start.

It was a drab first half with neither side really flowing. Even when either side did look like stringing something together they were halted by the constant whistling of referee Paul Keech.

He had his whistle in his mouth so often you began to think he had taken a sheet of music out with him.

The only action of the first half centred on the Dartford goal.

Vince Jones' header grazed the crossbar in the 15th minute after Brian Greenway had played a corner short to Steve Tapley to cross.

Then, 11 minutes later, Mark Groves got his head to Dennis Byatt's long free kick only to see the ball thump against the foot of a post.

Wealdstone took the lead four minutes into the second half. Paul Bowgett broke forward to the half-way line and pumped the ball on to the edge of the Dartford penalty area.

Steve Robinson failed to make the back pass and Neil Cordice nipped in to ram the ball past Dave Mallett.

Shortly after Jones flashed a shot just wide and then Mallett produced a breathtaking save to scoop away a hot on the turn from Graves.

Mallett then had to race out of his area to head clear a Byatt through ball as Cordice threatened.

Dartford then struck back. Steve McCargo made a superb last-ditch tackle to rob Micky Dingwall in front of goal in the

69th minute, with Francis Cowley screwing a shot well wide from the edge of the area three minutes later.

The visitors shocked Stones in the 74th minute, however, when top scorer Tony Burman struck an equaliser.

David Clark sent a deep cross to the fast post, Dingwall headed it back and Burman stooped to head home from close range.

But Wealdstone had regained their lead within 60 seconds. Brian Greenaway swung in a corner from the right, Jones outleapt Mallett to send a header goalwards and although the ball was scooped away by David Jacques it had already crossed the line.

"It was a great goal," said Stones boss Brian Hall. "He hung in the air for a long time waiting for the ball."

He added: "It was not a classic performance but we got the two points. We were always going to beat them. We just got a bit frustrated by all the stoppages."

"We have cut the deficit again. If things carry on like this everything will shuffle at the top and it will open up again."

WEALDSTONE: Iles, Tapley, McCargo, Byatt, Bowgett, Wainwright, Greenaway, Jones, Cordice, Graves, Doyle.



Vinnie Jones leaps to beat Kevin Moran for his famous winner against United at Plough Lane. Right: Gola League details from this day in 1986

### Saturday January 25 1986, Gola League: Wealdstone 2 Dartford 1

Wealdstone FC was in an interesting place 36 years ago. Proud winners of the non-League double just six months earlier, Brian Hall's side was in a state of flux as chairman David Morrirt was undecided whether to spend his building business fortune on strengthening an ageing side, or renovating our Lower Mead ground to enable a bid for League football.

Us fans were just enjoying the ride. And this win over the the struggling Darts - which pushed us up to third - had the terrace faithful believing that we could retain the title.

Hero of the day was Vinnie Jones, who had played a bit part in the previous season's glory run but was now getting a regular start. He headed the winner close to the end ... and remarkably the agricultural Vinnie would end

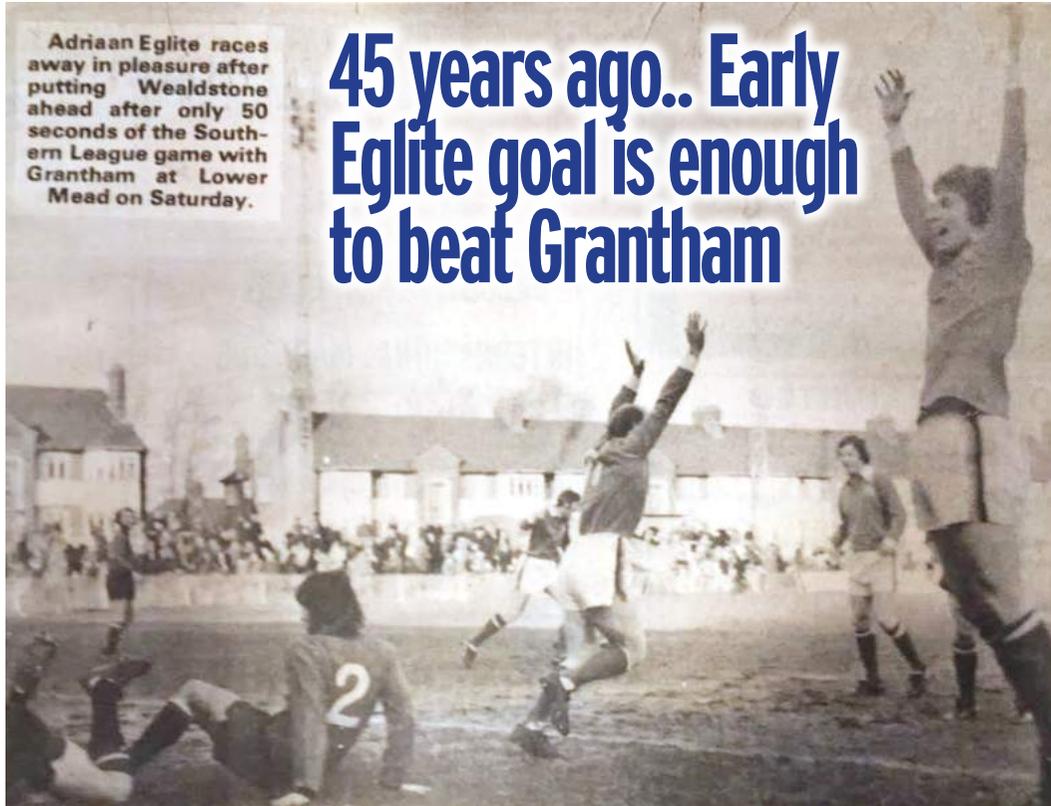
1986 as an established member of the Wimbledon side that was terrorising the First Division. Dons manager Dave Bassett took a gamble on Jones And he marked his home debut in November by heading the only goal in a 1-0 win over Manchester United at Plough Lane! (See picture above).

But the Stones coughed and spluttered for the remainder of the season. A week after victory over Dartford, we won 3-2 at Bath City (our first-ever win at Twerton Park, incidentally) but then nosedived in alarming fashion, winning just one of the last 13 games and finishing tenth.

Worse news for Dartford though. Their manager John Still (yes, the same guy who's now managing Maidstone) resigned three days before the game at Lower Mead and they ended up relegated.

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Gola League			
BATH	(1) P	FRICKLEY	(1) P
<i>(Ground split)</i>			
CHELTHENHAM	(1) 2	BARNET	(1) 1
Boyland 27,		Stevs 36	
Abbley 73			
ENFIELD	(1) 2	WYCOMBE	(1) 3
Duffield 29 (pen),		Dell 35 (pen),	
King 51		89 (pen) West 60	1,312
KETTERING	(1) 4	TELFORD	(0) 0
Jeffrey 22,			
Dawson 44, Kabin 62,			
Smith 89			1,074
MAIDSTONE	(0) 2	DAGENHAM	(1) 1
Peggason 43 (pen),		Procter 31	
Cooper 84			754
SCARBOROUGH	(1) 3	KIDDERMSTR	(2) 5
Burke 24, 50,		Buckland 28,	
Sellers 89		Casey 36, 82,	
		Davies 43, Tooty 77	
			842
WEALDSTONE	(0) 2	DARTFORD	(0) 1
Cordice 51, James 76		Burman 78	
			717
WEYMOUTH	(0) 1	STAFFORD	(0) 1
Doberty 76		Simpson 68	
			568
	P	W	Pts
Enfield	27	15	46
Altrincham	26	14	40
Weymouth	25	12	38
Wealdstone	27	14	38
Runcorn	22	11	34
Frickley	22	12	33
Boston	28	12	33
Kettering	27	10	33
Stafford	25	10	32
Kiddermstr	25	11	31
Telford	27	10	28
Barnet	27	8	27
Scarboro	24	9	26
Bath	26	7	26
Cheltenham	24	7	26
Northwich	25	6	26
Wycombe	23	7	24
Maidstone	27	4	21
Dagenham	25	6	20
Dartford	26	6	19
Barrow	25	4	16
Munston	26	5	15



Adriaan Eglite races away in pleasure after putting Wealdstone ahead after only 50 seconds of the Southern League game with Grantham at Lower Mead on Saturday.

# 45 years ago.. Early Eglite goal is enough to beat Grantham

Saturday Jan 25 1975, Southern League Prem: Wealdstone 1 Grantham 0

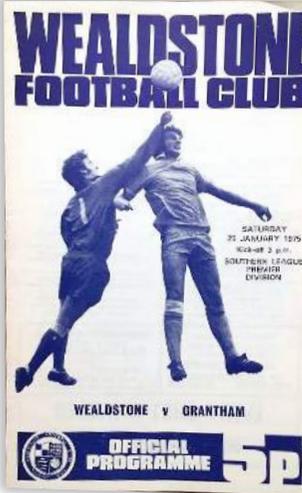
Ah, my favourite season again! Our first rubbing shoulders with the 'big boys' of the Southern League, and the quirky lesser lights like Lincolnshire side Grantham.

When you think that Boston United were in the Northern Premier League, Grantham must have been the most Northerly of our trips and I well remember the two-hour trip to play out a 1-1 draw on an icy pitch a couple of months later. Their London Road ground had just three sides (abutting a cricket pitch) and the main stand was strangely behind the top end goal, with changing rooms in a converted stable block. But back

to the home game. Stones were in a great run of form and the fans were turning out in their thousands, literally. As mentioned last week we had a 3,500 New Years Day crowd against Wimbledon but even more impressively, pulled in 1,900 for the next home game against mid table Cambridge City. For some reason the crowd was down to 1,250 for the Grantham game but then it was a bitterly cold afternoon.

Our Dutch winger Adriaan Eglite scored the only goal in the opening minute and it turned into a tedious affair as Grantham kept their shape and rarely ventured forward. We finished 8th that season and it was one to remember!

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Nine games without defeat, but—

# 'Stones fail to cash in after 50 seconds lead

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 1, Grantham 0

WEALDSTONE stretched their run of successes to nine games without defeat with a goal after 50 seconds of this Southern League Premier Division fixture but, thereafter, they huffed and puffed, but failed to blow the Grantham house down.

'Stones charged into attack from the kick-off, won a corner and from Ray Fulton's beautifully placed kick Adriaan Eglite shot left footed for a comparatively easy goal.

That was enough to put the 1,292 crowd into a good mood and the home attack, with Bill Byrne replacing injured Bobby Moss in the number nine shirt, moved forward with great purpose and evil intent.

Grantham, however, by no means one of the most constructive sides I have seen this season, quickly tightened up at the back and there loomed the considerable danger of the Lower Mead club running out of footballs as clearance kicks were dispatched to all parts of the borough.

The Midlands side were not completely devoid of ideas and possessed one of the most dangerous players on the field in their clever striker Ted Nixon who occasionally caused all sorts of havoc in the home rear-guard.

He gave Harrison a great chance with a shrewd through pass into the box and then missed himself. When the goal was at his mercy he allowed Morton enough time to get off his line to make a death or glory save.

George Duck raced through to reach Fairclough's pin-point pass and send visiting goalkeeper Gardiner hurtling across his line to turn behind for a corner. From Fulton's flag-kick Byrne soared majestically only to send

his header inches over the top. Just before half-time the speedy Nixon evaded the attentions of both McCormick and Fairclough but Morton made a wonderful reflex action save which had even referee J. A. Christopher (Wantage) applauding.

### CHANCES

On reflection, Wealdstone had created enough chances to have led 3-0 by the break but, it must be admitted, after their initial shock Grantham had defended stoutly.

The home forwards appeared to be justifiably aggrieved when refused a fairly obvious penalty just after the break, but Grantham made amends when Thompson moved up to a square pass to hit a dipping shot inches over.

Morton, one fancies, would have been all at sea with that one.

Visiting goalkeeper Gardiner got himself booked for an act of sheer stupidity and was then most fortunate when he elected to roll the ball out to Thompson. The latter was robbed by Eglite who lashed the ball just wide from 10 yards.

Henderson, anxious to make the points safe, sprang into life with a scintillating run and pass to Byrne. The speedy striker raced on, accepted the return ball and saw his powerful drive turned away for another fruitless corner.

An astute pass from Duck again gave Henderson a chance but his finely directed header was clutched at the angle by the now hard-worked Gardiner.

It was a game Wealdstone deserved to win but one could not help feeling that too often they made hard work of doing simple things.

For all that they are in a good position. The surprise home defeat of leaders Nuneaton by Margate helped them considerably, although they remain in fifth place. They are now eight points behind the leaders with a game in hand.

Cup giant-killers Wimbledon must be the favourites for them, like 'Stones, have 30 points but five games in hand on the Lower Mead club.

Never-the-less it is more than possible that Wealdstone could finish third, not bad in their first season in the Premier Division.

**Wealdstone:** Morton; Kinnear, Watson, Fairclough, McCormick; Godfrey, Fulton, Duck; Byrne, Henderson, Eglite. Sub: Kitchener.

**Grantham:** Gardiner; Shaw, Clarke, Thompson, Harrison; Chambers, Horobin, Norris; Nixon, Taylor, Benskin. Sub: Crawford.

# 'Wares thumped by 'Stones

Edgware 0, Wealdstone 5

ALTHOUGH of course nothing to compare with the 7,000 odd who crammed into the White Lion Ground in 1949 to watch an FA Cup tie between the two sides, Edgware welcomed their biggest crowd of the season for Monday night's second round Middlesex Senior Cup against 'Stones.

But the green and white clad support had precious little to cheer about as the gulf between the top of the Athenian and Southern Leagues was shown to be very wide indeed (writes Ron, Smithson).

## Suffered

Poor Edgware had things loaded against them from the start. Riding high in the top three of the table in the challenge for league honours, Edgware have suffered more than most from the bad weather that has decimated the soccer programme in recent weeks.

Prior to their Saturday cup match at Banstead, 'Ware had managed to play just twice in eight weeks. And, even on a real mudbath, 'Stones class shone through. Edgware visibly wilted faced with such stamina-sapping conditions and a full of confidence 'Stones side.

Although 'Wares can't complain at the

scoreline, they've every reason to be dismayed at the goal which saw Stones on their way.

No one looked more surprised than the players when Southgate referee Mr T. Hayne awarded a penalty after Robert Conteh had tackled Robin Wainwright. But skipper Paul Bowgett stepped up to blast the spot kick and keeper Del Harling guessed right — for all the good it did him.

That was the beginning of the end, and as a contest the game died from the moment the ball left Fred Barwick's foot in the 35th minute from the best part of 30 yards. It was a great shot that Harding hardly saw.

That great Edgware servant — and ex Wealdstone stalwart — Ray Fulton tried to get Edgware moving in midfield but lack of match fitness seemed to run throughout the plucky 'Wares line up. Stones third came when Ray Knowles, who went off with a cut in the first half, headed home from a corner, and the same player took full advantage of time and space to drill past the exposed Harling shortly afterwards.

Stuart Pearce popped up to notch a fifth late in the game for Stones, who face Hillingdon Boro in the next round.

**Edgware:** Harling; Rowland, Carroll, Fitzpatrick, Mangan, Conteh, Fulton, Murray, Jackson, Barnes (Kearns 80) Holmes.  
**Wealdstone:** Goddard; Hardman, Pearce, Perkins, Bowgett, (Morris, 60) Barwick, Waites, Wainwright, Cordice A. (Cordice N. 60), Knowles, Davies.

## Tuesday January 25 1982, Middx Senior Cup: Edgware 0 Wealdstone 5

The Stones were rolling inexorably towards the Southern League title - reclaiming the Conference National place we'd lost in agonising circumstances the previous May - and Athenian League neighbours Edgware were no obstacle in this Middx Senior Cup clash.

Despite the astronomical number of games played that season (as we fought on five fronts and won two of them, the SL and Cup double) manager Allen Batsford operated on a squad of just 15 and only rested two or three players when we were facing four games a week in the last month of the season.

And having brushed Edgware and mighty



Enfield aside on our way to the County Cup final, Batsford left out both Cordice brothers for the final after taking one look at the lumpy and unmown Southall FC pitch where the 'showpiece' against Hayes was played.

Thus we lost 2-0 but it was unarguably the right decision in the long run.

Incidentally, Harry O reporter Ron Smithson picked up on the famous previous Edgware-Stones meeting in 1949 (mentioned in the programme) when 7,000 packed in the

ground for the first-ever live televised FA Cup tie, on the BBC.

I recall reading this and thinking how long ago and ancient that all was. But of course it was just 33 years ago then... and a further 38 years have elapsed since then!



Tom Pett (left) splashes down the wing against Bury while manager Gordon Bartlett (right) must be wishing he had a Steve McClaren broly

# ...and who remembers the huddle in the puddle as we beat Bury Town in 2014?

## Saturday January 25 2014, Ryman League Prem: Wealdstone 3 Bury Town 0

THESE were quite a few key moments as the memorable 2013-14 season - when the Stones finally won promotion back to the Vanarama National League (South) by 11 points - unfolded.

But few as dramatic as the biblical cloudburst at the Vale on this day six years ago. We were fourth in the table, three points behind leaders Kingstonian, Dulwich and Maidstone but with three games in hand on our title challengers... and knew that victory over eighth-placed Bury would put us back on top of the tree as their games had all been called off that morning.

We were in middle of the biggest washout for years. Rain had been falling constantly since the turn of the year and it had coincided with two successive league defeats to Hampton and Canvey Island - yet, remarkably, the Stones' Twitter feed was confirming that the game v Bury Town was ON!

Could we land a psychological blow on our rivals by clambering back to the top? All seemed well with the world as the game kicked off on a raid-sodden but playable Vale

pitch, and the inevitable Scotty McGleish put us ahead, Burying a rebound. But as half time approached, all eyes switched to the vast, comedy dark cloud that was hovering over Ruislip, throwing lightning and a deluge of water over everything in its path... and it finally arrived just after the break.

Ten minutes of sheeting rain forced the referee Craig Green to take the players off the pitch. Would we see them again? Finally, through the mist of the passing downpour, Mr Green emerged from the tunnel, ran around a bit kicking a ball before talking in a huddle with his assistants.

Without making it more dramatic than it was, our season was balanced on a knife edge. Another game added to a grim backlog.

The possibility of no football for another few weeks and the likely implosion of a small squad with too many demands placed upon it. But then the referee was waving the players back on! Hurrah!

Poor Bury were blitzed from this point by the plainly relieved Stones and new striker Michael Malcolm (and another from the ever-green McGleish) wrapped up the points.

And we never looked back.



# BALL SPONSORS

A traditional package for businesses (from **£195+** vat) or fans (**£180**) for two people that will give you the satisfaction of knowing you have paid for the ball that Wealdstone FC are banging into the net (or out of the ground!). As the match ball donor you will enjoy:

- █ 2 x Match tickets (+ car parking)
- █ Prime seats in the main stand if required
- █ Publicity over the PA system and via the official club website and social media

- █ Boardroom hospitality (half time refreshments, snacks and hot food after the game)
- █ Bar allowance
- █ 2 x Match-day programmes
- █ A fabulous autographed team ball

If you or your organisation are interested in donating the matchball for a home match then please contact Club President, Paul Rumens on **07710 929692** or at **paulrumens59@gmail.com**



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

MATCH	SPONSORS
<b>DARTFORD</b> Saturday, 3rd August Vanarama National League South	Support the Stones - sponsor the match ball
<b>CHIPPENHAM TOWN</b> Tuesday, 13th August Vanarama National League South	Support the Stones - sponsor the match ball
<b>HUNGERFORD TOWN</b> Saturday, 24th August Vanarama National League South	Mike & Val Weston
<b>MAIDSTONE UNITED</b> Saturday, 31st August Vanarama National League South	Thordor Training
<b>OXFORD CITY</b> Saturday, 7th September Vanarama National League South	Dotty Tabby Cat
<b>HAVANT &amp; WATERLOOVILLE</b> Saturday, 28th September Vanarama National League South	Half-Way Line Tea Bar
<b>BRISTOL MANOR FARM</b> Tuesday, 8th October FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round Replay	Alan Hill & Roger Slater
<b>MAIDENHEAD UNITED</b> Tuesday, 22nd October FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round Replay	Alan Hill & Roger Slater
<b>TONBRIDGE ANGELS</b> Saturday, 26th October Vanarama National League South	Gordon McKay
<b>EASTBOURNE BOROUGH</b> Saturday, 9th November Vanarama National League South	Ray Corner & Peter Carter
<b>ROYSTON TOWN</b> Saturday, 23rd November FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round	Thordor Training

MATCH	SPONSORS	
<b>CONCORD RANGERS</b> Saturday, 30th November Vanarama National League South	Pete & Pauline Worby	
<b>HAYES &amp; YEADING UTD</b> Tuesday, 3rd December Middlesex Senior Cup Second Round	Russell Grant	
<b>ST.ALBANS CITY</b> Saturday, 28th December Vanarama National League South	In memory of Bob Hall	
<b>SLOUGH TOWN</b> Wednesday, 1st January Vanarama National League South	Thordor Training	
<b>WELLING UNITED</b> Saturday, 11th January Vanarama National League South	In memory of Roy Couch	Nick Woolford
<b>BATH CITY</b> Saturday, 25th January Vanarama National League South	OSMO UK	
<b>HARROW BOROUGH</b> DATE TO BE CONFIRMED Middlesex Senior Charity Cup	Mike and Val Weston	
<b>CHELMSFORD CITY</b> Saturday, 11th January Vanarama National League South	Available	Available
<b>BILLERICAY TOWN</b> Saturday, 8th February Vanarama National League South	Alan Couch	Available
<b>DORKING WANDERERS</b> Saturday, 22nd February Vanarama National League South	In memory of Jim Klarfeld	Available
<b>DULWICH HAMLET</b> Saturday, 7th March Vanarama National League South	Available	Available
<b>BRAINTREE TOWN</b> Saturday, 21st March Vanarama National League South	Middlesex Cricket Players' Pool	Available
<b>HAMPTON &amp; RICHMOND</b> Saturday, 4th April Vanarama National League South	Available	Available
<b>WEYMOUTH</b> Easter Monday, 13th April Vanarama National League South	Available	Available
<b>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN</b> Saturday, 25th April Vanarama National League South	'In memory of Wealdstone fans no longer with us' - Ron Moore, Dave Edwards, Tony & Peter Drew	
		Available

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT — SPONSOR A STONE!

**Y**OU can support your favourite player by sponsoring their kit for every game of 2019/2020. The cost is **£175** for either home or away kit, and as well as your mention here and on the web site, you'll get:

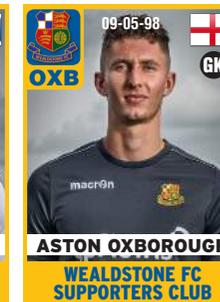
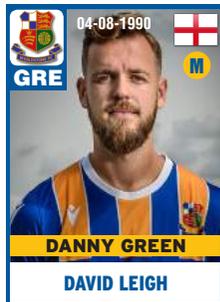
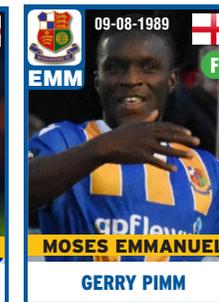
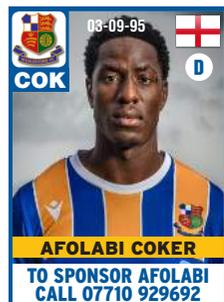
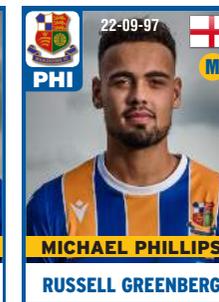
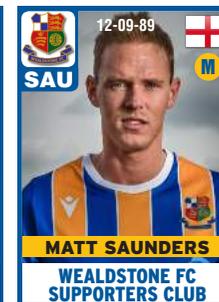
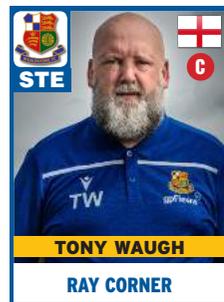
- ▣ ...to meet your sponsored Stone in person
- ▣ ...a £10 voucher to spend in the club shop
- ▣ ...your name entered into a prize draw to win hospitality for two at a league game of your choice here at the Vale.

Also this season, you can sponsor both home AND away kit for **£250** – earning you a special extra treatment on these pages and on our web site. So come on, choose your favourite Stone now and call Paul Rumens on **07710 929692**.

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KEY: C = Management & Coaching Staff; D = Defender; M = Midfielder; F = Forward; L = Legend;  
Note: Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules. Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.





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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Saturday, 8th February, 3:00pm

£9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

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MIDDLESEX SENIOR CHARITY CUP 2ND ROUND

Tuesday, 11th February, 7:45pm

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

Saturday, 22nd February, 3:00pm

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Saturday, 7th March, 3:00pm

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Saturday, 29th February, 3:00pm

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## Vanarama National League South - Table @ 22nd January

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	26	18	2	6	53	31	12	11	0	1	24	9	14	7	2	5	29	22	22	56	--	--
2 Bath City	26	14	7	5	43	23	14	9	4	1	25	10	12	5	3	4	18	13	20	49		0-0
3 Havant & Waterlooville	24	14	6	4	53	31	12	5	3	4	21	16	12	9	3	0	32	15	22	48	1-4	4-2
4 Slough Town	25	13	7	5	39	25	14	9	4	1	21	10	11	4	3	4	18	15	14	46	2-1	1-2
5 Weymouth	25	12	8	5	42	25	13	8	2	3	25	13	12	4	6	2	17	12	17	44		4-3
6 Dorking Wanderers	26	12	7	7	48	41	14	8	3	3	26	15	12	4	4	4	22	26	7	43		2-2
7 Dartford	27	11	7	9	46	41	13	5	5	3	26	17	14	6	2	6	20	24	5	40	4-1	
8 Maidstone United	25	9	9	7	41	30	12	4	6	2	23	14	13	5	3	5	18	16	11	36	2-1	
9 Chelmsford City	26	9	9	8	46	42	14	6	6	2	31	22	12	3	3	6	15	20	4	36		3-1
10 Hemel Hempstead Town	26	10	6	10	32	36	12	6	3	3	17	13	14	4	3	7	15	23	-4	36		3-0
11 Concord Rangers	25	10	3	12	38	37	14	6	2	6	25	19	11	4	1	6	13	18	1	33	3-0	
12 Hampton & Richmond	24	10	3	11	33	37	11	4	2	5	14	16	13	6	1	6	19	21	-4	33		0-2
13 Oxford City	26	9	6	11	41	50	14	5	3	6	21	30	12	4	3	5	20	20	-9	33	1-0	2-3
14 Eastbourne Borough	27	7	10	10	28	46	13	5	3	5	19	23	14	2	7	5	9	23	-18	31	2-0	
15 Dulwich Hamlet	27	7	9	11	41	38	14	3	4	7	22	23	13	4	5	4	19	15	3	30		0-1
16 Billericay Town	24	7	9	8	39	43	10	5	5	0	19	11	14	2	4	8	20	32	-4	30	1-3	
17 Braintree Town	27	9	3	15	40	59	13	4	2	7	18	25	14	5	1	8	22	34	-19	30		4-0
18 Tonbridge Angels	25	7	6	12	34	44	12	6	2	4	25	22	13	1	4	8	9	22	-10	27	3-1	
19 St Albans City	27	6	9	12	31	45	14	3	5	6	15	23	13	3	4	6	16	22	-14	27	1-0	3-2
20 Welling United	26	7	5	14	27	39	14	6	2	6	21	20	12	1	3	8	6	19	-12	26	1-0	2-1
21 Chippenham Town	26	5	10	11	27	36	12	4	4	4	14	17	14	1	6	7	13	19	-9	25	1-0	
22 Hungerford Town	26	5	3	18	31	54	12	2	2	8	11	22	14	3	1	10	20	32	-23	18	3-1	