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BY MARK HYDE



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BILL FOWLER - 1937 -2022

The club were sad to hear in the last week or so that former goalkeeper Bill Fowler has passed away at the age of 86.

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In later years he settled in Bedford and ran The Ship public house where a number of Stones fans visited him before a game in the early 2000's. He is survived by his wife, Shelia and after the recent funeral, she invited all the mourners back to The Ship where, in her words, Bill bought the first round.



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The Elmslie

Was cancelling football the right call? Once the Premier League decided, it was bound to happen

Most decent people will recognise Her Majesty the Queen as a remarkable lady. For seventy years, she served this country and others with remarkable dedication, distinction and unflinching service, no more so than a couple of days before her passing when she presided over the changing of Prime Minister, receiving the old and welcoming the new.

Whether monarchist or republican, old or young, different creed and religions, people would have recognised her service to the country. For most of us, we knew no different to the Queen being on the throne. My Mum met her once (pictured right) when the Queen came to a centre where she rediscovered her love for art after many decades. "A charming lady" is how she described the Queen.

No doubt most of us will remember where we were when we heard the news of Her Majesty's demise. I was in a bar in the city, and I think we knew all day that the time was close after reports on the news. In the bar, there was a moment of reflection and quietness as the news filtered through on people's phones, then a toast to her Majesty and life then went on. As it should.



The Elmslie was noisier than usual last weekend



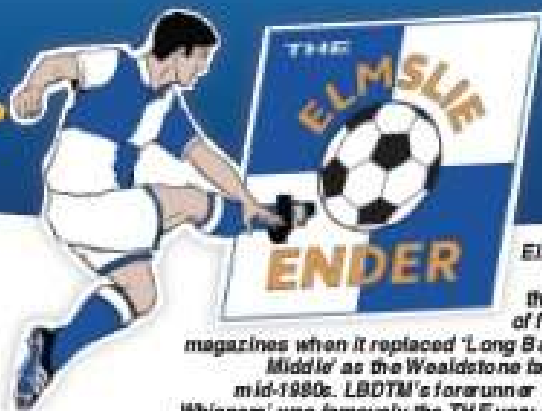
I've heard you're an avid reader of Horse & Hound magazine, ma'am

Sudhir's recurring dream since the Queen's demise

I know football was probably between a rock and a hard place, as the premier sport in this country, where

whatever decision would have been made would have caused some opprobrium in some quarter or another - but you can't but feel that the decision to cancel all football last Saturday was the wrong call. What better way to acknowledge and remember the Queen than full football stadiums, with people coming together, observing a moment of silence and then singing the national anthem with gusto? Seminal moments in life are generally experienced together with other people. As we saw with the speed of the succession, renewal is immediate and there is nothing that says a new beginning more than life continuing apace.

Ender



Elmslie Ender was among the first wave of football club

magazines when it replaced 'Long Ball Down the Middle' as the Wealdstone fanzine in the mid-1980s. LBDTM's forerunner 'Wealdstone Whispers' was famously the THE very first football fanzine in Britain when it was published in 1971

Those that felt that they didn't want to attend sport last weekend would have been able to make that decision on their own. There is no competition to attend a match. What made the decision more baffling was that other sports continued over the weekend. The national cricket team returned to the test area on Saturday. Rugby played as normal with the RFU stating: "Rugby, at its heart, is about community and bringing people together, in good

been encountered because some fools couldn't be trusted, yet we saw at Old Trafford and the Olympic Stadium, football fans showing their most heartfelt affection for the Queen particularly at West Ham where GSTQ was sung with enthusiasm.

As I am writing these notes, some newspapers are suggesting that the above reason may have been a factor why football ceased for the weekend - but even if that was the case, why not cancel the top flight but continue from National League down, and certainly allow those that play football for recreational purposes to continue? How were children best served by not playing football?

The FA got the decision wholly wrong. Polls of supporters seem to suggest that only around 20% agreed with the decision. It doesn't really matter that we didn't get to see Wealdstone at Altrincham or I didn't manage to watch Chelsea Women at the Bridge on Sunday.

By the time you read this, hopefully I will have seen Stones at the lesser Stones and Chelsea in the Champions League this week just gone, so I will have had my football fix in any case.

A weekend off isn't the end of the world for sure, but our supporters club will have lost a grand on the supporters coach, others have lost money on train tickets which are non-refundable, our hosts charity day will not have happened, they will have brought in catering for the game which will have gone to waste, as it will have done so up and down the country, and people on low wages doing jobs at football stadiums will not be paid when in the midst of the cost of living crisis: it didn't make sense.

The EE from our last home game on Football Friends has engendered a lovely response as I hoped it would. We spend some of our best times with our football friends and I am glad it is the same for so many who have shared the same experiences as I have. Having written about Men's mental health, Tim now wants me to get Jungian Therapy into the next EE. That's some ask!



Yes I am, but your son's column in the Wealdstone programme is magnificent Mrs Rawat!

times and in sad." The PGA Championship restarted on Saturday too at Wentworth, yet football, right down to grassroots, was deemed as not appropriate. Someone, somewhere, thought it was right that young kids should not kick a ball around and sit at home on gaming machines or on TikTok instead.

I can also understand the argument around police resourcing being needed elsewhere, but that's not been aired to date. Maybe the reason why football decided that playing would not have been appropriate was that some supporters may have not been able to show the right level of decorum or at least keep their mouths shut, two clubs particularly come to mind. One Premiership club, who were the last to post their condolences, shut down responses to their post. We can't legislate for idiots. Maybe it was the worldwide shame that would have



First injured and then sent off.. but our classy new left-back will soon be a big player for Stones

It's Lewis Kinsella



Frustrated Lewis Kinsella is resigned to "one more week of running" after the crazy sending-off against Yeovil on Bank Holiday Monday underscored the stop-start beginning to his career with the Stones.

It was his first-ever red card in football, a Beckham-esque flick sending Glovers' striker Malachi Linton pole-axed to the ground after just ten minutes at the Vale. It means he is suspended until next Saturday's home game with Southend.

But the left-back confessed that usually the boot was on the other foot - that he is usually the one to get other players sent off.

"By the letter of the law it was a red, but it was frustration on my part after one player had nudged me off the ball, and then another backed into me. He knew what he was doing. I take full responsibility for what I did, but I think the referee could have handled it better with a yellow - it wasn't exactly dangerous".



It was the last thing Lewis wanted after being drafted back into the side for his first game since the opener against Bromley. "I fell awkwardly on my back in the pre season game at Beaconsfield, and was on pain-killers against Bromley... Jaydn (Mundle-Smith) and Sam (Habergham)

were even less ready to play than me.

So I'd finally got properly fit for the Yeovil game - and then I get suspended for three matches! So now it's just running, more running and no football for me".

Lewis says: "I'm now resigned to the fact that I'll probably not even be in the squad for a few games. After years as being an automatic choice for Aldershot we've got real competition for places here at Wealdstone. I'll just have to bide my time and fight my way back in".

Although Stones fans have seen him only too briefly there's no doubt that the 28-year-old (who celebrated his birthday earlier this month) will bring class, poise and tenacity to the



You cannot be serious! Lewis had started the Yeovil game in imperious mood (left) but was rocked by the red card incident with Malachi Linton (No.14)

left-full-back role. Aldershot followers were anguished by the news of his move in the summer.

Apart from being the go-to No.3 at the Recreation Ground, he had finally broken his goalscoring duck by firing in four goals from the left-back berth!

"Yes, I didn't score a goal for over 10 years, from getting one for the academy side at Aston Villa until scoring from 30 yards against Bromley at home last season!"

Lewis followed that up with another 30-yarder - the match-winner against Torquay at home (pictured left, celebrating) - and then watched with joy as his cross-shot hit the Eastleigh net a few weeks later.

"I was spat at by an Eastleigh fan after that one" laughed Lewis. "He ran over, spat, and was then reported".

And finally, the on-fire left back blasted another 30-yarder past the Solihull Moors keeper at Damson Park, though Aldershot lost the game 2-1.

Quite an eventful season then - what did he

remember of the games against the Stones?

"Well I'll never forget the last game of the season - I had been best man at my friend John's wedding the previous day (the match was on a Sunday) and the Shots' manager told me that because we were safe from relegation I could have the weekend off... so I wasn't in a great state when I turned up to watch the game.

"But - and I don't recall the reason - I was asked to sit on the bench. Then with half an hour to go the boss asked if I'd like to go on... so I said yes. It wasn't my best half hour of football! I remember taking an air shot and then trying to tackle Josh Umerah and getting nowhere near him. I'm amazed that Stuart wanted to sign me on that evidence!"

"I know that signing for the Stones surprised a lot of people, but I got married in June and I have to think about providing for my family. Aldershot are full-time but their offer was in the middle of nowhere, just not good enough - and there were other EFL clubs interested.

"But I have been offered a scouting role at Arsenal and playing part-time for Wealdstone was the perfect fit for me."

Born and brought up in Watford, Lewis began his footballing life from the age of 8- 16 at the Arsenal academy - and it was a contact there who recently suggested the experienced defender become involved as an 'Emerging Talent' scout for the Gunners.

"It suits me massively. I'm part of a team of very different characters, ex-managers, players, coaches and even people who have never played the game. We identify up-and-coming players from 17-21 years old, right from the National League South up to the Champions League - sometimes watching games live but also a lot of videos. We check players for their technical, tactical, and physical ability, and also their attitude and character. It's really interesting".

He is also the director of company dealing with grounds maintenance for private estates,

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hospitals and other large buildings. Enough to keep him occupied and out of mischief while he serves his three match ban!

"Yeah, it's been a busy summer all round. I was supposed to be marrying Annabella last summer but it was delayed by Covid, so we had the big event in Sorento, Italy, in June, with 88 guests.

"The honeymoon edged into the first week of pre-season which wasn't ideal so I was playing catch-up... and then came the back injury".

Although painful, that knock wasn't the most high-profile of Lewis' career. Two years ago, while playing for Aldershot he suffered a nasty medial collateral ligament injury on the eve of the behind-closed-doors season.

Like most non-League clubs, the Shots have no health insurance but were prepared to pay the £10,000 cost of the op for their club captain. "It's a lot of money and I felt bad for the club having to shell out, so I thought I'd take a chance and try to crowdfund it. The response was absolutely amazing".

Apart from the loyal Aldershot supporters chipping in, there was a donation for £2,000 from England's Jack Grealish, who had been a pal of Lewis when the pair were together at the Aston Villa academy from the ages of 18-23.

"I'd stayed in touch with Jack but that was a lovely thing to do. It helped raise the profile and we raised the money quite comfortably, allowing me to return far more quickly than I'd anticipated".

Lewis spent five years in the Midlands at Villa Park - where he met Annabella and found himself on the bench for a local derby FA Cup quarter-final against West Brom, and also against Sunderland in the Premier League. But as with Sam Howes in our last programme interview, he never quite got the chance to be involved.

"I went out on loan to Luton in League Two, and then Kidderminster Harriers in the Conference... and then when I was released by Villa I signed for Colchester after impressing for them in a trial" said Lewis.

He has a rare 'claim to fame' although it's not one to brag about... while on loan to Kiddy in 2016 he played in their last six games, and despite winning three of them the club were relegated from the Conference. And on the same afternoon that they drew at Barrow to confirm relegation, his parent club Villa were also relegated from the Premier League!



Lewis played 22 times in League Two for Colchester before leaving for a loan spell at Aldershot - and the Berkshire club snapped him up when his Colchester deal expired. He played 132 games over four years for the Shots, becoming club captain and part of the furniture at the Recreation Ground.

"We live near Harpenden so the journey is much easier to Ruislip for games and Harefield for training, than it was to Aldershot. I'm quite a local boy, brought up on the Meriden Estate in Garston, North Watford - I was friends with the late, great Marvin Morgan, who was also from there and he also played for Aldershot."

So did he know any of the current Stones' squad before signing?

"No not really, although I was at Colchester when Tarryn (Allarakhia) was a youth team player there.. and at Fela (Olofela Olomola) was at Arsenal, although a few years below me. Though of course I know Max Kretzschmar from our days of rivalry when he was a Woking player and I was at Aldershot.

"But I always had him on toast!"

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BY TERRY HISSEY



YOUR COMMITTEE

In February the Supporters Club will celebrate its 65th Anniversary, but of course it's not time to retire. Like most parts of life the Club gets better with age!

So who are the Executive Committee looking after your affairs? It is:

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Plus James Klarfeld, Lee Farrar and

Adam Williams.

It was with sadness we heard of the passing of former long term Secretary and Vice-President, Barbara Robson. We were represented at her funeral in March by Vice-President Ray Kemp and Director Darren Linden. We hope to sponsor a match in her memory this season. Looking to the future we have introduced two new awards: the Stuart Pearce Shield for the Junior Stones Player of the Season and the Mark Barton Memorial Shield for Supporter of the Year. These were won by George Wickens and Roy Corner respectively. Of course the Jock Law Trophy for Player of the Season was won by Jack Cook. A new initiative last season was the presentation of certificates to go with each award, less the Mark Barton Memorial Shield, and now includes a runners up for the first time.

At the AGM last season we agreed a new set of Club rules, the first revision in probably twenty odd years. We now have the framework for a smaller Committee but still have room for more helpers, particularly on match days. They are getting busier at Grosvenor Vale and we could do with some extra help to raise our profile and additional

funds for the Club. We are always stretched selling programmes, 50/50 tickets, setting up the Megastore and looking after other activities, not to mention our Wembley BBQs. Please support the 50-50 draw each game, remember it is just a £1 to enter and 'the more we take, the more you make' if you have the lucky ticket. The maximum prize we have paid was around £140 but I know that we can do more, especially with some of our larger games. The more assistance we have the more we can achieve, so if you can assist on a regular basis or just every once in a while please get in touch.

50-50 Tickets

50-50 Tickets are on sale pre-match from the programme kiosk as you enter the car park and also from our wandering sales people. 50% of the ticket sales goes to the winner with the remaining 50% going to Wealdstone FC.

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PROFILE: STEVE AND OLIVER MARLOW

The Fans in the

Heart-warming: A father and son's tale of the healing power of this beautiful game

Today's supporter profile is a bit different... father and son duo Steve and Oliver Marlow who have had their trials and tribulations in life but loving being part of the new generation of Stones fans. This is their story as dad Steve answers our questions...

Your name and age? I'm Steve Marlow and I'm 35 next week - the 28th September.

Whereabouts do you live Steve? I live in Rickmansworth with my wife Jo and son Oliver, and have done for 14 years since I met my wife. I grew up in Hounslow.

What was your first Stones game? Our first game was back last year against Dover. Me and Oliver, who is nine next month, would always go to watch England, QPR and Watford as we both love football. Oliver suffers from Autism and over the past few years we have noticed him getting worse, especially through Covid when he really struggled with the lockdowns and restrictions and that really didn't help with his anxiety... and he also suffers quite badly with that.

We were at a Watford game after lockdown and we were 15 minutes into the first half and Oliver had



Oliver waves his flag and gets behind the Stones in the lower-key surroundings of the Vale. Circled right: it's into the car with dad Steve and off to another game!

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a panic attack - the noise got to him and he got really upset. I think being in the big crowd just after Covid he got himself all worked up, and we had to leave.

This really put him off going - he refused to go and watch any games. But after a few months we managed to talk him into going to Wealdstone... with the smaller crowds and stadium we thought this may help him slowly get back into wanting to go to football again.

Oliver says the first time he went to Wealdstone he felt unsure because of the new surroundings and didn't know what to expect from the crowd. But it turns out he absolutely loved it and only wanted to go Wealdstone games in future!

I posted a photo of him on twitter and the response was unreal: he had over 1,000 likes and loads of comments which made him feel really special. He even got a message from Luther Blissett at Watford and was invited by him to the sensory room.

We went to the sensory room this year against Everton and he got a surprise, Luther Blissett coming over to see Oliver and taking him out into the stadium and sitting with him. He asked Oliver a lot of questions and they had photos taken together (see above). We still get messages from Luther always asking about Oliver.

Oliver has been through a lot growing up. He was born with a hole in his heart and was under Harefield hospital growing up and luckily he is now discharged - and all is good. When he was

younger, on holiday in the Lake District my wife Jo ended up in hospital as her appendix burst... and then I was diagnosed with cancer back in August 2019.

I've got a tumour in my left eye - I needed therapy and also a operation. I have lost nearly all my vision in that eye and have to go Mount Vernon every six months for an MRI scan on my liver as that's the most likely place to which it would spread. I am being closely monitored.

I am doing a bike ride to raise money and to make awareness about my condition, cycling from Moorfields in London to Liverpool where I had my treatment. (please see details at the end of this article - Ed)

This has not helped Oliver! He has been through so much and has stayed so strong through everything and has always been there for us. He amazes us every day

What was your first-ever game? My first ever football match was QPR v Middlesborough, I think back in 1996.

I grew up supporting them and had season tickets for quite a few years. So my team is QPR and now also Watford as that's my wife's team and Oliver supports Watford also... and of course Wealdstone.

What's the best match you've ever been or seen live? That was when QPR won the play off final against Derby at Wembley - will never forget that moment! Oliver's first-ever game was at Watford back in 2017.

Oliver said his best ever game and memorable one was this year while on holiday in Spain watching Barcelona at the Nou Camp against Pumas in a friendly. I never would of thought seeing Oliver at a stadium with 88,000 people so quickly and



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Fans in the Stand contd..

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Wealdstone, in acclimatising him to being in a crowd again, played a massive part to play in making that happen!

What standard of football do you most enjoy? I enjoy all levels....watching QPR play over the past 20+ years I've got to see every level! I coach Oliver's football team for Harefield United U-9s so am currently doing some coaching courses.

But I really like the National League since we have been coming to Wealdstone... you are more involved with the club and feel a real part of it.

Oliver's favourite Wealdstone game so far last season against Weymouth when losing 0-1 at half time and coming back to win the game 3-2

Is it a big part of your life? Football is a big part of mine and Oliver's life also Jo now, as our weekends are all about football with Oliver training on a Saturday, playing matches on a Sunday and getting to watch all matches on the TV and also going to Watford or Wealdstone every week! I don't know how Jo puts up with it!

Where do you work Steve? I work for a company called Igloo thermo logistics. We are a courier company across the UK specialising in chilled, frozen goods and pharmaceuticals. We have recently moved to Luton Airport, we were based in Watford but due to the increase in work we needed bigger premises. I have been there for nearly 9 years, started as a van driver, then got a job in the office as a transport planner and now I am in charge of the fleet of vehicles we have, vans up to Artics. Its a Monday to Friday job so fits in perfectly around football at weekends.

Were you surprised at the Stones' flying start to the season? It's been a great start of the season for the Stones. A lot of people said they were favourites for relegation but the signings that



have been made I think have made the squad stronger. You can really see the difference in the team, just look at that goal scored against Oldham! You can't take this league for granted, just look at Scunthorpe with the start they have had!

We are playing some lovely attacking football and the manager and all the staff are doing a great job...It's exciting to watch!

Are you a programme buyer?

Yes we always buy a programme at every game. The bigger clubs' programmes are all about advertising and not very interesting. What Oliver loves is reading about all the older, historic articles that Wealdstone put in. It's more about the fans and that's what is missing from the bigger clubs, you feel more involved and part of the club at Wealdstone - and it shows that in the programmes.

Oliver also loves crosswords so he always does them and it's more interactive for kids his age. I also like the information about the opponent, being in the lower leagues there's not much talk or air time and sometimes it can be quite hard to follow so we always learn a lot from that part.

What do you think of the food and drink on matchdays?

We both think the clubhouse is great. Oliver always has to get there at 12:30 on match day to watch the early kick off on a Saturday - a good excuse for me to have a Guinness! His grandad also always has to get him a portion of chips with a lot of vinegar on! That's his perfect day at the football.

We have not been to a away game yet but we have some lined up for later this season!



Top: Oliver's favourite player last season was our keeper George Wickens... and above, pictured at the Vale pre-match

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Opposition in focus



1899

THE GULLS

The history of Torquay United begins with the merging of Ellacombe, Babbacombe and Torquay Town. The elevation of Exeter City and Plymouth Argyle to the Southern League at the end of World War I prompted the emergence of a new Torquay United in 1921.

We immediately joined the Western League and finished sixth in that first season. In 1925, we reached the first round proper of the FA Cup, only losing out to Reading after two replays.

Two years later, we were crowned champions of the Western League and the club successfully applied for full membership to the Football League. Our first game was a 1-1 draw with Exeter at Plainmoor.

1954-55 season saw a fabulous run to the fourth round of the FA Cup. After humbling the mighty Leeds United 4-0, a record 21,908 crammed into Plainmoor for a narrow loss to Huddersfield, and that remains our highest ever attendance.

A change to the league structure and abolition of the regionalised system placed United in the newly-formed Division Four and the date of April 27, 1960 would finally see the club win promotion from the bottom league.

We then hit rock-bottom in 1985, finishing at the foot of Division Four for the first time in 57 years. That campaign of misery was immediately followed by another two disastrous seasons and we were extremely fortunate to earn re-election to the Football League.

The introduction of a relegation system to the Conference was obviously a concern in the 1986-87 season and we only escaped the drop by holding Crewe to a 2-2 draw on the final day, in a match that was held up by defender Jim McNicol being bitten by a police dog named Bryn. Paul Dobson would go on to equalise for



PLAINMOOR

the Gulls in the time subsequently added on.

A wonderful start to the 1990-91 season took us clear at the top before Christmas but a lull in form saw John Impey introduced as manager. A finish of seventh place booked a place in the play-offs and Burnley were defeated in the semi-final.

A managerial merry-go-round resulted in Neil Warnock briefly taking the reins to rescue the plummeting Gulls from a double relegation out of the Football League. Unfortunately, the pattern was set and United finished bottom in 1996, only escaping relegation because Conference Champions Stevenage Borough failed to meet League ground regulations.

The struggle continued, however, and we eventually needed a desperate last-day win at Barnet to avoid relegation. Next into the hot-seat was Leroy Rosenior and he would guide a talented young side to promotion in a thrilling 2004-05 season.

Sadly, the return to English football's third tier was brief and a period of decline for the club resulted in a disastrous campaign that saw us relegated out of the Football League in 2007, the first time in 80 years we had been a Conference outfit.

Former midfielder Paul Buckle was in charge and he steered the Gulls to the fourth round of the FA Cup and a play-off final win over Cambridge. The Yellows were back in the Football League and a season of consolidation was followed by two

OUR RECORD AGAINST TORQUAY UNITED

P7 W1 D2 L4 F8 A16 GD -8

TORQUAY UNITED



HOME GROUND - PLAINMOOR
CAPACITY - 6,200 (3,092 SEATED)
MANAGER - GARY JOHNSON
2021/22 - 11TH NATIONAL LEAGUE

thrilling campaigns.

The final year under Paul Buckle ended with United reaching the League 2 play-off final at Old Trafford but Stevenage proved too strong. The 2011-12 season, the first under Martin Ling, the new manager brilliantly rebuilt his squad and only missed automatic promotion on the final day before losing to Cheltenham in the play-offs.

Sadly, Martin Ling fell ill midway through last season and Alan Knill took over on a temporary basis, steering the Gulls away from relegation on the final day of a traumatic campaign. The club then parted company with Ling and installed Knill as permanent boss.

The Alan Knill era proved unsuccessful and a poor start to his permanent tenure ended with the club sacking their manager in December 2014. Chris Hargreaves was appointed boss in the January but the mountain was too much to climb, and United suffered relegation to the Conference.

Having finished the 2014/15 campaign in mid-table, the club faced a challenging summer as our very existence hung in the balance at one stage. In the end, a consortium of local business people, fronted by chairman David Phillips took over and began the task of building some solid foundations for future growth.

Manager Chris Hargreaves was placed on gardening leave and ex-Eastwood and Mansfield manager Paul Cox was put in charge of 1st team duties with a reduced playing budget for the coming season.

United started the season with a 1-0 win over Macclesfield but further wins were hard to come by and Cox resigned from his post in September 2015.

The Board of Directors appointed former player

Kevin Nicholson to turn the season around and save the club from relegation.

The summer of 2016/17 was a season of change at the Club. Kevin Nicholson signed fourteen new players to revamp the playing squad. After three defeats in the first four games, Kevin Nicholson and the Club parted ways. Assistant manager Robbie Herrera took the reins and led the team for the next six games picking up two points.

After an extensive search for a new management team, the Club appointed Bath City manager Gary Owers as Head Coach. Owers was unable to lift United out of the relegation places, and despite a brief upturn in results and performances, United's fate was sealed following a 1-1 draw away to Hartlepool, as the club was relegated to National League South.

Owers departed after a poor start to the season and within 24 hours, former Yeovil Town and Bristol City manager Gary Johnson was announced as his replacement. What seemed like a season-long battle for top spot ensued, with United fighting it out with Woking for pole position on a weekly basis. As the season entered it's final stages though, it was Johnson's men who held their nerve and secured the club's first championship title since 1927, and with it, promotion back to the National League at the first attempt.

Two years later, despite playing almost the entirety of the 2020/21 campaign behind closed doors, Johnson's men went agonisingly close to securing a return to the Football League with a 2nd-placed-finish, before a memorable 4-2 Play-Off Semi-Final over Notts County at a raucous Plainmoor set the stage for a Promotion Final against Hartlepool United at Ashton Gate.

Once again, The Gulls' never-say-die spirit was on full display in front of a national TV audience, as goalkeeper Lucas Covolan's last-gasp header sealed a 1-1 draw, to send the match into extra time. Sadly, penalty kicks would eventually deny United of the victory many felt they deserved.

With the club now in better shape than it has been for many years on and off the field though, Torquay United's loyal band of supporters can finally look ahead to the future with optimism once again.

Opposition in focus

TORQUAY UNITED

1. MARK HALSTEAD - GOALKEEPER

30 year-old Halstead began his career at Blackpool, emerging from the bench in March 2011 to make a memorable Premier League debut for The Tangerines against Carlo Ancelotti's Chelsea. Since then, Mark has represented Stockport, Shrewsbury and Morecambe amongst others

2. DYLAN CROWE - DEFENCE

Dylan spent eleven years with Ipswich Town progressing through youth ranks. Having gained international honours for England all the way up to Under-18 level, Crowe's energetic displays at both right-back and in midfield roles saw a number of leading sides – home and abroad – compete for his signature.

3. DAN MARTIN - DEFENCE

Dan began his career at Craven Cottage with Fulham, before departing to join Cardiff City. Martin gained valuable first team minutes during a loan stint at Weston-Super-Mare in 2019/20, before being recalled by Neil Warnock's Championship side in order to further his experience at a higher level.

4. TOM LAPSLIE - MIDFIELD

Having progressed through the youth ranks at the Colchester Community Stadium, Tom made his first-team bow as a substitute in the FA Cup against Cardiff in January 2015, and such was the impact he made during that cameo appearance, that his full debut followed just three weeks later.

5. ALI OMAR - DEFENCE

22 year-old Ali Omar was a commanding presence in the backline for Barnsley's U23 side last season, and manager Gary Johnson was understandably delighted that his pursuit of the centre half finally paid off, with the left-footer agreeing to make the switch to Plainmoor.

6. ROSS MARSHALL - DEFENCE

After beginning his career as a youngster at Ipswich Town, a move to National League South side Maidstone ultimately secured the player a return to the EFL with League Two Stevenage, with the towering centre-back going on to clock up 27 appearances during his spell there, prior to his temporary switch to Barnet in the 2021/22 season.

7. RYAN HANSON - MIDFIELD

Ryan arrived at Plainmoor after moving from Dover Athletic, where he finished the season as captain.



The former Crystal Palace youngster went on to make a name for himself as a consistent performer for Hull City's Under-23 side, and following his release by the League One club, National League side Dover jumped at the chance to offer Hanson first-team football at his hometown club, following an earlier loan spell during the previous campaign.

8. ASA HALL - MIDFIELD

Hall brings a wealth of experience to the squad having made over 300 first team appearances turning out for teams such as Luton Town, Oxford United, Shrewsbury Town, and Cheltenham Town. He was part of Gary Johnson's squad that earned the Robins a return to the Football League in 2016, prior to being reunited with his former manager again in 2018.

9. AARON JARVIS - FORWARD

Aaron spent 2021/22 at League Two side Scunthorpe United. With his goalscoring exploits for non-league Basingstoke Town prompting Luton Town to pay an undisclosed fee for the 6ft 2in striker back in 2017, Jarvis went on to represent The Hatters in both their League Two and League One promotion successes, as well as leading the line during loan spells as The Gulls' National League rivals Boreham Wood and Scottish Championship side Falkirk.

10. CORIE ANDREWS - FORWARD

Corie began his career with Premier League side Crystal Palace, before his impressive form in non-league for Whyteleafe and Kingstonian prompted EFL side Wimbledon to sign Andrews in 2021. A temporary spell at Aldershot saw Colchester take the talented frontman on loan for the remainder of the 2021/22 campaign.

THE PLAYERS TO WATCH



LAST SEASON

Sat 2nd October 2021 - (A) L 0-5

Sat 26th February 2022 (H) D 1-1

11. KIERON EVANS - FORWARD

Kieron's status as one of the most promising youngsters at Cardiff City has been common knowledge for some time, and after a season that saw the 20-year-old break into City's first team on six occasions, his lively displays in midfield have only served to further confirm that.

14. BRETT MCGAVIN - MIDFIELD

A cultured midfielder who progressed through the ranks at Ipswich Town from the age of ten all the way through to the first team squad, 22-year-old McGavin went on to make eleven appearances for the Portman Road club, before gaining further senior experience at Concord Rangers and Ayr United.

15. BEN WYATT - DEFENCE

Former Republic of Ireland U21 man Donnellan, 25, had a successful stint with divisional rivals Maidenhead United, where he made 43 appearances, scoring 3 goals during his time at York Road.

18. OLAF KOSZELA - MIDFIELD

Olaf Koszela signed his first professional contract following his 17th birthday at the end of March 2019.

19. WILL GOODWIN - FORWARD

Having begun his career in the youth ranks at Chester, Will made rapid progress after breaking into the first-team at the Deva Stadium, prompting Championship side Stoke to secure his services in February 2021, before spending last term in the EFL with Hartlepool United.

20. ALEX MOYSE - MIDFIELD

Having begun his career in the youth ranks at neighbours Exeter City, Alex immediately showed up well in training following his switch to The Gulls.

21. DEAN MOXEY - DEFENCE

Dean brings with him a wealth of experience, having racked up over 550 senior appearances for the likes of Exeter City, Derby County, Crystal Palace and Bolton Wanderers. Having played a part in winning promotion at every level from the National League up to the Championship, Moxey has experience of the top five divisions in English football.

22. RHYS LOVETT - GOALKEEPER

Rhys is certainly no stranger to United boss Gary Johnson, having been given his senior debut by the Gaffer at Cheltenham Town Lovett's stint at Maidenhead saw the 'keeper make making headlines after rising off the bench for an appearance as an emergency outfield player and promptly getting himself on the scoresheet!

23. OLLIE TOMLINSON - DEFENCE

Having made his debut for Plymouth Argyle in the 2020/21 season, Tomlinson went on to chalk up seven appearances for The Pilgrims' first-team, before gaining further senior experience elsewhere, including a successful spell at Truro City.

24. LEWIS BROOKS - FORWARD

Lewis Brooks shone for the youth team in the 2021/22 season, with his eye for goal catching the eye of many onlookers.

25. JACK WINSOR - MIDFIELD

Winsor played a pivotal part in the Under-18s 2021/22 success, culminating in being named as the team's Player of the Season

26. NELSON ISEGUAN - MIDFIELD

28. TOMMY HUGHES - MIDFIELD MANAGER GARY JOHNSON

There was surprise and delight in equal measure amongst United's fan base at the appointment of Gary Johnson's in September 2018, and his impact was immediate. Three wins and three draws preceded a record-breaking ten match winning streak, which lifted the club up from 14th into 1st place. Under his guidance they remained there for the majority of the season, before finally clinching the National League South title, and with it promotion, in April 2019.





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100 years ago.. a new ground and memories of the Spartan League



Bill Fowler in his playing days with the Stones (top) and more recently at home in Bedford (right) where his friends and neighbours had no idea he'd even played the game!

Left: Lower Mead in 1928 with the 'new' stand top right of picture

The month of September sees the centenaries of two very important landmarks in the history of Wealdstone Football Club. Firstly, on 9th September 1922, Wealdstone played their first ever competitive home match at Lower Mead- a 2-0 win over Berkhamsted Town in the FA Cup played in front of a crowd of approximately 2,000.

The second landmark occurred a week later on 16 September 1922 - **almost exactly 100 years ago today** - when the Stones lost 1-2 at home to Wood Green Town in our first ever match in the Spartan League.

In those days, the Spartan League, founded in 1907, was the South of England's unofficial third division of the amateur game. As Wealdstone had just moved into a new ground, they thought it would be a good idea to apply to join the Athenian League - which was one step higher than the Spartan League - but the club's application was rejected. They then applied to join the Spartans, were accepted and the first team became members of Spartan League Division One, the reserves taking part in the Spartan

Division Two.

Wealdstone joined a league whose members included such exotic names such as Leavesden Mental Hospital, Great Eastern Railway Romford, Old Latmeyrians and Old Lyonians. In fact, in one of the early matches of the 1922/23 season, the Stones played away to Old Lyonians in front of a 3,000 crowd.... and if anyone has been to Lyonians' ground in Pinner View (which still exists) it is difficult to imagine how this ground could have accommodated such a large crowd!

During the 6 seasons of competition in the league, the team played 162 matches, winning 85, drawing 24 and losing 53. They scored 460 and conceded 362 goals. Arguably, the most entertaining season for the spectators was the 1926-27 season when exactly 100 goals were scored and 67 were conceded.

The Stones' most successful season was the very first (1922-23) when we finished second, eight points behind the league

Pictured far right is a billboard-wearer persuading people to come and watch Wealdstone champions Chesham in April 1923..rather than watch the first FA Cup Final to be played at

RIP to popular Stones keeper Bill Fowler



The club were sad to hear in the last week or so that former goalkeeper Bill Fowler had passed away at the age of 86.

Born in Hemel Hempstead in 1937, he played for the local side as a fifteen-year-old before joining Wealdstone for the first time in 1959. He remained with the club until 1965 when he joined St Albans City for whom he made 170 appearances, returning to Wealdstone in 1969. He totalled 234 appearances in the first team and finished his career at Hertford Town - though he did also play for German side Borgentrich while on National Service in the RAF.

In later years he settled in Bedford and ran The Ship public house where a number of Stones fans visited him before a game in the early 2000s. He is survived by his wife Sheila and after the recent funeral, she invited all the mourners back to The Ship where, in her words, Bill bought the first round.

I've been pleased to pass on a few photos of Bill at Wealdstone to some of his friends in the area, who had no idea he had ever played football, let alone accumulated over 400 appearances across four clubs!

ROGER SLATER

champions, Chesham United. The least successful season came in 1924-25 when the team finished 10th out of 14 teams and only amassed 20 points.

After the completion of the 1927-28 season, Summerstown FC - a club based in Wimbledon who had been members of the Athenian League since 1919 - were forced to withdraw from the league when their ground was acquired for building purposes. At the league's AGM held in June 1928, Wealdstone were elected to fill the vacancy and their membership of the Spartan League came to an end. Interestingly enough, the club then bought the main stand from Summerstown which replaced the much smaller stand at Lower Mead that was quite inadequate to cope with the Stones steadily increasing support.

This main stand, transported play Athenian League the new Wembley Stadium!

on a fleet of lorries across London, remained in use at Lower Mead (and added to in stages) until the ground was sold in 1991 to Tesco's and was then subsequently demolished.

STONES IN THE SPARTAN LEAGUE

- **Biggest Win:** W 16-2 (H) v Hertford Town, 25 December 1926
- **Heaviest Defeat:** 1-11 (A) v Slough Town, 21 November 1925
- **Most Individual Goals in a Match:** seven by Bob Tansley, at home v Hertford Town, 25 December 1926. He became the first Wealdstone player to score seven goals in a league match and the second Wealdstone player to score seven goals in a competitive match.

The first Wealdstone player to score seven goals in a competitive match was Claude Mason in the home 22-0 FA Amateur Cup tie against the 12th London Regiment (The Rangers) on 13 October 1923.





1ST TEAM RESULTS SEASON 2022/2023

Comp | Score | (Total) | (Away) | Lge | Goal scorers

6 BROMLEY	VNL	3-2	1,090	162	5	Olomola, Browne (P), Cook	13	2	10 (7)	4		17 (19)	7	22	3		19
13 Eastleigh	VNL	0-1	1,814	189	12		13	2	10 (9)	4		17	7	22			19
16 Oldham Athletic	VNL	2-1	6,869	152	4	Browne, Allarakhia	13	2	10	4		17	7	22			19
20 FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL	1-0	1,197	72	2	Browne	13	2	10	4		17	7	22			19
27 Gateshead	VNL	1-0	1,104	135	1	Browne	13	2	10	4		17	7	22		3 (7)	19
29 YEOVIL TOWN	VNL	0-0	1,714	251	2		13	2	10	4	18 (22)	17 (7)	7	22		3	19

SEPTEMBER

4 WOKING	VNL	1-1	1,638	269	6	Kretschmar (Pen)	13	2	10	4	18 (4)	17	7	22			19
13 Maidstone United	VNL	1-1	1,799	110	6	Cook	13	2	10	4		17 (9)	7 (22)	22			19
17 TORQUAY UNITED	VNL																
24 SOUTHEND UNITED	VNL																

OCTOBER

1 Aldershot Town	VNL																
4 Solihull Moors	VNL																
8 BOREHAM WOOD	VNL																
15 TBD	FAC4																
22 Dorking Wanderers	VNL																
25 NOTTS COUNTY	VNL																
29 Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL																

NOVEMBER

5 To Be Decided	VNL																
8 CHESTERFIELD	VNL																
12 WREXHAM	VNL																
19 York City	VNL																
26 SCUNTHORPE UNITED	VNL																

DECEMBER

3 Barnet	VNL																
10 Bromley	VNL																
13 OLDHAM ATHLETIC	VNL																
17 To Be Decided	FAT3																
26 MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL																

JANUARY

1 Maidenhead United	VNL																
7 EASTLEIGH	VNL																
14 FC Halifax Town	VNL																
24 Yeovil Town	VNL																
28 GATESHEAD	VNL																

FEBRUARY

4 DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	VNL																
11 Wrexham	VNL																
18 YORK CITY	VNL																
21 Chesterfield	VNL																
25 Woking	VNL																

MARCH

4 ALTRINCHAM	VNL																
7 MAIDSTONE UNITED	VNL																
11 Torquay United	VNL																
18 Scunthorpe United	VNL																
25 BARNET	VNL																

APRIL

1 ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL																
7 Notts County	VNL																
10 SOLIHULL MOORS	VNL																
15 Boreham Wood	VNL																
22 DORKING WANDERERS	VNL																
29 Southend United	VNL																

To be arranged: Altrincham Away, VNL



FRIENDLY RESULTS

5th July	Hendon	A	W	4-0	Allarakhia (2), Trialist G, Trialist I	=
9th July	Slough Town	A	W	2-1	Umerah, Trialist	
11th July	Beaconsfield Town	A	D	4-4	Hutchinson, Allarakhia, Trialist E, Trialist B	

Player	Goals	Assists	Goals	Assists	Goals	Assists	Goals	Assists
Maiacili NAPA								
Jordy MONGGOY	23 (3)		8		9	6	5	
Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH	23		8		9	6	5	28 (5)
David SESAY	23 (7)	11 (17)	8			6	5	28
Nathan FERGUSON		11 (17)	8			6	5	28
Elijah HEARN		11 (6)	8			6	5	28
Tecane SHROWDER		11	8			6	5	28
Orufela OLOMOLA					9 (10)			
Mason BARRETT					9			
Eric NGRARU							5	28
Deje ELERWE							5	28
Sam HABERGHAM								

DATE IN RED = Midweek fixture

Today we welcome members of St Joseph's under 9s to the Vale

They are taking time out from their pre season training schedule to lead out the team and pick up some tips for their forthcoming season in the Harrow Soccer Combination which starts in October. Squad members John and Noah have been spotted at the Vale already this season and hope their team mates become regulars in the months ahead. All at Wealdstone FC wish the squad the best of luck for the season ahead!



ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH '88 FC



Cookie rescues a point in the very last minute at the Gallagher Stadium last Tuesday - pictures courtesy of Jon Taffel

16th July	Charlton A U23s	H	L	0-1	
20th July	QPR	H	L	2-8	Ferguson, Trialist A
23rd July	Bedford Town	A	W	4-1	Trialist B, Kretzschmar (2), Hutchinson
27th July	Billericay Town	A	W	5-1	Napa, Olomola, Allarakhia, Kretzschmar, Ferguson
30th July	Chelmsford City	H	L	0-3	

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World of Bal

Send us victorious? Here's how The Royals (us) fared each time a new Royal (HM) ascended the throne

Frankly, it would be a dereliction of duty for a club nicknamed The Royals not to mark the passing of the only Queen any of us will ever have known or can ever know. Accordingly, what follows is a brief brush with the distant past, a look back to those black and white, grainy days of yore, and the matches that were taking place in our illustrious club's history when last a change of sovereign occurred.

Wealdstone FC has existed since 1899. Queen Elizabeth II reigned for 70 years, which amounts to more than half - 57 per cent - of our 123 year history. However, in the preceding 53 years, our Stones supporting forebears experienced no fewer

than five different Kings and Queens. Here's who we were playing, and what kind of seasons we were having, on the occasions when God was first invoked to save a newly crowned sovereign.



**Queen Victoria - Died:
22/01/91**

Perhaps the reason our gracious sovereign was so famously unamused is that

the mighty mighty Wealdstone FC only came into existence in the last two years of her life. The last Stones match to take place under Victoria's rule was a home game against Roundwood Rangers in the Willesden & District League. The game ended as a 1-1 draw.

**King Edward VII
Became King: 22/01/1901
Died: 6/5/1910**



Four days after Victoria's death, on 26th January 1901, Edward VII was the new monarch when Wealdstone travelled to Harrow Weald FC in the Willesden & District League. History does not record the result of this match, although I can tell you that one Roger Slater will not rest until he's found it out.

Edward's last opportunity to spend ninety minutes watching the Stones occurred on 16th April 1910, again in the Willesden & District League, when we played a club called Lotus. I know nothing else about 'Lotus', save to say that they beat us 0-4 so it's probably a good thing they don't exist today.

**King George V
Became King: 06/05/1910
Died: 20/01/1936**

When Wealdstone played our first game under the rule of George V, it came a good few months after he became King, his ascending to the throne having come at the end of the 1909/1910 season.

So it was that the first competitive match we played under his reign came when we entertained Hampstead Town in the Willesden & District League. Had his newly busy diary allowed him time to attend, King George would have perhaps enjoyed our 5-0 despatching of the team that would go on to re-name itself Hampstead FC, then Golders Green FC, and finally the Hendon FC we know today.

George died just two days after we entertained our present day National League stable mates Bromley in what was then Athenian League



match, losing 2-3 on 18th January 1936 in what sounds like an entertaining match. (Let's face it, what game ending 3-2 isn't eventful?)

King Edward VIII

Became King

20/01/1936

"Left office":

11/12/1936

Our eighth Edward had a short and eventful reign. On 25th January, just five days after he became King, we traveled to Enfield for a Middlesex Senior Cup Second Round fixture, winning by 3-0. A mere eleven months later we played Leyton on 5th December in an Athenian League fixture, winning 3-2 (doubtless another cracking game). Our fans would have been as shocked as the nation at large just six days after when Edward decided for reasons of love that he could not fulfil his regal destiny.



King George VI

Became King

11/12/1936

Died: 06/02/1952

History does not record this as absolutely the case, but it is believed that, a mere 24 hours after he became King, George VI spurned his first opportunity to walk down the Station Road and see the Wealdstone aces. Remember when we entertained Bromley in the Athenian League just before George V died? Well, George VI's first Stones game as King saw us playing exactly the same fixture in the following season, Bromley in the Athenian League. Alas, we lost this one 0-1.

Most distressingly, King George died in February of 1952 and was thus not able to see Wealdstone lift the Athenian League champion-ship trophy just three short months later.



Queen Elizabeth II

Became Queen: 06/02/1952

Died: 08/09/2022

Thus it was that Wealdstone's Athenian League title was won in the first few months of the second Elizabethan era. Her late Majesty's first opportunity to slip through the Lower Mead turnstiles and take in a Wealdstone match as Queen came three days after her accession, when we hosted Enfield and beat them 4-2 in our title-winning Athenian League campaign. Indeed, Elizabeth II's coming to power seems to have turbocharged our 51/52 title tilt: for the rest of that season, we won every Athenian League match we played, all twelve of them! As for her last match, no one here needs reminding that, rather incredibly in hindsight, it was played here at Grosvenor Vale just the Sunday before last, in our televised National League game against Woking.

King Charles III

Became King: 08/09/2022

In a nice case of symmetry, our story ends where it begins: another 1-1 draw, this time last Tuesday at Maidstone; the same result we achieved in the last



match we played in Queen Victoria's reign. Who knows what wonders await us – and what Wealdstone results – when William V takes his place on the throne, or even his son George VII? Here's to the mighty Royals making some more history in this new Carolean age.

BY JON TAFFEL



The Stones

Ronnie Raffle's dee-lightful stroll through the Wealdstone A-Z turns up memories of Deano and Dorchester

Greetings alphabet fans, it's part 4 of this season's adventures and today it's the turn of the mighty D. If you were expecting to see the greatest D of the lot, all-time top Stones scorer George **DUCK**, you'll be mightily disappointed as we 'did' George in the 2003-4 edition.

Today we start with something a little more recent, and that has to be Peter **DEAN**. He might not have scaled the great heights that George did, he was giving away several inches to start with, but he will always be remembered for one of the great goals since Wealdstone moved to the Vale.

This was season 2013-14, our Isthmian Premier winning season. We had already clinched the title on a famous night at Margate a few weeks earlier, but this was our final league match of the season against Canvey Island on 26th April 2014. All of the league blazers were in attendance, Alan Turvey et al, it was the day we

were to be presented with our Trophy. With the game entering the final stages and still goalless, Gordon Bartlett brought on Deano to replace Luke Pigden. "If Deano scores, we're on the pitch" was the chant from the terraces. Hillsy is claiming the credit for 'inventing' this, others may dispute the claim. Margate hero Charlie Penny finally broke the deadlock with 10 minutes to go, but the icing on the cake was to follow as Deano fired in

from a rebound on what was his final Stones appearance. The fans did indeed go on the pitch, the celebrations were massive, and I was fortunate enough to capture one of my all-time favourite Stones images (pictured below). It was truly one of the great days at the Vale, the player presentations and celebrations going on long into the evening. Thank you Deano!

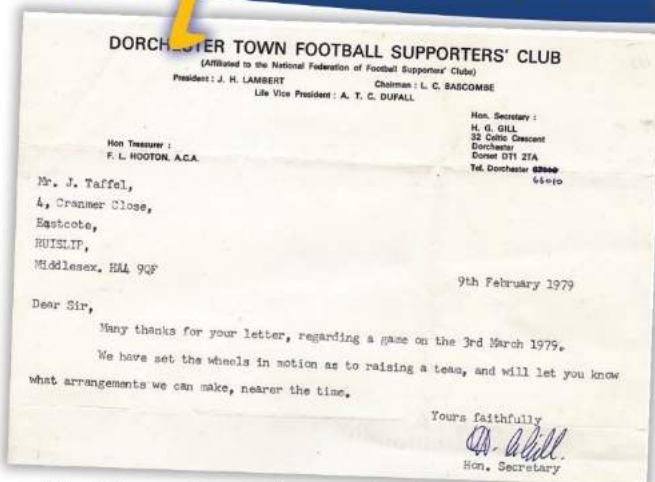
Moving swiftly backwards, D is also for **DORCHESTER** Town. I had never been to Dorchester until 1979, and it was at that time we had been arranging matches against opposing teams' supporters with our newly formed Supporters team. And so it was that I wrote to the Dorchester supporters' club (pictured opposite) proposing a match before our game on 3rd March 1979. Now that match is probably most famous for the Wealdstone debut of a certain



Above: If he hadn't already taken his place there, Peter Dean enters Wealdstone folklore with his last-act-of-the-season strike against Canvey Island. Just look at those faces!

Alphabet

D



Stuart Pearce who must have wondered what he had let himself in for as we were thrashed 5-1, a **DRUBBING**, totally **DIRE**.

Before that, the Supporters match went ahead in the morning as planned finishing in a 6-6 draw. So far so good then, and a skittles match and a few beverages followed with mission accomplished making friends with the locals. However, fuelled perhaps by the evil alcohol as well as a significant degree of ineptness in the Stones performance, there were some 'arguments' between a few of the travelling supporters and Wealdstone officials. This was blown out of all proportion on the pages of The Harrow Observer, a rather unpleasant show of dirty washing in public. The Supporters' Club blamed a splinter group that had booked a coach in their name, this was all a complete nonsense as I had arranged everything in the Supporters' Football Club's name. I was rather conflicted as I was also on the Supporters' Club com-



mittee at the time. Thankfully it all blew over, Stuart Pearce's career improved just a bit after that fateful day and the Supporters' Football team also went from strength to strength.

D is also for **DINNERS**. There have been plenty of these over the years, held to raise much needed funds for the club as well as to celebrate achievements and anniversaries. I've been to plenty, and for some reason I seem to have retained various souvenirs from them over the years, ordinarily in the form of some kind of menu or programme of events. A few things have caught my eye with regards to these, not least the attempt to make the menu seem posher than the

food ever really was. It's as if the organisers were trying somehow to impress what was ultimately a football crowd that would have been content with a pie and chips and a reduced price ticket.

Amongst my favourites is the 1975 75th Anniversary Dinner menu, featuring that classic dessert 'Profit Rolls' with Chocolate Sauce. The Supporters' Club 21st anniversary Dinner & Dance held in February 1979 featured pretty much a full Xmas dinner - turkey chipolata sausage, stuffing, sprouts and roast potatoes. Presumably leftovers? I'm not sure how many guests would still have been dancing to the music of Cheetah until midnight, then again there was thankfully no fixture the following day. An early example of Jolly being injured maybe?

D is also for **DARK ARTS**, not a reference to a former Oxford City full back but something that I could have held off on until **S** later in the season (11 letters ending in 'y'). The term covers a multitude of sins falling under the category of dirty tricks or gamesmanship ranging from timewasting to simulation, trying to gain unfair advantage in whatever way possible. These techniques have been around for years, but for sure the Stones were perhaps more than naive in this area when we regained our premier non-league status. It's a little sad that we have had to adopt the 'if you can't beat them, join them' attitude, but that's the way it seems to have become. There's nothing more irritating than watching opposition players getting away with murder

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THE WONDERFUL WEALDSTONE ALPHABET CONTINUED

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with weak officials, and it's been quite something this season to see some of the home fans getting so irritated with us on our own away travels. It really shouldn't have to be this way.

Steve **DELL** doesn't rank highly on my all-time list of memorable Stones. Steve joined us from Hayes in 1998 before moving on to Northwood in 1999 having clocked up an impressive 22 starts and 6 substitute appearances with zero goals.

Nonetheless he makes the alphabet by virtue of my possessing a Steve Dell Junior Stones playing card. These were produced for Junior Stones to collect back in the late 1990's, with the reverse side of the card listing some interesting facts about the player in question. From these I can reveal that Steve, now 43 if my maths is correct, had the imaginative nickname of Delle. A postman who enjoyed golf, snooker, pasta and chicken, Delle's ambition was to 'play pro.' I don't think that this ever happened, but maybe he was more fortunate in getting to meet Denise Van Outen, the famous person he would 'most like to meet.' Sadly, when I recently rediscovered my Steve Dell card, I was disappointed to find out that it wasn't autographed so probably not as valuable as it could have been. I think that today's Junior Stones would welcome a Player Cards 2022-23 version.

I'm not sure we'll ever see the likes of it again, a double winner dropping down to play non-league football. Terry **DYSON** (right, with Jimmy Greaves and the European Cup-Winners Cup in 1961) played for Spurs for a decade from 1955 to 1965 and was a regular member of the 1960-61 side that won the old Division 1 and FA Cup double, scoring in the final at Wembley. He also has a hat-trick against Arsenal to his name that made him rather popular in North London, a feat that has not been repeated. So how lucky were we to acquire his services in early 1972,



STEVE DELL

JUNIOR STONES PLAYER CARDS No.11

Full Name: Steve Dell
Date Of Birth: 6.2.79
Height & Weight: 5'11" / 12st.
Nickname: Delle
Position: Right Wing Back
Occupation: Postman
Previous Clubs: Hayes
Appearances/Goals: (to end of 97/98): -/
Favourite Food: Pasta & Chicken
Favourite Country Visited: Spain
Hobbies: Golf, Snooker
What Famous person would you most like to meet? Denise Van Outen
Ambition: To play pro

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may once have considered themselves **DYED IN THE WOOL** fans of other clubs, but the switch to following Wealdstone has destroyed that description. There are many of course that choose to follow Wealdstone alongside another club, but I'm grateful that this is not something I do, it can be stressful enough watching just one. So, if you're a recent Stones convert, we welcome you of course, but perhaps a qualifying period may be necessary before you can wear the Dyed in the Wool t-shirt and badge.

*If you've read this far, you may be wondering how **DRIVEL** hasn't made the cut? Next week it's **E time**, as always I'm open to suggestions with regards any items to include that may be of interest, so let me know.*

Above: If he hadn't already taken his place there, Peter Dean enters Wealdstone folklore with his last-act-of-the-season strike against Canvey Island. Just look at those faces!



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26 years apart, very different cup defeats for the Stones at the Vale and at Lower Mead...



How did that stay out? The ball bounces off the Beaconsfield post as Richard Jolly (10) keeps watch

Saturday Sept 17 2011, FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round: Wealdstone 0 Beaconsfield SYCOB 2

ELEVEN years ago saw this miserable, low-key home defeat to opposition from a division below, in front of just 296 people.

As the meagre crowd dribbled away from the Vale I remember wondering if this was the end of a club worthy of decent support.

For we were deservedly beaten by the Southern League Div One side with Adam Bernard and Victor Owusu grabbing the goals - just two years after Gordon Bartlett's side had only just been edged out by League One Rotherham in arip-roaring FA Cup first round tie in front of 1,600 here in Ruislip.

After a stuttering start to the Ryman Prem campaign the fans were desperate for a bit of Cup glory... but what we didn't then know was that this Stones side would eventually deliver it in spades.

For after this lukewarm start, GB's side turned into a juggernaut that was beaten just twice in 33 games between October 4 and March 10, 2012. We stormed through an incredible seven rounds of the FA Trophy (featuring four replays) until the run

was terminated by 3-1 in the first leg of the semi-final at Conference side Newport County.

What a glorious five months that was!

Memories of the Trophy wins over Barrow, Dartford and Cambridge United will last forever, so this tepid reverse to Beaconsfield was really just a bit of a life lesson. Don't write us off!

Tuesday Septejner 17 1985, Gola Championship Shield: Wealdstone 2 Runcorn 2 (aet, Stones lost 3-5 on pens)

With the passing of time, this defeat can be seen as one of the best-ever games played by Stones in the glorious mid-80s. The fact that we had won the Gola (Conference) League and FA Trophy double makes Brian Hall's team one of the best non-League sides in the history of the game, and the bitterness (at the time) of being deprived of another trophy can be viewed much more sweetly 37 years on.

How we were spoiled!

The 1981-82 season had seen Allen Bastford's side (then with Hall as his assistant) bounce back to the Conference by winning everything on offer in the Southern League: The Southern



Above: the programmes for the Beaconsfield and Runcorn games

Bowgett miss ends 'Stones hopes



DELIGHT: Derek Doyle gets a touch to Mark Graves' cross (above) to put Wealdstone ahead and (right) turns in delight to celebrate.

Penalty drama

Wealdstone 2, Runcorn 2

(AET. Score at 90 mins. 2-2. Runcorn win 5-3 on penalties)

PAUL Bowgett's penalty miss cost Wealdstone a clean sweep of the major honours in Tuesday night's action-packed Gola Championship Shield showdown with Runcorn at Lower Mead.

All conquering Stones were gunning for their sixth trophy in as many months but were sent reeling in a dramatic penalty shoot-out. And it was a shame that such a match — the best seen at Lower Mead in years — had to be decided in that way.

The scores were deadlocked at 2-2 after 90 pulsating minutes, and at the end of extra time, leaving the two sides to shoot it out from the penalty spot. Brian Kettle, Graham Jones, Frank Carradus and Steve Skeete were all successful for the visitors, as were Robin Wainwright, Vince Jones and Lee Holmes for Wealdstone, when skipper Bowgett stepped up to take his kick.

He hammered his spot kick wide of the left-hand post and John Imrie stepped up to rap home Runcorn's fifth to give them the Shield.

It was a cruel way for Wealdstone to lose, but an exciting climax for the 529 fans who turned out at Lower Mead.

Runcorn rocked Stones in the fourth minute, Imrie lashing the ball home after Jones' free kick had cannoned off the defensive wall.

Barely 30 seconds later Wealdstone were awarded a penalty when Bobby Fraser handled but Brian Greenaway's weak kick was smothered by Peter Eales.

Runcorn should have stretched their lead on the 13th minute when Fraser's powerful header from a Carradus corner hit Imrie on the goal-line and cleared the bar.

Wealdstone struck back in the 27th minute when Holmes powered home a header from Greenaway's corner.

And 10 minutes into the second half they took the lead following a

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William Bull

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Peter Wilson

deep cross to the far post where Derek Doyle bundled the ball in.

That lead lasted only 40 seconds. A high cross into the box was not cleared by the Wealdstone defence and Alan Crompton looped the ball past Bob Iles.

Wealdstone still had opportunities to win the game, however. The best fell to Holmes, who had raced the length of the field before meeting a Steve Tapley cross but headed just over with the goal at his mercy.

Extra time saw the reappearance of the fans' favourite Andy Graham, re-signed on his return from Tokyo.

But the only real chance in those extra 30 minutes had fallen to the man he replaced, Graves.

Doyle whipped a vicious centre across the face of the goal in the opening minutes and Graves flashed a shot inches wide.

There was nothing to separate the sides, though, and it eventually took those penalties to decide the outcome.

A bitterly disappointed Stones boss Brian Hall said: "We should have won the game in normal time. When it gets to penalties it is all out of my hands. It was a disappointing way to lose but it was a superb game."

Division trophy, the Southern League Cup, the Southern League Championship shield against Northern Division winners Nuneaton... and even the Southern League Championship Trophy when Gloucester were pushed forward (as SL Cup runners-up) to face the Stones over two legs.

So after winning the Conference in 1985, (and the Middlesex Senior Cup against Enfield to kick off the new season) this visit of Runcorn to Lower Mead for another 'Championship Shield' match as Gola League Cup winners seemed likely to be yet another procession for the success-soaked Stones.

But it wasn't. It all seemed rather rude, to be honest. The Linnetts rained on our parade with a powerful, pacy performance that was good enough to unsettle this outstanding Wealdstone side - arguably even stronger than the double winners.

William Bull's match report (right) captured the flavour of the night... only 37 years ago!

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DESPAIR: A dejected Brian Hall is

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BY TIM
PARKS

We've face the Gulls too often behind closed doors.. it's a game worthy of a big, live audience



Controversy last season as the Gulls' late 'winner' (below) is chalked off by linesman's 'ball was out' decision



SEASON 2020-21: STONES v GULLS

The Covid lockdown season saw Stones emerge with a lot of credit against title chasers Torquay.... the Gulls were top of the league when they came to the vale on Tuesday Dec 1st and took all three points thanks to a second half double from marksman Billy waters

Then-Stones boss Dean Brennan was rightly lamenting his small 21-man squad and they ended the game with Jacob Mendy Mendy and Danny Parish joining the eight-strong muscle injury list. MK Dons keeper Stuart Moore had come in on loan when Luton recalled their No3 choice Harry Isted the day before the game - thanks largely to Isted's spectacular display in the 3-0 defeat at Notts County the previous Friday, it was believed - but even Moore's heroics could not deny Gary Johnson's men.

Parish gave Stones a shock first half lead but the Gulls' second half pressure told as Waters (who joined Halifax the following season and did exactly the same to us in Halifax colours) popped up with two second half goals (60 and 88 mins) to settle the game.

The highlights (like all the games that season) are available on You Tube and on this one you can hear the excitable commentary of myself and Paul Franklin as our hopes of a surprise victory are extinguished by the predatory Waters. There I was, praising his 'adroit finish' for the benefit of

our (many) live stream subscribers from the West Country while simultaneously wanting to stab sharp needles in my eyes!

The return game at Plainmoor on another Tuesday night - February 9 - probably saw far fewer Stones fans forking out the tenner to watch on telly. We were slipping down the National League table and three days earlier had collapsed to a 4-1 FA Trophy last-16 defeat at Northern Premier league Darlington our chances at league leaders Torquay looked slim to anorexic.

Yet in the teeth of a Devon gale, Stuart Maynard's side rode their luck with a rigid game plan. A shock win even looked on the cards after Mendy Mendy had crashed in a terrific left footer to give Stones a first half lead.

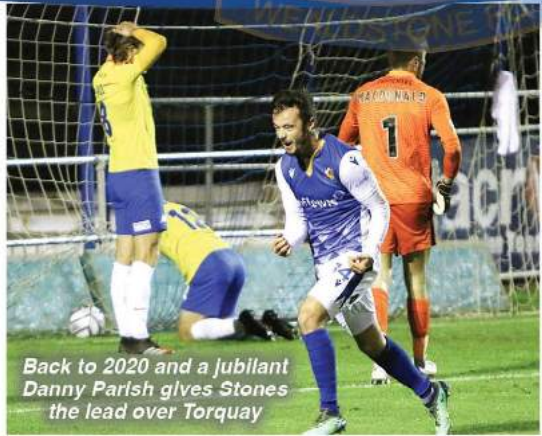
But that man Waters again came on as sub to have us reaching for those knitting needles again! Jerome Okimo blasted the ball out of defence in added time only for the wind to catch the ball and drop it back on the edge of our box... Torquay worked the ball wide and finally Waters had the space he craved to fire the (admittedly long overdue) leveller past Harry Isted. The eerie silence at Plainmoor was punctuated by howls of dismay from the Stones bench, and whoops of delight from the home players and officials.

SEASON 2021-22: STONES v GULLS

LAST season was a relief to finally have fans back in the grounds again - and it was the Gulls'



Gulls players aren't happy!



Back to 2020 and a jubilant Danny Parish gives Stones the lead over Torquay

followers who delighted in a resounding 5-0 win at Plainmoor on October 2. The manner of the defeat shocked the 150-odd fans who had travelled down from west London after Stones had won two and drawn three of our previous six games... this was redolent of the embarrassing 8-2, 6-0 and frequent 4-0 maulings of the Covid season when we were forced to furlough players and survive on a shoestring squad. But happily this 0-5 proved to be a bit of a one-off last season.

There were, however, many overtones of the dismal 'behind closed doors' campaign when the sides met again at the Vale on February 26. The Stones were on a high after successive home wins over Dover and Yeovil, and the titanic 3-1 eclipse of Barnet at PEPF. But then after leading Wrexham at the Vale, the Welsh fans' celebrations of the two quick goals that won the game caused the wooden fence to collapse at the Gun turret end - the ramifications of which were far-reaching.

As we know, the ground was shut while a new pitch surround was installed. And because Torquay were next up and the decision taken to 'live-stream' the game with a 5pm kick off, yours truly found himself dusting off the microphone to go again!

It was an uncomfortable reprise of the 2020-21 season. That campaign (with no relegation and precious little to excite the crowd) had ended with an emphatic 4-1 defeat by play off chasing

Solihull Moor at the Vale, with a restricted home crowd and live stream operating for the away fans only. It was a bleak afternoon.

So we decided to enjoy the afternoon against Torquay come what may and with fellow fan Adam Hills doing the punditry a compelling 90 minutes kept the fans engaged (or so I'd like to think).

Stones took the lead after an even first half with Rhys Browne spotting a brilliant overlap from Jaydn Mundle smith - Mundles took the pass and fired past keeper Shaun MacDonald.

Brownie missed a later chance to make it 2-0 and Torquay swarmed back up the other end to equalise through current Barnet player Ben Wynter ... and indeed thought they'd 'done a Billy Waters' when Craig Lemonheigh-Evans pulled the ball back from the byline for a Gulls striker to convert.

Again, up in the commentary box there was false, choking praise for the clinical finish. And then barely-contained delight when the assistant referee, out in the far distance, raised his flag in the mistaken belief that the ball has gone out of play before it was cut back.

After the stalemate first half I'd joked to 'Hillsy' that weren't missing the unavailable action-replay machine... and was again glad after that linesman's shocking decision!

Let's hope for more drama this afternoon, but at least you'll all be in the ground to witness it.

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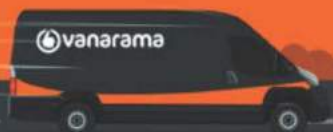
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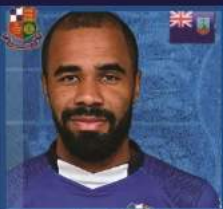
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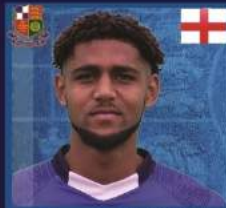
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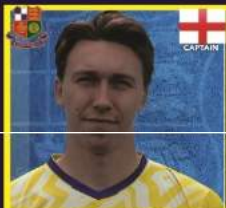
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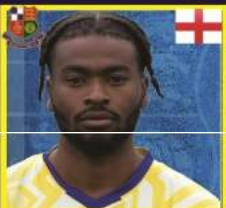
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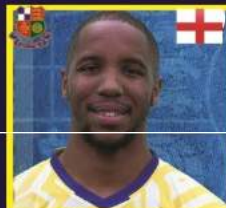
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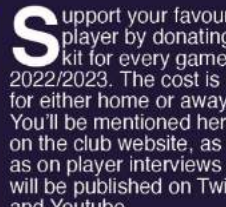
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Next at The Vale



**Southend
United**

National League

Saturday
24th September
3:00pm



**Boreham
Wood**

National League

Saturday
8th October
3:00pm



**Notts
County**

National League

Tuesday
25th October
7:45pm

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER TABLE @13/9/22

	ALL						HOME					AWAY					RESULTS				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	(H)
1 Chesterfield	8	6	2	0	17	8	4	4	0	0	9	3	4	2	2	0	8	5	9	20	
2 Wrexham	8	6	1	1	23	8	4	4	0	0	14	3	4	2	1	1	9	5	15	19	
3 Notts County	8	5	3	0	20	6	4	3	1	0	8	2	4	2	2	0	12	4	14	18	
4 Solihull Moors	8	5	2	1	22	9	4	2	2	0	10	3	4	3	0	1	12	6	13	17	
5 Boreham Wood	8	5	2	1	13	6	4	1	2	1	5	5	4	4	0	0	8	1	7	17	
6 Wealdstone	8	4	3	1	9	6	4	2	2	0	5	3	4	2	1	1	4	3	3	15	
7 York City	8	4	2	2	9	6	4	2	1	1	5	3	4	2	1	1	4	3	3	14	
8 Woking	8	4	1	3	13	9	4	3	0	1	9	3	4	1	1	2	4	6	4	13	1-1
9 Barnet	8	4	1	3	13	11	4	3	0	1	7	2	4	1	1	2	6	9	2	13	
10 Bromley	8	4	1	3	9	10	4	3	1	0	4	1	4	1	0	3	5	9	-1	13	3-2
11 Eastleigh	8	3	2	3	9	10	4	2	2	0	5	3	4	1	0	3	4	7	-1	11	0-1
12 Maidstone United	8	3	2	3	11	17	4	2	1	1	6	6	4	1	1	2	5	11	-6	11	1-1
13 Dorking Wanderers	8	3	1	4	12	20	4	1	1	2	5	12	4	2	0	2	7	8	-8	10	
14 Southend United	8	2	2	4	8	9	4	2	0	2	4	3	4	0	2	2	4	6	-1	8	
15 Halifax Town	8	2	2	4	6	9	4	1	1	2	3	5	4	1	1	2	3	4	-3	8	1-0
16 Oldham Athletic	8	2	2	4	7	12	4	2	0	2	6	7	4	0	2	2	1	5	-5	8	2-1
17 Dagenham & Redbridge	8	2	2	4	9	16	4	2	1	1	7	8	4	0	1	3	2	8	-7	8	
18 Yeovil Town	8	1	4	3	7	9	4	1	1	2	3	4	4	0	3	1	4	5	-2	7	0-0
19 Maidenhead United	8	2	1	5	6	11	4	2	1	1	6	4	4	0	0	4	0	7	-5	7	
20 Torquay United	8	2	1	5	5	11	4	0	1	3	2	8	4	2	0	2	3	3	-6	7	
21 Gateshead	8	1	3	4	11	14	4	1	2	1	7	5	4	0	1	3	4	9	-3	6	1-0
22 Aldershot Town	8	2	0	6	8	15	4	1	0	3	5	9	4	1	0	3	3	6	-7	6	
23 Altrincham	8	0	5	3	8	15	4	0	3	1	6	7	4	0	2	2	2	8	-7	5	
24 Scunthorpe United	8	1	1	6	9	17	4	1	0	3	5	9	4	0	1	3	4	8	-8	4	

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**Aldershot
Town**

National League

Saturday
1st October
3:00pm

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National League

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WEALDSTONE

Royal Blue/White/White



TORQUAY UNITED

Yellow/Blue/Blue



- G Dante-Astor BAPTISTE 1**
- Jack COOK 2**
- Lewis KINSELLA 3**
- Ashley CHARLES 4**
- Ayodeji ELEREWE 5**
- Mason BARRETT 6**
- Tarryn ALLARAKHIA 7**
- Nathan FERGUSON 8**
- Olufela OLOMOLA 9**
- Stephan Rhys BROWNE 10**
- David SESAY 11**
- G Sam HOWES 13**
- Elijah HEARN 15**
- Dominic HUTCHINSON 17**
- Alex DYER 18**
- Malachi NAPA 19**
- Jordy MONGOY 21**
- Max KRETZSCHMAR 22**
- Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH 23**
- Sam HABERGHAM 28**
- Tecane SHROWDER 29**
- G Eric NEGRARU 31**

- 1 Mark HALSTEAD G**
- 2 Dylan CROWE**
- 3 Dan MARTIN**
- 4 Tom LAPSLIE**
- 5 Ali OMAR**
- 6 Ross MARSHALL**
- 7 Ryan HANSON**
- 8 Asa HALL**
- 9 Aaron JARVIS**
- 10 Corie ABDREWS**
- 11 Kieron EVANS**
- 14 Brett McGAVIN**
- 15 Ben WYATT**
- 16 Shaun DONNELLAN**
- 18 Olaf KOSZELA**
- 19 Will GOODWIN**
- 20 Alex MOYSE**
- 21 Dean MOXEY**
- 22 Rhys LOVETT G**
- 24 Lewis BROOKS**
- 25 Jack WINSOR**
- 26 Nelson ISEGUAN**

REFEREE Adrian Quelch **ASSISTANTS** David Hutton and Scott Chalkley
FOURTH OFFICIAL Samuel Olhausen **OBSERVER** Brian Curson

RESULT: WEALDSTONE **TORQUAY UNITED**

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