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Stones' Dennon Lewis gets the congratulations after banging in the 4th goal of the dazzling 7-0 demolition of Bath City in our last game at the Vale

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As we go to press, the very sad news that one of our own, Mark 'Markie' Barton has passed away has just broken. Those of you who had the privilege of knowing Markie will not need me to tell them what a huge loss this is to our football club and supporters ranks. To those less familiar with Mark, I will simply say he was Wealdstone to the core and contributed to our success financially and through his tireless work on the Supporters' Club Board and as Secretary to the Ladies team.

We will be honouring Mark's memory, along

with that of lifelong supporter George Cole who passed away recently at the age of 93, with a minute's silence before this afternoon's kick off.

Welcome this afternoon to Jamie O'Hara and his players, as well as the Board and supporters from Billericay Town.

Welcome also to today's two match sponsors, Glide & Friends and Ashley Jones and to our two Ball Donors Alan Couch and Blah Blah Catering. We thank you all for your generous support.

Mark

MARK 'MARKIE' BARTON

The very sad news filtered through late Tuesday evening that Wealdstone Fan and Supporters Club committee member Mark Barton passed away. Despite Markie having been ill for quite a while, his enthusiasm and will to help never wavered (and yes we often tried to slow him down and told him to rest). However the news was still a shock and he will be greatly missed by everyone involved with the club.

It was a warm September evening back in 2008 when I first met Mark. Markie, Mark Randall and I had (some would say stupidly) offered to help out on the Supporters Club committee and we were invited along by Dave Albert to see if we had anything to offer. It felt a bit like an interview and although it seems strange to say, were all a little bit nervous before the meeting started. By the end of the meeting we had all passed the interview and were tasked with creating a club shop from scratch. Mark was fundamental to getting the shop off the ground. He jumped at the chance to miss an away game vs Hastings and decided to spend that Saturday afternoon painting the old management room whilst a reserve team game ticked away outside the door, fixing the roof and getting things ready, as well as taking it in turns to check score updates. It perfectly summed up the Markie that I would get to know in that he was always prepared to get his hands dirty, get things done, and do it with a smile and passion.

The football club we all love sometimes gives the impression that it is exceedingly well run, and organised, and it was people like Mark that enabled that to happen. From a Supporters Club / Megastore point of view Mark was busily going about his business in a quiet and unassuming way never wanting to shout about what he was doing. Many a summer Markie, and son George could be found flipping burgers for visiting Wembley fans for hours on end raising many thousands of pounds, painting inside the ground, helping out behind the bar or standing in to open the Megastore because I was running late.

The word 'Legend' is often banded about in football, but when it comes to one of our own, Mark lived up to the ideals. Whilst there will be those of you out there who knew Mark better and longer than myself, I am so glad I got to know him, laugh at each other's jokes, share family stories and help make this football club a little bit better. Mark you will be very sorely missed by everyone and impossible to replace. We send our love and thoughts to George and Hilary at this difficult time.

Rest in peace Markie

Adam Edwards

GEORGE COLE 30/4/26 - 28/1/20

It is with great sadness that my father George Cole has passed away. Nothing gave him more pleasure than watching The Stones, even in his last days he followed their results and league table position. I would like to thank everyone at the club for looking out for him on match days

Karen Cole





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- 1) The club reserves the right to eject from the ground any person who is considered to have committed any of the following acts:
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 - Entering the field of play before, during or after a game without prior authorisation
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- 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

More of the Same Please..

After a frustrating trip to Tonbridge Angels last weekend we see ourselves back at the vale today hosting Billericay Town.

Obviously our last home game saw us win well against a good Bath City team. The levels of intensity within our performance were top class.

It's also nice to string three league wins together on the bounce and within all three games we faced differing footballing tests that I feel we managed to pass with flying colours.

What's most important to us as a management team, our group of players and our supporters is that we keep taking it one game at a time, and that we continue to push each other and to adhere to the standards we have set in ourselves over recent weeks.

As an example of the above just look at the courage we showed away at Havant & Waterlooville after we went behind early in both halves & the way you our supporters dragged us back into the game with your songs & positive encouragement. That made



a huge difference tfor the players during tough periods iof the match. That's what it takes to create success. There is no doubt that more of the same will be needed today & in the coming weeks as we all know there are no easy games in our division. We must continue to enjoy the ride and take each challenge as it comes. Collectively we will all need to be at our best today so please keep getting right behind the lads.

Together we are The Stones

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The Elmslie Ender



Many Hopes Many Prayers

Hopefully what you are reading today isn't my first draft, fat-fingered, non-proof read, sans spellchecked version that I bashed out on my MacBook that you saw last home game. Twenty-seven spelling mistakes according to our resident wordsmith, Mr. Parks. I blame the editor for not checking, not my dodgy spelling and grammar! *(Being dyslexic I'm not sure I would have been of any help..Ed.)*

Our last home match saw a stellar performance both on and off the pitch; a game which probably saw Wealdstone even surpass their fantastic win over Havant and Waterlooville the week before. The seven-goal victory over, let's not forget, second placed Bath City, had many sages that have watched the Stones for eons, state it was very much up there in the list of all-time great wins. Certainly, it was an all-star performance in a game of such importance. The marker was set in beating both Havant and Bath in consecutive weeks and scoring eleven goals in the process. At times we play some lovely stuff, as good as football that we have seen in years and some of that at home can be pointed to the playing surface at the Vale. The work put in by the ground staff to get a beautiful playing surface goes very much unnoticed, which allows the team to play a lovely brand of football. The players and management team take huge plaudits for those last two performances that have put

the Stones in the box seat. There is obviously a lot of football still to play and many more clichés to drop into an article. It ain't over until the fat lady (can you still say that in the woke world that we inhabit) has done her bit.

As I said earlier, it was stellar performance both on and off the pitch. The atmosphere at the Vale was the best of the season by a country mile. The gate of 1,343 was our best of the season; the largest for a league game at the Vale ever; the highest home league attendance at home since April 1988 when we had a crowd 1,556 v Barnet; the most Wealdstone fans at a home game, bearing in mind probably half of the Barnet gate were Bees fans, since April 1983 when we had 1,725 v Enfield; the biggest non local derby crowd since April 1982 when we had 1,485 v Hastings United (probably in reality another thousand more were inside Lower Mead that night); and our average home attendance at 989 is the highest since season 1974-75. Hopefully we should average more than four figures by the end of the season. When we arrived in HA4, our first league gate was 385 and our season average was 412. Some journey.

Football at any semi-professional level is expensive. The day after the Bath City game, the club held its AGM with our financial results being announced. The financial loss was down on the previous season significantly but was still large nonetheless.

This financial year the loss will be lower still as control has been reasserted after two seasons of profligate spending. The loss though has to be covered and, in the end, whilst supporters' donations/contributions help massively, the guys on the board, none of whom are multi-millionaires, take the responsibility of dealing with any shortfall.

At the start of the season, the National League issue average wage bills for the three divisions under its control. In the top division, the figure is around 900k, in NLN, with their various ex-FL sides and full-time squads, the figure is around 300k and in our division, it is 270k. That's a huge gap to be filled if we were to be promoted, together with the large number of alterations to the ground which will be necessary. The board will have a huge job on their hands should we win promotion but they have handled themselves very well since the new group came together, no more so than bringing financial prudence and the ability to stay within budgets set to the fore.

Talking of finances, just to give you a measure of what other clubs spend, Torquay United in getting promoted from this division last season, lost a staggering 900k plus. The loss will be covered by their main shareholder who is now owed over £2m and I suspect that their financial loss wasn't even the highest in the division last season. Food

for thought.

I can't leave before mentioning the farce of the late postponement at Tonbridge last week. We all know that the weather cycle in the winter months has changed; higher temperatures and more rain seem the way of the UK nowadays and there has been plenty of the wet stuff since December. There is no doubt that we have issues with certain parts of the Vale when it rains; "dead fox corner" in particular, so there is no pointing of fingers (no pun intended) at clubs that have problems with their pitches, especially if they are on flood plains, as Tonbridge's is. However, having had a game called off in the week, then to issue a statement explaining why so many games are being postponed at Longmead Stadium, to not have an early inspection seems incredible. Allegedly matchday officials when they did their inspection took less than five minutes to call the game off. Those that saw the pitch said there wasn't a cat in hell's chance of the pitch being fit. So, you can only wonder why the home club, having had only one game at home since December 7th, with a large away following coming down, went with a hope and a prayer. A lot of time and money wasted, though the pubs of Tonbridge seemed to do rather well with an extended drinking time enjoyed by our big away support. Twitter was on fire, as you can imagine.

TEAM DRAW - JANUARY



1. £125 - Paul Harvey
2. £75 - Peter Drew
3. £50 - Trevor Davies
4. £25 - Miriam Goodman
5. £25 - Alan Couch
6. £10 - Neil Tobin
7. £10 - Mike Vincent
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Voucher Winner - Chris Andrews

Three or more entries winner -
Jeremy Albert



Moses Emmanuel



Moses teases the Bath defence out of position before sending Dennon Lewis clear for our fourth goal a fortnight ago

'It was an easy decision to sign... the pace, tempo and quality in this team is ridiculous!'

Moses Emmanuel believes that everything happens for a reason. "Me signing for Wealdstone was just meant to be" said the 30 year old striker - and cult goalscoring hero at many of his previous clubs - when I caught up with him for a chat last week.

"I was at Welling but there were budget cuts and a new manager (Bradley Quinton) and when the Gaffer came in for me it wasn't a hard decision!" he laughed.

"I knew a lot of the players (Ross, Michee, Connor and Billy) from when I played under Dean at Billericay last season, and there is real quality here. What I didn't realise is the pace and tempo in this team - it's ridiculous!

"And they're so young! I've been used to playing in successful, experienced teams but it wasn't until I looked through the team against Bath that I realised only the Skipper

is older than me - and only by a bit. That gives us great energy and you could see how quick we were all over the park".

My first question was a doozie.

"So, Moses, was that performance, the win over Bath City, better than when you scored a hat trick for Bromley in their shock 7-2 win at Torquay three years ago?"

"Ha, they were good times, those days" he said. "You've looked into this, haven't you?"

I had to confess that when news came through that we'd signed Moses from Welling my non-League antennae went up.

Moses Emmanuel? Wasn't he the Bromley striker who earned rave reviews in Dave Roberts' book 'Home and Away', the story of Bromley's first season in the National League - told through the incredulous eyes of a 60-year-old fan who'd been around

when they were the self styled 'worst team in amateur football'?

Moses had shot the Ravens to the National League South title in 2014-15 and his glorious hat trick at Torquay is the subject of a very entertaining chapter in Roberts' book.

"I'll never forget that game, scoring three in the first half but my first three games for Wealdstone have been memorable too!" he said.

I told him that I'd been trawling through Wikipedia for his goalscoring stats and they had him down for three goals in three games - two at Havant and then the (Frankie Artus) own goal against Bath.

"Ha! I'll take that - although I'm not sure I got much of a touch on it.

"The Havant goals were definitely mine, although I missed that sitter with just the keeper to beat... I just got it all wrong. But the team allowed me to get on the end of a couple more chances and they went in - the last one I just hit hard to make sure!"

So was the 7-0 against Bath the biggest win you've been involved in?

"No actually - when I was at Billericay we beat Whitehawk 9-1 and I got a hat trick that day too - but the biggest thing about the Bath game was that we kept it up right through the 90 minutes, the pressing, making chances, the movement and the energy. Makes us excited to be playing - the next game can't come soon enough".

There's no doubt that Moses' pace, strength and trickery have given a new dimension to our forward play. But how did he learn to turn defenders? Is it a sixth sense to know exactly where they are?

"I don't think it's down to training really - that comes from the experience of playing 12 years and getting a bit of knowledge in every game. You pick it up as you go along".

He is a South London boy, brought up in the Croydon/ Crystal Palace area but now living in

Leatherhead, Surrey. He credits his mum, Sought After, with his football career and changed his surname to hers - he was previously Moses Adimola - a few years ago. He played youth football in Eltham for Cray Wanderers but got noticed when he was 17 years old, playing in the Ryman South for Croydon Athletic.

Brentford took a chance on the teenager - with the £2,500 transfer fee paid for by the Bees fanzine 'Thorne in the Side', possibly a first for a Football League player. He played a part in Brentford's promotion from League Two that season with eight appearances.

"My first taste of pro football was an EFL Cup game at Swansea at the Liberty Stadium - Swansea were in the Championship and beat us 2-0 but I came on as sub and hit the crossbar almost straight away".

A lot of posts on the Bees' Fans Forum around that time attested to young Moses' potential. And the fans had effectively paid for him so they were keen for him to do well!

But he went out on loan to Woking, a move that was made permanent in 2012 and his goals helped the Cards to promotion from the Conference South.

Then it was on to Eastleigh, and then Dover (another promotion from the Conference South), and then on to Bromley where 35 goals in 82 games

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Moses (2nd right) claims Frankie Artus's own goal against Bath!

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...and here are a few snippets from
Torquay 2 Bromley 7, feat Moses!

Predictably, Bromley went behind early on, and it was all too easy. A free kick into the box, the right-back James Hurst leapt high above the defence, beating Palace's third-/fourth-choice keeper with a firm header, and that old, familiar feeling came over me.

This was Torquay United away. What was I expecting? A 5-0 win or something?

But you can't get too pessimistic when you've got Moses Emmanuel out on the pitch, and minutes after going behind, we were level. Moses got the ball on the right and, with the defender backing off, struck the ball sweetly past Lavercombe to make it 1-1.

And he hadn't finished. From a corner five minutes later, Torquay failed to clear and Moses was perfectly positioned to poke the ball home from a yard out.

Torquay 1 Bromley 2.

His third goal, on the half-hour mark, was the culmination of a brilliant move involving Anthony Cook, Louis Dennis and Ali Fuseini. Fuseini's shot was half cleared to Moses, who struck the ball cleanly into the roof of the net, giving him a first-half hat trick.

Torquay 1 Moses Emmanuel 3.

The Bromley fans were in football heaven. Apart from Pete, a fellow Leeds resident who told me before the game that we'd win, no one had seen this coming. The singing was louder than ever and the celebrations more exuberant.

But beneath the joy was a tinge of sadness. Moses was now the League's top scorer and bigger clubs would soon be chasing him. The January transfer window was going to be a very nervy time for Bromley fans.

Another nervy time was injury time, which always carried a great deal of stress for the seasoned Bromley follower. Our defence always seems to switch off, and today was no different. Deep into first-half injury time, Tyrone Marsh walked through and scored from close range.

Torquay 2 Bromley 3.

As the teams ran out for the second half, groans could be heard from several Bromley fans. Ben May, one of our two fit strikers, had been taken off injured and replaced up front by centre-back Jack Holland.

But as play got under way, it was soon apparent that the game had entered a parallel universe. Bromley suddenly clicked, and started playing out of their skins. It was all triangles and one-touch football. The movement was so fast at times that Torquay – that's Torquay United, who were in the Football League until recently – couldn't keep up.

This was as good as it got. Here I was, on a beautiful day on the English Riviera, watching the English Barcelona.

An inch-perfect Cook cross from the right was met by striker/centre-back/occasional midfielder Holland, who calmly side-footed home before uncalmly heading towards the delirious Bromley fans. They responded the only way they knew how, with a B-R-O, B-R-O, B-R-O-M-L-E-Y, which had somehow gone from being an ironic piss-take to a heartfelt goal celebration.

again helped the Ravens to the National League South title, and that memorable first season in the top division.

Do we sense a theme here?

"Well, my ambition, my objective now is just to win another promotion. The team is certainly good enough, the club is good enough and the fans are amazing... yes we can win promotion if we keep doing what we're doing.

"One game as it comes, and as I said we just can't wait for the next one!"

Torquay 2 Bromley 4.

From then on, Emmanuel, Cook and Dennis were at the centre of everything. Finding space, toying with the opposition defenders, and playing some lovely passing football. It was dizzying to watch.

After an hour there was yet another crude tackle on Cook outside the area, and another free kick. The keeper organized his defence, but Louis Dennis ran up and Mess'd the ball over the wall and into the top corner. It was now, unbelievably...

Torquay 2 Bromley 5.

Minutes later, before the 'Bromley Geezers' song had had a chance to die down, Jack Holland, who was having a great time playing up front, fed Cook who was chopped down in the box. The winger picked himself up and smashed the penalty powerfully past Lavercombe.

Torquay 2 Bromley 6.

The overwhelming feeling was one of pride. You can spend a lifetime following a team, sitting through hundreds if not thousands of Saturdays, and not see anything like this. And to think I nearly hadn't come. I felt the tension drain as I had the novel experience of knowing that Bromley were going to win, despite having twenty minutes left on the clock.

Then, after another fluid move, came the best goal of the lot. Holland once again got involved, setting up Fuseini who curled the ball from outside the box past the flailing keeper.

Torquay 2 Bromley 7.

I was feeling a bit emotional. This was a Bromley I'd dreamed about as a young boy. I took a picture of the scoreboard. It shows the Torquay United security guard staring at it, bemused. The keeper looks shellshocked. He was probably wondering if there were any vacancies at Poole Audi.

I was irrationally upset when Torquay got a consolation just before the end to make it 3-7.

The confidence among the players seemed to be stratospheric. Rob Swaine tweeted that 'If Moses Emmanuel doesn't get Player of the Month, I will cartwheel through Bromley High Street in a g-string.' I suspected that he wouldn't mind too much if Moses

missed out, as he didn't seem the shy retiring type. Another tweet reflecting the mood of the camp came from Anthony Cook. 'When Moses gets the ball anywhere near the box, don't think I'm making runs to receive the ball,' he wrote, 'I'm running to celebrate his goal.'

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Moses (2nd right) claims Frankie Artus's own goal against Bath!



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ADAM WILLIAMS

Supporters' Scene

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen. Approximately 34 years ago I started to venture to Lower Mead by myself. This of course being our former long term abode of which was sadly lost to development in 1991. I was around 12 years old and was finally at the age where I could start to escape the watchful eye of my parents. My Dad knew exactly what went on during games as he'd occasionally popped down there himself with me in tow.

The banter, passion and camaraderie on the terraces being something of which we were extremely well known for. We had also managed to build the best non league side in the country and were playing at a level that not so long ago seemed light years away. To be one step away from League football was taken for granted back then. We were in with the non league big boys and were only ever going to stay there. Had you shown any of our fans the involuntary road map of the next 30 odd years..... I'm really not sure what the reaction would have been! However, as I type, we are currently favourites to win the Conference South. Naturally, I think we are all extremely cautious (even after beating second placed Bath 7-0!). There are a handful of well-resourced competitors desperate to put a run together and knock us off of top position. Whichever way you look at it though, we stand a good chance of being promoted. Back to the level of which many of us took for granted. Back to the level of which you tend to play large towns, cities and ex Football League clubs as opposed to places that some have never heard of! I can actually recall first looking at the Isthmian Division Three constitution and scratching my head at some of the places we would be visiting. If and it's a big if, we manage to achieve promotion, then we

have effectively come full circle back to the point that my Wealdstone journey started from. It's probably fair to say the standard is much higher than it was back then. The vast majority of clubs are professional so we will have to step up to the plate in a number of areas.

There will clearly need to be some improvements to the ground. These will probably be highlighted at the forthcoming Supporters Club AGM. Obviously, funds will need to be raised for these improvements and I'm confident that the Supporters Club will be looking to assist in these matters. One thing I would also say is likely is a call to arms for assistance with the delivery of these improvements. Since we've moved to the Vale virtually every summer has seen varied numbers of volunteers help out with maintenance and improvements. This probably reached a peak in 2013 with the construction of the Bulla Stand. Over the period of a few weeks we probably had around 20 volunteers regularly laying and mixing concrete, wheelbarrowing and carrying out a number of other tasks. There's a very good chance we could be looking at a repeat performance this summer so watch this space for further announcements!

On a final note don't forget to visit the club shop at some point today. The guys in there do a fantastic job. Just remember the Supporters Club do donate a fair amount of money to the main club on an annual basis. So, every little purchase that you make helps. Not only have we got the best team in the league but we've now also got the best pick n mix in the league! Come and give it a chew.

Enjoy the game!

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Fan in the Stand

Today's featured fan, Martyn Edwards is a local resident who converted to watching the Stones just three years ago - and it's his birthday on Tuesday when we face Harrow Borough here at the Vale. Now, what would make the perfect present...

Your name and age? My name is Martyn Edwards - at the moment I'm 49 but soon to be 50 in 3 days' time on February 11.

Whereabouts do you live and for how long have you been there?

I live in Ruislip Gardens, only 30 mins walk to the Stones and lived there for 23 years.

First Stones games and memories?

My first game was Wealdstone vs Hungerford 22nd Apr 2017 - the last home game of the season, a 3-0 victory followed by a trip to the Middlesex charity cup final at Hanwell town vs Ashford. Unfortunately the Stones were not victorious.

First impressions of the club/ground etc?

My impression of the ground was very basic and disjointed at first, but it's actually perfect to be able watch close up and be near the players and coaching staff.

Who introduced you to the club?

My mate Steve introduced me to the club - I now go to all the games with his missus Ju-

He's seen Willian's hair first thing in the morning so nothing in football fazes Martyn!



Martyn's so tall he has to duck when he goes in the Turret End stand

lie, his brother Mark and his son Matthew. For years I've pestered my 2 daughters to go but unable to talk them around!

First player who was a favourite and why?

That was Eddie Oshodi because on a bank holiday game in the clubhouse I spoke with him and he chatted with my girls

and took photos - a very nice guy.

Do you go to away games too?

I try to make to most away games, being able to go seaside matches is great especially in the hot weather this year - went to Weymouth combining a couple of nights camping in Charmouth followed by that great 4-3 win. Last season it was off to Torquay with an early start travelling by train, and then the long drive to Bath for the play offs.... but so worth it.

Are you working, and where?

And for how long? I work for a company called Gaggenau, 25 years next month. I'm a service engineer for a German company which manufactures very high end domestic kitchen appliances, where a single oven would cost as much if not more than a complete set of appliances for any standard kitchen. I regularly visit famous footballers, recently been to Frank Lampard and Willian (above) - Willian had just got out of bed and his hair was no different :) In the past I've also visited the Beckhams at Beckingham Palace back in 2007.

Has it been easy to watch the stones with family commitments/work etc?

It's generally easy - my wife Debbie hates football and works on Saturdays, so I have to drag my two girls Ruby 14 and Poppy 12 to football... they don't mind coming in warmer months as they can look after themselves in the ground which

I consider safe for them to do so, but in colder months getting them to attend is difficult. On some away days I have to bribe them with a McDonalds on the way home! (We've all been there Martyn -Ed)

What would be your all-time favourite Wealdstone team (with reasons)?

Not really been going long enough for all-time favourite team, but favourites are the just-departed Northy No1 in goal, with Abobakar Eisa (superb goal of the season vs Weston-Super-Mare over two years ago) Danny Green and the solid Jerome Okimo.

What do you think of the club's online presence?

For online presence I regularly look at Wealdstone on Facebook and twitter for info, and visit the web site almost daily also being able to watch that goal I missed just before half time (when going to the bar for a beer) on YouTube.

Are you a fan of the current match programme and how does it compare with previous seasons?

The programme has always been the same for the time I have been going - compared to other clubs it's the best, lots of articles, interviews etc and not just full of adverts like other non-league programmes can be.

Does it have a future in print format?

Current format of programme is great as always better to have a paper copy, something to collect and an online programme would just not be the same.

What do you think of the bars/catering at the Vale?

Bar and catering are great, loads of bar staff always working so getting a beer is always quick, and the half time bar is excellent as no queuing for busy time at half time so don't miss start of 2nd half, and of course the children love Lynne's Gourmet Burgers... but I have to be nice as my work colleague's wife works there!

Have you ever followed another team? Most memorable games?

Before Wealdstone I could say I never really followed any one particular team, but when younger would say I supported Liverpool (my mates would say I supported any team who was top of the league). I remember going to Harrow town centre at

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WEALDSTONE v HUNGERFORD

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Jonathan North	Leifs Ward
Eddie Oshodi	Rhys Tyler
Ryan Sellers	Mike Jones
Claron Brown	Jon Boardman
Tom Hamblin	Matt Day (Captain)
Sam Cox (C)	Luke Williams
Danny Green	James Clark
Jonny Wright	Ian Herring
Joe White	Stefan Brown
Matt Whichelow	Warren Bentley
Daniel Fitchett	Louie Soares
Ricky Wellard	Harry Goodger
Elliot Banyon	Nat Jarvis
Nathan Mavila	Scott Rees
Wes Parker	Alan O'Brien
Aryan Tajbakhsh	Tom Meechan
David Hunt	Kallum Thomas
Scott McGleish	Conor Lynch
Liam Goulding	Freddie Gee

GREEN FOR GO
Stones' Danny Green leaps to celebrate his stunning goal in the 5-0 whitewash of Districts on Saturday. (Picture: STEVE FOSTER)

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The programme for Martyn's first Stones game... it was two and a half years ago but only one name survives in the current Wealdstone team: Danny Green

O'Neils pub to watch England in World Cup and European Cup games in the 1990's on the big screen and feeling deflated when we got knocked out.

I was born and raised in Wembley and remember hearing cheers from Wembley Stadium especially on FA cup final day and the BBC's Goodyear airship flying over the house.

What's the best Stones moment you recall? And most memorable game?

Most memorable game - before the amazing Havant and Bath City matches just gone - would have to be Billericay in the FA trophy on 29th Feb 2018 but don't mention the score - sorry Billericay, but hope we win today after losing at New Lodge last month.

My other memorable game was the last

game of last season where we had to win against Hemel Hempstead and three other teams to lose for Wealdstone to make the play off - and it seemed every fan was watching their phones. It seemed unthinkable but it happened! We were in the play offs for that great game against Bath only to then lose against Woking in last 10mins.

And finally... where do you think the club will be in five and ten years time? In five and ten years' time hopefully we make national league next year with automatic promotion, and try and climb the league. Possibly make it to the football league by the time ten years are up, though investment and infrastructure at Grosvenor Vale will be needed. But I'm sure the Stones can do it!

Who scored four goals as a second-half sub the last time Stones won a big league game 7-0 at home? See 'Rewind' later in this programme.....



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

Opposition in focus

Billericay Town Football Club was formed in 1880 making it the 11th oldest club in Essex. It moved into the Romford & District League in 1890 competing in this league until 1914.

After the 1st World War, BTFC entered the Mid-Essex League where they remained until 1947. Between 1947 and 1966 they played in the Southern Essex Combination League. In 1966 they became founder-members of the Essex Olympian League.

Five years later, in 1971, Billericay Town Football Club became founder-members of the Essex Senior League and the clubs six-year stay in that competition saw them win the Championship three times and be Runners-Up twice (and third the other season). The League Cup was won four times and they were Finalists once. In addition they won the League Challenge Cup the only time that it was competed for.

Whilst members of the Essex Senior League, the club won the FA Vase in 1976 beating Stamford 1-0 after extra-time at Wembley Stadium. The following season, 1976/1977, the club again reached the FA Vase Final. After a 1-1 draw at Wembley, the replay was played at Nottingham Forest F.C. Billericay Town emerged victorious with a 2-1 victory over Sheffield, reputedly the oldest club in the world.

Billericay Town also became the first Non-League club to win the Rothmans Merit Award in 1978 for "having made a worth-while contribution to the wide spectrum of the game in 1977/78" - the only club previously to have won this Award was Liverpool, the previous

season, when they were the European champions

Progressing to the Athenian League in 1977, Billericay won the Championship and the League Cup in their first season. They became Champions again in 1978/1979 and were elected into the Isthmian League.

Billericay Town became the first club to win the F.A.Vase for a third time in 1979 when they defeated Almondsbury Greenway 4-1. This match was notable for a hat-trick by Doug Young - the first hat-trick in a Cup Final at Wembley Stadium since Geoff Hurst's in the 1966 World Cup Final.

The Club then competed in the F.A.Trophy until 1989/1990 when the F.A.Vase was again entered and the Quarter-Final was reached, losing 0-1 to the eventual Finalists, Bridlington.

After their success in the Athenian League, Billericay's league successes continued in the Isthmian League when in their first season they won the Division 2 title with a winning margin of 17 points, scoring 100 goals in their 36 league matches. The following season, in Division 1, they finished as runners-up to Bishops Cleeve - the first time in the history of the Isthmian League that a club had won promotion in two successive seasons on entry into the League.

Billericay then had five seasons in the Premier Division before being relegated in 1986. They then spent two years in Division One before again being relegated - this time into Division Two North.

Following re-organisation of the League, Billericay finished in third place in the newly formed Division Two and so gained promotion to Division One. That season, 1991/1992, they

finished the season with an unbeaten run of 15 games, including winning the Essex Thames-Side Trophy.

Full Membership of the Football Association was achieved in 1993, twelve years after obtaining Associate Membership in 1981.

Promotion back to the Premier Division was obtained in 1998. The club finished runner-up in 2004.2005 before losing in the playoffs, they again reached the play-offs in 2006/2007. In what probably ranks as the most remembered game in recent years, Billericay beat local rivals Chelmsford in the semi-finals on penalties in front of a crowd of over 2,000. The final however ended with a less successful penalty shoot out and defeat to Bromley.

In November 2007, the club staged its biggest ever competitive game at New Lodge - reaching the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the third time, Billericay finally drew league opposition for the first time in the form of Swansea City. The Blues took a first half lead before going down to two late goals.

The 2010/11 season saw much local success. The first team lifted the Essex Senior Cup for the first time in 35 years and the club were in fact triple County winners as the youth development programme was rewarded with the Under 18 and Under 16 sides also winning their respective County Cup competitions. This success was built on in 2011/12 as the club finally secured promotion to the Blue Square Bet South as Ryman League Champions.

However, it proved to be a one season stay, despite a good start, the second half of the season was blighted by poor weather and despite hanging on until the penultimate game, a return to the Ryman league beckoned.

Subsequent seasons have seen the club steadily rebuild itself. A mid-table finish in 2013/14 was followed in 2014/15 by a respectable 8th place finish in the league and appearances in the final of the Essex Senior Cup and the semi final of the League Cup. The 2015/16 campaign saw the club enter April in the play-off places, eventually finishing 9th.

The club's profile changed in 2016 with new owners and the arrival of a number of new

recruits to the playing staff. A push for the play-offs fell just short but Town lifted the League Cup with a record 8-3 victory in the Final. This however provided a springboard to the clubs most successful season ever - runs to the first round proper of the FA Cup and to the last 8 of the FA Trophy were followed by a treble - retaining the Isthmian League, victory in the Essex Senior Cup, and finally in the 74th of 75 competitive game, the Isthmian league title to secure promotion.

2018/19 saw the club lead the National League South Division early on in the season and remain in the play off places all season until the final day off the season where they eventually finished 8th. The club also reached the 1st Round of the F.A.Cup earning a 1-1 draw at Chesterfield before losing the replay 3-1 at the AGP Arena.



RICAY FACTS

GROUND - New Lodge

CAPACITY - 5,000 (2,000 seated)

MANAGER - Jamie O'Hara

2018/19 - National League South 8th

PREVIOUSLY IN THE LEAGUE

A 07/01/20 **L** 3-1 **H** 25/02/19 **D** 1-1

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v BILLERICAY TOWN

P 20 W 3 D 7 L 10 F 21 A 29

BILLERICAY TOWN

FEMI AKINWANDE - MIDFILED

Recent signing from Braintree Town. Spent 9 years at Millwalls academy before moving on to Dartford. Other previous clubs include Fisher, Walton Casuals, Leatherhead, Maldon & Tiptree, Bishops Stortford, East Thurrock United and Concord Rangers and last season at Haringey Borough. Has also played in the football League for Colchester United. Scored on his debut at Tonbridge Angels back in December and has added another five goals to his total.

OSSAMA ASHLEY - MIDFIELD

20 year old midfielder currently on a short term loan from League One AFC Wimbledon where he has been a regular in their U23 side. The all-round midfielder was also previously a member of the Fulham academy as a youngster.

JACOB COOK - MIDFIELD

Made his debut in the away victory at Dulwich Hamlet back in November. Was a member of the Watford U18 title winning side in 2016 and his previous other clubs include Codicote, Kings Langley, Wealdstone and Hayes and Yeading

BRIAN GALACH - FORWARD

Polish born striker currently on loan from Crawley Town whom he signed for in 2018. Spent time as a youngster with Leyton Orient and has also been on the books of Aldershot Town.

NATHAN HARNESSESS - GOALKEEPER

20 year old goalkeeper currently on loan from Charlton Athletic. Previous clubs include West Ham United, Stevenage and Ipswich Town

RONNIE HENRY - DEFENDER

Summer signing from Stevenage where he holds the record for most number of appearances (502) in his two spells at the club. Was the first player to lift a competitive trophy at the new Wembley Stadium with Stevenage in May 2007 and has also represented the England C team on 4 occasions, twice as captain. Has also played for Dublin City and Luton Town. Ever present this season for Billericay Town scoring just

the one goal an injury time equaliser in the 2-2 draw with Slough Town.

HARRY HUDSON - DEFENDER

19 year old defender currently on a short term loan from Premier League Watford whom he joined in 2017 having previously been at West Ham United. Spent the early part of this season at Cray Wanderers on loan.

ORAN JACKSON - DEFENDER

21 year old defender who has just returned from playing out in Iceland for Urvalsdeild club IBV. Previous clubs include MK Dons and loan spells at both Hemel Hempstead Town and Brackley Town

ALAN JULIAN - GOALKEEPER

Alan joined Town in February 2017 from Bromley and has now played over 130 games keeping 40 clean sheets. Played 63 games during the 2017/18 season and was voted Players player of the season. He has represented Northern Ireland at Under 21 level. Previous clubs include Brentford, Stevenage Borough, Gillingham, Newport County, Dartford, and Sutton United. Scored his first ever goal this season when he headed a 93rd minute equaliser in the F.A.Cup tie at former club Sutton United.

THEMISTOKLIS KEFALAS -DEFENDER

19 year old defender currently on loan from Queens Park Rangers for whom he signed for in January 2019. Had previously spent two years at Haringey Borough. Scored his first goal for the club in the recent 1-1 draw with Chelmsford City.

CALLUM KENNEDY - DEFENDER

Signed in the summer of 2018 from AFC Wimbledon. Broke through at Swindon Town before moving on to Gillingham, Rotherham, Scunthorpe, Leyton Orient and 80 games with Wimbledon. Scored his one and only goal for Town in the 3-2 win against St Albans City last season.

WHO'S WHO?

ACEA LAURANT - MIDFIELD

Athletic midfielder who joined the club in the summer having appeared as a trialist during pre-season.

DOUG LOFT - MIDFIELD

Midfielder with plenty of experience having played over 300 games in the Football League for Brighton & Hove Albion, Dagenham & Redbridge, Port Vale, Gillingham and Colchester United scoring 25 goals along the way. Scored his first Billericay Town goal in the defeat at Maidstone United back in October and added another in the draw at Dorking Wanderers during January..

DEJON NOEL-WILLIAMS - FORWARD

Striker who signed from Wealdstone in January 2020 and scored on his debut at Bath City. Spent some time last season out on loan at Gloucester City and Slough Town having been at Oxford United and the Watford youth academy.

BEN NUNN - DEFENDER

29 year old defender having signed from National League side Dagenham & Redbridge in the summer where he had made 46 appearances over the past couple of seasons. Previous clubs include Boreham Wood, Chelmsford City, Bishops Stortford and Cambridge City

JAMIE O'HARA - MIDFIELD / MANAGER

Jamie joined Billericay Town in March 2017 His first goal for the club was a spectacular overhead kick which he described it as the best goal of his career. A pro career of over 220 games included spells at Tottenham Hotspur, Portsmouth, Wolves, Blackpool, Gillingham and Fulham. Appointed player manager in August 2019. Three substitute appearances so far this season..

OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

ANDREW OSEI-BONSU - MIDFIELD

Midfielder who came through the MK Dons youth academy as a youngster before moving into the development squad where he played for the first team in the EFL Cup and EFL Trophy. Has also played for Dunstable Town and Irish NIFL championship club Larne.

JACK PAXMAN - MIDFIELD

2018/19 Transfer deadline signing from Maidstone United where he had been since 2015 having joined them from Witham Town. An attacking midfielder who has also had a loan spell with Southend United,

ALFIE POTTER - MIDFIELD

Signed in August 2018 and made his debut as a substitute in the 1-1 draw with Concord Rangers. Made over 200 appearances in the football League for Peterborough United, Oxford United, AFC Wimbledon, Northampton Town and Mansfield Town scoring 23 goals. Whilst at Oxford United scored a last minute goal at Wembley in the Conference play-off final to secure Oxford's return to the Football League. Scored his first League goal for the club in the recent draw with Tonbridge Angels

LOUIS RAMSAY - DEFENDER

Began his career at Tottenham Hotspur before joining Norwich City where he featured for the U18's & U23's. Spent 2017/18 season on loan at Woking before joining Leicester City in 2018.

JAKE ROBINSON - FORWARD

Jake joined Town from Hemel Hempstead in March 2017 for a then record fee. A highly successful 2017-18 season saw Jake score 59 goals in all competitions. Spent 6 years with home town club Brighton making 123 appearances, and later played at Aldershot, Shrewsbury, Torquay and Northampton. Last season scored 16 goals before being sold to Maidstone Utd in December 2018 before returning to the club in March 2019.

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CHELMSFORD CITY Tuesday, 25th February Vanarama National League South	Sports and Trophies	Available
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WEYMOUTH Easter Monday, 13th April Vanarama National League South	In memory of Harry Leigh	Available
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN Saturday, 25th April Vanarama National League South	Available	Available

Saturday 25th January 2020 - Grosvenor Vale
National League South - Attendance 1,343



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LINE-UP

Oxborough
Efete
Mendy
Clifford
Stevens
Okimo
Charles
Smith
Emmanuel
Green
Lewis
Subs:
Lafayette
Isted
Coombes
Watt
Phillips

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Manager Dean Brennan made one change to the starting line-up which produced a brilliant performance and comeback to defeat promotion contenders Havant & Waterlooville last Saturday. Norwich City loanee shot stopper Aston Oxborough, fresh from extending his loan until the end of the season, replaced Harry Isted in goal for the Stones.

The Stones took the lead in superb fashion in the 14th minute, as Aston Oxborough lofted a diagonal free kick towards the far post, which was initially cleared by the Romans; however, midfielder Clifford latched onto the loose ball and unleashed a sublime low drive from outside of the box into the bottom corner past Clarke, sending the home side into a deserved lead.

Wealdstone doubled their advantage in the 23rd minute, as Danny Green whipped a delightful free kick into the box, which was converted home by a Bath City player for an own goal. Clifford nearly trebled the Stones' lead in the 29th minute, as he smashed a fantastic effort from long range, with only the woodwork denying him an early brace. In the 40th minute, Wealdstone were agonisingly close to adding another goal, as tenacious work and a splitting pass from Clifford, released Michee Efete on the right wing, who hit a fierce effort, which fizzed past the crossbar. The Stones' dominance prevailed again in the 42nd minute, as set-piece specialist Green curled in another excellent delivery from a corner, which was met by defender Connor Stevens, who rose highest to power his header into the top corner past Clarke, enhancing Wealdstone's lead before the stroke of half time. With a three goal cushion, the Stones started the second half in a potent manner, attacking the Romans from the outset, as they looked to continue on the front foot and extend

their lead. Wealdstone were duly rewarded for their attacking impetus and cohesive play as they quadrupled their lead in the 54th minute. Moses Emmanuel raced clear on the right wing and combined effortlessly with Lewis, who took one touched and rocketed a brilliant shot into the top corner past Clarke. Despite the score line, the Stones continued to press for another goal and capitalised in the 61st minute, as the influential Clifford turned provider again, releasing Lewis on the left wing to drill his shot past Clarke, and seal his brace.

Seven minutes later, Lewis went on another trademark mazy run down the right flank, skipping past a number of Bath City defenders in the process; the ball eventually fell to Green, who despatched a driven effort past Clarke for the Stones' sixth goal.

Substitute Phillips made an instance impact for the Stones, scoring shortly after his introduction as Clifford flashed a low ball across the face of the goal, and Phillips coolly tapped in at the far post, sending the Stones into seventh heaven.



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LINE-UP

Clarke
Riley-Lowe
Smith
Bowry
Artus
Mann
Chilvers
Brunt
Ball
Pearson
Hartridge
Subs:
Stearn
Wiles-Richards
Simpson
Britton

WEALDSTONE U18's
SAMBA YOUTH LEAGUE 2019/20



2019 / 2020 FIXTURES & RESULTS

AUGUST	Opposition	Competition	Result
Wednesday 28th	BEDFONT SPORTS	League	W 3-0
SEPTEMBER			
Wednesday 4th	CB HOUNSLOW UNITED	FA Youth Cup P	W 2-1
Wednesday 11th	Hayes & Yeading United	League Cup P	0 - 0 W 5-4 P
Wednesday 18th	NORTHWOOD	FA Youth Cup 1Q	W 4-1
OCTOBER			
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
NOVEMBER			
Wednesday 20th	WOKING	League Cup 1R	W 1-0
DECEMBER			
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
JANUARY			
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	P-P
FEBRUARY			
Monday 3rd	Uxbridge	League	L 2-1
Wednesday 5th	STAINES TOWN	League	P-P
Wednesday 12th	NORTHWOOD	League	
Monday 17th	Aldershot Town	League	
Wednesday 26th	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	League	
MARCH			
Wednesday 4th	Bracknell Town	League	
Wednesday 11th	UXBRIDGE	League	
Monday 16th	CAMBERLEY TOWN	League	
Wednesday 25th	Staines Town	League	
APRIL			

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 NORTHWOOD



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STONES' MOST SHOCKING WINS



REWIND SPECIAL BY TIM PARKS

So, to the big question.. Have we EVER racked up such a dazzling win in a top-of-the-table game?

Two weeks on from that stellar performance against Bath City here at the Vale, we thought we'd try something different for this 'Rewind' feature... yes, it's the all-time stonking wins for the Stones.

The reality is, however, that never before has a 1st v 2nd League encounter ended up in such a resounding win in Wealdstone history. It truly was a one-off, with the icing on the cake the fact that it was watched by the biggest home crowd for a league match since 1988. That game was the other end of the spectrum - a 6-0 defeat by Barnet in our last Conference National season.

First off, let's get some reaction from Stones fans, players and luminaries, both by word, email and from the Fans Forum...

GEORGE DUCK, Wealdstone goalscoring hero of the 70s (and who also spent a short time on loan at Bath) was at the game with our ex keeper John Morton: 'I said to Morty at the end, I've never seen a non-league team play like that for 90 minutes. They were so quick and clever with pace everywhere, up front and at the back. That was as close as you can get to a perfect performance... and when you play really well the goals don't always

come but that display was so impressive I couldn't hold back the emotion - I was up out of my seat when every goal went in!

As the manager knows though, we have to do that now every week as you're only as good as your last performance... and we were f*****g brilliant!"

MARK STILLMAN (Bath City Press officer, in an email on the Sunday morning) 'I woke up half an hour ago. Dreamt that my team got annihilated by the league leaders and barely had a kick. One of those days where we were useless for whatever reason and Wealdstone had the game of their life.

"Go on and win that league now. If Havant do I'll feel sick - your club do things the right way and yesterday, in the press box you wouldn't have known who had won or lost 7-0. I remember things like that, and it was the same after our play-off defeat to you last season"

MARTIN POWELL (a long-time Bath fan who



'Majestic' Billy Clifford rose to the occasion and totally ran the game.. and he scored from outside the box!

was a school teacher in Pinner in the 1980s): "I saw quite a bit of the Stones during their glory days 35 years ago and I don't remember a performance like yesterday's. As for big City defeats, well we lost 7-1 in the

Trophy to East Thurrock the year before they were promoted - as they were lower level that was more of a shock than yesterday. We've had a few hammerings in the league over the years but not when we've been high placed in the table and on a good run.

PETER JOHN-BAPTISTE on the Forum: 'I have to agree with Charlie. Some of the football was sublime. All the little one-tuos and triangles. Beautifully simple... simply beautiful.

DARREN LINDEN (also on the forum): 'That was the complete performance from the best Stones side since the double winners of 1985. The quality was astonishing and Bath can have no excuses, they were blown away by the pace, tempo and ability we had on the ball. Billy Clifford was majestic - he

ran the game from the first minute until the last but that shouldn't detract from everyone else who were flawless. Bath looked punch drunk with no answer to what we threw at them. Brennan, Maynard and the current board deserve a huge amount of credit for what they've managed to put together on the pitch... I never thought I'd see a Stones side with so much quality playing such attractive football. If last weekend was like following a Football League club, today was like watching a Football League side.

'ROYAL BLUE' (another on the busy forum): "Yes, an astonishing performance and indeed atmosphere. The Romans absolutely routed by the best Wealdstone FC football ever seen. We should remind ourselves that Bath had only conceded 23 goals in 26 league games before today - the tightest defence of them all. Today, they took it seven times and the manner of it.. Great scenes, special scenes - some new fans, young fans and the rest of us in a little bit of shock at those numbers on the scoreboard. Maybe, just maybe we sense the possibility, the dream of a return to the top flight of non-league football after 32 years. Much to do yet but undeniably some momentum is building and clean sheets will prevail. A wonderful afternoon for the whole club. Seriously, well bloody done!

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Holy Grail at the Vale: A 1st half we'll never forget



Bill Clifford (4) smacks in the first

1-0



Frankie Artus own goal makes it 2-0

2-0



...and Connor Smith headed in for 3-0

3-0

STONES' MOST SHOCKING WINS CONTINUED...

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SUDHIR RAWAL (also via the Forum): "Darren mentioned that this was our best performance since the Conference days; I'd certainly say that you need to go back to 1997 when we played Braintree in the Ryman League Div 3 at the White Lion Ground for a performance of this nature in a game of such importance. Braintree came to the WLG in second place, just as Bath did today, and were blown away 6-0 on a fiery night in front of 411 fans!

Today we were magnificent, carrying on from the second half against Havant last week. We annihilated them, tore into them from the off, the crowd was up for it from the start as well, as we murdered them. They may have lost their will to win in the second half but we tore them ragged in the first with a stellar performance.

When you consider Bath's travelling support, there were over 1,200 home fans at the Vale. Perfect storm in that most of the local London pro clubs weren't playing - or were at Hull in Chelsea's case for a late kick off.

Many more performances like this and we could well be welcoming Barnet for a league game!

'SIGN HIM UP' (another one on the Forum):

"That performance yesterday was simply breathtaking! Just wow! I'm not sure we've seen a better performance from any team in the National League South since we got promoted. Torquay were very good at our place last season, Bromley and Sutton both very good the season they won the league but we were simply rock solid at the back and absolutely devastating going forward. Bath seem to be pointing the finger very firmly at themselves but to be honest I don't think any

'Simply devastating.. the perfect storm.. an overwhelming display that's so hard to beat'

team in our division would've fared any better against the quality we showed yesterday.

Hard to really pick a stand out performer but for me Connor Smith these last two games has been the catalyst. Been exactly the kind of player I expected him to be when we signed him, and he allows Billy Clifford to get forward and do what he does best. The midfield trio of Smith, Charles and Clifford is seriously effective. Phillips may find it hard to break back in.

Also great to have Danny Green back in the side and on his game as he links things together very nicely and I noticed at Havant how vocal he is organising things in our own box at corners. Next Saturday can't come soon enough! UTS!!!

MICK FISHMAN (long-time Stones fan who is definitely NOT on the Forum): "Was this the greatest-ever performance?? Tricky. Football is a human, emotional and subjective game. What are the measures? Skill, intensity, passion, the level of the opposition, the particular circumstances? Possibly all of those things.

My time of supporting Wealdstone

stretches back to 1963. The Isthmian League of my formative years was made up of small number of very good sides, a number of reasonable teams and a handful of clubs fielding players not up to standard required. The Wealdstone teams of that period did not need to pull out exceptional performances to thrash certain teams. One oddity was our 7-0 thumping of a very good Wycombe Wanderers towards the end

of the 1966/67 season (mentioned on the next pages). For passion and intensity, few matches could get near the FA Cup encounter between the Stones and Stevenage Town in 1965. Stevenage were a decent semi-pro club and we were a very good amateur side. It was a bruising encounter and despite Town having their talisman creator, the ex-Spurs star Johnny Brookes, sent off before half time, they were leading 5-3 with just 7 minutes left. The drive, commitment and skill the team demonstrated to pull it back and win 6-5 was just fantastic. It was one of those magic afternoons at Lower Mead in front of over 2,500 spectators when the baying home crowd were effectively sucking the ball into the opposition's net.

Wealdstone teams handed out the very occasional 7 goal drubbing in the 1970s. The game following the heroic 4-3 defeat to Aldershot in the FA Cup in 1975 saw the Stones hammer Gravesend & Northfleet 7-1. The following season A P Leamington

were thrashed at Lower Mead (7-2) but both of these games were between essentially mid-table teams with no more than league points riding on the outcome. Arguably the finest performance by a Wealdstone team that decade was the wonderful 3-2 win over Hereford United (then in the old 3rd division) in an FA Cup replay. But a different score, totally different competition and different circumstances to the Bath game.

The 1980s saw some wonderful Wealdstone performances and victories that left the fans of the time buzzing, but it is difficult to bring to mind anything quite as overwhelming as the 7-0 Bath destruction.

There is perhaps just one match that gets close to what was witnessed a couple of weeks ago. The 1st v 2nd encounter v Braintree Town in

February 1997 (also featured over-

page) But was it as good as Wealdstone's 7-0 battering of Bath City? Well, as the son of God, George Duck, opined after the Bath game, "Out-played, out-paced, out-thought - a complete domination and the total performance. My utmost privilege to be there. The most outstanding 90-plus minutes I've EVER seen in the non-league game".

Who would dare disagree with the great man? Not me!

OVERPAGE: THREE OF THE BEST...



Outstanding:
Connor
Smith

...and it got even better after the break!



Dennon Lewis decided to get among the goals with a right-foot blast....



...and then one with his left to make it 5-0



Greenie banged in from 20 yards for six



...and Michael Phillips rounded it off after Billy Clifford was denied another goal

STONES' MOST SHOCKING WINS CONTINUED...

REWIND
08.02.2020

And now... a look at a few of the most sensational Stones wins of all time. Starting with the closest comparison to the Bath City Annihilation, 23 years ago...

1997
Isthmian League Div 3
Stones 6
Braintree 0

An extraordinary performance brought this extraordinary result against our main challengers for the Isthmian Division Three title on a cold Tuesday night in February 1997.

For many Stones fans - even long in the tooth ones like me - this was the most fired-up and committed performance ever witnessed from a Wealdstone side.

Eighteen months earlier, our club had decided that the only way out of our financial mess was to leave the Southern League and take voluntary relegation two divisions lower to the Ryman (Isthmian) bottom rung. We hadn't bounced straight up into Div Two, as many had predicted, but just missed out and were thus in a division now strengthened by clubs like Braintree who had followed an identical path to our own.

Gordon Bartlett, in his second season in charge, was under real pressure to deliver promotion - and a 2-0 defeat at Braintree's Cressing Road ground just before Christmas (which punctured a Stones run of 12 successive wins) reintroduced negative thoughts that we would miss out again.

So we had a lot to prove when the Essex side visited the White Lion ground (where we were ground sharing with landlords Edgware Town)... but no one could have predicted the fire and brimstone that greeted the arrival of The Iron.

Our Press Officer at that time, Graham Sharpe, had been watching the Stones for about 40 years and immediately stuck this match in his top five games of all time. In his article reproduced opposite, he

Wealdstone 6 Braintree 0 what a fabulous night that was at the White Lion!

suggests that Braintree keeper Paul Catley (who had apparently baited the large contingent of Stones fans at Cressing Road) was largely responsible for the inspirational performance of skipper Fergus Moore and his men.

You could sense the mood of the players as soon as the game kicked off. Braintree had done themselves no favours by bizarrely sacking their manager a day or two before the game - just after he'd won the Manager of the Month award, of course - and they were missing injured top scorer Wade Falana. But the Stones tore into them from the start and the vociferous 411 crowd (our biggest of the season so far) were under the 'Kennel' cover and baying for a goal. The unbelievably one-sided first half was only 13 minutes old when Bryan Hammatt turned in a Simon Garner cross-shot for 1-0... and after a whole succession of missed chances and excellent goalkeeper (it has to be said) by the aforementioned Mr Catley, we finally went in 2-0 ahead when centre back Roy Marshall bulletted in a header

from Steve Bircham's cross.

Mick Vincent, in his Supporters Club notes the following week, pointed out that the Change of Hart regulars would have been happy with a draw before the game. And certainly wanted the game to end at half time. But what a half we would have been denied then!


Braintree tried to rally but the impressive Paul McKay set up the equally-impressive Terry Hibbert to fire in a third goal just five minutes into the

second half. Ten minutes later, Catley was at fault (oh joy!) when trying to hang onto a ferocious Fergus Moore drive and Garner pounced for 4-0. On 72 minutes, Garner - having the time of his life - banged in No.5 from a Hammatt cross and by this time, as the ball ricocheted around their goalmouth, Braintree were just begging for the game to stop.

Finally, disappointingly, it did, but not before Tony Smith had rocketed in a sixth goal that left Catley on his knees. And strangely subdued.



MEET THE PLAYERS
No. 9 Eddie Dillsworth



Eddie Dillsworth came to us at the start of the 1964/65 season having been previously with Fulham. He was born in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Played at Wembley last season in the Amateur Cup Final which was also his twentieth birthday. This means that he is twenty-one tomorrow, so let's have a special cheer for him today.

Has played in most positions for us, left-half being his best spot. Played for Alexander Boys' Club. Was in the Middlesex Juniors team in 1964. Occupation: Despatch Manager. Height 5 ft. 11 1/2 ins. Weight 13 stn. Likes Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis and also plays Snooker.

Eddie has played many fine games for us, and is a great favourite with the crowd.

Wycombe are walloped by devastating Dillsworth

1967
Isthmian League
Stones 7
Wycombe 0

April 15 1967, Isthmian League: Wealdstone 7 Wycombe Wanderers 0

For those among us who were watching Wealdstone back in the 1960s (and there are still a few dozen) this match back in April 1967 will resonate with the immensity of the win over Bath. And it was extraordinary in many ways.

The Stones were celebrating the exact anniversary of winning the FA Amateur Cup at Wembley - still considered to be the peak of Wealdstone-

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WEALDSTONE v. WYCOMBE WANDERERS
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STONES' MOST SHOCKING WINS CONTINUED...

REWIND
08.02.2020

DILLSWORTH THE DEPUTY SCORES GREAT HAT-TRICK

Wealdstone 7, Wycombe Wanderers 0

CELEBRATING the first anniversary of their Amateur Cup triumph Wealdstone recovered some of their faded glory by crushing championship-chasing Wycombe Wanderers 7-0 before a faintly incredulous crowd at Lower Mead on

It was a double celebration for Eddie Dillsworth, one of Wealdstone's heroes when he spent the afternoon of his 20th birthday at Wembley Stadium, but on Saturday, the eve of his 21st, relegated to 12th man.

Dillsworth's chance came when Hugh Lindsay, who had been showing every sign of returning to his real form, limped off the field with a damaged leg at the interval and did not return.

Colossus

No substitute can have seized his unexpected opportunity with more brilliance. Dancing up and down the Wycombe territory like a feather-footed Colossus, Dillsworth crashed in a hat-trick inside 25 minutes and then delivered the final blow in his reeling opponents in the dying stages of a fantastic game.

Almost with his first kick Dillsworth banged a shot past Maskell to make the score 3-0, Wycombe having failed to clear Townsend's free-kick and in the 69th minute he seized on a slip by Rundle and, racing up to Baker, beat him brilliantly to score again from close in.

That was from the right-wing. A minute later he was over on the left and almost in his own half when the ball came loose, Wycombe stood appealing for offside but, flagged on by a linesman, Dillsworth covered almost half the length of the field before flashing another cross-shot into the net and so completing his second hat-trick for the club.

Injured

By this time Wycombe were losing their heads and after speaking to Rundle for a ferocious foul on Childs the referee "booked" another Wycombe defender. Taking the free-kick himself, Childs crashed the ball into the defensive wall, whence it bounced past Maskell for the sixth goal.

But it was his last contribution to the match for he immediately left the field with a badly bruised shoulder leaving Wealdstone to play for the last 15 minutes with only 10 men.

In this period Wycombe should have scored twice through Merrick, but Dillsworth had the last word, again bobbing up in the middle to seize his chance when the Wycombe defence failed to clear.

Confident

Wycombe, approaching the game with confidence following a 4-2 mid-week win over Hendon, were not as outplayed as the score suggests, but they were never really in with a chance once Lindsay had given Wealdstone a 80-second lead.

Played outside when a defender deflected Bremer's pass, Lindsay went on smoothly to score and although Wycombe afterwards ran hard they made so little impression on a firm Wealdstone defence that most of their scoring efforts came from right-half Gale and these were competently dealt with by Hlythe, who played with ever-increasing confidence and surety of touch.

Collision

Finding that the ball was beginning to run for them at last Wealdstone maintained the pressure with some intricate forward movements and increased their lead in the 20th minute when combination between Quick, Bremer and Lindsay ended with Childs side-footing the latter's knee-high pass into the net.

In the 36th minute Lindsay collided with Maskell and as they both fell to the ground the goalkeeper rolled on the leg that the England international injured earlier in the season. Off the field for four minutes, he returned but could not run and had to retire at half-time.

All the Wealdstone team showed improved form, with Dave Leonard having his best game ever in the season, coping well with Worley, Wycombe's most dangerous forward.

WEALDSTONE: M. Blithe, M. Durré, D. Leonard, C. Thomas, G. Quick, S. Bremer, S. Moore, R. Hargre, R. Childs, H. Lindsay, R. Worrley, H. Rundle, G. Gale, P. Bremer, B. Baker, I. Rundle, C. Gale, L. Worley, V. Baker, L. Merrick, K. Samuels, P. Baker.

Left: the Harrow Observer reports on Eddie's finest hour while (below) he gallops through the Hendon defence at Wembley. Inset pictures: Eddie (No.6) enjoys the post-match celebrations. Bottom picture: Walking out of the Wembley tunnel with Charlie Townsend



watching for those of that vintage, but they were having a pretty dismal season mid-table in the Isthmian League and the visit of title-chasing Wycombe filled many with dread.

Yet, like a fortnight ago, we took our chances brilliantly. And finished off the Wanderers with an unsurpassed cameo appearance on Eddie Dillsworth, our powerful midfielder who had been a star of the Amateur Cup-winning Stones on his 20th birthday.

So here he was, on the bench the day before his 21st and probably feeling a bit miffed. But he certainly made his mark! Four goals in 45 minutes cemented his place in Stones' history, and club statistician Pete Worby tells me that Dillsworth played in 36 of our 38 Isthmian League matches that season but only scored four goals ... all in that one half of a game!

And night the rampant blues buried poor Gravesend...

November 1975, Southern League Prem: Wealdstone 7 Gravesend & Northfleet 1

This bolt from the blue, 45 years ago, was the climax of a breathtaking week for the Stones - yes, a bit like following up the 4-2 win at Havant with that Bath mauling.

The previous Saturday had seen an exhilarating FA Cup First Round trip to Aldershot (in those days mid table in the equivalent of League One) that ended in an unlucky 4-3 defeat. I remember feeling so proud of that display - and then thrilled when we took out the frustration of an unjust defeat on Gravesend at Lower Mead on the Tuesday night.

It's the closest I've ever seen to the irresistible force of our display against Bath. Gravesend (now rebranded as Ebbsfleet Utd) were a decent Southern League side but we swept them aside, seemingly every shot flying past shell-shocked keeper Cowan.

But it couldn't last. Eddie Presland's outfit were a Jeckyll and Hyde side and he was sacked within four months with that same XI looking odds-on for relegation. They survived... but only just, thanks to Dunstable's resignation.

WEALDSTONE (4) 7
(Royal Blue & White)

1. John Morton
2. Chris Kinnear 1gl
3. John Watson
4. Paul Fairclough
5. Sammy McHale
6. John Lewis 1gl
7. Bobby Moss 1gl
8. Ray Fulton
9. Bill Byrne 2 gls
10. George Duck 1gl
11. John Henderson 1gl
12. To be announced

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GRAVESEND & NORTHFLEET (O) 1

(Red Shirts, White Shorts)

1. J. Cowan
 2. A. Weston
 3. L. Hall
 4. B. Embery
 5. K. Pearce
 6. K. Burrett
 7. P. Jeffery
 8. M. Angel
 9. C. Norman
 10. J. Thurgood
 11. B. Woolfe
 12. R. Hutchins
- Linesmen:

Wealdstone began on Tuesday evening where they left off at Aldershot on Saturday as they blitzed Gravesend with three classic goals inside a quarter-of-an-hour at Lower Mead before going on to record their best ever League win since turning pro more than four years ago.

And the seven goal destruction, achieved against one of the meaneast defences in the Southern League, lifts 'Stones into fifth spot in the Premier Division table as a resounding encore to their weekend Cup exploits.

Playing with complete understanding and assurance 'Stones demolished Gravesend with a series of rapier thrusts that left the visitors a dazed and bemused outfit.

And the margin of victory

1975
Southern League
Stones 7
Gravesend 1

vindicates manager Eddie Presland's stubborn refusal to make wholesale changes in the knowledge that in the end his players would produce the goods.

Ironically, though, the match was also a marvelous baptism for new boy Sammy McHale at centre-half, who almost scored with his first touch for the club when he headed over in under a minute.

ROUT
But less than 60 seconds later the rout began when John Henderson wriggled free on the right and slipped the ball out to Chris Kinnear whose cross was met superbly on the volley by Bill Byrne.

After nine minutes Gravesend fell further behind to an even better goal which again stemmed from a Kinnear cross. This time George Duck hooked the full-back's pass over to Byrne who shielded it from two defenders before feeding Ray Fulton.

The midfielder drove the ball across to Bobby Moss who laid it back to John Lewis to hit a first time drive into the top of the net to complete a six man move.

And 'Stones continued the bombardment when Byrne rose free to head Fulton's free-kick firmly home to make it 3-0 with just 13 minutes gone.

Making the ball do the work and always keeping men available Wealdstone's one touch football, founded on the close, quick skills of Moss and Byrne, looked like piling up a cricket score at this stage.

SLACKENED
But although they netted again after 19 minutes through Duck the effort was disallowed for offside and the pace slackened.

But by the time Gravesend, who gave 'Stones far too much room, started to play football, they were dead and buried.

'Stones' keeper John Morton

had more trouble dealing with McHale's wayward back passes than Gravesend's forwards had had an easy night after Saturday's traumas.

But McHale, if hesitant on the ground in new surroundings, gave a powerful aerial display.

And after several near misses 'Stones grabbed another six minutes from the break when Kinnear, pressing forward again, broke inside and surprised everybody, including the miserable Cowan in goal, with a 20 yard drive that zipped home.

MELLEE
And the centre-forward figured in the fifth goal after 58 minutes when he again rose head and shoulders above the defence to send a header whipping against a post for Moss to beat a melee of players to the ball to push it over.

Four minutes later Byrne apparently got the hat-trick he strived desperately hard for with another header but as the referee turned to signal a goal up went the linesman's flag for hand ball.

And Gravesend briefly came back to life after 77 minutes when Martin Blanks, in only his second game for the Kent club, charged through to ram a low drive past Morton.

But if Byrne was finally thwarted 'Stones weren't and the gap between the teams opened up into a chasm after 85 minutes when Cowan missed his punch from Lewis' lob out to Duck who cracked his 20th League and Cup goal of the season high into the net.

Seconds later Henderson banged the final nail into Gravesend's coffin when he ghosted through a shambling defence, rounded Cowan and planted the ball home for number seven.

Wealdstone: Morton; Kinnear, Fairclough (Sub: Eglin 77 mins.), McHale, Watson, Lewis, Moss, Fulton; Duck, Byrne, Henderson.



APPEARANCES

2019/2020 FIRST TEAM, up to & inc. @ 1/02/2020

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

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	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	
Cadogan, Kieron										1	1				1	1		1	1		1
Charles, Ashley	7	6		2					2			1			10	8		10	8		
Clifford, Billy	24	1	6	5	1		1		1	1	1	1			32	1	8	32	1	8	
Coker, Afolabi		3		1								1			1	4	1	1	4	1	
Coombes, Adam	2	2	1						1						3	2	1	3	2	1	
Edjenguele, William	8								2						10					10	
Efete, Michee	25	5		5	1		1								31	6		31	6		
Ekongo, Enoch												1			1			1			
Emmanuel, Moses	3	2													3	2		3	2		
Everett, Lewis												1				1				1	
Green, Danny	20	6	5	4			1		1	1					26	6	6	164	20	38	
Isted, Harry *	10								2						12					12	
Jebb, Jack	5	5					1		1						6	6			6	6	
Lafayette, Ross	20	4	10	5	3		1	1	1	1					27	4	15	33	12	16	
Lewis, Dennon	25	2	8	5	2		1								31	2	10	31	2	10	
Lopes, Eric									2	2		1			3	3		3	3		
Matsuzaka, Daniel *									1						1			1			
McCoy, Oliver									1	2					1	2		1	2		
McLennan, George	1			1											2				2		
Mendes, Douglas												1			1			1			
Mendy, Jacob	17	7	7	4	1	2		1	1	1		1			23	10	9	23	10	9	
Noel-Williams, Dejon *	2	4	3					1	1	2	1				4	5	6	4	5	6	
North, Jonathan *	1	1					1								2	1		392	2		
Okimo, Jerome	26	3		5			1	1							32	4		177	5	7	
Oxborough, Aston	16			5											21			21			
Phillips, Michael	24	1	4	5			1		1						31	1	4	31	1	4	
Ringer, Joe												1			1			1			
Roberts, Phillip *	6														6			6			
Sartorius, Elliott									1						1			1			
Saunders, Matt											1				1			1			
Sheppard, Jake	3	13		1								1			4	14		44	20	4	
Shomotun, Fumnaya	1								1	1					1	1	1	10	6	4	
Smith, Connor	12	4		2	3		1		1						16	7		38	18	5	
Stevens, Connor	26	2		5			1		1						33	2		75	8		
Watt, Sanchez	4	8		2	3	1			1	1	1				8	11	3	8	11	3	



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Harrow Borough

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CHARITY CUP 2ND ROUND
Tuesday, 11th February, 7:45pm

Brentford 'B'

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP SEMI-FINAL
Tuesday, 18th February, 7:45pm

Dorking Wanderers

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Saturday, 22nd February, 3:00pm
£9 entry for Premier / EFL season ticket holders

Chelmsford City

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Tuesday, 25th February, 7:45pm
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AWAY

Eastbourne Borough

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Saturday, 15th February, 3:00pm
www.ebfc.co.uk | @EBFCTheSports

Dartford

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Saturday, 29th February, 3:00pm
www.dartfordfc.com | @DartfordFC

Tonbridge Angels

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Tuesday, 3d March, 7:45pm
www.tonbridgeangels.co.uk | @TonbridgeAngels

Chippenham Town

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Saturday, 14th March, 3:00pm
pitchero.com/clubs/chippenhamtown/ | @ChipTownFC

Vanarama National League South – Table @ 6th February

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	27	19	2	6	60	31	13	12	0	1	31	9	14	7	2	5	29	22	29	59	--	--
2 Havant & Waterlooville	27	15	8	4	56	33	13	6	3	4	24	18	14	9	5	0	32	15	23	53	1-4	4-2
3 Slough Town	28	15	7	6	42	27	15	9	4	2	21	11	13	6	3	4	21	16	15	52	2-1	1-2
4 Weymouth	29	14	9	6	48	30	14	9	2	3	27	14	15	5	7	3	21	16	18	51		4-3
5 Bath City	28	14	8	6	43	30	14	9	4	1	25	10	14	5	4	5	18	20	13	50	7-0	0-0
6 Dorking Wanderers	29	13	8	8	50	43	15	8	4	3	26	15	14	5	4	5	24	28	7	47		2-2
7 Dartford	29	13	7	9	52	42	14	6	5	3	27	17	15	7	2	6	25	25	10	46	4-1	
8 Maidstone United	26	10	9	7	42	30	13	5	6	2	24	14	13	5	3	5	18	16	12	39	2-1	
9 Hampton & Richmond	27	12	3	12	43	41	14	6	2	6	24	20	13	6	1	6	19	21	2	39		0-2
10 Hemel Hempstead Town	29	10	7	12	33	40	14	6	3	5	17	16	15	4	4	7	16	24	-7	37		3-0
11 Chelmsford City	28	9	9	10	49	48	14	6	6	2	31	22	14	3	3	8	18	26	1	36		3-1
12 Oxford City	28	10	6	12	42	51	14	5	3	6	21	30	14	5	3	6	21	21	-9	36	1-0	2-3
13 Concord Rangers	27	10	5	12	40	39	15	6	3	6	25	19	12	4	2	6	15	20	1	35	3-0	
14 Dulwich Hamlet	29	8	9	12	46	42	15	4	4	7	27	26	14	4	5	5	19	16	4	33		0-1
15 Eastbourne Borough	29	7	12	10	31	49	15	5	5	5	22	26	14	2	7	5	9	23	-18	33	2-0	
16 Welling United	28	9	5	14	31	40	14	6	2	6	21	20	14	3	3	8	10	20	-9	32	1-0	2-1
17 Billericay Town	25	7	10	8	42	46	11	5	6	0	22	14	14	2	4	8	20	32	-4	31		1-3
18 Braintree Town	29	9	4	16	41	61	15	4	3	8	19	27	14	5	1	8	22	34	-20	31		4-0
19 Tonbridge Angels	26	7	7	12	37	47	12	6	2	4	25	22	14	1	5	8	12	25	-10	28	3-1	
20 St Albans City	29	6	9	14	33	49	15	3	5	7	16	25	14	3	4	7	17	24	-16	27	1-0	3-2
21 Chippenham Town	28	5	11	12	28	41	14	4	5	5	15	22	14	1	6	7	13	19	-13	26	1-0	
22 Hungerford Town	29	6	3	20	33	62	14	3	2	9	12	23	15	3	1	11	21	39	-29	21		3-1