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Rhys Browne punctures the Aldershot defence and celebrates with Ashley Charles and skipper Jack Cook
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Written in Stone

It's a big welcome to Boreham Wood this afternoon but I'm sure we'll be heartily sick of each other in a week's time! Today is followed, of course, by an action replay at Meadow Park in the FA Cup next Saturday after our clubs were paired in the 4th Qualifying Round... it certainly wasn't the draw we were looking for, but I've got a feeling that Wood weren't too happy about it either.

Last season saw us having to face National League leaders Dagenham in the 4th Qual, and Boreham Wood are currently the highest-placed side in our half of the draw. And who can forget their fabulous run to the Fifth Round last season - having knocked out League One Wimbledon in the Third Round, Championship high-fliers Bournemouth in Round Four and then going down with pride at Everton, 2-0, in the last 16.

They certainly flew the National League flag brilliantly but how we'd love that sort of exposure! The Stones were pipped 1-0 at Meadow Park last season before pulling off a terrific 2-0 win at The Vale on Easter Monday, and with just one away defeat so far this season (before Tuesday's game at Solihull) Stuart Maynard's boys will feel

confident of getting a result both today and next week.

Luke Garrard's side, meanwhile, have rediscovered their resilient form and have won four and drawn two of their six away games - the best in the division - and we'll have to watch out for ex-Stone Dennion Lewis who is in fine form. They also boast our former centre-back Connor Stevens in their ranks.

After the Stones' impressive 2-1 win at Aldershot last Saturday it all points to two terrific games. Rhys Browne was our magic man at The Rec, popping up with two late goals after an hour of almost constant pressure and football that was often a delight to watch (even for the Aldershot fans, as they admitted). The first half saw the Stones looking a bit lethargic but how it all changed...and it was almost a repeat at high-fliers Solihull Moors on Tuesday night when the home side broke away to net a late winner after it seemed Olufela Olomola's goal had earned us a deserved point. Great to hear the travelling fans in great voice and we'll need another big noisy following for the short trip around the M25 for the Cup tie. Flags and colours please!

Tim

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The Elmslie

EE spouts a few cliches but it's true: The Stones are a beautiful team to watch

A game of two halves is a well-worn footballing cliché, but from the terraces it certainly seemed to be last Saturday at Aldershot.

In the first period we were just too slow, too lackadaisical, with too many passes falling short. Aldershot took the lead early on with a decent strike - but after we had given the ball away needlessly - and whilst we weren't at the races we still had a couple of decent chances; firstly when Mundle-Smith had a shot, similar to one he scored at Barnet last season, tipped away and then somehow Olomola wasn't able to get a touch on a cross shot from Alararkhia after a mazy run - though it may have taken a touch from the 'keeper. Certainly, the away section was up celebrating prematurely, thinking it was just a tap in to score.

Second half, Mundle-Smith went off and Dom Hutchinson came on. The shape changed to a 4-4-2 and we looked much more dynamic. Hutchinson has that ability to beat players and caused Aldershot no end of problems. Sesay did the same on the other flank too. To be honest, it was as dominant a performance as you could imagine and the only Achilles's heel in our performance was that we only scored twice,



Just getting on with it: Rhys Browne celebrates the leveller at Aldershot in muted fashion...



... but celebrations went through the roof a few minutes later after he'd won the game!

through a combination of good goalkeeping, over-playing and poor finishing. One of these days, some team is going to be hammered.

The Aldershot forum was very praiseworthy of how we played and even BT Sports are now acknowledging that Wealdstone are one of the better footballing sides in this division. While our position so far is a surprise to many, our displays deserve to be where we are now. Interesting to listen to Browne's post-match interview about the belief the squad has, the resilience instilled in them and the knowledge that if you keep playing the way we do, results will come.

What I loved about Aldershot, and credit to Don Cross for spotting, was how after our first goal the team didn't overly celebrate. A job wasn't completed yet. We needed to score another to win. When we

The '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. LBDMT's forerunner 'Wealdstone Whispers' was famously THE very first football fanzine in Britain when it was published in 1971

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Stones fans give the side a deserved ovation at the final whistle...



...and Stuart Maynard comes over to thank them for the vociferous support

did, the celebrations were wild and ecstatic. They weren't happy with a draw. Nothing more than a win would have sufficed. A great mentality!

Without going totally over the top (and I probably have) the legacy that Rhys Browne is building at the Vale is akin to his late father, Steve Browne, who was the best player of his generation at Wealdstone. He was the sole reason you came to watch Wealdstone at times... and the buzz when Brownie gets the ball is similar to when his father did, 30 years ago.

It was a shame that our supporters were housed on the open terrace this season at the Rec, rather than the big covered end, which negated the ability to make a lot of noise as we did at the end of the last campaign... maybe that was the reason they did it? Despite being a relatively close journey, the train strike greatly reduced our travelling support down from 290 last season to 175 this year. As I have mentioned before, away support in the division has gone down

this year. Southend for example didn't sell out their allocation the week before. I suspect this will only get worse as the winter arrives and household bills rise rapidly.

Talking of the Southend game, the officials on the day were pilloried for awarding that penalty - though on watchback it seemed the right decision in terms of the ball hitting Fela's hands, probably in the box. You can argue that, with his back turned, how could it have been a deliberate hand ball and how certain was the referee that it was in the box from his position? The referee also made two other huge calls: not giving a penalty when Dom Hutchinson was tripped in the box - which the referee agreed happened but felt it wasn't enough to warrant a penalty. It is either a trip or it isn't: the laws, or the interruption, is baffling at times and then the other incident when their keeper took out Tarryn Allarakhia. Yes, he got the ball, but the follow through was reckless and dangerous. Anywhere else on the pitch and other than a goalkeeper, that's a freekick and possibly a sending off. The contrast between the officials at Aldershot and v Southend couldn't be greater. And that season-high gate of 2,391 was considered disappointing. How times have changed!

● Cup draw will be out by the time you read this. Where will our annual humiliation be?

STOP PRESS: Boreham Wood away! The highest-ranked opposition in our half of the draw for the second season in a row... I'm away for the 1st round date so Sod's Law means we'll win it!

● IN THE world of **Stonescast 85** (the Wealdstone FC unofficial podcast), we have a special edition with Wealdstone director Darren Linden being recorded tomorrow. He'll be talking about all things engagement and the drive to firstly get over 1,000 season ticket holders - which has been achieved - and then to target an average of 2,000 for home matches. A 'usual' 'Cast will be also recorded in the week, with Mark Hyde as host, joined by regular Chris Lane and guests Pete Worby and Chris Woods. If you fancy being on the 'Cast as a guest, let us know....



Mason Barrett

MASON BARRETT is one of those players who go under the radar - they just carry out their jobs quietly and efficiently. Which is what defending is all about.

"I'm all about doing the basics, getting the job done" says Stuart Maynard's summer capture from Watford - who celebrated his 23rd birthday last month.

And that resolve and tenacity went a long way towards the Stones picking up 16 points from the opening five National League games this season - it's no coincidence, I feel, that Mason played in all five of those games before having to limp off with a hamstring strain in the 1-0 win at Gateshead.

"It was a real disappointment having to leave that game early - I had a slight twinge of the hammy in training a few days earlier and it was sensible to come off as a precaution".

I don't suppose the long, long coach trip on the way up can have helped with stiff legs?

"Yeah, it was endless but there are pros and cons, it helps with the bonding and we had plenty of time to play Uno on the way up!"

"Is that the card game of choice?" I asked him. "It can get pretty heated!" he laughed.

The Barrett family are from Forest Gate in East London but now live in South Woodford...

"just over the roundabout from Nathan (Ferguson)" says Mason. That makes for a lively car club driving round the M25 with Tarryn, Rhys and Mundles the other East London Stones.

"I've not got a car at the moment so the others take it in turns ... and I get the middle seat in the back" says Mason, who spent a dozen years in the West Ham academy (pictured above) after being scouted at Buckhurst Hill when he was seven.

But despite a bucketload of games for the Hammers' under-23s, the closest the young defender got to the first team was training alongside

'Stone' Mason has been a rock at the back as the Blues soared up the table



Outstanding at Oldham: Mason is pictured at Boundary Park in Stones' famous 2-1 win
Picture: JON TAFFEL

the Premier League stars.

"Mark Noble took the youngsters under his wing but there was no chance of me breaking through - when I was released Watford gave me a new start".

Yet under the Hornets' then-boss Nigel Pearson there was again little chance of progression - until the Premier League side were drawn at home to Tranmere Rovers in the FA Cup 3rd round in January 2020.

Mason came on for his full debut for Bayli Spencer-Adams after 77 mins and a half-strength Hornets side were unable to stop Rovers snatching two late goals in a 3-3 draw. And although it

Right: the line-ups at Tranmere for Mason's first Watford start - and far right Mason (No.41) is pictured celebrating substitute Kaylen Hinds' equalising goal. Tranmere won it in extra time



of 19 (including Mason at right back, see line-up below) while Holebas, Kabasele and Andre Gray made up the XI.

It was almost cruel not to introduce the youngsters gradually, surrounded by experienced players, and Paul Mullin celebrated an upset with another two late goals as Rovers triumphed 2-1. Barrett described Mullin as “a goal machine” but he’s hoping to face the powerful striker when he returns to The Vale with front runners Wrexham next month.

“The Tranmere pitch was so poor all we could really do was lump it down the channels ... it played into their hands” he says.

He has been pleasantly surprised by the facilities and technical ability in the National League.

“I was 100% surprised” said Mason. “I was expecting much more basic football but everyone at Wealdstone is happy with the ball at their feet and the manager preaches good football, moving it around and it’s been a joy to be involved in these games. And the pitch is much better than Tranmere’s!

“The Oldham match and that second goal! I was involved in that move and it was beautiful, definitely my highlight of playing senior football.

“Every game has been tough but Gateshead are the best team we’ve played We just kept our shape, dug in and grabbed the win”.

So what do you see as your main strengths?

“Well I can play anywhere across the back line, right back, left back and in the middle but I’m probably happiest on the right - I think I’m a good crosser of the ball and I enjoy getting forward.”

Finally, I asked Mason if he can he see us maintaining the good start to the season... is finishing halfway a realistic prospect?

“We’ve got some very good players and the experience of people like Cookie and Sam (Habergham) is vital to us, talking us through games. There’s a good spirit among the whole squad and yes, I think we’ll do well.”

was brilliant to then be handed his first start in the replay at a mud-bound Prenton Park, Pearson had decided to rest the entire starting XI that had faced Aston Villa in the previous game. In came seven outfield players with an average age





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THE WEALDSTONE ACADEMY

How Cameron Mawer is turning Stones' academy scheme into a real home for young talent

Largely unheralded, the Stones have revamped the club's academy programme and appointed **CAMERON MAWER**, the man behind Boreham Wood's stunning youth system. Here he tells **Tim Parks** about his excitement at working with our talented young players... and expanding the club's already-successful scheme

How has your career path brought you to Wealdstone?

I was fortunate enough to have played football full time until the age of 25, starting my career at Watford while representing England at youth level. After being released at 19 I went on to play in the National League for various clubs like Weymouth and Grays Athletic, losing in the Conference play off semi final and winning the FA Trophy along the way.

I kind of fell into coaching when I stopped playing and spent some time coaching abroad in Kosovo, then coming back and working for Stevenage's Academy. I received a phone call from Boreham Wood and spent the next nine years working up from a community role to working in the first team as assistant manager. I coupled that with my role with working firstly as an academy coach in the PASE scheme before being handed the academy



director job. I then oversaw their most successful period with players kicking onto the first team and beyond, coupled with having huge Academy success on the pitch winning National cups.

I then decided it was time to move on and have a change. I left my role there in 2021, and after a year running my own programme I spoke to a few people I knew at Wealdstone and was sold straight away on the club's ambition - from the chairman to the first team manager. I feel very lucky to be at such a growing football club with such ambitious people driving the club forward.

You seem to have made great strides already with the Stones academy... do you think it can aspire to being as important as the Boreham Wood academy is to that club?

I was luckily enough to see the Boreham Wood academy grow and become hugely successful in its own right - and I've seen first hand what it takes. The feeling and vibe around the club reminds me very much of

Disappointment for Academy head Cameron Mawer as the young Stones were beaten on penalties at Tring



Jubilant! Adonis Mangonzo comes off the bench to score one goal and assist in another in the 2-1 win over Barnet

numbers but it will be between 70/80 players currently on the academy scheme. It is a challenge because we are competing with so many other clubs at our level - and everyone is looking for that one special player.

Are there youngsters with you who could realistically make first team level?

I have a lot of belief in this group - we have some exceptional players in our ranks and we have had players training with the gaffer and Matt and always had positive feedback. We are trying to mirror the first team in our approach and our style to make that transition easier for the boys. It will take time and hopefully they can make huge strides this season and start knocking at the door.

Is there any way to bridge the gap between the under-18s and the first team? Would it have to be loans to step 3 or 4 clubs?

The idea of our under 23s this season is to place them at their correct level, so they are exposed to first team football at whatever level that is. Over the next few years we would like the boys to enter a reserve league as an U- 23 side, and start bridging that gap as under-19s and the National League is a massive jump. We are creating relationships with clubs all over the pyramid in order for our players to gain that correct exposure to the right challenge.

How have the games gone so far?

Our season has only just started - we play in the under-19 National League which is the under-19 equivalent to the first team's league. This has the likes of Barnet and other like-minded clubs. We also play in the Tactic League, which is a top league and a real challenge for some of our young players. In our first U-19 national League game

what it was like at Boreham Wood. It's certainly not going to be an overnight job but in time I feel we can make the Academy an integral part of the football club and something the fans can be proud of.... and hopefully create players of our own who can supplement the first team squad.

How many students do we have, and is it a challenge to find the best players in the local area?

We have created multiple sites and are continuing to develop the under 19 programme at Harefield Acacemy, which has been fantastic. Its first-class facilities have been really accommodating to our growth this year. We have also started the first steps towards creating a Under 23s program which is run out of the Brunel campus at Uxbridge, which is something I am very excited about. We are still finalising our

we overcome local rivals Barnet 2-1 - which was extra special for the players as they knew what it means to beat Barnet at any level. Our Tactic League side has now played two games, winning 1 and losing 1 and have played some excellent stuff so far... and developing well.

How disappointing was it to go out of the FA Youth Cup to Tring last week?

It was a tough one to



Back of the net! Stones score against the Bees

THE ACADEMY CONTINUED...



Marley Wilson-Braithwalte rises to head Stones' equaliser at Tring in the FA Youth Cup 9 days ago

take for the whole squad as we felt, going into the game, we had a team capable of going a lot further into the competition.

But we came up against a good side in Tring Town. We struggled early on in the game but with six first years in the eleven, nerves were expected as they knew how big an occasion it was to represent Wealdstone in the FA Youth Cup.

In the second half the players were different class and but for some poor finishing it could have easily been us going through... but it wasn't to be. Our lads will learn so much from it, which I hope will stand them in good stead moving forward in their careers.

What sort of group are they?

I have to be honest, it's a really focused group.... they all want to achieve. Some of our players come from across London so the commitment they make to come in everyday is amazing, and they work to their maximum every session.

The main thing we look for in our recruitment is the attitude of our players and so far with this group they have done everything that's been asked of them.

Is it the norm now for the bigger non-League clubs to have their own academy?

All the other National League clubs now run full time football and education

academies like ours and have had huge success over the past few years in getting players in the first team and beyond. I was fortunate enough, at Boreham Wood to work closely with talents like Sorba Thomas and Ilman Ndiaye who both went on from these types of academy - and are now of course Championship players and internationals.

How do you see the Wealdstone Academy progressing? What are the next steps?

We want to continue on the pitch to recruit the best players and develop our football philosophy in line with the first team as much as possible. The idea is to get a player from the academy out on the pitch at Grosvenor Vale - and not just make the odd appearances then disappear, but to become a regular and help the club continue to kick on.

Is it achievable? Of course it is, but it will take time. We need to bridge the gap and develop our U-19s until they are ready to push on into the U-23s.

● **Watch out for regular updates and match reports in the programme from Cameron as the Young Stones grow and develop through the season**

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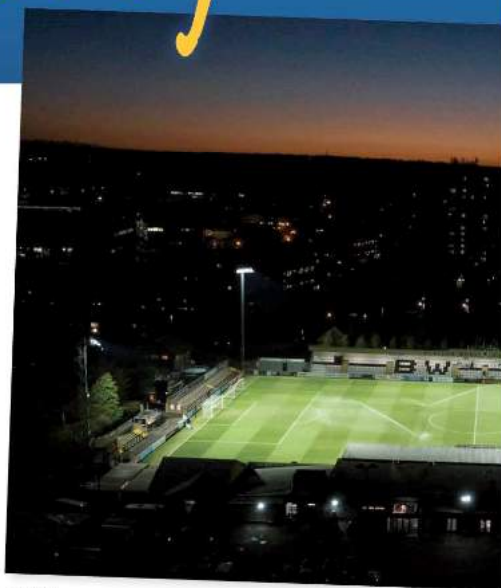
THE WOOD

Boreham Wood Football Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary at the end of the 2017/18 season, having been formed in 1948 following the amalgamation of Boreham Rovers and Royal Retourneuz. The anniversary was celebrated in spectacular style with an appearance at Wembley and also beating a Football League club for the first time ever in the FA Cup – more later on both!

First though, back to our formative years and the club gradually progressed through the Mid-Herts, Parthenon, Spartan and Athenian Leagues. Under the Chairmanship of local man Bill O'Neill and the management of fellow local man Mickey Hunter, the club moved forward by winning back to back promotions at Athenian League level, before being elected to the Isthmian Football League in 1974/75, under the management of another local man Micky Lennon.

In 1976/77 the club won the Isthmian League Division Two Championship by sixteen points and then had a five-season spell in the Premier Division during the late seventies and early eighties. It then enjoyed another much more successful spell in the Premier Division during the nineties under the Chairmanship of Phil Wallace and the managerial expertise of Bob Makin. That sadly ended in relegation at the end of the 1999/2000 season under the then new Chairman Danny Hunter who remains our Chairman to this day. However, the club did bounce back immediately from that disappointment and once again gained promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division, as Isthmian League Division One Champions in 2000/01.

Following the Football Association restructuring of non-league football in 2004, Boreham Wood competed



for the first time in the Southern Football League, playing in Division One East for two seasons. Winning the championship in 2005/06 the club was promoted again and returned to the Isthmian League Premier Division for the 2006/07 season.

Alongside the championship success in the 2005/06 season the club went on an incredible run in the FA Trophy, reaching the Semi-Finals. We are very proud to say that, at present, we are still the lowest ranked team to have reached the last four of that prestigious tournament.

The 2009/10 season was also a highly memorable one for the club, as it saw us finish 4th in our Isthmian League Premier Division campaign and take part in a League Play-Off for the very first time. After defeating Aveley 1-0 away in the Semi-Final, the club went on to beat Kingstonian 2-0 at home in the Final and, under the shrewd management of Ian Allinson, we deservedly took our place in the Football Conference South.

A poor start to our inaugural 2010/11 Conference South league campaign saw us initially struggle to compete at that level and we sat bottom of the table around the Christmas period. However, with clear leadership and further investment from our experienced Chairman, our manager Ian Allinson, our dressing room and our supporters all came together. We rallied and

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CAPACITY - 4,500 (1,700 SEATED)

MANAGER - LUKE GARRARD

2021/22 - 9TH NATIONAL LEAGUE



MEADOW PARK

recovered well

to finish in a very respectable 14th place.

The 2013/14 saw a long relegation battle for the majority of the season but a strong finish saw us end up in 13th place. Another cup run saw us again reach the First Round proper of the FA Cup, and that culminated in us holding Football League One side Carlisle United to a 0-0 draw at Meadow Park. The replay ended in heartbreak, though, as we led 1-0, only to miss a penalty before two late goals saw us bow out of the competition 2-1.

In 2013, we got the go ahead to build a brand new 870-seater West Stand. The project was finally completed in May 2014 at a cost of around three quarters of a million pounds. The stand was officially opened by Mr Arsene Wenger in front of a bumper crowd of 3,400, in a specially arranged friendly against an Arsenal First Team on Saturday 19th July 2014.

The 2014/15 season was, at the time, the most successful in Boreham Wood Football Club's history. After leading the Conference South for the majority of the season, a controversial defeat at eventual League Champions Bromley cost us the title and so we took our place in the end of season Play-Offs.

After playing magnificently to beat Havant & Waterlooville 2-0 away from home, and then drawing 2-2 at home in a two-legged Semi-Final, we faced the then big spending and strongly fancied Whitehawk Football Club at Meadow Park in front of a partisan

2,200 crowd and eventually winning 2-1.

The 2015/16 season was undoubtedly a historic season for the Wood with us competing at the top table of non-league football for the very first time in the newly named National League. By the October we had lost our very successful long-standing manager Ian Allinson to his increased work commitments. We had replaced him with Allinson's experienced, but young, assistant manager Luke Garrard who was just 30-years of age and we continued to struggle and adjust to football at that level and faced a relegation battle that took us to the very last game of the season.

The following season, 2016/17, saw the club improve further, with an 11th place National League finish but the best was still to come one year later.

During that 2017/18 season the club finally realised two ambitions, the first of which was to beat a Football League club in the FA Cup. That happened on Saturday, November 4 2017 with a 2-1 victory over famous FA Cup winners Blackpool. That would have been the highlight of a normal season, but 2017/18 was anything but that for Boreham Wood FC as a great run of league form ended with an amazing 4th place finish in the National League. That meant yet another appearance in the Play-Offs and this time in the new format where six clubs were involved. In the eliminator round we beat AFC Fylde 2-1. We then faced Sutton United away just three days later winning 3-2 – Boreham Wood were going to play at Wembley Stadium! A place in the Football League was at stake but it was not to be, losing 2-1 to Tranmere Rovers but the memory of the day, the walk down Wembley Way and seeing over 4,000 fans supporting the club will last forever in the memory of everyone connected with the club.

Optimism in our future has long returned to Meadow Park and we hope it will now lead to greater home support, greater sponsorship and, of course, further investment as we continue to progress. After the incredible infrastructure overhaul and huge facility investment in recent years, the club has never looked in better shape. We now have the excitement of another National League season to enjoy and the future of Boreham Wood Football Club has never looked brighter throughout our 70-year history.

Opposition in focus

BOREHAM WOOD FC



1. NATHAN ASHMORE - GOALKEEPER

Previous Clubs: Portsmouth, Havant & Waterlooville, Gosport Borough, Ebbsfleet United. Nathan arrived at Meadow Park in October 2019, originally on loan from then-National League counterparts Ebbsfleet United, before signing permanently with the Wood in the summer of 2020 amidst the COVID-19 pandemic on a two-year contract.

2. DION KELLY-EVANS - DEFENCE

Previous Clubs: Coventry City, Kettering Town, Notts County. Born in Coventry, Kelly-Evans joined the Academy of hometown team Coventry City and rose through the ranks at the Ricoh Arena, signing his first professional contract at the age of 19. Dion is a quick and versatile wide defender who can play either as a wing-back or as a full-back and has established himself as a top National League player.

3. FEMI ILESANMI - DEFENCE

Previous Clubs: AFC Wimbledon, QPR, Dagenham & Redbridge, Ashford Town, Dagenham & Redbridge, Histon (Loan), York City, Boreham Wood, Dover Athletic. Femi arrived at Meadow Park in the summer of 2016 and made an instant impression under Luke Garrard.

4. MARK RICKETTS - MIDFIELD (C)

Previous Clubs: Charlton Athletic, MK Dons (Loan), Ebbsfleet United, Woking. Ricketts arrived at Meadow Park in the summer in the summer of 2016 following his departure from National League rivals Woking. 'Ricko' made an immediate impression on Gaffer Luke Garrard who appointed Mark captain ahead of his first season with the Club for the 2016/17 campaign and that's remained unchanged ever since.

5. WILL EVANS - DEFENCE

Previous Clubs: Swindon Town, Hereford United (Loan), Hereford United, Newport County (Loan), Eastleigh, Aldershot Town, Chesterfield. Evans arrived at Meadow Park from Chesterfield on a two-year contract helping the Wood reach the FA Cup fifth round during the 2021/22 season.

6. DAVID STEPHENS - DEFENCE

Previous Clubs: Norwich City, Lincoln City (Loan), Hibernian, Barnet. Current longest serving player Stephens arrived at Meadow Park in October 2015, 3 months into Wood's inaugural season at National League level.

7. JOSH REES - MIDFIELD

Previous Clubs: Arsenal, Brentford (Loan), Nottingham Forest (Loan), Nuneaton Town, Torquay United, Chelmsford City, Bromley, Gillingham, Bromley (Loan), Aldershot Town. Rees began his career at Arsenal, spending 11 years within the Gunner's youth set up between 2001 and 2012. Rees opted to join the Wood from Aldershot in the summer of 2021.

8. GEORGE BROADBENT - MIDFIELD

Previous Clubs: Sheffield United, Curzon Ashton (Loan), K Beerscot VA (Loan), Rochdale (Loan). George arrived at Bramall Lane in July 2017 after playing in the youth Academy at Manchester United. Since signing for the Blades, George has enjoyed 3 loan spells away from the Bramall Lane

9. LEE NDLOVU - FORWARD

Previous Clubs: Holbeach United, Ilkeston Town, Brackley Town. After beginning his career at Holbeach United and later spending time at Ilkeston Town, it was at Brackley Town where the 27-year-old striker made a name for himself across the Non-League landscape.

10. TYRONE MARSH - FORWARD

Previous Clubs: Oxford United, Staines Town (Loan), Welling United (Loan), Ebbsfleet United, Torquay United, Dover Athletic, Macclesfield Town, Stevenage. Marsh arrived at Meadow Park in the summer of 2019 following the mutual termination of his contract at Macclesfield Town.

11. DANNY NEWTON - FORWARD

Previous Clubs: Hinckley United, Nuneaton Town, Hinckley United (Loan), Barwell (Loan), Barwell, Brackley Town, Leamington, Tamworth, Stevenage, Solihull Moors. Born in Liverpool, Newton began his career in the Leicester City Academy.

THE PLAYERS TO WATCH



12. JAMAL FYFIELD - DEFENCE

Previous Clubs: Leyton Orient, Maidenhead United, York City, Maidenhead United (Loan), Grimsby, Welling, Wrexham, Gateshead. Since arriving at Meadow Park, Fyfield has been a mainstay in Luke Garrard's defensive unit.

14. DANNY ELLIOTT - FORWARD

Previous Clubs: Long Island Rough Riders, CP San Cristóbal, Port Vale, Chester, Alfreton Town (loan), Hartlepool United, Boston United. Born in Nottingham, Elliott began his career in the Academies of Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa before moving to America at the age of 19. Danny signed in July on a two year deal from Boston.

15. DENNON LEWIS - FORWARD

Previous Clubs: Watford, Woking (Loan), Crawley Town (Loan), Falkirk, Bromley, Wealdstone. Dennon joined Wealdstone ahead of the 2019/20 season. In a curtailed COVID-19 season, Dennon featured 39 times for the Stones, scoring on 13 occasions, as well as contributing with a double-figured assist tally, as the Middlesex side clinched the National League South title. However, after two-and-a-quarter seasons at Grosvenor Vale with Wealdstone, Dennon joined the Wood for an undisclosed fee in November 2021.

16. CONNOR STEVENS - DEFENCE

Previous Clubs: Watford, Oxford City (Loan), Wealdstone. In his first season at Grosvenor Vale, Stevens helped the Stones reach the end of season play-offs, eventually losing out to play-off winners Woking in the semi-finals following a comfortable 3-1 victory over Bath City in the eliminator match. Just a season later though, Wealdstone and Stevens went one step further, clinching the Stones return to Non-League football's top table as Champions of the National League South on a points-per-game

LAST SEASON

Tue 11th January 2022 - (A) L 0-1

Mon 18th April 2022 (H) W 2-0

basis following the curtailment of the 2019/20 season due the COVID-19 pandemic. Connor arrived at Meadow Park on a two-and-a-half year deal from Wealdstone for an undisclosed fee in February 2022.

17. JACK PAYNE - MIDFIELD

Previous Clubs: Gillingham, Peterborough United (loan), Peterborough United, Leyton Orient (loan), Blackpool, Ebbsfleet United, Eastleigh (loan), Eastleigh, Crawley Town. Jack arrived at Meadow Park in July 2022 with nearly 450 senior appearances to his name across spells with Gillingham, Peterborough United, Leyton Orient, Blackpool, Ebbsfleet United, Eastleigh and Crawley Town.

18. GEORGE WILLIAMS - MIDFIELD

Previous Clubs: MK Dons, Fulham, MK Dons (Loan), Gillingham (Loan), St Johnstone (Loan), Forest Green Rovers, Grimsby Town, Barrow. George began his career with his hometown club MK Dons, progressing through several age groups alongside England international Dele Alli, before making his Don's debut aged just 16 years and 66 days.

19. ERICO SOUSA - MIDFIELD

Previous Clubs: Barnsley, Hyde United, Celje, Tadcaster Albion, Accrington Stanley, Tranmere Rovers, Accrington Stanley, Barrow (Loan), Darlington, Grimsby Town. Born in Vale de Amoreira, Portugal, Erico moved to England aged 10, joining Manchester City's famed youth academy at the age of 15-years-old before spending three years within the academy set up at Barnsley. Erico arrived at Meadow Park in the summer of 2022 on a two-year contract.

20. ZAK BRUNT - MIDFIELD

Previous Clubs: Matlock Town, Sheffield United, Southend United (Loan), Notts County (Loan). Zak began his youth career at Sheffield United before plying his trade within the youth set ups at high profile Academies, namely Aston Villa, Manchester City and Manchester United, before a spell with Derby County. Zak is on a season-long loan from the Blades with previous National League experience having spent time on loan at Southend United and Notts County.



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BY JON TAFFEL



The Stones

For F's sake! From Firth giving forth to FA Cup fever, with a couple of little full-backs thrown in for luck



Here we go again then, series 3 episode 6 of the alphabet, and today it's the turn of F....

When writing these articles I tend to dip in and out rather than doing it all in one go, so as this intro is being written shortly after our defeat to Southend, it seems only appropriate to begin with Anna **FIRTH** MP.

Now I'm not the greatest fan of politicians generally, and we should not be surprised when they say or do stupid things. Nonetheless, the Southend West excelled herself when interviewed after our win at Roots Hall last season. No surprise that she called us Wealdstn, as she proclaimed that no doubt that "Southend United played best and had the most control." Her finishing remark that "I won't be going near Wealdstn anytime soon" was a more accurate (if unnecessary) statement ...and from our perspective very welcome. I look forward to hearing her assessment of the current arrangements between her 'beloved' club and HMRC. For the record, Anna Firth MP is a supporter of the recent Truss/Kwarteng mini-budget.

F is also for **FANS**, much lauded by our management team, "outstand-

ing, always behind us" amongst other things regularly being trotted out in post-match interviews.

And for the most part I'd concur... but it does bring us on to **FICKLE** – an adjective that describes changing feelings frequently. We've clearly had an excellent start to the season, but prior to the Aldershot game we had been on a winless run of five games. A goal down at half time, it's fair to say that from my pitch-side position I heard a lot of what I'd consider to be over the top 'advice' for

some of our players. Now I understand how much emotion is vested in supporting a football team, but once again I think much of this was borne out of some kind of expectation that we should be beating 'teams like Aldershot' given our respective league positions.

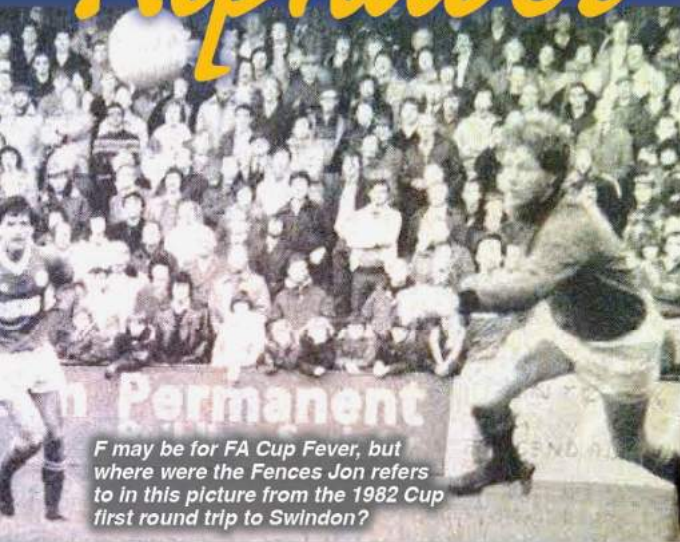
To what extent our players hear, listen to, or are affected by such 'advice' I simply don't know. That we turned things around with an excellent performance that should have yielded a win by a greater margin is further testament to the way that the players carry out their work on the advice given from the bench rather than the **FANS**. Fine margins... had things not



Above: Anna Firth at Southend, confirming what we already know about Conservative MPs

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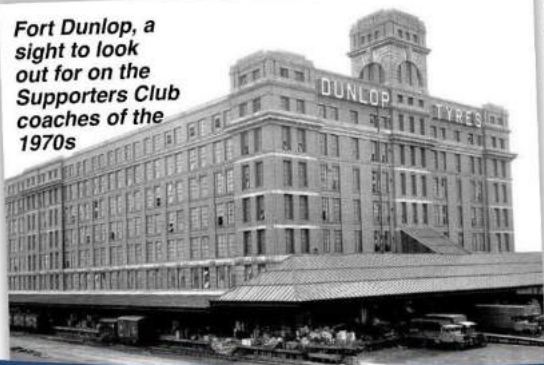
F may be for FA Cup Fever, but where were the Fences Jon refers to in this picture from the 1982 Cup first round trip to Swindon?

turned out that way then I suspect the end of match reception might have been less pleasant from some.

F is for **FORT DUNLOP**, and some of you may not have a clue as to what I am talking about or its relevance to football. Certainly this would be the case for any fans of Isthmian football who suffer nosebleeds when venturing north.... however Fort Dunlop is one of the great sites visible from the M6 if travelling by car or coach to northern away games.

It's fair to say that many of us have learned more about geography looking through windows of cars and coaches on our way to football than we ever did in a school classroom. For for me, the 1974-75 season was an eye opener, my first season as an away traveller, always on the Supporters' Club coaches of the 1970s. Looking back on the fixtures that season, it is highly likely that my first glimpse of Fort Dunlop would have been en route

Fort Dunlop, a sight to look out for on the Supporters Club coaches of the 1970s



to Stourbridge: there was no M42 back then and the M40 only went as far as Oxford. Failing that it would have been away at Telford a few months later. There are many other less attractive industrial locations on that particular stretch of the elevated motorway through Birmingham, but this building is the standout one.

Built in 1917, Fort Dunlop was the original Dunlop tyre factory and office, and was once the world's largest factory – it is a Grade A listed building. The last part of the factory closed in 2014 and has since been redeveloped for housing offices, retail outlets and a hotel. Listed as it is, it still doesn't look the same, the Travelodge signage rather detracts from its

beauty - not dissimilar to the Tesco signage on the art-deco Hoover Building on the A40.

F is for **FULL BACK**, a crucial position in the ever-changing world of positions and **FORMATIONS**. In my Sunday morning playing days, the full back position was often filled by those of limited ability. The original supporters' team in the 70s/90s contained a number of these, Duncan Towell and Dave Heath to name but two, but I also had my fair share of run-outs there too. Nonetheless, I must mention a couple of legendary Wealdstone full backs who shot to fame with an outstanding performance way back in April 1994. This was our first groundshare season at

Yeading and an awful one it was. We went to play Canterbury City on a Wednesday night in April with just 3 league wins all season and none on the road, and to rub salt into the wound we had been dumped out of both the FA Cup and FA Trophy by some team from South

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The Stones Alphabet contd

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Harrow. Against all expectations (apart from a few who like to remain optimistic come what may) we were rewarded with a 2-1 win in front of 42 spectators.

Let that sink in for one moment, 42 spectators – a reflection on both where Canterbury and ourselves were at that time. Our full backs that night were Tony Anglin and Peter Augustine, described in Mick Fishman & Peter Worby's book as 'identikit full backs who came and went with neither of them being quite up to the task.' Well up to the task they certainly were that night, and the chant ringing out of the stand housing the Stones element amongst the 47 present was 'Hello, hello, little full backs' – and I can honestly say that their smiles were up there with the biggest I've ever seen. We finished one from bottom that season but were reprieved by the resignations of both Canterbury and Dunstable Town. If ever you need to pinch yourselves as to how bad things were then and how good things are today, just think "little full backs".

F is for **FEVER**, Cup Fever to be precise. I write this post Aldershot but before the FA Cup draw due to be made at 3.15 pm on Monday... what-ever happened to the noon event? Our club is desperate for some proper Cup Fever, something that we have been deprived of for way too long.

In recent years, our Cup exploits have been more like a nasty little rash than a Fever, hope and expectations dashed by bad luck and ineptitude in equal measure whichever way you choose to look at it. We haven't been blessed with the best of draws in recent years (nor this year-Ed), but even when we have then we've pressed the self-destruct button on too many occasions. So this is the year, let's get

ourselves into the 1st Round proper for the first time since 2015. Dagenham, Hayes, Maidenhead, Sutton, Burgess Hill and Dagenham again over the last six seasons will all bring back memories you'd prefer not to be reminded of.

Even when we did qualify the year before, our performance in the 2-6 defeat to Colchester was underwhelming. Any **FEVER** that existed pre-game was quickly cured. For the majority of my Stones watching career, appearances in the 1st Round have been rather underwhelming, rarely have I felt that we were about to cause a shock, so that is why our win away at Hereford United 45 years ago remains a fond and strong one. Today's opponents Borehamwood had a fabulous dose of Cup **FEVER** last season and for once I was very jealous of them!

Talking of underwhelming 1st Round appearances, Swindon Town away in 1982 was made even more depressing by having to stand behind a ghastly thick metal **FENCE**. This was very much a thing at the time supposedly to deal with problem fans (thank you Ken Bates), but this simply served to diminish the watching experience. The humble Fence also made an appearance in the legendary Sticks and Stones song 'Scum' courtesy of a fan who 'left his mighty footprint on a **FENCE** in Essex land.' In more recent years, our elevation to the National League has given us new **FENCE** challenges, and sadly our rather quaint and homely wooden fences at the Vale have had to be replaced as not fit for purpose.

And **FINALLY** this week, a quick plug as F is for **FUND-RAISING**, so crucial to our club as we try to support the club in the National League. Sponsors are key but we all know we have to do what we can to help, so if you don't already support the initiatives that we have in place such as the 50-50 matchday draw and the monthly Teamdraw, don't be shy if you can afford to contribute.

TEAM CHECK			
CANTERBURY CITY	WEALSTONE		
Joe BINFORD	1	Andy HOPPING	
Berry GETHIN	2	Tony ANGLIN	
Paul GILDER	3	Jason CHEVENS	
Dorrie DUFFINGS	4	Clayton DENNIS	
Paul BAGLEY	5	Wesley JARROLD	
Billy HOFFEY	6	Gerry CLIMHO	
Neville SMITH	7	Desmond DRUMBY	
Steve YALBOT	8	Andy HEDGE	
Lee CALHOUN	9	Vic SCHWARTZ	
Julian HOPKES	10	Rud BRUNHARTZ	
Neville SCOLE	11	Paul WEBB	
Paul WEAVER	12	Chris GIBSON	
Nigel WING	14	Robert AUGUSTINE	
Colours: Green & White		Colours: Blue & White	
Match Officials			
Referee:	H.L. YERBY (Aldershot)	4th Team:	
Linesmen:	C. VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS (Crawley) - Yellow Trim		

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE										
Southern Division										
(Up to and including Saturday, 9th April)										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	GD		
Sudbury Town	36	24	6	6	88	39	78	+49		
Gravesend & Northfleet	35	22	11	2	72	19	77	+53		
Baldock Town	37	23	7	7	68	38	76	+36		
Widley Town	35	22	7	6	56	31	73	+25		
Salisbury City	32	22	5	5	76	31	71	+45		
Ashford Town	35	18	12	5	77	41	66	+36		
Havant Town	34	20	4	10	80	30	64	+50		
Nepesin T.D.W.	34	18	8	8	61	40	62	+21		
Margate	36	16	7	13	59	55	55	+4		
Brentree Town	37	15	7	15	68	71	52	-3		
Tonbridge	33	16	3	14	49	52	51	-3		
Waymouth	34	13	9	12	59	55	48	+4		
Buckingham Town	34	12	10	12	58	34	48	+24		
Faceham Town	35	10	11	14	48	64	41	+7		
Poole Town	36	11	6	19	47	71	39	-24		
Fisher 193	35	8	9	18	46	66	33	-20		
CANTERBURY CITY	37	8	7	22	33	69	31	-36		
Burnham	37	7	9	21	45	86	30	-41		
Crin & Belvedere	33	7	5	21	31	50	26	-19		
Dunstable	34	6	6	23	39	77	24	-38		
Wealdstone	34	3	6	25	35	85	19	-50		
Rury Town	37	3	5	29	34	107	14	-73		

Above: Pages from the Canterbury City programme that night in 1994 when just 42 people turned up to watch the then-not-so-mighty Stones

BROWNE SCORES TWICE AS WEALDSTONE COME FROM BEHIND

Wealdstone thrillingly came from behind to defeat Aldershot Town 2-1 thanks to two goals in ten remarkable minutes from Rhys Browne.

The Shots took the lead early on when a fantastic strike from Frank Vincent flew into the top corner. Wealdstone reacted well to going behind, keeping their heads in the game and dominating the hosts. They found their breakthrough just after the hour mark when Browne tapped in for his first goal of the day.

The Stones striker the completed the stunning comeback on 76 minutes when he finished well into the bottom corner following a cut-back from Jack Cook. It was his sixth and seventh goals of the season and clinched the Stones third win on the road this season.

The Shots started strong, not allowing Stuart Maynard's side to gather any rhythm and it paid off just seven minutes. A ball into the box was taken down efficiently by the imposing Aldershot striker Inih Effiong and laid off to Vincent on the edge of the box, who rifled a shot into the top left corner.

Despite going behind, the Stones reacted well and almost found themselves level on 17 minutes when a well-hit volley from the edge of the box from Jaydn Mundle-Smith forced an acrobatic effort out of Shots keeper Luca Ashby-Hammond.

Maynard's side continued to press for the equaliser and were inches away from it when Tarryn Allarakhia picked up the ball in his own half, drove at the Aldershot back-line and squared the ball into the path of Olufela Olomola. His sliding effort was a whisker away from hitting the back of the net.

Wealdstone carried on in the second half how they ended the first: continuing to dominate possession without finding the killer edge in front of goal.

A flurry of chances fell the Stones way inside the first 15 minutes of the second period that left Stones fans wondering how they hadn't equalised. Some fantastic footwork from Stones striker Olomola saw him beat his man and place the ball into the path of David Sesay whose unorthodox effort was cleared off the line by an Aldershot defender.

The next big chance once again fell to Sesay. On 57 minutes, he hit a curling effort towards the top corner which forced a fantastic save out of Ashby-Hammond.

After an immense amount of pressure, the Stones finally found their equaliser on 66 minutes when Nathan Ferguson's long shot was parried into the path of Browne, who tapped home from close range to level the score.

Ten minutes later, Stones goalkeeper Sam Howes, who had been given relatively little to do up until that point, was forced into a fantastic diving save down to his left when Effiong took the ball down and smashed it towards the bottom left corner.

On 77 minutes, came the decisive and winning moment. A a cut-back from Stones captain Cook was placed into the bottom corner once again by Browne, to spark wild scenes in the away end.

Wealdstone: Howes, Cook, Charles, Elerewe, Allarakhia, Ferguson, Olomola (Kinsella 90), Browne, Sesay, Mundle-Smith (Hutchinson h-t), Habbergham. Subs not used: Barrett, Dyer and Baptiste not used.

Referee: Aji Ajibola

Attendance: 1,702

Will Beaman

Next Home Game - Notts County Tuesday 25th October



1ST TEAM RESULTS SEASON 2022/2023

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

						Sam HOWES	Jack COOK	Rhys BROWNE	Ashley CHARLES	Alex DYER	Dom HUTCHINSON	Tarryn ALLARAKHIA	Max KRETZSCHMAR	Lewis KINSELLA	Giovanni MCCREGOR
6 BROMLEY	VNL	3-2	1,090	162	5	Olomola, Browne (P), Cook									
13 Eastleigh	VNL	0-1	1,814	189	12	13	2	10 (7)	4		17 (19)	7	22	3	19
16 Oldham Athletic	VNL	2-1	6,869	152	4	Browne, Allarakhia									
20 FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL	1-0	1,197	72	2	Browne									
27 Gateshead	VNL	1-0	1,104	135	1	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	Kretzschmar (Pen)									
13 Maidstone United	VNL	1-1	1,799	110	6	Cook									
17 TORQUAY UNITED	VNL	1-1	1,366	208	6	Browne									
24 SOUTHEAD UNITED	VNL	0-1	2,391	TBD	7	13	2	10	4	18 (4)	17	7	22(17)		19
OCTOBER															
1 Aldershot Town	VNL	2-1	1,702	175	7	Browne (2)									
4 Solihull Moors	VNL	1-2	1,326	TBD	8	13	2	10	4		17 (23)	7		3 (9)	19
8 BOREHAM WOOD	VNL					13	2	10	4		17	7		3 (2)	19
15 Boreham Wood	FAC4														
22 Dorking Wanderers	VNL														
25 NOTTS COUNTY	VNL														
29 Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL														
NOVEMBER															
1 Altrincham	VNL														
5 (FA Cup 1st Round)	FAC1														
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														
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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														



Pictures from our match on Tuesday evening away to Solihull Moors, courtesy of Jon Taffel

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	
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Who moved the GOALPOSTS?

I've been fascinated by goalposts since I was about 12 years old. For some people, sitting alongside their innate love for the game, it's floodlight pylons; for some it's the surroundings of the stadium; for some it's the buzz of visiting a new ground.

But for me it's the thrill of seeing the ball hit the net, and the myriad of different ways that happens. And the posts are a huge part of that.

Over the past 20 or 30 years the once-wonderful quirkiness of goals and their construction has been eroded to the simple and ubiquitous 'box-shape' goal. Pretty much every natural-grassed stadium in professional football now has these goalposts, with their nets suspended by a set of freestanding sticks set back from the frame.

The reason? So that the Goal Decision Systems software has an unimpeded view of the goalline from umpteen different angles. Woe betide a billowing net that might interrupt modern technology!

Actually, I'm a fan of box goals. Having played the game until relatively recently, the swish as the ball hits the back of a net goal and is 'pocketed' is very satisfying. And the curse of the old, traditional stanchion goals of the 60s, 70s and 80s - the fact that the ball quite often bounced out again after striking the metal stanchion full-on, occasion-

A whimsical journey into the fantasy land of goals, stanchions, nets & a forgotten time

ally confusing referees and linesmen into disallowing perfectly valid goals (and vice versa when the ball hit the sidenetting in an unusual manner, and the perplexed referee awarded a goal.

Have a look on You Tube at Alan Hudson's 'goal' for Chelsea against Ipswich in the 1970s. I was actually in the North Stand behind that goal at Stamford Bridge, and it was bleedin' obvious that the ball had gone wide of the near post. Yet the ref boldly gave the goal (despite being just 15 yards away) and his assistant (on the wrong side of the pitch and with his view obstructed) was of no assistance whatsoever.

And then in the early 80s, Palace's Clive Allen hit a stonking shot from 15 yards on Match of the Day that beat the keeper all ends up in a Div One game, only for it to smack against the stanchion and rebound straight out.

This time the referee refused the goal, to everybody's astonishment! Pundit Jimmy Hill, back in the studio, suggested that the official ran 20 yards over to where the camera was situated to watch a re-run. Jimmy was 40 years ahead of his time.

I think what I really loved about those old-fashioned goals was their sheer originality. Often it was the surroundings that dictated the style of the goalposts: Grounds like Stamford Bridge, Wembley



Left: the gorgeous square posts and endless netting at retro Hampden Park

LOWER MEAD GOALS

Wooden posts and squarish stanchions at our old ground in the 1950s....



...replaced by fat metal posts and skinny stanchions in the 1960s and 70s...



...and then back to square stanchions in the tight Cinema End goals of the 80s and 90s



and Hampden Park could accommodate dreamily-deep nets with stanchions that seemed to go on forever.

Wembley was, for me, the tops. The posts changed from square and wooden to tubular, white-painted steel sometime in the 1970s but the pleasingly deep-stanchion style remained unchanged right up until the Euros in 1996. Yes, box goals took over.

As a boy, having enjoyed the rarity of a live FA Cup Final at Wembley, the action switched to Hampden for highlights of the Scottish Cup Final where invariably there were a glut of goals

- and on each occasion the hapless keeper

was required to delve deep into the endless netting to retrieve the ball. Glorious!

It was the polar opposite at Upton Park (right) or The Dell, Southampton (right, below), for those of us weaned on Star Soccer/The Big Match or Match of the Day. Remember the short, square stanchions that were barely deep enough to prevent a defender getting his studs tangled in the net as he attempted to clear the ball off the line?

The crowd, crammed in behind the goal were within touching distance of the players and a well-struck shot looked set to catch someone full in the face until the net stopped the ball barely inches short of its flinching target. The nets had to be kept strung tight to contain the ball and thus the ball was often ballooned back out of the goal to be caught by celebrating players.

And then the Wednesday nights watching Sportsnight with Coleman on the BBC. English clubs involved in European Cup

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action at far-off places, in vast, ancient stadiums with eccentric goalposts and stanchions.

Have you ever seen anything like these posts (right) with four curved stanchions in Slovakia?

Or posts painted in black and white hoops, as in Malta v England in 1971 (below, right). On a pitch made of shale! These were the sort of eccentric goals that fired my teenage imagination, and of course I have lots of affection for the posts at the Stones' old Lower Mead ground.

As you can see from the pictures on the previous page, the 1960s and 70s set-up at our Theatre of Dreams featured fat, fat posts and skinny stanchions that begged the ball to be banged in the top corner. Sometimes in the 80s, unheralded, they changed to wider, square stanchions and heavy, hooligan-proof mesh nets.

But have a close look at the wooden posts and crossbar on the top picture on the previous page. These are clearly handmade goals and they're not even of a uniform size, looking more like a piece of 4ins x 2ins that could be bought from a local timber yard!

Until tubular steel became the norm, every goal in English football looked like this, although the most famous wooden posts stood at Hampden Park in Glasgow. Ignoring the previously-mentioned deep stanchions for a moment, these square wooden posts attained a type of infamy in the 1976 European Cup Final between Bayern Munich and St Etienne.

The French side struck the crossbar twice in a manner that would surely have seen the ball bounce down and into the net if the by-then-popular round posts were in place. Bayern held on for a 1-0 win but the clarion calls for square posts to be banned finally saw UEFA capitulate in 1987.

Hampden was one of the last bastions of these old-fashioned posts and the famous uprights were later stored at the Glasgow Football Museum... until St Etienne decided to actually **BUY** the posts



Above: I'm not surprised England's Alan Clarke and Paul Reaney are looking confused by the belisha-beacon goalposts in Malta at the 1971 Euro Championship game

last year. So many of the French club's fans had made the pilgrimage to Glasgow to gaze upon the wooden goals that denied them glory 46 years ago that St Etienne splashed out 20,000 Euros to take the totemic posts 'home' across the English Channel.

Makes you wonder what happened to the goals at Lower Mead. I reckoned they're stored in somebody's garage, awaiting an offer that can't be refused from a non-League football aficionado. A fiver's my opening bid!



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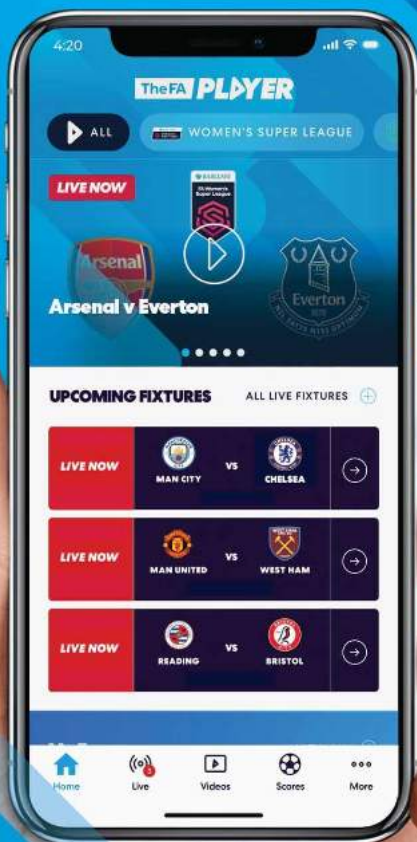
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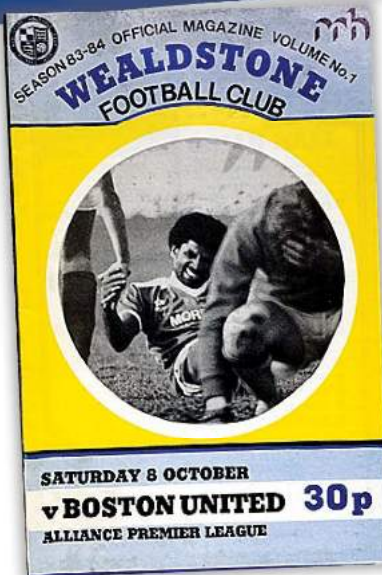


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39 years ago: The Strange tale of why Boston Utd turned up at a quarter to five for a 3pm kick off



**Saturday October 8 1983
Alliance Premier League:
Wealdstone 1 Boston Utd 1**

We've had postponements, we've had floodlight failures and we've had matches delayed while we've waited for an ambulance... but (to my knowledge) there has only been one game when the opponents kept the crowd waiting for two hours after their team coach broke down on the way to the game.

This happened almost 40 years ago, in the days of no mobile phones and a pitiful lack of communication from our visitors that afternoon, Boston United. They had travelled down from Lincolnshire on the morning of the match and their team bus conked out less than an hour away from Harrow, in leafy Welwyn Garden City after turning off the A1, about 1pm.

Boston immediately told the

police of their plight but for some reason, there was no local coach company in Welwyn able to ferry the squad down to Lower Mead - and it took a young (in those days) Pete Worby to save the day.

Pete, now an associate director of the club but in those days treasurer of the Supporters Club, was in charge of organising our fans coaches to away games and he contacted our usual company Chalfont Coaches to see if they could help out.

They did: a driver left his home in Ruislip at 1.45 to collect a replacement coach from garages in Southall, then drove to Welwyn, picked up the grateful Boston team and brought them down to Wealdstone by 4.20pm. The match eventually started around 4.45pm (when it should have finished) and a very patient crowd of over 600,

who had waited in heavy rain for around two hours, were finally 'rewarded' with a pretty indifferent game!

There were actually 890 who had paid but some 200 demanded their money back and left the ground.

My own memories of the afternoon were a complete lack of information about when Boston would be turning up. Club spokesman Colin Pope explained in the next week's programme that there was no contact from Boston between the time Chalfont Coaches set off from Southall and when they arrived at Lower Mead. Most of the crowd hung around drinking tea and Bovril; the social club also did a roaring trade but it was difficult to relax with a pint when you didn't know when the game would be starting.

And then, when Boston finally trotted out at 4.40 they were



Manager of the Month Brian Hall gets the thumbs up from his Wealdstone players as he receives a gallon of whisky from Alan Perry (left) and Robert Owen (right), sales executives from award sponsors MacKenzie. PICTURES: DOUG AVENT.

While the team were waiting to kick off the game, Stones manager Brian Hall (centre) was presented with his Manager of the Month award - a gallon of whiskey - while surrounded by his players. The caption mentions 'thumbs up' but most of the gestures seemed to be of the one-fingered variety! Numbered among the players are defender Steve Perkins (1), ex-Arsenal Cup winner David Price (2), Neil Cordice (half-hidden, 3), Alan Cordice (4), Dennis Byatt (5), Nigel Johnson (6), goalkeeper Bob Iles (7) and team coach Les Reed (8) who went on to coach with the England squad and also manage Charlton Athletic

wearing their normal yellow and black kit which clashed horribly with the Stones' then colours of broad yellow and blue stripes! I reckon the ref, W.G.Blevin of Cheshunt, was past caring and the game started regardless... and, as I mentioned earlier, it was hardly worth hanging around for as both teams appeared lethargic and listless.

As the match report (on the next page) details, nothing

much happened until Nigel Johnson - who died tragically young in his 40s - put the Stones ahead in the last ten minutes and at least it seemed the patient fans would be rewarded with two points (that was the maximum those days).... until the 88th minute when a clumsy challenge from our star defender Stuart Pearce led to Mr Blevin pointing to the spot. Gary Mallender duly con-

verted to deny the Stones five straight home wins in what was a tremendous start to the season - we were also unbeaten away and were sitting just behind Nuneaton and Northwich Victoria in the table with games in hand on both.

Incidentally, this was Stuart Pearce's penultimate game for the Stones before moving to top-flight Coventry City - and

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Told you it was a long time ago. The game would have trundled along to its 1-0 conclusion until home keeper Keiron Baker was spotted banging and shaking the post, causing the crack to open up.

Barnet's ex-Stones midfielder John Margerrison ran across to remonstrate with the keeper, and a fracas ensued with most of the 22 players involved. The ref asked for the post to be taped up, which it was, but miraculously (despite play being down the other end) the crack worsened as Baker looked on innocently.

More farce after the abandonment as Barry Fry insisted that the ref had asked for new posts to be installed, only for Yeovil to say that none were available.

"But I had a look and found three hidden away in the pitchside shed" said a furious Fry.

Stones line-up v Boston: Bob Iles, Steve Perkins, Stuart Pearce, Dennis Byatt, Paul Bowgett, David Price, Brian Greenaway, Gary Donnellan, Alan Cordice, Mark Graves, Nigel Johnson. **Subs:** Robin Wainwright, Neil Cordice.

Ten years ago: Dyer & Deano to the fore as Stones crush Ks in a thriller at The Vale



Monday October 8 2012, Ryman League Premier Division: Wealdstone 5 Kingstonian 2

AS the Stones battle for National League points these days it's easy to look back fondly on the days when rip-snorting encounters took place in the NLS or Ryman Prem... times when defences capitulated to the clever promptings and artful finishes applied by the Peter Deans and Richard Jollys of this world. And even the Alex Dyers!

Yes, our accomplished midfielder was in his second season with the Stones when we took on Ryman high-fliers Kingstonian at the Vale on a Monday night ten years ago - our regular midweek matchnight in those days. Did crowds improve because of it? Well there was just

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Top: Goalpoacher par excellence Richard Jolly swivels to put Stones back in the game at 1-2 down... the Alex Dyer's free kick (above) rips into the Kingstonian net to level the scores at the Vale on a wet and wonderful night 10 years ago. Pictures by STEVE FOSTER

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Lee Chappell and Deano wheel away after the fourth goal, and (above) Nathan Webb (12) makes it five

shy of 500 to see if Stones could continue a decent start to the season (one defeat in first seven games) that had us on the coat-tails of leaders Lowestoft, Concord Rangers and East Thurrock.

It could be argued that this evening propelled Gordon Bartlett's side truly into the promotion frame as we came from 2-0 down to wallop a Kingstonian side who were also up with the leaders.... and the belief from this pulsating evening at the Vale set Stones off on a run of just one defeat (at Corby Town in the Trophy) in the next 11 games.

The previous season had ended with defeat at Lowestoft in the Ryan Prem play-offs. Promotion would have crowned a sensational second half of the campaign that of course featured the run to the Trophy semi-final in a two-legged defeat by Newport County in the semi-final... so maybe another tilt at promotion wasn't unexpected.

But tell that to the crowd crammed into Brian Collins corner (the cover of choice kicking downhill, in the days before the Bulla Stand) when Ks raced into that early lead.

Their short, stocky striker Andre McCollin (still playing and scoring by the way, for Whyteleafe at the age of 37) was a real handful and gave them a lead inside the first ten minutes. Then Gary McDonald headed home, unmarked, from a corner with Rikki Banks rooted to his line.

Banks turned out to be a more than capable deputy for the injury Jonathan North in the Stones goal, and he then made two vital stops to prevent Ks taking an unassailable lead.

The programme and (right) Chappell and Dyer celebrate the terrific freekick goal



WEALDSTONE: Banks, McCubbin, Chappell, Massey, Dyer, Cronin, Dyer, Brooks, O'Leary, Dean (Baldoo 82), Jolly (Magzdinski 60), Pett (Webb 84). Subs not used: Brewer, Nicholas

But it was Richard Jolly who put us back in the game, after visiting keeper Rob Tolfrey (still playing these days, remarkably, for Ks) had half saved a Scott McCubbin shot. Then Ks gave away a freekick 25 yards out and the young Alex Dyer bent a delicious freekick over the wall and past the despairing Tolfrey for 2-2.

The Collins stand was rocking now and, almost unbelievably we went in 3-2 ahead at the break when Peter Dean - fast becoming a folk hero - latched onto a mishit Lee Chappell pass. Deano took a touch and rifled his shot into the far corner!

You almost had to feel sorry for Kingstonian (not really) when Stones opened the second half with a bang - Chappell's vicious right footed ball flicked into the far corner by Tom Pett, giving Tolfrey no chance.

We then had our Quiz Question of the Decade (who was our Polish loan signing from Billericay who replaced Richard Jolly?) - Jacek Magzdinski - who then took over Jolls' mantle on the hour. And he wasn't half bad!

Then another Quiz Question - answer: Shabazz Baidoo - came on for Deano, departing to rapturous applause, and finally Nathan Webb appeared from the bench and promptly smacked in number five from a difficult angle at the Gun Turret end.

WEALDSTONE: Banks, McCubbin, Chappell, Massey, Dyer, Cronin, Dyer, Brooks, O'Leary, Dean (Baldoo 82), Jolly (Magzdinski 60), Pett (Webb 84). Subs not used: Brewer, Nicholas

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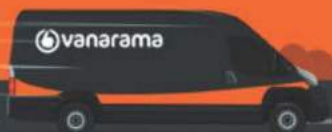
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Cook, Jack	10		2									10		2	52		6	
Dyer, Alex	1	3										1	3		171	29	35	
Elerewe, Ayodeji	8											8			8			
Ferguson, Nathan	10											10			27		1	
Habergham, Sam	8	1										8	1		8	1		
Howes, Sam	10											10			17			
Hutchinson, Dominic	7	3										7	3		7	3		
Kinsella, Lewis	2	1										2	1		2	1		
Kretzschmar, Max	8	1	1									8	1	1	8	1	1	
Mongoy, Jordy		1											1			1		
Mundle-Smith, Jaydn	3	2										3	2		27	9	2	
Napa, Malachi	2	7										2	7		2	7		
Olomola, Olufela	5	1	1									5	1	1	5	1	1	
Sesay, David	5	3										5	3		15	6		



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10 16.11.95 | 1.75m CM


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5 14.9.03 | 1.91m CB

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Tarryn ALLARAKHIA

7 17.10.97 | 1.75m RM

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16 11.6.90 | 1.80m DM


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9 5.9.97 | 1.7m CF

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Lewis KINSELLA

3 2.9.94 | 1.75m LB

KEVIN MCSWEENEY



David SESAY

11 18.9.98 | 1.84m RB

WEALDSTONE FC TRUST



Max KRETZSCHMAR

22 12.10.93 | 1.74m CM

JAMES KLARFELD



Nathan FERGUSON

8 12.10.95 | 1.78m CM

STUART KANE



CS = Coaching Staff
GK = Goalkeeper
CB = Centre Back
RB = Right Back
LB = Left Back
DM = Defensive Midfld
RM = Right Midfield
LW = Left Winger
RW = Right Winger
CF = Centre Forward



Sam HOWES

13 10.11.97 | 1.90m GK

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15 18.9.98 | 1.84m RB

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17 17.11.01 | LW

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Malachi NAPA

19 26.5.99 | 1.65m AM

GARY SMITH



Mason BARRETT

24.9.99 | 1.9m CB

WEALDSTONE FC
ACADEMY



Sam HABERGHAM

28 29.2.92 | 1.83m LB

BARRY BENVENISTE



Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH

23 17.12.99 | 1.83m LB

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Dante BAPTISTE

1 7.2.2002 | GK

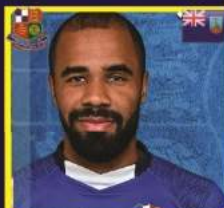
ALAN COUCH



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12 9.1.99 | 1.76m CM

TERRY STERN



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18 11.6.90 | 1.80m DM

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2 16.9.99 | 1.85m CB

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19 26.5.99 | 1.65m AM

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8 12.10.95 | 1.78m CM

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SARAH GOWDY



Dom HUTCHINSON

17 17.11.01 | LW

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Rhys BROWNE

10 16.11.95 | 1.75m CM

RAY CORNER

Next at The Vale



**Notts
County**

National League

**Tuesday
25th October
7:45pm**



Chesterfield

National League

**Tuesday
8th November
7:45pm**



Wrexham

National League

**Saturday
12th November
3:00pm**

For all Vanarama National League fixtures: £12 admission for EFL or Premier League season ticket holders and members of the armed forces

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER TABLE @3/10/22

	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)	(A)
1 Wrexham	11	8	2	1	31	9	5	5	0	0	20	3	6	3	2	1	11	6	22	26		
2 Notts County	11	7	3	1	27	11	5	4	1	0	11	3	6	3	2	1	16	8	16	24		
3 Chesterfield	11	7	3	1	22	13	5	4	0	1	10	5	6	3	3	0	12	8	9	24		
4 Boreham Wood	11	6	4	1	18	9	5	2	2	1	8	6	6	4	2	0	10	3	9	22		
5 Bromley	11	6	2	3	17	12	6	5	1	0	10	1	5	1	1	3	7	11	5	20	3-2	
6 Solihull Moors	11	5	4	2	25	14	6	2	4	0	13	6	5	3	0	2	12	8	11	19		1-2
7 Woking	11	6	1	4	19	10	5	4	0	1	11	3	6	2	1	3	8	7	9	19	1-1	
8 Wealdstone	11	5	4	2	12	9	6	2	3	1	6	5	5	3	1	1	6	4	3	19		
9 York City	11	5	3	3	16	10	5	2	1	2	6	6	6	3	2	1	10	4	6	18		
10 Dorking Wanderers	11	5	1	5	22	25	6	3	1	2	13	14	5	2	0	3	9	11	-3	16		
11 Southend United	11	4	3	4	10	9	6	3	1	2	5	3	5	1	2	2	5	6	1	15	0-1	
12 Eastleigh	11	4	3	4	13	14	5	3	2	0	6	3	6	1	1	4	7	11	-1	15		0-1
13 Barnet	11	4	2	5	18	22	5	3	0	2	7	7	6	1	2	3	11	15	-4	14		
14 Dagenham & Redbridge	11	4	2	5	19	26	6	4	1	1	16	13	5	0	1	4	3	13	-7	14		
15 Maidenhead United	11	4	1	6	9	13	6	3	1	2	7	5	5	1	0	4	2	8	-4	13		
16 Gateshead	11	2	5	4	14	16	6	1	4	1	9	7	5	1	1	3	5	9	-2	11		1-0
17 Oldham Athletic	11	3	2	6	11	19	6	3	0	3	10	11	5	0	2	3	1	8	-8	11		2-1
18 Maidstone United	11	3	2	6	13	25	5	2	1	2	7	8	6	1	1	4	6	17	-12	11		1-1
19 Yeovil Town	11	1	6	4	10	13	6	1	3	2	6	7	5	0	3	2	4	6	-3	9	0-0	
20 Aldershot Town	11	3	0	8	14	19	6	2	0	4	11	12	5	1	0	4	3	7	-5	9		2-1
21 Scunthorpe United	11	2	3	6	14	21	6	2	1	3	9	12	5	0	2	3	5	9	-7	9		
22 Torquay United	11	2	3	6	7	19	5	0	2	3	3	9	6	2	1	3	4	10	-12	9	1-1	
23 Altrincham	11	1	5	5	11	22	5	1	3	1	7	7	6	0	2	4	4	15	-11	8		
24 Halifax Town	11	2	2	7	7	19	5	1	1	3	3	9	6	1	1	4	4	10	-12	8	1-0	

Stones on the road



**Boreham
Wood**

FA Cup 4th Qual

**Saturday
15th October
3:00pm**

[Borehamwoodfoot-
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**Dorking
Wanderers**

National League

**Saturday
22nd October
3:00pm**

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**Saturday
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WEALDSTONE

Royal Blue/White/White



BOREHAM WOOD

White/Black/Black

G Dante-Astor BAPTISTE 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Nathan ASHMORE G
Jack COOK 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Dion KELLY-EVANS
Lewis KINSELLA 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Femi ILESANMI
Ashley CHARLES 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Mark RICKETTS
Ayodeji ELEREWE 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Will EVANS
Mason BARRETT 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 David STEPHENS
Tarryn ALLARAKHIA 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Josh REES
Nathan FERGUSON 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Lee NDLOVU
Olufela OLOMOLA 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Tyrone MARSH
Stephan Rhys BROWNE 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11 Danny NEWTON
David SESAY 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 Jamal FYFIELD
Giovanni McGREGOR 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13 Donabhan GREEN G
G Sam HOWES 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14 Danny ELLIOTT
Elijah HEARN 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15 Dennon LEWIS
Dominic HUTCHINSON 17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16 Connor STEVENS
Alex DYER 18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17 Jack PAYNE
Malachi NAPA 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18 George WILLIAMS
Jordy MONGOY 21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19 Erico SOUSA
Max KRETZSCHMAR 22	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20 Zac BRUNT
Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH 23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	George BROADBENT
Sam HABERGHAM 28	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jude MURPHY G
Tecane SHROWDER 29	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
G Eric NEGRARU 30	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

RESULT: WEALDSTONE **BOREHAM WOOD**

REFEREE Aaron Bannister **ASSISTANTS** Caharles Martland and Robert Evans **FOURTH OFFICIAL** Andrew Humphries

OBSERVER Colin Hills **COACH** To be announced

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