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**H**ello and a big Wealdstone welcome to Wrexham FC in this clash between two of the most famous football clubs in history!

Wrexham, the third oldest professional club on the planet (behind only Notts County and Stoke City) are creating waves at the moment with their Hollywood ownership and headlong rush to the National League title. They seem destined to have their every step recorded on screen - via the Sky Atlantic series 'Welcome to Wrexham' and the newly-proposed global live screening of their games - while the Stones' claim to fame is a strangely parallel one by appearing in the first live televising of a non-League game in the world (Barnet v Wealdstone, Athenian League, BBC, 1938) and the first live televised FA Cup ties (Edgware v Wealdstone and Wealdstone v Colchester United, BBC, both in 1949).

The game here last season was dramatic enough to warrant its own mini series: Stones led from a Rhys Browne penalty going into the last ten minutes when firstly Jack Cook was sent off for a contentious handball (his second yellow card) and then, from the resulting free kick, Jordan Davies hit the crossbar, scampered onto the rebound and bent his shot past George Wickens to unlawfully equalise. You can't touch

the ball again from a free kick unless another player has intervened. Then in the fifth minute of stoppage time defender Reece Hall-Johnson saw his shot deflect past Wickens for 2-1 to cue raucous celebrations from the 900 visiting fans... so raucous, as they pressed forwards to celebrate, that the fencing collapsed. No-one was injured, but Hillingdon council insisted that new metal barriers (costing tens of £thousands) would have to be installed. The last thing we needed to hear!

The Red Dragons seem to be even stronger this season, pressing leaders Notts County remorselessly but the enforced 11-day break between our last game (the terrific 1-0 win at Altrincham) and today should enable a few of our much-missed midfielders to be in with a chance of playing. Nathan Ferguson and Ashley Charles were expected to be back in the frame for last Tuesday's home clash with Chesterfield - rained off at midday - while Max Kretzschmar is also inching his way towards fitness.

Apart from the National League games there is a feast of football at the Vale over the next few weeks with the under-19 academy side taking on Brentford on Wednesday (November 16) with a 2pm kick off. Watford ladies face Fulham in the Women's FA Cup tomorrow (1pm) before taking on Billericay in a league clash at the Vale on Sunday November 20 (also 1pm).

*\*Thanks to Micky Kane and Sean Cronin for their assistance with the Welsh translation.*

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To the memory of those representatives of Wealdstone Football Club who lost their lives in two World Wars



## 1914 - 1918

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DoB 28.04.1889 in Hendon, Middlesex. Mechanic 1st Class. S/No 225242 Royal Naval Air Service  
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Died of Fever aged 33 in Rouen 03/12/1917.

### WILLIAM HENRY COZENS

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### FREDERICK FARMBOROUGH

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Died 12/10/1916 aged 35 though his death was not confirmed until August 1918.

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### FRANK TINGEY MARTIN

DoB --.12.1888 in Hendon. Corporal S/No B/2070 Enlisted in 7th Rifle Brigade

Killed in Action 30/07/1915 aged 26 at Hooge, near Ypres, Belgium.

### JAMES J ROBERTSON

DoB c1888 in Belfast. Private S/No 58824 (formerly S/No 2209 joined the 11th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) Died of Wounds received at Vignacourt 16/08/1918 aged 30.

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### ROBERT WILLIAM BIDEWELL

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### CHARLES ERNEST BUNCE

DoB 13.03.1913 in St Albans, Herts. Lance Corporal S/No 5832498 1st Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment

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### WILLIAM AINSLEY BURTON

DoB 17.10.1892, A former player who survived the Great War.

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**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM WHEN THE WHISTLE BLOWS.**



# When the whistle blows..

Please join us in a minutes silence prior to this afternoons game.

Ymunwch â ni mewn munudau o dawelwch cyn gêm y prynhawn yma.

Our wreath laying party this year will consist of ...

## SIMON BROWN

From Morley in West Yorkshire brown join the army in 1997. After been posted to Germany for most of his career and serving operationally in Kosovo and two tours of Iraq. In December 2006 Simon was shot in the head by a sniper whilst commanding a recovery mission in southern Basra. Fortunately, the round didn't knock him out and he was able to do his own first-aid for 25 minutes until getting to medical facilities at Basra Palace. He was back in the UK within 72 hours after receiving emergency treatment in theatre. Waking up from a drug induced coma Christmas Eve 2006. It became evident that the extent of his injuries was much worse than he feared.

Not only had the round smash both cheekbones, destroyed his jaw, caused severe

facial damage it had ripped the optic nerve off his left eye and cause scarring on the interior of his right eye.

After 10 years of surgery and rehabilitation Simon retains 20% vision in his right eye "it's like opening your eyes underwater "he says.

After losing friends on the battlefield he decided not to give up and dedicated himself to supporting those who had been injured or wounded in the service of the nation. As well as working for blind veterans UK he also does what he can and his local community support in veteran organisations. One of his proudest achievements is becoming a rugby coach "I'm helping young people you sport to develop who they are".

Through his mate Gibbo, Simon became associated with Wealdstone FC. And having found the club to be a great place to be continues their friendship. "It's always an honour to represent those who serve our nation. To do it on the pitch again at Wealdstone is massive because they treat it with such respect and make the veteran community feel so welcome"

## JANE ANDERSON

Jane Anderson is an Early Years specialist, currently working as a Reception Teacher at St Martin's School in Northwood. She has worked there for 32 years, beginning her time as a Junior Matron in the boarding house, then moving into the Kindergarten as an assistant where she spent 26 years supporting the Head of department. Following lockdown, it was felt that she should continue to support her class as they made the



Pic. Jon Taffel

# REMEMBRANCE 2022



Simon Brown (Left) & Andy Gibbs (Right) with Stuart Maynard

transition into Reception and she became their class teacher. She has risen to this challenge and enjoys creating positive relationships with parents and inspire to give the boys the 'best start in life'. In her 'spare' time, she plays cornet in the Northwood Headquarters Volunteer Band, French Horn in Harrow Symphony Orchestra and Trumpet in Abbots Langley Orchestra. Several other orchestras and bands also ask Jane to deputise for their concerts. Jane has been a Brownie leader in Northwood District Guides for 30 years, also taking on the role of Northwood District Commissioner for a considerable amount of time, overseeing all the units in the District. Outside the musical circle, Jane enjoys a relaxing game of golf with friends and spending time in her beloved homeland of Forfar in Scotland, where she hopes to retire to in a year or two.

## ANDY GIBBS

Chief Petty Officer Andy "Gibbo" Gibbs joined the Royal Navy in 1987 having grown up in the village of Chinnor in Oxfordshire. Gibbo has served on numerous ships and shore bases. Highlights include deploying around the world in 208 days in 2000, assisting in the evacuation of Beirut in 2006 and supporting counter narcotics operations in the Indian Ocean in 2014. Gibbo is currently based at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire, which has hindered his efforts to attend as many games as he would like to this season.

Gibbo said "It's always a pleasure and an honour to lead Wealdstone out on the Remembrance Day game. An occasion which

allows us to remember those that have fallen in combat for our country, to be with a real hero, Simon Brown is a true honour once again"

Gibbo has followed Wealdstone since 2011 and always enjoys a nice away day with the Stones family.

## MARK LOUNT

Cpl. Mark Lount from Withernsea, East Yorkshire Lount joined the RAF in 2003 and was first posted to RAF Northolt in 2004. Working at No1 AIDU he is responsible for working alongside US intelligence services in producing aeronautical data for allied military operations and civil use. Lount has served operationally in Afghanistan in 2011 & 12. Deploying as a Detainee Handler he worked as a prison guard of Taliban insurgents. In the role he worked alongside The Army, Navy and Royal Marines maintaining the security of the detainees and their transfers to Afghan authorities. He is a Hull City fan and follows them around the country, but since living in Ruislip for 15+ years supports The Stone's as his 'second team'

..We will remember them.

## Happy Birthday Keith & Rory



This afternoons match sponsor Keith and son Rory (Both Welsh Wealdstone Fans) are celebrating their birthdays in the boardroom this afternoon. Fingers crossed for 3 points and Happy Birthday gents.

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# The Elmslie

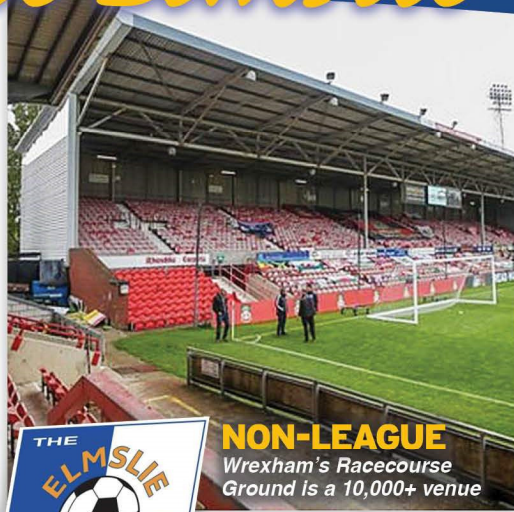
Stand-in or not, Martin explains why we're very proud of being non-League. We have no problem with that at all

It has been pointed out to me, in the nicest possible way, by a senior member of the programme team that even by my rambling and incoherent standards my column in Tuesday night's programme for the match against Chesterfield went a little off piste.

Consequently for this afternoon's offering, which I understand will be my last for a while as the 'real' Elmslie Ender is expected to return from injury (or one of those 'work trips' that involve a lot of posing with cocktails on Facebook) I am going to stay resolutely on-trend, on-topic and on-message and talk about two things relevant to today's fixture: Wealdstone FC and Wrexham FC. See? You can't get more appropriate than that.

One popular terrace song which will undoubtedly get an airing this afternoon, at least if we're less than four goals down by the midway point of the first half, is - to the tune of *Go West* by that renowned 70s rock group the *Village People* - "Non-League, and you know you are".

This is usually gleefully delivered when some overpaid nonentity - whose agent has disingenuously persuaded the manager of a team new to the National League that his client's career is not terminally on the skids - shanks a simple clearance into Row Z or balloons a chance over the bar from three yards out. I seem to recall hearing it a lot at Oldham back in August.



**NON-LEAGUE**  
Wrexham's Racecourse Ground is a 10,000+ venue

Personally I would rather hear this amusing ditty paraphrased: "Non-league and we're proud of it", because that's what we are.

In case supporters at either end of the ground need reminding, Wealdstone are founder members and past champions of the National League. We belong here. We're comfortable here. It's the Wrexhams and the Chesterfields that have the problem.

Now, without even getting my crystal ball out of the cupboard I will make the daring prediction that Wrexham will finish in the top three this season and will in all likelihood win promotion, whether as champions or through the playoffs. And if by chance they don't, you know full well they'll be back at the top of the table a year from now.

Such is the disparity in resources, especially now the proposed salary cap has been quietly sidelined, the danger is that the National League will end up like the Premier League, a two-tier, predictable procession where the winners will be drawn from a pool of two or three clubs, there's half a dozen more that might rock the boat but probably won't, and everyone else is just trying to avoid relegation.

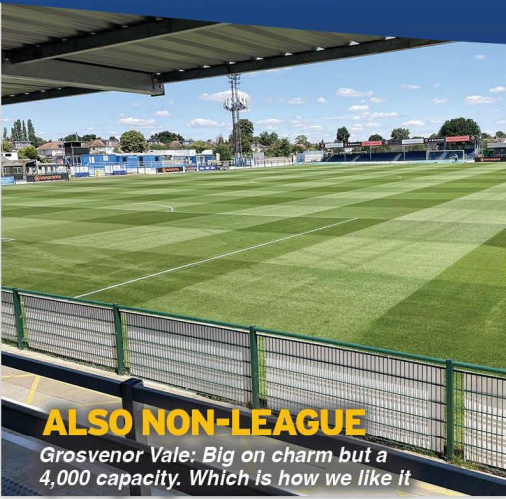
In my opinion - and granted I may be in a minority here - the whole 'pyramid' system, the endless

*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. LBDM's forerunner 'Wealdstone Whispers' was famously the THE very first football fanzine in Britain when it was published in 1971*

# Ender

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## ALSO NON-LEAGUE

*Grosvenor Vale: Big on charm but a 4,000 capacity. Which is how we like it*

stratification of the game which gives glorified parks teams a route to the Premier League, has done immeasurable harm to the non-league game. On the 11th of May back in 1985 (hey, no singing!) when we completed the League and FA Trophy double before the introduction of promotion to the Football League we were the undisputed best, we were looking down on everyone we'd ever wanted to look down on, we'd reached the top and had to stop and it didn't bother us in the least.

This season the champions of the National League will, no doubt, enjoy the moment. But deep down they will see it as just a baby step on their way back to their perceived rightful status and past glories, even if their past was only modestly glorious.

**T**here's a growing strand of opinion that the strength of the National League justifies increasing the annual promotion places from two to three. I would prefer to ditch automatic promotion entirely and go back to the old re-election system, where the League clubs get a choice, bottom three or four in League Two against the top three or four in the National League. Wrexham supporters reading this might ask, "Where would that leave us?" The answer is, it would leave you back in the Football League in double quick time, because who do you think they would vote for? A reasonably accessible club

with 8000 fans and celebrity owners? Or Barrow?

As for those former Football League clubs that don't make the grade, well, without the jam-tomorrow carrot of automatic promotion they would have to live within their means, which probably means going part-time, and before you know it we've got a level playing field. And, above all, non-league football becomes a meaningful competition in itself, like the amateur game in the 50s and 60s, not an inferior extension of the Football League.

As you've noticed, although I hope their championship charge hits a bump in the road today, I'm pretty bullish about Wrexham's prospects this season. I will confess I'm not particularly big on modern popular culture and I wouldn't recognise Ryan Thingy or Rob McWhatshisname if either of them punched me on the nose. Which is a possibility after they read this column. Except that they probably won't because they're probably not here today\*. And they're not here today, because they're not really Wrexham fans.

**M**aybe that's a bit unkind when not only have they have dipped deeply into their well-stocked pockets to take Wrexham to where they are today, and I'm told they have taken a crash course in Welsh and are now fluent in the language. Though good luck trying to find someone in Wrexham who's fluent in Welsh. I'm a regular visitor to North Wales, absolutely love it, and in my experience everyone there speaks perfect English until they see a tourist whereupon they start speaking what might be Welsh or might be Esperanto with all the vowels taken out.

And they've spent a large sum of money on a real dragon as the club's mascot. Though the guy they bought it off says there have been some hold-ups with the delivery. This might be envy talking but you can't help suspecting they would rather have bought Manchester United but Wrexham was at the top end of their budget.

There will be several hundred Wrexham fans here today, genuine fans that have been following the club since they were in their prams and would have walked here to see the match if they had to. A big welcome and respect to you all. A word of caution to our Welsh friends though, football clubs and owners with big words and big wallets do not always equal a happy ending. We know.

● Rob and Ryan, if you are here today can I apologise profusely for taking the \*\*\*\*. Please do not punch me on the nose.

**It would actually help Wrexham's cause if football reverted back to archaic system of re-election**



**G**IOVANNI McGregor was maybe a bit sleep-deprived but absolutely buzzing the day after the win at Altrincham.

He didn't get home to Hammersmith til four in the morning - a bit quicker than the fans on the cursed supporters' bus - but had already been down to the gym even before I caught up with him on Wednesday afternoon.

"We did ourselves justice - that was down to the lads, the management and the shift we all put in" declared the 23 year old midfielder.

"In previous games we were conceding too early on and then got ourselves into a sticky patch. At 0-0 we know we can dominate the ball so it was vital we didn't fall behind ... we had a bit of luck with those penalty decisions but what a goal it was in the end".

Looking at the match highlights I counted a dozen or so touches between eight players following Sam Howes' save from an Altrincham attack.

He threw the ball to Charlie Barker; then it was passed to Micah Obioro; then Alex Dyer; Sam Habergham; Allarakhia again; then Lewis Kinsella; then to Gio on the left touchline who traded quick passes with Tarryn again as he hared to the byline for a whipped cross turned in by Fela.

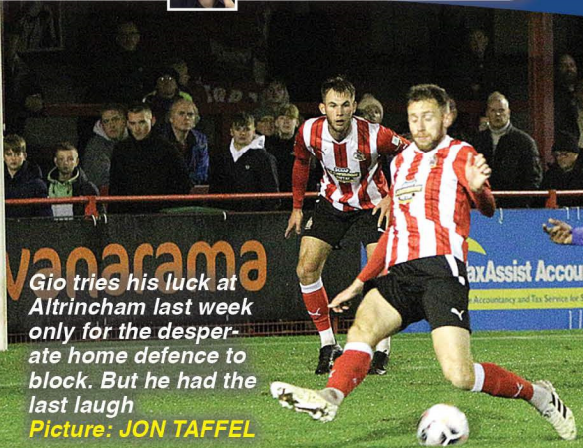
As good as the Stones' acclaimed goal at Oldham back in August!

"Great to get an assist, Gio" I told him.

"It was my fourth assist so far for Wealdstone" he corrected me. "Two at Boreham Wood in the cup, a corner for Sam's goal at Dagenham and then on Tuesday."

The pacy midfielder had some terrific numbers at Dulwich Hamlet last season - 22 assists in 38 games, plus seven goals - and it was a real coup for Stuart Maynard to prise him away from the National League South side a month ago.

"I was enjoying my football at Champion Hill



*Gio tries his luck at Altrincham last week only for the desperate home defence to block. But he had the last laugh*

**Picture: JON TAFFEL**

# Giovanni

## Despite the name, Gio from Hammersmith recapture the style



and the crowds they get are just unreal for that division, but this is a big stepping stone to get back into the Football League" said Gio.

"It may be part time but this club feels like full time. In terms of training it's like being at a League side, it all runs perfectly and it's a big gap to be here compared to Dulwich. I've signed a deal until the end of next season so you've got me until then!"

**A**nd indeed we have some player. Gio (whose name reflects the Italian passion of his mum, who named her other son Gino) started footballing life at Brentford close to the family home. When he was 17 he was the subject of an inquiry from the Scottish FA about his parentage - and the chance to play for Scotland - but

*Right: Gio is buried under a mound of celebrating Dulwich team mates after scoring a 25-yard freekick at Chelmsford earlier this season. His dead-ball ability has already paid off for the Stones*



He scored ten goals for the Palace academy side and made the bench for a Carabao Cup game - but then Covid intervened.

"I was offered a short term contract and though I regret nothing, maybe I should have stayed. I had a loan at Dartford that didn't work out, and then signed for Dulwich.

"Now I'm at Wealdstone the standard is higher and I'm building relationships right across the pitch... I'm loving the style of play that the management team want, and we're implementing it.

"That goal at Altrincham was what we are all about... understanding and awareness of who is making the runs and where."

"It was also helpful to have someone like Alex Dyer in there - he's played at a good level and it gave us confidence with him constantly having a word in our ear".

**G**io is good friends with ex-Stone Nik Tavares, who was also at Palace, and it was Nik who gave the youngster the recommendation to transfer across to Grosvenor Vale.

"I also knew Fela and Dave Sesay from playing against Watford for Palace, so I knew I was coming to a good club."

Gio's uncle Derek Bryan was a bit of a cult player for a Brentford in their lower league days of the late 90s. The now-47 year old (described as lightning paced with an eye for goal) had his short career ended by medial and cruciate knee ligament

injuries but netted nine goals in 50-odd appearances in Div Two (now League One) for the Bees in their Griffin Park days.

Now Gio dreams of one day providing the assists for Ivan Toney and Brian Mbeumo. It could yet happen!

# McGregor

## is an Englishman with the ability to that alerted Palace



Gio is definitely English!

He was with the Bees up to that point, from the age of 12-17 but then Brentford decided to ditch the academy model and run with a 'B' team instead - a controversial move which has worked out well for the West London club.

"I was offered a contract for the B team but honestly, I didn't agree with the project".

The teenager was snapped by Crystal Palace (pictured above) on a three-year deal and Gio was tipped for a bright future with the Premier League Eagles.



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# THE HOWMANS

BY ROGER SLATER

## THEN AND NOW, 108 YEARS

**W**alter Langston Howman was just a name on a list when I started to research the history of Wealdstone FC. Along with sixteen others, he was briefly remembered as one who had fallen in The Great War 1914-18, named on the club's war memorial.

Now, some twenty years later, Walter and his peers are better remembered, but he retains a special place in mind as one of the first to take on a new reality, as contact with the family, his direct descendants, links him firmly to the present day. Walter had a brother, Harold who was also a Wealdstone player and both feature in the team photograph of 1913 (*Below*), 'A' Team Vice Captain Harold in the white shirt at the centre of the rear row, and Walter seated with the dog, front left.

The picture shows a squad of 20 players. Four of those pictured were killed in the Great War and another four we know to have been wounded. Eight players in this photograph were among a total of fifteen from the seasons before the war that returned to play for the club from the 1919-1920 season.

Walter and Harold came from a family of five children living in Wealdstone: Sidney born 1878, Rose/Rosina M born 1879, Walter born 1885, Harold Percy born 1887 and Louie born 1889 to

parents George and Louisa. Walter married local girl Laura Amy Upton on Christmas Day 1910 at Wealdstone Parish Church, and they had two children, Freda and Olivia, living at 55 Graham Road, Wealdstone at the outbreak of the Great War. Harold had married his wife Belle in 1908 and living 'down the road' at number 12, they had a daughter Hilda, two sons. Walter and Harold, the names perhaps an indication of the closeness of the brothers and following Harold's return from the war, a further daughter, Peggy.

They joined up in October 1915, both with the 24th (Reserve) Battalion, 1st Battalion (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Middlesex Regiment, their service numbers (PS2879 and PS2820) just 59 apart. Harold took his attestation on 15th October with Walter ten days later. It is likely that they went through training together, completing courses at Woldingham, Wendover, Northampton and Aldershot. Likely at the end of training, Walter was transferred to the 16th (Public Schools) Battalion Middlesex Regiment where he prepared for embarkation to France and this may well have been the last time the brothers saw each other. Walter was profoundly deaf and on landing in France, he was given what he described in a letter home as "a cushy job" behind the lines. With losses mounting and the battle of the Somme on the horizon, that job wasn't to last and Walter was called into the front line. The battalion took part in the Battle of Albert at Longeau and the



Back: W Watson, F Martin (Vice Capt.), H Rolfe, H Howman (Vice Capt. 'A' Team), H Bellchambers, SE White, W Bellchambers (Com).

Centre: RC Harding (Com), A Little (Trainer), CH Bird, HE Southwood, A Harding, HA Stevenson, J Mines, W Deeley (Com), J Hinchcliffe (Com),

Front: GE Elmslie, F Rogers, G Page, JJ Shadwick (Capt. 'A' Team), TB Bradberry (Capt.), W Balkwill, P Andrews, G Fox, HC Hird (Hon. Treasurer)

Seated: WL Howman, H Miller.



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Switch Line at High Wood and Walter was killed as they moved forward on 19th August 1916. With no known grave, he is commemorated on the Theipval Memorial to the Missing and the Wealdstone Clock Tower Memorial.

Harold too transferred to the 16th Middlesex prior to his embarkation for France on 29th June 1916, Harold was awarded a Lance Corporal stripe on 17th July 1916 and became an Acting Corporal on the 1st October 1916. He was posted home on 14th October and it was reported a week later in the Harrow Observer that he was hospitalized in the Northumberland War Hospital in Gosforth suffering from Trench Foot. On recovery he appears to have spent a period of service back in the UK prior to returning to France on 5th September 1917, posted and transferred to the 1st (Reserve) Garrison Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment (S/No 38785) when his full rank of Corporal was confirmed. Serving in France until his discharge in March 1919, the battalion carried out duties as "lines of communication" troops, communicating between front line trenches to officers and back to HQ. Harold survived the war and returned home and to and Wealdstone FC, though he did suffer with deafness following the war caused by the noise of exploding shells.

Following his death, Walter's wife Laura was to marry again and had three more children. She lived in Wealdstone until her death in the 1970's working at Kodak with Walter's sister Louie, and they kept in touch. Harold stayed in the Wealdstone area and was occasionally visited by members of Walters family until he died in 1959.

Sadly, Walter's granddaughter Lucy was blown up in the Bali bombing.

## **FAST FORWARD 100 AND SOME YEARS**

We installed the club's new War Memorial on the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice in 2018, and in September 2019, another Stones fan, Sateesh Khanna copied me in on an email from a lady called Vikki Griffin. The gist of the mail was that Vikki had been told by her mum that "Uncle Walter used to play for Wealdstone before World War One but he was killed in the war".

Glad to help once again, I was able to provide the two articles in which Uncle Walter had featured on the preceding remembrance matches,

and I also filled in what we knew about Walter Langston Howman and his playing career (81 known appearances and 16 goals, his football and military service completed despite being profoundly deaf).

I was also able to send some further details and press cuttings about him and his brother Harold who as detailed above, was also wounded in the war. Vikki's Great Grandmother was Walter and Howard's sister, and Walter is named on the Wealdstone Clock War Memorial alongside another of Vikki's ancestors, Great Great Grandad, R G Porter who was killed at Ypres but with no known grave.

Subsequently, I told the story at a Football and War event held at the club last year and I'm pleased to say Vikki and her Mum attended – I was able to add a little more information and they gave me some further family details to help fill in a blank or two.

Now spring forward once again, as about three months ago, I received an email from Paul Fruin, forwarding a contact enquiry from the club website from a Karen Howman, enquiring about her Great Grandad, Harold who she thought may have played for the club!

Once again, I delved into the records I hold and I was able to tell her what I knew of Harold and his career (21 appearances as First XI goalkeeper 1919-1920, though he had played A team and Reserve football prior to World War 1).

I was also pleased to tell her the story of Vikki getting in touch, asking after Walter. What came **back surprised me a little, as Karen knew nothing of Walter's side of the family! The two halves had drifted apart it seems and Vikki too (I checked) was unaware of Karen.**

**Needless to say, I was both pleased and proud to pass on respective contact details** and the two sides of the family have been in touch a number of times, slowly adding to each other's family tree and learning a little bit more about the Wealdstone FC connection in the process.

Hopefully, in the not too distant future, we'll be able to welcome Karen and Vikki and members of both sides of the family to a match and to view the memorial carrying Walter's name.

## SUPPORTER PROFILE: TOM WISEMAN

# The Fan in the

Tom's followed the Stones for 54 years and is another of our long-distance fans... what's a mere 132 miles from South Wales when there are NL points at stake?



**Your name and age?** Tom Wiseman (NOT Kevin McSweeney!\*), 60.

**Whereabouts do you live, Tom?**

Rogerstone which is near Newport, South Wales

**Have you always lived in that area?** Only the last 33 years! I was born and raised in South Harrow, then joined the Royal Navy when I was 16, or as my mum used to say, 'I ran away to sea'. If I was home for the weekend I'd get to Stones games. Being based in the Portsmouth/Fareham area I also spent a lot of time on trains travelling up for mid-week matches.

I met my wife on a ship visit to Newport and so ended up living in South Wales.

**When was your first Stones game?** Not sure how old I was, probably six, when my Dad took me to Lower Mead, so it must have been 1968. I can't

remember who we played but I know I stood at the railings at the front for the whole game, which my Dad has confirmed many times.

Some games I do remember (and thanks to our wonderful history website for clarifying dates): Slough away in the FA Cup, November 1968.

This was at the old Dolphin Stadium and when we scored there were Stones fans jumping up and down in all parts of the crowd.

Hendon home Christmas Day morning. We lost so it must have been 1968.

The run of replays against Hertford in the Amateur Cup, December 1968/January 1969. Particularly the match played at Vale Farm (Wembley FC). There were big queues to get in

but we found one moving a lot quicker. It actually led to a hole in the fence!

\* Unfortunately Tom was unwittingly referred to as his lookalike Kevin McSweeney (another Stones fan) in a pub in Dorking recently. I may never live it down! -Tim

# Stand



## **saw live? Or on TV?**

Apology time. The first game I was taken to was at Earlsmead when I was only about 6). They were playing a team in yellow, don't know who, and I remember being more interested in playing on some old corrugated iron sheets behind the terracing.

**Do you follow any other team?** No. We used to go to Stamford Bridge occasionally when I was growing up so I guess I supported Chelsea back then. But only Stones for me now.

**What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen?** The Chelsea v Leeds FA Cup Final 1970. Apparently I was nearly in tears until Ian Hutchinson equalised at the end of 90 minutes.

**And the best Wealdstone game?** So many great memories. That Friday night when we beat Thurrock 3-2

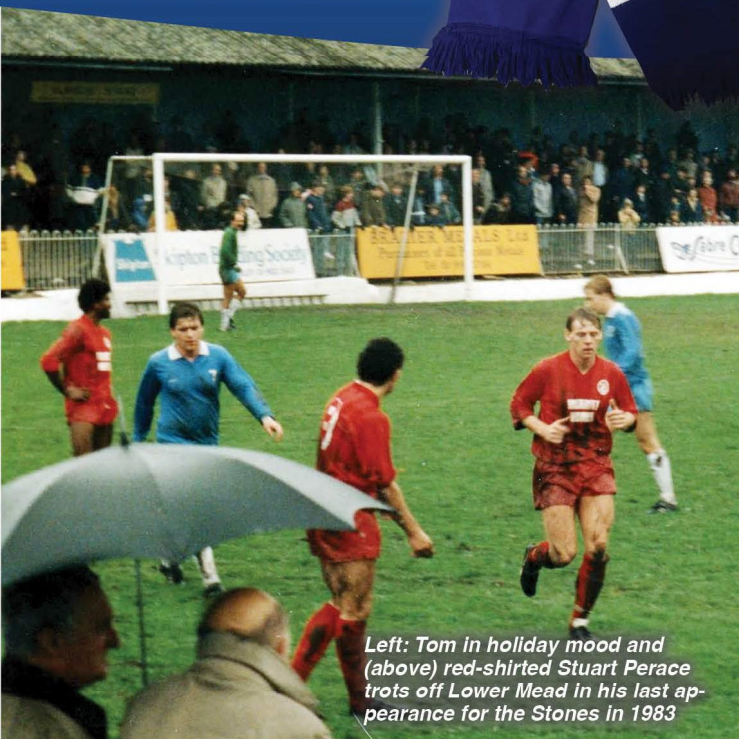
in the Trophy at the White Lion; Gosport away in 1982 and the Paul Waites 'goal' that went through a hole in the net; Frickley, both the Mark Graves quadruple night and the 2-0 win in the fog. And obviously the Trophy Final, probably because this was one of the few (only?) times I was really confident before the game that we were going to win.

**What level of football do you prefer?** Non-league. Has to be, for the atmosphere, camaraderie, and the amusing comments directed towards certain individuals on the pitch.

**How big a part of your life is the game?** I do watch a fair bit of football on the TV and keep up to date with our Twitter accounts.

**How do you fit watching football in with your family/working life?** I retired earlier this year and plan to include getting to more Stones matches.

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*Left: Tom in holiday mood and (above) red-shirted Stuart Perace trots off Lower Mead in his last appearance for the Stones in 1983*

Kingsbury away in the Middlesex Senior Cup. This was on a Saturday in January 1970. Every time we scored an old boy rang a bell, the type that teachers used to use in the playground. (that'll be Eric Metcalfe, famous fan done up to the nines in club regalia in the 1960s -Ed)

**What were your first impressions of the club?** I loved the atmosphere. We used to park in Nibthwaite Road and walk past the shops. My brother Jim and I were allowed to buy chewing gum in a newsagents, always Wrigley's Juicy Fruit for me. I remember the taste of the gum and the smell of cigarette smoke as the crowd gathered at the Elmslie End and the atmosphere built. Stones would always attack that end first half and always score (well at least in my memory they did!)

**What was the first football match you ever**

# Fan in the Stand contd...

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Not always straightforward as I run a Tae Kwon-Do club and we also look after our three year old grandson a couple of days a week.

**What is/was your line of business?** I am now retired but over the years had various management roles, including production, engineering and quality assurance.

**Did the Stones' flying start surprise you this season?** Yes. I think the MT did really well to integrate the new players.

**Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen?** Now there's a question. Back in the 60s I remember Hugh Lindsay and Charlie Townsend, also Dave Swain up front and our goalkeeper Andy Williams. The stand out players from the 70s include John Henderson, Terry Dyson, John McCormack, John Watson, and George someone or other who scored a few goals!

In the 80s we used to sponsor Robin Wainwright who I always thought was class. Paul Bowgett (below) was the ultimate competitor. And yes, the first time I saw Stuart Pearce I definitely said he would play for England. And who could forget Alan and Neil Cordice, both great players. I remember Vinnie Jones of course, though mainly for getting us into Morritt's Bar early on the night of the Trophy Final.

More recently the standout players would be Fergus Moore, Marvin Morgan and Richard Jolly. (Apologies to any I have missed – there have been

a lot of players over the years.)

**How does Lower Mead compare to the Vale? What do you think of the bars, catering and overall match day experience?** Lower Mead was special having been part of my childhood. Great atmosphere whichever end we were attacking. After all the years of ground sharing it was great to have somewhere to call home. I am in awe of our supporters who have done so much to improve the Vale. So much better now than when we arrived.

**What's the best away day you've experienced so far? Is that ever or since we've been back at National League level?** In the last year it would have to be Southend. Sunny day, great penalty save by George Wickens and a 1-0 win to boot.

I took time off work to go to the Monday night (Altrincham) and Gateshead (Wednesday night) games during that now famous week (five successive wins in eight days that put us in pole position for the Gola League title) in March 1985. Obviously both great nights but funny how no one mentions the 0-2 reverse at Runcorn the following Tuesday.

**And finally.. where do you think the Stones will be in five years?** Difficult to say. I don't think our current model is sustainable long-term. If we could go full time then I'd say National League, otherwise I'm afraid that we may drop down a level.



The Stones march out at Wembley with Bowg (2nd left) following boss Brian Hall

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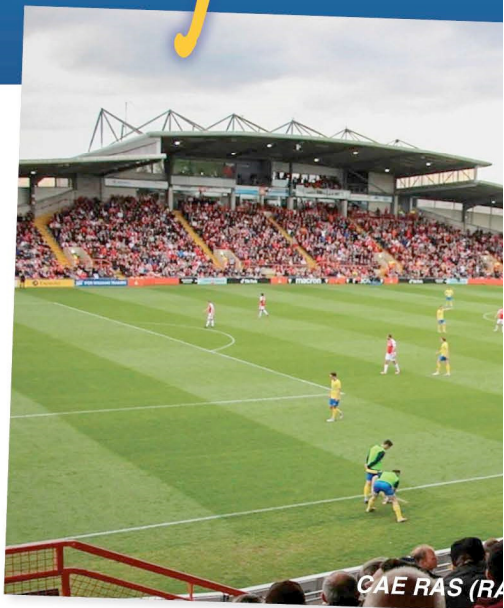
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# Opposition in focus



## THE DRAGONS

**N**id clwb cyffredin ydi Clwb Pêl-droed Wrecsam. Fe'i sefydlwyd ym 1864, prin flwyddyn ar ôl i'r Gymdeithas Bel-droed gyfarfod am y tro cyntaf er mwyn ysgrifennu Rheolau'r Gêm, sy'n golygu mai Wrecsam yw'r trydydd clwb hynaf yn y byd.

**F**ounded in 1864, Wrexham are the third oldest professional football club in the world and oldest in Wales. They play at the Racecourse Ground, the oldest international football stadium in the world, with Wrexham also the birthplace of the Football Association of Wales.

Wrexham have won the Welsh Cup a record 23 times, having won the first competition in 1878, but spent the majority of their existence playing in the English leagues. They started in the Combination in 1890 and stayed there until 1905 save for two seasons in the Welsh Senior League – which they won both times.

They were in the Birmingham & District League either side of World War One before becoming founder members of the new Division Three North in 1921/22, 100 years ago last season. Wrexham remained in the Football League for the next 87 years before financial troubles and mismanagement led to them dropping into the Conference in 2008. They are now the longest-serving current members of the Vanarama National League.

Wrexham enjoyed their peak in the late 1970s,

under legendary former player turned manager Arfon Griffiths, when they won promotion to the second tier and remained there between 1978-1982 with Welsh internationals Joey Jones and Dai Davies among their star names.

Though they dropped down the leagues thereafter, Wrexham also enjoy a reputation as giant killers. Their Welsh Cup success allowed them to play in the European Cup Winner's Cup until 1995, where memorable results included knocking Porto out over two legs, and drawing at home with both Anderlecht and Real Zaragoza.

On the domestic front, Wrexham reached the quarter-finals of both the FA Cup and League Cup in 1978, and famously beat league champions Arsenal – having themselves finished bottom of the Football League the previous season – in the FA Cup in 1992.

Mickey Thomas' free-kick and Steve Watkin's late winner proved the start of a decade of FA Cup giant-killing under iconic manager Brian Flynn, as Wrexham also beat Ipswich Town, Birmingham City, West Ham United and Middlesbrough in subsequent seasons. They reached the quarter-finals for a second time in

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1997.

Rogue chairmen and financial struggles dominated Wrexham's history since the turn of the Millennium, and it took a mammoth fundraising effort from supporters – raising more than £100,000 in 24 hours, include one putting their deeds to their house up – in order to pay a bond in 2011 that kept the Club in business. The Wrexham Supporters Trust took control of the Club months later, and the Red Dragons would narrowly miss out on promotion in each of the next two seasons.

After remaining in the National League, however, renewed hope arrived in 2020 when Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds expressed an interest in buying the Club. The two actors' takeover was confirmed in February 2021, with a mission statement that promised, "to grow the team, return it to the EFL in front of increased attendances at an improved stadium while making a positive difference to the wider community in Wrexham."

In the first full season under the new co-chairmen, Wrexham finished second in the National League table – having still been in contention to win the league going into the final day – but missed out on promotion after losing in the play-off semi-final. They were also runners-up in the Buildbase

FA Trophy, losing in the final at Wembley Stadium to Bromley.

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(Promoted) 1992/93  
Division Three (4th level) - 3rd Place  
(Promoted) 2002/03  
Fourth Division (4th level) - Runners-up  
(Promoted) 1969/70  
Fourth Division (4th level) - 3rd Place  
(Promoted) 1961/62  
Third Division North (3rd level) - 2nd Place  
(not promoted) 1932/33

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE TROPHY

2004/05 – Winners

#### FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Runners-up - 2011/12, 2021/22  
Play-Off Finalists - 2012/13

#### FA CUP

QUARTER FINALISTS - 1973/74, 1977/78 &  
1996/97

#### FA TROPHY

2012/13 – Winners  
2014/15 & 2021/22 - Runners up

#### WELSH CUP

Winning the Welsh Cup a record 23 times  
(and runners-up 22 on a further occasions)

# Opposition in focus

## WREXHAM AFC

### 1. ROB LAINTON - GOALKEEPER

Signed, initially on loan, in 2018, former Bolton and Port Vale stopper Lainton was voted Player of the Year in his first season at the Racecourse. He has since racked up more than 100 appearances, and sits fifth on the Club's all-time list for clean sheets. After fracturing and dislocating his wrist in March, he returned to training earlier this season.

### 2. REECE HALL-JOHNSON - DEFENCE

A pacey attacking wing-back, Hall-Johnson's career started in Norfolk where he was part of Norwich's FA Youth Cup winning team in 2013. He signed for Wrexham in 2020 after leaving Northampton and has developed a penchant for late, important goals for the Red Dragons.

### 3. CALLUM MCFADZEAN - DEFENCE

Signed in the January transfer window, left wing-back McFadzean reunited with Phil Parkinson having previously played under him at Sunderland. A former Sheffield United youth graduate, his arrival from Crewe helped spark Wrexham's late-season surge up the table in 2021/22.

### 4. BEN TOZER - DEFENCE

Attracted to North Wales despite having captained Cheltenham Town to promotion the previous season, the centre-back – with a howitzer of a long throw – signed for an undisclosed fee in August 2021. He was named Club Captain and set up 12 goals in his first season.

### 5. AARON HAYDEN - DEFENCE

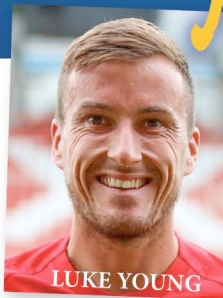
The former Carlisle United vice-captain stepped down to the National League as one of several defensive reinforcements brought in by manager Phil Parkinson. He has proved his worth in both boxes, scoring eight goals in his debut season and already contributing four this time around.

### 6. JORDAN TUNNICLIFFE - DEFENCE

The first arrival of the summer of 2022, the former Crawley Town defender – previously named in the League Two Team of the Season – will bolster Wrexham's defensive options having overcome the injury that disrupted his 2021/22 season.

### 7. JORDAN DAVIES - MIDFIELD

Wrexham's Young Player of the Season in 2020/21 and Players' Player of the Season last time out, the midfielder first came through the Club's academy but left to join Brighton before making a senior Wrexham



appearance. He returned to his boyhood club in 2020, however, and after finishing his first campaign in fine form, continued that with 21 goals in the 2021/22 season.

### 8. LUKE YOUNG - MIDFIELD

First-team captain Luke Young made the move to North Wales in 2018 and has never looked back. A back-to-back Player of the Season winner, the top scorer in 2020/21 and a two-time Goal of the Season winner, "Youngy" has made a huge impression since leaving Torquay. He signed a new two-year contract in the summer of 2022.

### 9. OLLIE PALMER - FORWARD

Wrexham smashed their club-record transfer fee when they signed the big striker from AFC Wimbledon in the January transfer window. After scoring on his debut, he hit 16 goals in total for Wrexham to add to the eight he scored for the Dons in the first part of the season.

### 10. PAUL MULLIN - FORWARD

An instant fan favourite after his arrival from Cambridge United in 2021, Super Paul Mullin finished the previous season as League Two Player of the Season and Top Goalscorer to help the U's to promotion. He was Wrexham AFC and the Vanarama National League Player of the Season and Top Goalscorer again last time out, hitting 32 in all competitions.

### 11. LIAM MCALINDEN - FORWARD

Another League Two promotion winner to move to the Racecourse Ground last summer, McAlinden helped Morecambe go up through the play-offs before his move to North Wales. A striker, winger or attacking midfielder, he has proved a versatile addition..

### 13. CHRISTIAN DIBBLE - GOALKEEPER

Son of former Wrexham and Wales stopper



# THE PLAYERS TO WATCH



JACOB MENDY



PAUL MULLIN

Andy Dibble, Christian is now the longest-serving player in the current Wrexham squad. A valuable back-up to Rob Lainton for the past four seasons, he has played more than 50 times and played a key part in Wrexham's run to Wembley in the FA Trophy last season.

#### 14. ANTHONY FORDE - MIDFIELD

The Irish winger/wing-back arrived at the Racecourse Ground in the summer of 2022 after opting against extending his stay with Oxford United.

#### 17. BRYCE HOSANNAH - DEFENCE

The Leeds United academy graduate has proved a versatile addition and earned a new contract this summer.

#### 18. SAM DALBY - FORWARD

Big striker Sam Dalby added to Wrexham's attacking options when he made the move from Southend United, which saw Jake Hyde move on loan the opposite way. The Shrimpers' top scorer last season, Dalby previously played for Leyton Orient, Leeds United and Watford.

#### 19. JACOB MENDY - MIDFIELD

Jacob Mendy became the sixth signing of the summer when he completed a move from Boreham Wood to continue his rise through the ranks. The Gambian-born Spanish winger was previously with Wealdstone as an attacking winger.

#### 21. MARK HOWARD -

**GOALKEEPER** Experienced goalkeeper Mark Howard reunited with Phil Parkinson in the summer of 2022, having previously played under him at Bolton Wanderers. Howard was Carlisle United's Player of the Season last season before his move to North Wales.

#### 22. TOM O'CONNOR - MIDFIELD

Former Southampton youth academy graduate Tom O'Connor signed in January, from Burton

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Albion. The Irish midfielder suffered an injury-disrupted first season but looks set to play a key role this time out.

**23. KAI CALDERBANK-PARK - GOALKEEPER** Australian keeper signed after a successful trial to ensure Wrexham have sufficient goalkeeping back-up while Rob Lainton and Christian Dibble recover.

#### 25. RYAN AUSTIN - DEFENCE

A youth academy product and boyhood Wrexham AFC supporter, the tall young defender is bidding to return to match fitness after suffering a serious knee injury shortly after signing pro terms

#### 26. HARRY LENNON - DEFENCE

signed in the summer. Formerly with Southend, he has now overcome a third serious injury in his career following back surgery last season.

#### 27. JAKE BICKERSTAFF - FORWARD

Jake impressed in the Wrexham youth ranks and earned a switch to Liverpool's academy before his return to North Wales.

#### 30. JAMES JONES - MIDFIELD

Signed from Lincoln City on a free transfer in the summer, the energetic midfielder has also played for Crewe Alexandra .

#### 32. MAX CLEWORTH - DEFENCE

Having broken through the Club's youth academy, last season proved a breakthrough campaign, and ended with him winning Wrexham's Young Player of the Season award.

#### 33. DAN JONES - FORWARD

#### 34. AARON JAMES - DEFENCE

#### 35. TOM JENKINS - MIDFIELD

#### 36. WILL MOUNTFIELD - MIDFIELD

#### 37. KAI EVANS - MIDFIELD

#### 38. ELLIOT LEE- MIDFIELD

A double promotion winner with Luton Town & son of former England international Rob, was one of the more eye-catching signings of the summer for Wrexham.

#### 39. DAN DAVIES - DEFENCE

Wales Under-18 international

#### XX. SCOTT BUTLER



# The view from the

**Follow another team? I really don't think so.. Wrexham saps me of every single emotion!**

**What is your name and age?** Nathan Salt, 26

**Do you live in Wrexham?** I grew up in Mynydd Isa but live down in Wimbledon now for work.

**Have you lived there long?** I've been 'exiled' and part of the London Reds for the past five years since taking a job working for the MailOnline. Wrexham's inability to escape this Godforsaken division has thrown up plenty of away days in these parts, though. Every cloud...

**What was the first Wrexham game you remember? What inspired you to go along?** My memory has always served me horribly but an early memory was a 4-1 win away to Stockport County on April 30, 2005. That was a really fun team with the likes of Carlos Edwards, Ben Foster and Darren Ferguson in it and we've always had great atmospheres home and away against Stockport. I got to be one of the two travelling mascots on the day and one of my all-time favourite players, Juan Ugarte, bagged a hat-trick. A brilliant early memory - hooked ever since.

**Do you follow another team?** Absolutely not. Wrexham saps me of every single emotion - I've nothing left to give to another team!



**What is your greatest moment following Wrexham?** There have been some great ones but I'd have to say winning the FA Trophy against Grimsby Town at Wembley in 2013. Thousands of us dug ourselves out of mountains of snow in North Wales to make the pilgrimage down and to win on penalties, at our end, was a special moment. Every fan wants to see their team win a trophy at Wembley and seeing Dean Keates, our captain at

that time, hoist a trophy that was almost the same size as him up was really special.

**How many supporters will be making the trip to Ruislip? What do you recall of the games last season?** There is huge demand for Wrexham tickets these days that the running joke ahead of home games is how long before ticket touts start loitering outside the turnstiles? I'd like to think we'll pack it out again and have more than 700 there to cheer the lads on. The less said about the 0-0 the better - but credit to Wealdstone as shutting us out was no mean feat last season. But the reverse game - what a finish from our perspective. Your goalkeeper was having a blinder of a game and while Jordan Davies' benefited from the referee seemingly not knowing the laws of the game when it comes to set-pieces - cheers ref! - those are the types of games that you would want every week as a fan. We threw the kitchen sink at

# away end



The new 5,500 seater stand at the Racecourse ground.. due for completion in 2024

Wealdstone after changing shape and when Reece Hall-Johnson cut inside to smash in a winner it was absolute bedlam in the stand, so sorry that the barrier at the front gave way. Sorry about that £50,000 repair bill...

**What is your club's 'natural' level, do you think?** The whole model at the moment has been to build a squad those behind the scenes believe could legitimately compete in League One. The likes of Paul Mullin, Ollie Palmer, Elliot Lee, Jordan Davies, Ben Tozer and Aaron Hayden have all dropped down convinced that there is an inevitability to Wrexham's ascent up the pyramid. Given we are in our 15th season at this level it is hard to argue our level is anywhere other than division five - the table won't lie. Realistically League One in the next three years has to be the target for Phil Parkinson and this group of players. Failing to go up again this season would represent real disappointment, particularly given the wage bill is now up to £2.3million. I don't believe for a second that Rob McElhenney or Ryan Reynolds are considering moving on without promotion but two failed attempts in their full seasons in charge would likely bring about a reshuffling in the dugout.

**How terrible was it to be relegated to non-League?** It was positively rubbish - but it felt like it had been a long time coming. There was a good level of optimism we could bounce straight back and an opening 5-0 win over Stevenage only saw many of us double down on that. It - obviously - hasn't played out that way but the mood around the National League now has never been this positive.

**What do you know about Wealdstone FC and its history?** Not enough - I have to confess. I saw a picture while researching these

two teams of Stuart Pearce in a Wealdstone shirt, and then one of Vinny Jones, both of which was news to me. While I am no aficionado on what has gone before, you look in much better shape this season than I anticipated in pre-season and given our struggles away from home compared to our dominance at home, another close contest is in store today, I fear.

**What do you honestly think attracted Ryan and Rob to Wrexham? Is there any downside to their ownership?** If there are downsides we're yet to see them. They have been a breath of fresh air and have injected a sense of hope and positivity into the entire town. Undoubtedly the chance to chart the ownership of a team via a documentary appealed but Wrexham has huge scope for growth and was affordable from the outset with fans clearing the debt following years of being run by the Supporters' Trust. What they have done for the profile of the team, the town (can't get used to saying city!) and Wales as a whole is remarkable.

**Is Phil Parkinson the club's best manager in how many years?** He looks hungrier this time around - as do the players. Dean Keates was an iconic captain for us and a credit as manager given he was working with a bottom-half budget, but his style of football always divided opinion. Parkey-ball is now very much in vogue and the hope is it can carry us to top spot.

**And finally.... with being a fan and podcaster, how big a part in your life is Wrexham FC?**

The thirst for Wrexham FC news is incredible to see now. We will get questions from as far afield as Qatar or Thunder Bay in Canada asking about player fitness, shirt sales and even the council's report on the proposed new 5,500-seater Kop stand. It still boggles the mind how much interest the Welcome to Wrexham documentary has stirred up.



Nathan's family are all regulars at Wrexham games



# 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 MCCREGGOR
<b>6 BROMLEY</b>	VNL	<b>3-2</b>	1,090	162	5	Olomola, Browne (P), Cook	13	2	10 (7)	4		17 (19)	7	22	3	
<b>13 Eastleigh</b>	VNL	<b>0-1</b>	1,814	189	12		13	2	10 (9)	4		17	7	22		
<b>16 Oldham Athletic</b>	VNL	<b>2-1</b>	6,869	152	4	Browne, Allarakhia	13	2	10	4		17	7	22		
<b>20 FC HALIFAX TOWN</b>	VNL	<b>1-0</b>	1,197	72	2	Browne	13	2	10	4		17	7	22		
<b>27 Gateshead</b>	VNL	<b>1-0</b>	1,104	135	1	Browne	13	2	10	4		17	7	22	3 (7)	
<b>29 YEOVIL TOWN</b>	VNL	<b>0-0</b>	1,714	251	2		13	2	10	4	18 (22)	17 (7)	7	22	3	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																
<b>4 WOKING</b>	VNL	<b>1-1</b>	1,638	269	6	Kretzschmar (Pen)	13	2	10	4	18 (4)	17	7	22		
<b>13 Maidstone United</b>	VNL	<b>1-1</b>	1,799	110	6	Cook	13	2	10	4		17 (9)	7 (22)	22		
<b>17 TORQUAY UNITED</b>	VNL	<b>1-1</b>	1,366	208	6	Browne	13	2	10 (18)	4	18	17	7			
<b>24 SOUTHEAD UNITED</b>	VNL	<b>0-1</b>	2,391	TBD	7		13	2	10	4	18 (4)	17	7	22 (17)		
<b>OCTOBER</b>																
<b>1 Aldershot Town</b>	VNL	<b>2-1</b>	1,702	175	7	Browne (2)	13	2	10	4		17 (23)	7		3 (9)	
<b>4 Solihull Moors</b>	VNL	<b>1-2</b>	1,326	TBD	8	Olomola	13	2	10	4		17	7		3 (2)	
<b>8 BOREHAM WOOD</b>	VNL	<b>1-2</b>	1,386	TBD	8	Akinola	13		10		18	17	7			12 (18)
<b>15 Boreham Wood</b>	FAC4	<b>3-5</b>	1,011	315	9	Olomola (2), Akinola	13	2		4	18	17	7			12
<b>22 Dorking Wanderers</b>	VNL	<b>1-3</b>	1,416	228	12	Allarakhia	13	2		4		17	7			12
<b>25 NOTTS COUNTY</b>	VNL	<b>1-6</b>	1,710	513	12	Obiero	13	2			18	7	7			12
<b>29 Dagenham &amp; Redbridge</b>	VNL	<b>1-4</b>	1,503	147	13	Habergham	13	2			18 (20)	17	7		3 (23)	12
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																
<b>1 Altrincham</b>	VNL	<b>1-0</b>	1,262	52	13	Olomola	13	2			18		7		3	12
<b>12 WREXHAM</b>	VNL															
<b>19 York City</b>	VNL															
<b>26 SCUNTHORPE UNITED</b>	VNL															
<b>29 Edgware &amp; Kingsbury</b>	MSC															
<b>DECEMBER</b>																
<b>3 Barnet</b>	VNL															
<b>10 Bromley</b>	VNL															
<b>12 Northwood</b>	MFC															
<b>17 (To Be Decided)</b>	FAT3															
<b>26 MAIDENHEAD UNITED</b>	VNL															
<b>JANUARY</b>																
<b>1 Maidenhead United</b>	VNL															
<b>7 EASTLEIGH</b>	VNL															
<b>17 OLDHAM ATHLETIC</b>	VNL															
<b>21 FC Halifax Town</b>	VNL															
<b>24 Yeovil Town</b>	VNL															
<b>28 GATESHEAD</b>	VNL															
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																
<b>4 DAGENHAM &amp; REDBRIDGE</b>	VNL															
<b>11 Wrexham</b>	VNL															
<b>18 YORK CITY</b>	VNL															
<b>21 Chesterfield</b>	VNL															
<b>25 Woking</b>	VNL															
<b>MARCH</b>																
<b>4 ALTRINCHAM</b>	VNL															
<b>7 MAIDSTONE UNITED</b>	VNL															
<b>11 Torquay United</b>	VNL															
<b>18 Scunthorpe United</b>	VNL															
<b>25 BARNET</b>	VNL															
<b>APRIL</b>																
<b>1 ALDERSHOT TOWN</b>	VNL															
<b>7 Notts County</b>	VNL															
<b>10 SOLIHULL MOORS</b>	VNL															
<b>15 Boreham Wood</b>	VNL															
<b>22 DORKING WANDERERS</b>	VNL															
<b>29 Southend United</b>	VNL															

Pictures from our battling win up in Altrincham, courtesy of Jon Taffel



## FRIENDLY RESULTS

5th July	Hendon	A	W	4-0	Allarakhia (2), Trialist C, 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	

MIAICHI NAPA	Jordy MONGGOY	Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH	David SESAY	Nathan FERGUSON	Elijah HEARN	Tecane SHROWDER	Ojufela OLOMOLA	Mason BARRETT	Eric NEGRARU	Deje ELERWE	Sam HABERGHAM	Dante-Astor BAPTISTE	Simeon AKINOLA	Micah OBIERO	Sam MATTHEWS	Charlie BARKER	DATE IN RED = Midweek fixture
		23 (3)	8				9	6		5							
(23)		23	8				9	6		5	28 (5)						
		23 (7)	11 (7)					6		5	28						
(7)			11 (7)					6		5	28						
(22)			11 (6)					6		5	28						
		21 (10)	11	8							28						
(22)			11	8			9 (10)			5	28						
(11)		23	11	8			9			5	28						
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(8)			11	8			9	6			28						
		23	11	8			9			5	28						
			11	8			9	6 (11)		5	28						
			11	8			9	6		5	28		20 (7)	14 (11)			
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		23	11 (6)				9	6		5	28		20 (17)	14	25 (9)		
		21 (14)	23 (16)	11 (25)			9	6		5	28			14	25		
		23					9				28		20	14	25 (17)	24	
		21 (9)	23 (3)	11 (24)			9			5	28			14		24	



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

BY MARTIN READ



# World of Bal

## Four matches a day, Christmas around the corner - this 'dark mode' World Cup is going to be very different indeed

**E**ngland among the favourites! A talented squad strong enough to bring football home! A World Cup we can at long last harbour genuine hopes of winning!

But that's quite enough about England's brilliant women's side's at Australia 2023. First, our misfiring men need to come good over in... my God, Qatar?

I run a World Cup predictor competition for friends, colleagues and family. Have done one for some years now. In fact, the first of its kind - way back in 1998 - involved players sending back their predictions by exchange of fax messages. IKR - can you even imagine? Of late it's been a rather more manageable if necessarily OTT spreadsheet form in which players input their predictions for all 63 match results. Deliberately a lo-fi affair, the prizes are rarely more than (in Qatar's case) Fry's Turkish delight and some admittedly pretty top level packets of tea and coffee... (You're welcome to join in, by the way - see link at the end.)

Anyway, we've just a week to go to the first match at time of writing the BBC is only just getting into it with trailer ads ahead of the tournament. That is rather striking. It may simply be because there's everything from the FA Cup to the Rugby League and T20 World Cups that need to be fitted in, but this rather odd build-up is in keeping with the sheer strangeness of the tournament ahead of us. Should England progress as group winners - something our Nations' League campaign would suggest is far, far from certain - then the day of the Barnet away game is going to be surreal indeed as we move from what's now a 12:30pm kick off in broad daylight over at Barnet to an England game in the gathering gloom. At least, it'll be the gathering gloom in England - because this is going to be the World Cup in dark mode, with games played under dazzlingly bright Arabian skies and beamed

to our cold, gloomy and Queenless country as it fumbles in the pouring rain to counter the steady escalation of Putin's Great Energy War. Still - just so long as we're not starting Harry Maguire at the back, eh?

In looking at some of the predictions already returned for the predictor competition, it is easy to be struck by how much Brazil are favoured for this tournament. (Typically up against Spain or Belgium in the final.)

One thought might be that people are assuming that the South American sides will have an innate advantage in Qatar's climate. (Argentina, Mexico and Ecuador are also predicted by many to advance 'deep' into the tournament.) But will they really? These stadiums, built practically across the road from each other, each have incredible air conditioning technology that should help level the playing field.

Another thought might be that Brazil are the Manchester City of nations' football. Trouble is, matching Premier League clubs to the national sides they most resemble becomes a right old rabbit hole down which to crawl. And when you do, well, it turns out Brazil don't look like City after all. In fact, you can match several clubs to countries. Here's a few.

### **Manchester City are Germany**

Irksome player factories who can never be counted out, reliably doing the business and with a trophy cabinet to prove it. More attractive to watch than you care to admit.

### **Liverpool are Brazil**

Flamboyant flare players who, when they gel, can be unplayable as a unit. Yet despite an impressive track record they have a tendency to falter just when you least expect it.

*Right: it's going to be a World Cup like no other, that's for sure. Top right: you always surprise yourself with who you think is going to do well when you predict the tournament match by match.*



		EUROPE	GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	A+	P
Mon 20/11	Spain	Croatia	Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon 20/11	Spain	Croatia	Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wed 22/11	Spain	France	Holland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon 20/11	Spain	France	Holland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wed 22/11	Spain	France	Holland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# YOUR SHIMSLIC PREDICTIONS

ROUND OF SIXTEEN						
Mon 20/11	Spain	Poland	Winner: A1	Runner: J0 B	Males: 40	
Mon 20/11	Spain	Croatia	Winner: C	Runner: J0 B	Males: 50	
Mon 20/11	Spain	Holland	Winner: D	Runner: J0 C	Males: 40	

QUARTER FINALS						
Fri 26/10	Spain	Winner: 50	Winner: 50	Males: 50		
Fri 26/11	Spain	Winner: 40	Winner: 50	Males: 50		

SEMI FINALS						
Mon 20/11	Spain	Winner: 50	Winner: 50	Males: 40		
Mon 20/11	Spain	Winner: 50	Winner: 50	Males: 50		

FINAL						
Mon 20/11	Spain	Winner: 60	Winner: 60	Males: 40		

Your Wastrels: [ ] Pick 6 (maximum 6 picks) [ ]  
 Highest scores: [ ]

## YOUR POINTS TOTAL

**Manchester United are Italy**  
 Team typically comprised of colourful characters with a rich record of success who... wait, where the hell are they? What do you mean they haven't even qualified? Previously reliable, now prone to violent performance swings.

**Chelsea are Argentina**  
 Perennially on the cusp and seemingly in a permanent state of rebuild, with great things always expected. Never knowingly uncompetitive. But perhaps you need to support them if you're to truly love them.

**Arsenal are France**  
 Stylish and fluent, with often 'mercurial' players in their ranks. And yet you always wonder... might some daft feud break out, or some individual player's badly timed strop prove catastrophic?

**Tottenham Hotspur are England**  
 Same colours, same sixties success, same subsequently draughty trophy cabinet, same sense of imminent crisis / soul-crushing fragility.

**Newcastle United are Belgium**  
 Newish kids on the block with superstars who you're surprised to learn actually play for them. Have the potential to upend the form book if it all comes good on the night.

**Leicester City are Spain**  
 Easy to underestimate one-time champs sustaining a theoretically excellent infrastructure from which to have another pop.

**Brentford are Croatia**  
 Dismissed by many as too small for this level of competition, consistently good management means that they can find themselves on the verge of a surprisingly good run.

**Leeds United are Mexico**  
 Enjoy a huge catchment area with little in the way of serious local rivals, but have in general flattered to deceive despite their undoubted potential.

This list could go on, although it gets a bit tricky as you drop down the Premier League table. And besides, any number of you will have already taken issue with the characteristics ascribed. Of course, there are other well documented reasons why this World Cup will differ to normal, and they're certainly more important than the time of year in which it's being played. Still, we can but hope that this most unusual of tournaments will provide us with the escape from reality and unforgettable performances we all surely crave.

(PS: if you do indeed fancy changing your arm in the predictor, hurry over to [forecastleague.wordpress.com](http://forecastleague.wordpress.com) where you can download the file. Or email [forecastleague@me.com](mailto:forecastleague@me.com) to get the form by return of email.)



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BY JON TAFFEL



# The Stones

## If it's the Letter H this sad week it's gotta be a tale of Hereford 1977 and the more famous of the Two Ronnies

Daily Mail, Thursday, December 1, 1977

### CUP HISTORY FOR THE LITTLE MEN



# Wealdstone's night of glory

Hereford .....	2
Wealdstone .....	3

LITTLE Wealdstone made club history last night when they qualified for the FA Cup second round for the first time.

And the Southern League side achieved it against a Third Division side who know all about FA Cup giant-killing acts.

As a non-League club in 1972 Hereford beat Newcastle and drew with West Ham before losing the replay.

Two goals from Pat Ferry and a third from Bobby Moss put Wealdstone on course in this replay win after drawing 0-0 on Saturday.

Wealdstone's victory was even more creditable because they had conceded an 86-sec. goal to 17-year-old Kevin Sheedy.

And after taking a 3-1 lead, they had to withstand a tremendous Hereford onslaught after Steve Davey had pulled a goal back in the 66th minute.

But no one played a bigger part in their success than Keith Furphy, son of the former Sheffield United manager Ken Furphy, who had a hand in all three goals.

Wealdstone manager Pat Fogarty said: 'My lads played their hearts out and well deserved their win. I'm buying them an extra drink on our way back home on the coach.'

Hereford's chief John Sillett said: 'It was a nightmare. I have never been so deflated in my life. It is the sort of experience that you dread.'

**W**elcome to Series 3 Episode 8 of the Alphabet. I'm a little disappointed to be honest, as I do ordinarily try and produce original content. So, whilst I shouldn't be surprised that I'd already covered **HEREFORD** United and Martin **HIRST**, I have decided that on this occasion originality should fly out of the window.

**HEREFORD** hit the news again recently with the passing of a Ronnie more famous than me, Ronnie Radford (for those who are unaware, our Alphabet columnist and club snapper Mr Taffel is also otherwise known as Ronnie Raffle -Ed).

Radford scored the goal that set Hereford on their way to a major FA Cup upset against 1st Division Newcastle in 1972, a win that also propelled his team into the Football League.

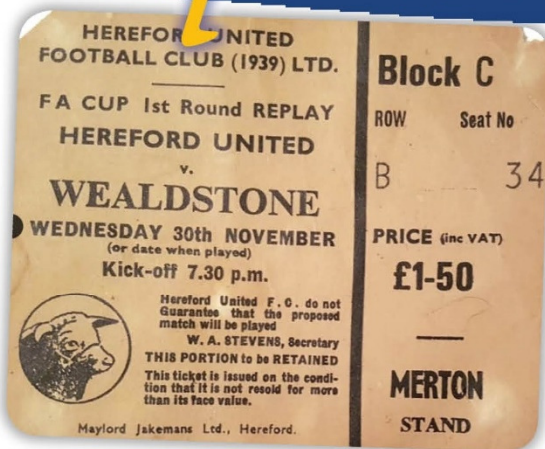
Having earned themselves a reputation as giant killers, Hereford's first taste of losing as a Football League club against a non-league club was against the mighty Stones in the 1977-78 season. This was one of the most famous nights in Wealdstone history, a 1st round replay win under the lights at Edgar Street that will live long in the memory of all those lucky enough to have been there. Having held them to a goalless draw at home, Hereford were firm favourites to complete the job on their own patch.

But this was our night, a rare night of FA Cup enjoyment in the competition proper. Everyone knows the newspaper headlines from the following day as schoolteacher Pat Ferry's brace of goals was described as Ferry Ferry Good. The late great Bobby Moss headed our other goal on what the Hereford

Above: The Daily Mail gets a good balance in its report of the Stones cup shock in 1977. And right, Harry Goodger was ripe for a spoof story in the Stones programme five years ago as he helped bludgeon our way to the Trophy semi-finals

# Alphabet

# H



manager John Sillett described as the worst night of his life. My seated ticket for the match (pictured above) cost me £1.50. Why I wasn't standing I really don't know. Maybe I just felt that I wanted a better view of what turned out to be such an historic event, given that changing ends at half time wasn't an option in a 'big' ground.

We went on to reach the 3rd round that season for the first and only time in our history, something that really needs to change. Watching other

non-league teams on telly in the cup at this time of year, when we have again made an early exit, really does grate.

**H**is for 'Harry, Harry.....' The Wilkinson era wasn't my favourite, we clashed for sure. Nonetheless, his final few games with us will certainly live long in the memory amongst great games of recent times. Less great was one of his signings, a certain Harry Goodger.

No disrespect to Harry as you knew what you got with him, he was a plumber from Whitstable, a large chap with ability not really

up to the level required. However he gave everything, and when we were in a winning position, he was the go-to player to come on as a sub and take the ball into the corner to waste time. The chants of 'Harry, Harry....' would ring around the ground as he came on to the pitch, gathered the ball and ran to the corner. The chant remains valid today every time we want a player to run to the corner to waste time.

**I** do tend to focus on away trips in this column, so it is with sadness that our only ever trip to **HARTLEPOOL** came during the Behind Closed Doors season. Our fans were deprived of a trip to another great part of the country, and even though I was fortunate enough to be there on camera duty, it wasn't the same without the Stones family around me. More importantly the pubs were still in lockdown, so arguably there was no excuse for my pictures to be blurred.

Despite the best efforts of Josh Umerah, I do hope they stay in the bottom two this season, and give us a grand day out next season. I really need to do the pubs there!

H is also for the **HUDDLE**, the perfectly formed circle that the players and management team form at the end of each match. This is where the manager usually delivers a motivational message to the team, regardless of whether it has been a

successful day or not. Our former manager Dean Brennan introduced an interesting variation on this theme, when he brought his team to the Vale last season. This consisted of a non-perfectly formed circle that lost its sense of direction in heading back to the changing rooms.

H is also for **HELEN**, a chance to remember a much loved and missed supporter, Danny Helen. It is many years ago that we lost Danny but mention

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OVERPAGE**

## Press cuttings corner

### Pep: I was talking about **OTHER** Harry

**CITY BOSS MEANT GOODGER, NOT KANE**

**By VAL GROSVENOR**  
PEP GUARDIOLA took a lot of flak this week for his statement that Tottenham were 'The Harry Kane team', suggesting that Spurs were simply a one-man operation. Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino was particularly outraged by the comment.

But yesterday Guardiola explained to The Mirror that his comment was in reaction to the news that Harry Goodger had signed for Wealdstone.

"What I actually said was in response to a query about John Stones' injury"

explained Guardiola. "I was asked in the Press Conference 'What about Stones?' and naturally my first thought was about their big signing from Whitstable.

"Frankly I was annoyed that we hadn't managed to get that transfer over the line before the end of the summer deadline - imagine Goodger, Agiero, Jesus and de Bruyne!

"What I actually said was 'They will be the Harry Team' but that was taken out of context for some reason. Why bring Kane into it? Pochettino got it all wrong".



# Stones Alphabet contd....

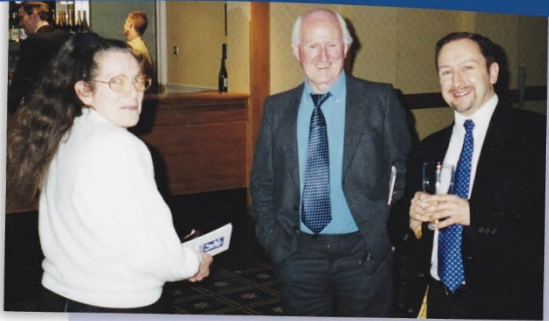
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of his name always brings a smile. He served on the Supporters Club committee for many years and is remembered for his soft Irish accent and slow delivery of words. At every club AGM without fail he'd interject with something along the lines of 'Mr Chairman, on behalf of the floor, I'd just like to say how grateful and thankful we are for all the hard work you've done for the club'. He'd pass on his thoughts to officials and opposition players too, particularly when it came to timewasting. He was also often seen at Lord's with his fellow Wealdstone chums cheering on Middlesex. Danny is just one of so many Wealdstone faces that we lost too soon, but none of them are forgotten.

**H**is also for **HAVANT**, and harking back briefly to the Dean Brennan years, our 4-2 win there in the promotion season of 2019-20 (see picture below) was another awayday to last long in the memory. Although we were ahead in the league at that time, this was the win that made Stones supporters believe that we really did have a great chance of winning the league and getting back to the top table of non-league football. The 7-0 demolition of Bath City the week after certainly cemented that view.

Whether or not we would have gone on to win the league in 'regulation' manner we'll never know, but up we went on 'points per game' with Havant finishing 2nd. We were three points ahead with a game in hand, just nine matches to play and a superior goal difference. It was in the bag. I hope to repeat this paragraph under W for Waterlooville.

It's illogical I know, but why do I have such a dislike of **HAMPTON** & Richmond Borough FC? Their ground is one that I really hate going to, not helped by the fact that our record against them is poor. They're not a club with an edge of any sort but maybe it's a reflection on the area in which they are based that their supporters manage to come across as rather smug, even in tweets that posted by anyone else would be considered normal. The Beavers also had a club chaplain,



*Gone but never forgotten: Danny Helen (centre) is pictured with the similarly lamented, late and lovely Mim Goodman. On the right is the rarely missed (for decibel reasons) Mike Megaphone Vincent :)*

I'm unsure whether this is still the case. Now I don't have anything against chaplains per se, but again I found myself rather irritated reading articles about football only for them to turn into articles about Jesus, not really my bag. In addition, I never trust a club that changes its name. They were merely Hampton FC, until 1999 when they made the change designed to draw wider support from around the Borough. It met with some success to be fair, particularly after Alan Devonshire joined them as manager.

I recently read that despite the current financial mess the country is in, houses with gardens near **HORNCHURCH** FC are increasing in price. This is due to the value of second hand footballs that are now in plentiful supply with the arrival of Danny Green on free kick duties. Seriously though, Hornchurch is another one of those places that no right-minded Wealdstone supporter would ever want to go to again. Our last visit there was for another one of our famous FA Cup disasters, a 6-1 hiding in 2013. It appears that since leaving us, Danny has decided to make a

habit of going to horrible places to ply his trade, having first left us to go to Concord Rangers. I predict Hampton next.

So that's your lot for today, and I never even got to trot out more Martin Hirst nonsense! Maybe under T for Tanning shops....



*Above: It's Danny Green scoring at Havant! The perfect win double (for some of us anyway)*

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# Fifty years ago (almost on this day) let's recall the story of Nigel Franklin and his stunning yet sad debut against leaders Maidstone



**Tuesday November 14 1972,  
Southern League Div One  
South: Wealdstone 2  
Maidstone Utd 3**

**I**F NIGEL Franklin were playing and scoring for Wealdstone today, the crowd would be belting out "He's one of our own" from the depths of the Holywell Stand in much the same way Spurs' fans acclaim Harry Kane.

But, with all due respect to the England striker, Nigel's story of growing up as a mod in Harrow, playing alongside England skipper Johnny Haynes and then giving up a promising football career to join the Army is far more interesting - if you're a Stones fan anyway!

His tale is a real snapshot of life in the 1970s. And all the more remarkable as the then 20-year-old Nigel only played

two games for Wealdstone, yet left an indelible mark in the club's history for many supporters of my generation.

Let me take you back to September 1972. Wealdstone were in their second season as professionals, playing in the Southern League First Division (South) and with manager Sid Prosser wheeling and dealing to get a decent squad to challenge for promotion. Ace goalscorer George Duck had signed from Millwall, via Tottenham, having become disenchanted with the full-time game, and with ex-Fulham striker Mickey Brown and amateur stars Bill Byrne and John Connell up front we seemed to have the firepower to win the league.

Ex-pros Eddie Presland (Palace and West Ham) and Eric Burgess joined Dave Cockell

in defence, but the midfield was light with only Dixie Hale (ex Watford) and former Spurs double-winner Terry Dyson standing out. Fortunately, we were running a successful young Reserve team in the Suburban League and Prosser was happy (or maybe forced) to dip into its ranks when Brown and Byrne were injured in quick succession.

**“**I was playing in midfield for the reserves and scoring a few goals after joining the club in the summer,” recalled Nigel, now 71 years old but still looking in great shape.

“I was a bit of a tearaway in my teens, and when I wasn't playing football I was a genuine mod for the few years that they were a big thing - yes, I had the scooter and all the gear, and

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*Pictured above: Stones' Eric Burgess (no.5) soars above the Maidstone defence to head the second goal against the league leaders. But sadly it all ended in despair*



Sensational start by Nigel Franklin

# Two up, Wealdstone throw it all away

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 2, Maidstone United 3

**TWO GOALS** ahead after 12 minutes Wealdstone, perhaps unexpectedly in view of the make-up of the team, found themselves in a position to paralyse the Southern League leaders at Lower Mead on Tuesday evening. Then the defence folded up and gave away three silly goals allowing the Kent club to go away openly admitting they were the luckiest team in the world.

All three of the visitors' goals should and could have been prevented and, unhappily, John Barr must take the blame for two. Yet those who bitterly criticised Barr after the game would do well to remember the number of times this normally brilliant 'keeper has saved his side in the past.

Every dog is allowed one bite, they say. Certainly every goalkeeper must have it odd off-day and goodness knows Barr has had few of those since the start of the 1971/72 season.

If we are to apportion blame, and as everyone else was doing so after the match, I might as well add my two pennyworth, let us look at the game over the entire 90 minutes and fairly assess what might have been.

The forwards, in my view, had six clear-cut chances to score additional goals — and remember this Maidstone defence was as brittle as a piece of plywood for most of the game and was often penetrated with the greatest of ease.

John Connell missed two goals even I might have scored. Roger Livingstone should have had one, Burgess a second and George Duck, the man with the golden goal touch until the last three games, missed two he will long reflect upon.

No team can afford to miss this number of chances and present itself as a promotion prospect.

The defence has been suspect since John Pearce so unfortunately broke a leg at Hayes. We have watched, apprehensively, knowing that at any moment it could crack, crack or break completely. It contrived to do all three things on Tuesday evening.

## PROMISING

The midfield, despite the tremendous work-rate of Dyson and Hale and the most promising debut of Nigel



**Nigel Franklin — sensational debut for 'Stones with a goal in the first two minutes.**

Franklin, was often far too busy trying to prop up the back to destroy the opposition where it should have been stopped — in the middle of the park.

Above all, in my view, which will doubtless result in frantic letters of abuse from some followers of the side, this Wealdstone team, despite its undoubted ability and the talent in its ranks, lacks someone to stamp authority on a game.

Pearce was that man at the back, Mickie Brown the man up front. There is no-one currently available to take Pearce's place and Connell, who we hoped would take over Brown's mantle, has so far disappointed.

Having said all that let me

add that from the point of view of the paying customers this must have been a cracking game to watch.

Played at a tremendous rate the match produced many flowing moves, flashes of individual brilliance, fine saves by both 'keepers and what we now expect at Lower Mead, plenty of goals.

## SENSATIONAL

Few players in Southern League history can have made a more sensational debut than did young Nigel Franklin, who only a few months ago was playing for Old Regeians in the Nemean League.

This fair-haired boy who I personally persuaded to try his luck at Lower Mead had barely got into the action before he positioned himself perfectly to hit a wonderful reverse centre from Dyson into the net with such power that goalkeeper Dunba hadn't time to blink, leave alone move.

The hardworking and ever improving Alick Brown almost had a second when he robbed a defender and saw his shot turned aside and in the 12th minute the crowd was almost disbelievingly cheering a second Wealdstone goal when Burgess headed in a magnificent inswinging corner from Dyson.

Maidstone's first attack saw Tough (by name and nature bring the best out of Barr who then produced another fine save to halt Walker, Maidstone's most dangerous forward.

Alick Brown hooked on

The Harrow Observer's Phil Sugden reports on the Maidstone game 50 years ago... and his own part in the discovery of young Franklin

beauty on the turn and the Connell, getting all the luck in succession of tackles, miss the easiest of chances.

Maidstone struck back in the 25th minute when Walker headed in Evans' cross with Barr — and several other defenders all at sea — and the three Wealdstone forwards missed as they all tried to tie up chances.

## SQUANDERED

Wealdstone continued to squander chances in the second half while Maidstone were prepared to accept whatever came their way and did in the 65th minute when three defenders failed to clear and McVeigh's half hit shot went in beneath the late-diving Barr, who was probably unsuspected.

Connell missed an open goal following a free-kick and George Duck failed before a gaping net as the defence appealed vainly for off-side.

Then, 17 minutes from the end, Wealdstone's defence got into the most appalling tangle. No one appeared to call, Barr rushed out into no-man's land on what was obviously a hopeless quest and Bassy lobbed in.

## BIG BOOST

Still there were chances enough as Wealdstone tore into attack and the Maidstone defence tottered time and again as they held their points with the big boot.

Duck shot over from four yards, Franklin had an effort blocked and the usually reliable Duck missed yet again.

Two points, which in theory would have been worth four, were thrown away and such generosity cannot, surely, be permitted to continue.

**Wealdstone:** Barr; N. Franklin, Presland, Cockell, Burgess; Hale, A. Brown; Dyson, Duck, J. Connell, R. Livingstone. Sub: Whitaker.

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we used to hang out at North Harrow Bowl. It got a bit tasty sometimes when the rockers from Northolt would come up to the bowling alley!

"My mates and I used to drink in the Havelock in Harrow town centre and Harrow Observer sports editor Phil Sugden was also a regular there - he got Wealdstone to invite me along for a trial. I was doing well in the Reserves and scoring a few goals, and Sid Prosser (the first team manager) took a shine to me. We had a few injuries too which pushed me up the pecking order - but the weekend before I was due to make my first team debut against the powerful Enfield side in the London Challenge Cup I got injured playing for the Rессies against Sutton.

"I was gutted. I had been coming to watch Wealdstone from the age of six... my dad Ken was a turnstile operator at Lower Mead and we came to every game. We were living in Eastcote Road - I went to West Lodge Primary School and then Blackwell Secondary - and Wealdstone were in my blood. Every Christmas Day in the 50s and 60s we played Hendon and me and my dad would walk from Pinner to the ground, sticking out our thumbs as hitchhikers and we always got a lift! So to get the call to play for them was a dream come true.

**"S**o you can imagine how nervous I was when I was finally chosen to play for the firsts a few weeks later, when I'd recovered from that injury. There I was, in the team to play Maidstone United (who were top of the league) at Lower Mead that November night alongside people like Georgie Duck, Eddie Presland, Eric Burgess, Terry Dyson and Dixie Hale who were all high-grade players. Myself, Alick Brown and Roger Livingstone were all there from the reserves but we all acquitted ourselves really well I think".



*Enduring love: Nigel and his wife Patsy have been together for over 50 years*

The Harrow Observer was fulsome in its praise of Nigel and his 'sensational start' according to the strapline on the Maidstone report. What did he remember of that game?

"Well, it began unbelievably. The ex-Spurs double winner Terry Dyson got away on the right and cut the ball back - I arrived late on the edge of the box and swung my right foot at the ball and it steamed into the net".

The cutting of the report on the previous page cannot capture the excitement that night. The Elmslie End was rocking.

Said Nigel: "The crowd was 2,600 to see us take on the league leaders and the atmosphere was great as we went 2-0 up inside 12 minutes. Eric Burgess headed the second goal and we created chance after chance. I thought Maidstone were quite poor and we should have won the game - we gifted them goals and somehow ended up losing".

But Nigel's performance earned him another start four days later for the visit of lowly Dorchester Town. That game was memorable for the fanfare surrounding the Stones' signing of ex-England skipper Johnny Haynes, and Nigel admits that his re-telling the story of 'The day I played with Haynes' has earned him a few drinks over the years, particularly at the Chesham and Ley Hill Golf Club where is Veterans Captain.

"It was a strange game. We had such good players but again we managed to lose 3-2. It might have been a lack of understanding but it was another big crowd and a disappointing result".

"Presumably you were an amateur then" I asked him. "Were you not paid at all?"

"Funny you should ask that" he replied. "I came back from the bath after the game and my boots were full of coins. Ken Wiltshire, the secretary and gateman, must have given me the left-overs - but that

was it!

“The following Thursday though, after training, Sid Prosser called me in and said he wanted to put me on contract for 18 months, until the end of the 73-74 season. I was in a real quandary. What I hadn't told anybody was that I had signed up to join the Army in September, and the papers had just come through. I would start my Army career on January 1st, so of course there was no point in me continuing to play for Wealdstone”.

I can actually remember my own disappointment at the time. Nigel was a real prospect - as Phil Sugden had written after the Dorchester defeat: “Young Franklin had another impressive game. He has a high workrate, belied his lack of inches by clever timing to take balls in the air and adjusted himself well to the pace. Brought along carefully he could prove a considerable asset”.

So is joining the Army a decision you now regret? I asked him. Could you have made it in the pro game?

“No, I don't regret it” he said. “I needed a career, and I got work that carried on from having been in the Army - the qualifications helped me get a job at the Harrow Leisure Centre when it first opened in the late 70s, and I went on to become Operations Manager there. Then, later on, it helped me land a security job at a nuclear site in Amersham so it was a good decision. Plus I loved every minute of my four



***Nigel is ringed (far right) in the line-up picture taken before the game with Dorchester at Lower Mead in November 1972 - former England skipper Johnny Haynes' first game (of three) for the Stones, and Nigel's last game (of two) in a desperately short Wealdstone career. Manager Sid Prosser (a 'great man') stands just behind his protege. The other players that day were (back row left to right) Dave Cockell, Eddie Presland, John Barr, Haynes, John Beyer, Alick Brown. Front row: Dixie Hale, John Connell, Eric Burgess, George Duck and Terry Dyson***

years in the Army, based at Cambridge. I was a Physical Training Instructor for the Royal Engineers and was playing football for the Army, and also in the gymnastic display team. They were good times”.

Although Nigel and his wife Patsy moved to Chesham to bring up their three children - Paul and Kevin (now 43 and 41 respectively) and daughter Nicola, 40 - his younger days were steeped in Harrow life.

“I'm a Pinner boy but Patsy is a Wealdstone girl, brought up opposite the ground - we got married at St Joseph's Wealdstone in 1975 and we both worked behind the bar at Lower Mead while saving up for the wedding. And I'll tell you what, being a Wealdstone player was

like being a minor celebrity in the 1970s, you got recognised just walking around!

“It also helped in the changing room, being a local lad. The Stones players were really welcoming, whereas later on when I played at Aylesbury there was an atmosphere among the players that you were coming to take their place. Not so nice”.

After leaving the army, the newlyweds bought a flat in Wealdstone and Nigel starred for Northwood for several seasons as they won the Middlesex and Hellenic Leagues, playing at the park pitch next to where their Chestnut Avenue stadium now stands. He played in the match against Watford when the club

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opened their new floodlights. Then it was on to Aylesbury, Burnham and Chalfont St Peter - and two seasons at Kingsbury Town under Billy Meadows before retiring at 36. He couldn't leave his boots alone though, winning trophies with Northwood Vets and Hayes Vets until finally hanging them up at the age of 44.

He then got involved at his local club Chesham United, running the reserves with Johnson Hippolyte and ending up as commercial manager.

His sons both also played (of course), Kevin turning out for Thame United and Berkhamsted Town (even claiming a sub's place as they lost the Vase Final at Villa Park), while Paul played mainly for Hayes and Ruislip Manor. Nicola became a very decent hockey player.

"Paul's got lots of stories about the Manor" Nigel laughs. "Mainly about the Grosvenor Vale changing rooms which were apparently disgusting!"

“Lower Mead was simply a brilliant ground, smack in the middle of Harrow and so convenient to get to. An iconic ground.

The atmosphere was always great there with the sound from the Elmslie End bouncing back off the big old cinema wall at the other end - it was a real shame when it got sold off.

"Now of course I can't keep away from Grosvenor Vale... it's five years since the club made contact with me and rekindled my love for the Stones. Paul and Nicola, me and the grandchildren are ever-present at Wealdstone games now - even the ones at the other end of the country!"

Paul has since become a member of the **Stonescast 85** podcast team and as big a fan as any of us. And dad Nigel was a bit of a novelty when he became the first player to be a 'Fan in the Stand' in this programme two years ago, alongside his wife Patsy.

She says: "Football is about passion and a sharing of a common love and we are so lucky that we can share this with not only our children but also our grandchildren Amelia, Joe, Connie, Finlay and Archie too. Going to the Vale with them is exciting, they share a sense of belonging not just with us but with the greater family, the fans who have embraced them all. The match day wouldn't be the same without the obligatory chips, golden goal and a visit to the Megastore!" What a truly wonderful story!

## 73 years ago: Long before Sky Atlantic & suchlike, telly was demanding a slice of Wealdstone FC

**Saturday November 12, 1949:  
Wealdstone 1 Colchester United 0**

HISTORY was made 73 years ago when the Stones - who had already been in existence for half a century - finally made it to the FA Cup First Round Proper on a glorious afternoon at Lower Mead.

But not only was club history being made. These were the early days of television and this match was shown live on BBC1 - only the second-ever such game, the first being our 1-0 win at Edgware Town in the previous round!

Ironically, one of our oldest fans, Lew Sheppard, was on National Service at the time of this epic encounter, based at Colchester Barracks of all places. But he remembers being able to watch the game live "on a screen the size of a postcard" in the army canteen, along with a hundred or so other squaddies.

Through the haze of embryonic TV they would have seen a tale of endless Colchester possession. The professional Southern League side were expected to win easily but once Bill Saunders had put the Stones



*First with the news: the BBC TV gantry at Lower Mead in 1949*



*The brilliant Danny Wiltshire saves from a dark-shirted Colchester forward*

Most were hoping for Watford or Notts County and their England centre-forward Tommy Lawton. But there was disappointment when our name was paired with the strong Third Division side Port Vale, the game to be played at Vale Park

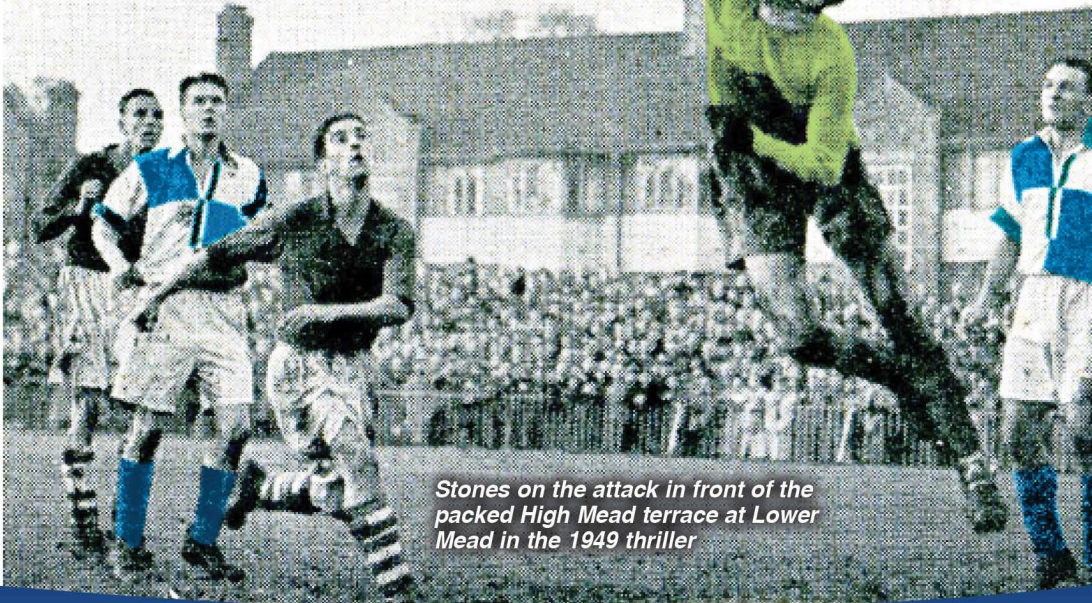
Nevertheless, four coachloads of fans plus a special train laid on from Harrow & Wealdstone (fare 18s 9d - that's about 94p today) meant 500 Stones were cheering on the blues among the 15,300

crowd when the big day arrived.

ahead they became ever more desperate. The hero of the day was our keeper Danny Wiltshire, who was yet to concede a goal in four rounds of the cup - and he kept another clean sheet here with save after save and catch after catch to keep the 9,300 crowd spellbound.

They spilled onto the pitch at the end to acclaim the men in blue and white quarters. Colchester had beaten top-flight Huddersfield Town and Bradford the previous season but the boot was on the other foot at Lower Mead, and the next 48 hours, apparently, were spent in contemplation of the draw for the First Round.

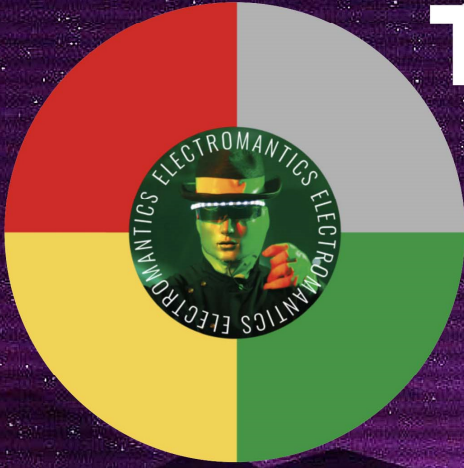
It was another backs-to-the-wall display but in the end Vale centre-forward Pinchbeck scrambled in the winner - the only goal Danny Wiltshire conceded in the FA Cup that season. As the 23-year-old left the field the Vale fans crowded around and pleaded with his team mates "Leave us your goalkeeper Mister!"



*Stones on the attack in front of the packed High Mead terrace at Lower Mead in the 1949 thriller*

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McGregor, Giovanni	4	1					1									5	1		5	1	
Mongoy, Jordy		3														3			3		
Mundle-Smith, Jaydn	6	4					1									7	4		31	11	2
Napa, Malachi	2	7														2	7		2	7	
Obiero, Micah	4	1	1													4	1	1	4	1	1
Olomola, Olufela	12	1	3				1		2							13	1	5	13	1	5
Sesay, David	8	6					1									8	7		18	10	



# WEALDSTONE FC

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	<b>TORQUAY UNITED</b> Saturday, 17th September Vanarama National League	<b>Stuart Kane</b>	
	<b>SOUTHEND UNITED</b> Saturday, 24th September Vanarama National League	<b>In Memory of Kat Kelly</b>	
	<b>BOREHAM WOOD</b> Saturday, 8th October Vanarama National League	<b>Nick Woolford</b>	
	<b>NOTTS COUNTY</b> Tuesday, 25th October Vanarama National League	<b>The Rawden Family</b>	





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 <b>WREXHAM</b> Saturday, 12th November Vanarama National League	<b>In Memory of Kat Kelly</b>	<b>Jim Kane</b>
 <b>SCUNTHORPE UNITED</b> Saturday, 26th November Vanarama National League	<b>Tony Platt</b>	Your name or business here
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 <b>EASTLEIGH</b> Saturday, 7th January Vanarama National League	Your name or business here	Your name or business here
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 <b>MAIDSTONE UNITED</b> Tuesday, 7th March Vanarama National League	Your name or business here	Your name or business here
 <b>BARNET</b> Saturday, 25th March Vanarama National League	<b>Alan Couch</b>	Your name or business here
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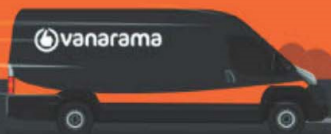
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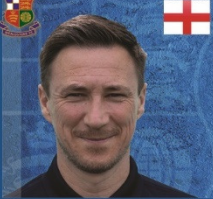
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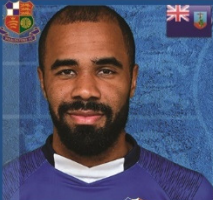
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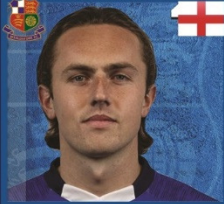
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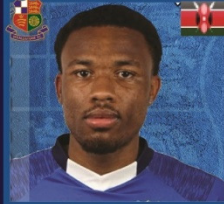
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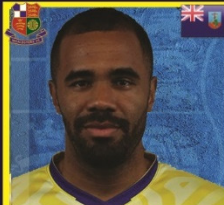
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RAY CORNER

# Next at The Vale



**Scunthorpe United**  
National League  
Saturday  
26th November  
3:00pm



**Maidenhead United**  
National League  
Monday  
26th December  
3:00pm



**Eastleigh**  
National League  
Saturday  
7th January  
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 @9/11/22

	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 Notts County	18	12	5	1	47	17	9	7	2	0	20	4	9	5	3	1	27	13	30	41	1-6
2 Wrexham	17	12	3	2	47	17	9	9	0	0	35	9	8	3	3	2	12	8	30	39	
3 Chesterfield	17	10	4	3	33	22	9	7	0	2	19	11	8	3	4	1	14	11	11	34	
4 Solihull Moors	18	8	6	4	33	18	9	4	4	1	18	8	9	4	2	3	15	10	15	30	1-2
5 Woking	17	9	3	5	30	18	9	6	1	2	18	9	8	3	2	3	12	9	12	30	1-1
6 Southend United	18	8	6	4	25	13	9	4	3	2	11	6	9	4	3	2	14	7	12	30	0-1
7 Boreham Wood	17	7	7	3	23	17	8	2	4	2	10	10	9	5	3	1	13	7	6	28	1-2
8 Eastleigh	18	8	4	6	23	21	9	7	2	0	16	6	9	1	2	6	7	15	2	28	0-1
9 Barnet	18	8	3	7	35	38	9	5	1	3	14	15	9	3	2	4	21	23	-3	27	
10 Bromley	17	7	4	6	24	21	8	5	2	1	12	5	9	2	2	5	12	16	3	25	3-2
11 York City	18	6	6	6	21	18	9	3	3	3	9	10	9	3	3	3	12	8	3	24	
12 Dagenham & Redbridge	17	6	5	6	29	34	9	5	3	1	22	16	8	1	2	5	7	18	-5	23	1-4
13 Wealdstone	17	6	4	7	18	26	8	2	3	3	8	13	9	4	1	4	10	13	-8	22	-- --
14 Maidenhead United	18	6	3	9	15	21	9	4	2	3	9	8	9	2	1	6	6	13	-6	21	
15 Boreham Wanderers	16	6	3	7	30	37	9	4	2	3	17	19	7	2	1	4	13	18	-7	21	1-3
16 Halifax Town	17	6	3	8	15	24	8	4	1	3	8	10	9	2	2	5	7	14	-9	21	1-0
17 Aldershot Town	17	6	2	9	25	29	8	3	1	4	13	13	9	3	1	5	12	16	-4	20	2-1
18 Altrincham	18	4	6	8	23	35	9	3	3	3	12	11	9	1	3	5	11	24	-12	18	1-0
19 Oldham Athletic	16	4	4	8	17	25	8	4	1	3	14	13	8	0	3	5	3	12	-8	16	2-1
20 Yeovil Town	18	2	9	7	13	20	9	2	4	3	7	9	9	0	5	4	6	11	-7	15	0-0
21 Scunthorpe United	17	3	6	8	23	33	8	3	2	3	15	16	9	0	4	5	8	17	-10	15	
22 Maidstone United	18	3	5	10	20	42	9	2	4	3	9	13	9	1	1	7	11	29	-22	14	1-1
23 Gateshead	17	2	7	8	20	29	9	1	5	3	12	14	8	1	2	5	8	15	-9	13	1-0
24 Torquay United	17	3	4	10	19	33	8	1	3	4	15	17	9	2	1	6	4	16	-14	13	1-1

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**York City**  
National League  
Saturday  
19th November  
3:00pm  
YorkCityFootballClub.co.uk  
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**Edgware & Kingsbury**  
Middlesex Senior Cup  
Tuesday  
29th November  
7:45pm  
www.edgwaretownfc.co.uk  
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**Barnet**  
National League  
Saturday  
3rd December  
12:30pm!!  
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## WEALDSTONE



Royal Blue/White/White

## CLWB PÊL-DROED WRECSAM



Red/Red/Red

**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**

**David SESAY 11**

**Giovanni McGREGOR 12**

**G Sam HOWES 13**

**Micah OBIERO 14**

**Elijah HEARN 15**

**Dominic HUTCHINSON 17**

**Alex DYER 18**

**Malachi NAPA 19**

**Simeon AKINOLA 20**

**Jordy MONGOY 21**

**Max KRETZSCHMAR 22**

**Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH 23**

**Sam MATTHEWS 25**

**Sam HABERGHAM 28**

**Tecane SHROWDER 29**

**G Eric NEGRARU 30**

**1 Rob LAINTON G**

**2 Reece HALL-JOHNSON**

**3 Callum MCFADZEAN**

**4 Ben TOZER**

**5 Aaron HAYDEN**

**6 Jordan TUNNICLIFFE**

**7 Jordan DAVIES**

**8 Luke YOUNG ©**

**9 Ollie PALMER**

**10 Paul MULLIN**

**11 Liam MCALINDEN**

**13 Christian DIBBLE G**

**14 Anthony FORDE**

**17 Bryce HOSANNAH**

**18 Sam DALBY**

**19 Jacob MENDY MENDY**

**21 Mark HOWARD G**

**22 Tom O'CONNOR**

**23 Kai CALDERBANK-PARK G**

**24 Scott BUTLER**

**25 Ryan AUSTIN**

**26 Harry LENNON**

**27 Jake BICKERSTAFF**

**30 James JONES**

**31 Rory WATSON G**

**32 Max CLEWORTH**

**33 Dan JONES**

**34 Aaron JAMES**

**35 Tom JENKINS**

**36 Will MOUNTFIELD**

**37 Kai EVANS**

**38 Elliot LEE**

**39 Dan DAVIES**

**REFEREE Matt Corlett**

**ASSISTANTS James Hurst  
and Marcus Carmichael**

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