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- Jack COOK © 2
- Charlie BARKER 3
- Ashley CHARLES 4
- Alex DYER 5
- Mason BARRETT 6
- Tarryn ALLARAKHIA 7
- Nathan FERGUSON 8
- Olufela OLOMOLA 9
- Max KRETZSCHMAR 10
- Corie ANDREWS 11
- Giovanni MCGREGOR 12
- G Jed WARD 13
- Micah OBIERO 14
- Luke DREHER 16
- Dominic HUTCHINSON 17
- Charlie CLAYDEN 19
- Sam BOWEN 22
- Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH 23
- Sean ADARKWA 27
- Tahvon CAMPBELL 29
- Joe CULLIS 36



EBBSFLEET UNITED
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- 1 Mark COUSINS G
- 2 Luke O'NEILL
- 3 Joe MARTIN
- 4 Josh WRIGHT
- 5 Jack WAKELY
- 6 Franklin DOMI
- 7 Omari STERLING-JAMES
- 8 Ouss Cissé
- 9 Rakish BINGHAM
- 10 Craig TANNER
- 11 Darren McQUEEN
- 12 Chris HAIGH G
- 13 Harrison FIRTH G
- 14 Dominic POLEON
- 15 Greg CUNDLE
- 16 Franklin DOMI
- 17 Toby EDSER
- 18 Alfie EGAN
- 19 Matthias FANIMO
- 20 Chris SOLLY
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- 22 Ben CHAPMAN
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TODAY'S RESULT

WEALDSTONE **EBBSFLEET**

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INSIDE:
meet Sean Adarkwa, the man from Arboath!

Stones' Sean Adarkwa came off the bench and sparked the revival against Dagenham in our last home game... although he nearly lost his shirt to our ex-player Nikola Tavares. PICTURE: JON TAFFEL

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By Mark Hyde

Written in Stone



HER GAME TOO

Welcome back to Grosvenor vale for our first ever dedicated 'Her game too' fixture.

I think its fair to say that over the years and even in the dark old days, Wealdstone has prided itself on having a slightly more diverse and inclusive fan

base than many, and its certainly true to say we have had some very strong Female figures amongst our number.

Over more recent years the club has done an outstanding job of integrating itself into the local community and this has seen a significant increase in our regular home support and noticeably amongst female supporters.

There is of course much more that can be done to improve the game for all of fan base but today we are focusing on the fantastic 'Her game Too' initiative with further insight later in this issue from

the clubs ambassador Nicola Brown and also Ebbsfleet's ambassador Katie Lowell.

If you are with us this afternoon as a result of today's promotion, Welcome and we sincerely hope you enjoy the Wealdstone experience and that we see you again in the near future.

On a more general football front we will all be hoping to get some more points on the board after a short barren spell though this will be far from easy against an experienced and well funded opponent.

We are, it goes without saying (though I'm saying it) as always in need of your financial

help and details of Match / Ball & Player sponsorships can be found later in this issue.

Finally, thanks to todays match sponsors, the ever supportive Rolfe East.

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Mark



PAUL SPRINGATE 11/03/1945 - 23/08/2023

Paul was a life long Wealdstone fan who started attending matches when he was a small boy with his dad.

His support continued with home and away games throughout the years until he was able to share this with his own children.

Paul had four children, Dominic, Charlotte, Emily and Blake and was a husband to his wife Dee. Dominic and Charlotte have fond memories of going to games with their dad as children.

In recent years Paul wasn't able to make the games in person but followed the team devotedly, always asking us to go online and check the scores and was always tuned in to Soccer Saturday trying to catch the updates.

Sadly Paul passed away on 23rd August. Even in his final days he was checking the scores and was pleased with the 99th minute winner in the last game when luckily a friend posted the goal on social media, which we were pleased to be able to show him.

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RORY FITZGERALD



From the Chairman

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Vale. Today we warmly welcome all the Ebbsfleet officials, supporters, players and management to this afternoons

Vanarama National League game.

Few teams in football have a more interesting recent history than our opponents today Ebbsfleet. They became famous to most football fans in 2007, when taken over by the website MyFootballClub with members having a vote on player selection, transfers, and all major club decisions. Nowadays they are under Kuwaiti ownership and significant investment has gone into the club as it has run up losses of well over £1m each year for the last few years. It is therefore no surprise to see Ebbsfleet up towards the top of the table a position they are expected to remain for most of the season.

This is our first dedicated "Her Game Too" fixture a voluntary campaign which aims to raise awareness and educate others on the importance of inclusivity and diversity in sport and tackle head on sexism in football. A special thanks to our very own Her Game Too ambassador Nicola Brown who has coordinated the event and you can read more about the aims and objectives of the campaign later in the programme.

It is a great pity that financial problems continue to dominate the headlines in our division. There are currently grave concerns that Southend current financial problems may signal the end for a club with such a long history. Of course, we know these difficulties only too well ourselves. It is the principal reason we as your board of directors have given our overriding focus to ensuring financial stability and sustainability.

Nothing else comes close to this – whether that be the new stadium, an extended lease at Grosvenor Vale, National League survival or even promotion, vital those all these are to the future of the club.

As a board of directors, we are aligned in ensuring that the club develops and grows in a sustainable manner. This means supporting the management team with a playing budget which the club can afford and in no way jeopardises the future of the club for short term success on the pitch.

But we must temper outright ambition with reality, and we have no right to gamble our future

on your behalf chasing the dream.

Yes – there will always be differing views on team selection and tactics, but these must be set in the overall context, just ask Southend.

For us it's been an exciting but mixed start to the season, some of the football played through periods of games has been excellent and there is a sense of disappointment that we have only 8 points at this stage of the season.

The summer for any football club is a busy period, on the playing side the most important business was delivered early with Stuart and Matt committing their future to the club and many of the squad retained. As chairman I need to ensure Stuart starts the season with the players he wants, and I know he's happy with the current squad, with its exciting blend of experience and youth, as always, we are keeping a close eye on the loan market to see how the squad can be enhanced. We also saw our goalkeeper Sam Howes get a move into EFLI with Leyton Orient and of course we wish him all the best.

Preseason went well, EFL teams Charlton, Milton Keynes, AFC Wimbledon and Wycombe all came to the Vale for preseason friendlies, the squad went into the Vanarama National League season well prepared with nearly all the squad being fully fit. Our thoughts however, go to Luke Dreher who was so unlucky to break his arm just a few hours after signing a contract with the club. Luke is back doing light training and look forward to seeing him back in a Wealdstone shirt in not the near distant future.

We are delighted with the addition of the new Media Centre, and we thank Watford FC Women for their financial contribution towards it. Watford FC Women were able to complete their first season at the Vale by clinching promotion to the Womens Championship and they are now signed up for a further three seasons subject to Grosvenor Vale being up to the standard for the league Watford are playing in. If you enjoyed the Womens World Cup then do come along to Vale on Sundays to watch some top level womens football, entry remains heavily discounted for Wealdstone FC season ticket holders.

The stadium passed all the usual league, police and local authority inspections over the summer and we also managed to change our ticketing system in a seamless manner. You will have seen around the Vale new stadium information clearly

outlining what will not be tolerated in the stadium. We have a zero-tolerance policy on anti-social behaviour, the use of pyrotechnics along with any form of discrimination. We are a family club and a welcoming environment for all. Problems are few and far between at the Vale, but we have in recent months had to issue banning orders to a small number of individuals who seemed intend on causing problems with opposition fans. If you see anything that you believe is inappropriate behaviour, please report it to a steward, club official or a police officer.

My vision when I took over as Chairman was to see Wealdstone FC as much more than just a first team, and we are playing an ever-expanding role in the community. This is most visible in our partnership with Hillingdon Council where we were delighted to be selected to host a Holiday Activity and Food programme over both Easter and the Summer. As you probably know by now, the HAF programme gives children from under privileged backgrounds access to activities, hot meals and healthy eating education over the school holidays. Supporters that may have popped into the Vale during the three weeks of the summer camp would have been fascinated to see Grosvenor Vale turned into a medium sized primary school with around 100 children on site each day. What was really pleasing was to see how the club came together to facilitate the camp, from the Wealdstone Youth in promoting the event, the management team of The Vale facilitating the children to have full use of the facilities, and of course the first team players who gave up their time to coach and inspire some of the children: Charlie Barker, Max Kretzschmar, Tarryn Allarakhia, Gio McGregor, Dante Baptiste, Jayden Mundle-Smith and Nathan Ferguson all got involved and I thank them for that. We counted around 30 children from the camp at the game against Dagenham & Redbridge on Bank Holiday Monday, visiting the club on matchday for the very first time.

Many of our successful community efforts introduced last season will continue and we plan again to give away up to 2k free tickets to local school children as part of our "tickets for schools initiative", we will continue to welcome displaced Ukrainian families to the Vale and the "Ticket for Troops" initiative has already started.

As a result of the opening of the 2nd Academy site at Brunel University Sports Park, we have now taken the exciting step of introducing a competing U23's side. This completes our player pathway through our academy structure and will over time greatly assist us to fulfil our stated ambition of developing home grown talent into the first team. As the academy season gets under way, we will keep

you up to date with developments through social media and the matchday programme.

In a few weeks' time I will have a special guest Geoffrey Rodgers, Vice Chancellor of Brunel University, who has been incredibly helpful and enthusiastic in making the club welcome as we settled in at the University facilities and we are exploring together many areas where Wealdstone FC and the University can work in partnership. This summer you may have seen two Brunel students working in and around the Academy and Grosvenor Vale and helping out at the first few home fixtures. The two students, Daniella Da Goia studying Sport, Health & Exercise Science and Tim Adjay studying economics and accounting, joined the Club for 8 weeks as part of the University Summer Internship Programme which aims to give students from Underprivileged backgrounds valuable work experience in order to help their employment opportunities when they graduate. They had a fantastic time and helped get the academy and the football club ready for the new season. These will be the first of many faces from Brunel University we hope to see around the club and the academy in the coming months.

We have had further conversations with Landlord KSIMCs as we attempt to work together to agree the future for Grosvenor Vale. We have their commitment that should we need an extended lease to progress through the football league they would grant it. We have therefore, in partnership, started the process of designing the future for Grosvenor Vale and plans will be shared when we reach an appropriate point in the process. With site development plans for the Vale being produced, academy expansion and greater community presence and engagement in and around Hillingdon this is such an exciting time to be involved in the Football Club.

A huge thank you to the Wealdstone Supporters Club who presented the club with a £10k cheque on the pitch during our recent fixture against AFC Flyde. The supporters club work incredibly hard to raise funds for the club both on matchday and at various events which include hosting fans of teams visiting Wembley and these events were incredibly successful this summer with fantastic reviews shared by the visiting fans.

Finally, there are many ways to get involved and support your club whether it's to give an hour of your time before kick-off, simply using our bar before and after games or attending one of the many events that take place in the Vale. Without volunteers the club simply could not function so if you are interested, please reach out to the Club.

Enjoy the game.

Rory



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NICOLA BROWN HER GAME TOO

Wealdstone Football Club are delighted to welcome you all to today's game against Ebbsfleet United, for our first dedicated 'Her Game Too' fixture.

Founded in May 2021, Her Game Too is a voluntary campaign led by a team of dedicated female football fans who are passionate about creating a positive change in football.

Aiming to raise awareness and educate others on the importance of inclusivity and diversity in sports, our mission is to tackle sexism in football head-on. We have created a campaign that empowers women in the sport, providing a safe and supportive environment for female supporters, promoting their involvement and engagement with the game.

Her Game Too found from the first survey conducted in 2021 that; A staggering 91.9% of supporters said they have seen sexist abuse online targeted towards a woman in football. 63.1% said they have experienced sexist abuse online because of football and 58.4% said they have experienced sexist abuse in person at a football game or in a pub.

Wealdstone is a friendly, welcoming football club with an outstanding community focus. As our fan base grows alongside our continuing success, it is really important for us to stay true to the ethos at the heart of the club. Partnering with Her Game Too shows our dedication to continue to ensure we provide a safe space for ALL football fans, to enjoy our matches and ensure all girls and women feel comfortable visiting the ground and supporting our team. I am grateful for the support shown by the board and especially the WFCSC who have bought the t-shirts being worn by the Stones players today.

Nicola



Introducing Katie Lowell, Ebbsfleet United Her Game Too Ambassador

How long have you been following Ebbsfleet?

I have been supporting Ebbsfleet since I was about 8, my Uncle Derrek has been supporting the Fleet since 1949 and his passion for the club rubbed off on us all. So, for as long as I remember I've attended and supported the fleet.

What do you like about watching football?

I love the passion and the emotion of football, there's nothing like a Tuesday night under the lights in the cold watching your team play with a community who have the same love and passion for the Fleet as you do. It's a special feeling.

Do you encourage others, especially women and girls to come along?

I encourage all women and girls to come along. For a long time growing up there has always been a feeling of Football being a men's sport. I always used to feel that as girls we were made to play Netball in PE, when all I wanted to do was play football with the boys and that feeling in general needs to stop. Both Women and Men should be encouraged to do whatever they want in life, especially love a team and sport in a safe environment.



Why is HGT important to you and Ebbsfleet as a Football Club?

HGT is extremely important because it's working hard to ensure young girls growing up feel not only safe supporting football but they can do so without sexism, without misogyny and in a place where they can be themselves without their gender having any impact on their experience.

Girls should grow up knowing they can be the next Leah Williamson or play for the incredible Ebbsfleet Women's Team who they've idolised and watched since they were little and that this dream is possible.

Britain's longest-running fanzine column (and it shows it)

Big clubs call the shots... the subs bench at Wembley is now longer than our main stand

BY MARTIN LACEY
Avid readers of this supplementary Elmslie Ender column - and if you're an Ebbsfleet supporter, sorry, that's your problem - will be aware that I have previously bemoaned the absurd amounts of stoppage

time being added to the end of games.

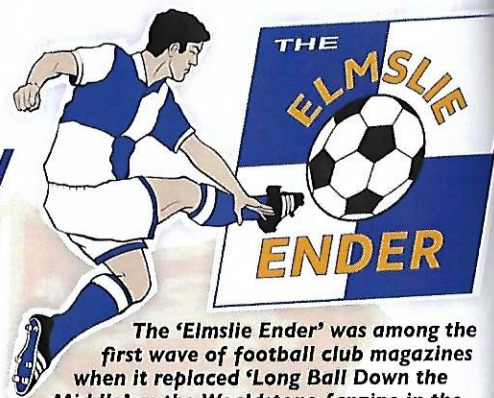
It seems I am not alone in my opinion, although not everyone agrees that the problem is (a) it takes the fun out of timewasting and (b) I might miss my aim.

At least one National League manager is demanding, yes, demanding, that the National League immediately authorise the use of five substitutes, because in the light of matches lasting a hundred minutes or more he's concerned for the welfare of his players. Yes, that's really what he said. Don't we feel sorry for those poor delicate angels that are professional footballers! I'm only surprised he didn't bowbar in a totally inappropriate reference to mental health!

Within my living memory, just about, there were 11 substitutes. A football match was eleven against eleven and, if I can say this without coming across as being sexist and reactionary - really I'm not - men were expected to be men. We all know about Bert Trautmann completing the 1956 FA Cup Final with a broken neck.

Only marginally less well known, Gerry Byrne broke his collar bone in the third minute of the 1965 FA Cup Final and not only completed the match but set up the winning goal. How soft have we got! Not to mention Greg Ngoyi completing a hattrick at King-

Below: the iconic Elmslie Stand at the Stones' former ground, Lower Mead in Harrow



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

stonian in the FA Trophy in 2010 when he could barely stand up... Actually I think we'd used all our three substitutes, just pointing out if we'd had five substitutes he wouldn't have been on the pitch.

These days, players collapse poleaxed at the slightest touch, and while it's obviously a sensible precaution for referees to stop play in the case of head injury, they seem to have expanded the definition of 'head injury' to include disturbed hairstyles.

This occurred to me at Hartlepool last week when one of our players went down in the opposition box; it didn't look too serious, but the referee stopped play on the grounds of concussion risk, blowing his whistle just as another of our players had the ball on the edge of the area, goal centre, primed to shoot.

Though, being Wealdstone he may well have swivelled through 180 degrees and launched a hundred and twenty yard pass back to Jed Ward. Oh, and then the referee restarted play by giving an uncontested drop ball to Hartlepool.

Partially in response to the Gerry Byrne incident the FA introduced substitutes, one substitute, to be used only in the case of injury. Rather obviously, managers, Don Revie prime among them, quickly educated their players to feign injury if they wanted to make a tactical change, so after a couple of years it was agreed the substitution, one, could be made

for any reason. And that's how things stayed, quite satisfactorily in my view for the next twenty-five years.

During my formative years watching Wealdstone I got so used to



Big bench? You ain't seen the half of it! Stones's subs are pictured at Aldershot while assistant boss Matt Saunders shows off by propping up the roof

seeing 'Sub Eglite' on the teamsheet I thought 'Sub' must be the first name of the short, fat, but surprisingly talented Dutchman who'd actually played for Ajax (well, its youth team).

Anyway, it will come as no surprise that the managers who want more substitutes to use are in charge of those 'big' clubs: big name, big budget, big squad. As opposed to Wealdstone who quite recently couldn't name the permitted five substitutes on the bench to choose from. Incidentally, I watched the Eastleigh v Aldershot game on TNT Sport and was amused by pundit Adam Virgo's repeated wailing about Aldershot not having a substitute goalkeeper available after Jordi van Stappershoef was sent off (the fourth official added three minutes stoppage time just to allow for how long it took the referee to write his name) and having to make do with a couple of hapless centre-forwards between the sticks who inevitably eased the Shots to a comfortable defeat.

Fair enough, but instead of blaming Tommy Widdrington for not naming a goalkeeper among his five substitutes - I mean, goalkeepers do get injured, goalkeepers do get sent off - he laid the blame fairly and squarely at the door of the authorities for not allowing more substitutes.

In the Premier League you can now use five substitutes from nine. In the World Cup, you can have your entire squad on the bench to pick from. The substi-

tutes bench at Wembley is bigger than the main stand at Grosvenor Vale.

Does any of this improve the game? No, of course not, it just makes matches disjointed and disrupted and now a hundred and something minutes long. Every manager, of course, thinks he's a tactical genius who thinks he can change the course of a match with an inspired substitution or five. Supporters beg to differ. What you hope is that your best eleven are on the pitch at the start of the match and are capable of playing an entire game, in which case there is no reason to think any of the players on the bench are going to improve matters.

An interesting question: what percentage of matches are won by the team that makes the most substitutions? (Don't actually expect an answer to this, though if anyone out there is lacking what most of us refer to as 'a life' it wouldn't be terribly hard to work out.)

Anyway, having previously gazed into my crystal ball and predicted the length of a match will soon be determined by an official timekeeper with a stopwatch, I have revisited my predictive talents and suggest within a few years managers will be allowed unlimited substitutions from a squad of twenty five. Not long after, players who have been substituted will be allowed to

return to the field of play. And eventually substitutions will be allowed while the game is in progress like in ice hockey. Ridiculous? Feel free to chisel 'he was right' on my gravestone.

Below: Wealdstone fans play 'heads and tails' at Aldershot and tails was the winner when Tahvon Campbell saw his shot blocked on the line



Tribute to Tony Short

WEALDSTONE FC was sad to hear of the passing of long-time fan Tony Short last weekend in his early 70s after a long illness, which nevertheless saw him carry on attending games until very recently. He is probably best remembered for operating the 'Predictascore' fundraiser, but was best known for being a warm, friendly guy which comes across in this special feature from April 2016, commemorating the club's Amateur Cup Final win over Hendon 50 years earlier. RIP Tony, much missed.



Yes, I did cut open a Hendon fan's head at Wembley in '66 but don't blame me, blame my rattle!

TODAY we have a special 1966-themed fan feature. Tony Short was in the crowd that day, rooting for the blues with his rattle and rattle, naturally. Let's let him take up the story...

MY Dad introduced me to Wealdstone FC in 1956/7 when I was approaching seven years old.

Obviously memories from this are a little vague as I spent most of the afternoon playing with a friend I went with and wasn't really concentrating on the game - though maybe I should have because, according to Roger Slater's history book we played Redhill that day, October 6th, and won 5-2 with goals from Wegzyrk, Evans, Harper and Harrison(2).

I spent most of the next few seasons attending mainly home games with friends, as my Dad rarely travelled away unless we played someone local like Hendon.

It wasn't until about 1960 when the likes of Bill Fowler, Charlie Townsend, Ron King, Hugh Lindsay, Matt Farrell and the Aldridge brothers started playing that I really started to



Tony Short, 2016 vintage (above) while (left) we have some exclusive footage of Shorty at the 1966 Amateur Cup Final (courtesy of Pathe News). Teenagers looked older in those days

concentrate on the proceedings, although I do remember Ted Culver and George Mowle (who played in the late 50's), and whom I played with/for at Hatch End in my late teens/early twenties. I also played for Parkfield and Wealdstone Wanderers. I did actually have a trial for Wealdstone, along with fellow fan Ray Kemp in my early teens but wasn't good enough - although I did make the Supporters side in their early days when we played behind Harrow Weald Bus Garage in the Marathon League.

I WAS at the Amateur Cup final in 1966 but didn't manage to go to the previous two games against Alvechurch and Barking. I was still only 16 at the time so getting the OK from the parents

was a little difficult for travelling, although they allowed me to go to the Final on my own (to this day I don't understand why) where I had some great memories, not only the game itself but an incident that I was involved in at the game has always stuck with me.

The day before the final I'd bought a new rattle. I paid two pound ten shillings (£2.50p), which at the time was a lot of money for me. I had a seat almost on the halfway line and when Bobby Childs equalized for us out came the rattle! I was giving it a good old swing when suddenly it seemed to become very light. I was left holding the handle but the rest had flown off and flew into the back of a poor female Hendon supporter's

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head. I spent the next few minutes retrieving my damaged acquisition and profusely apologizing to the said supporter, who I have to say was badly shaken by the assault and did bleed a little.

Needless to say the next week I took the offending weapon back to the shop and got a refund!

At that time Hendon were probably our greatest rivals, the games were generally close affairs and the Final was no different. It was all very close up to half time, but in the second half Wealdstone upped the pace and their superior fitness got them to the win. The celebrations for me were long lasting not only in the Stadium but enjoying the walk down Empire Way afterwards which seemed to be owned by Wealdstone fans, with the Hendon support seeming to have melted away.

TWO seasons later, another match that was memorable for me was an away match in the FA Cup against Torpoint, the far side of Plymouth. We travelled by coach overnight arranged by Barbara Robson (whom I understand might be attending today) and her mother, and at some point on the journey our coach, one of five or six making the journey I seem to recall, ran over a wheel in the middle of the road and was damaged. Another coach had to be called out locally for us to complete the journey.

When we finally arrived at Torpoint it was raining hard and the playing area had still to be roped off. From memory the game was played in very wet conditions which didn't make for great football but we won 4-2 and with-



out any incidents on the way back the supporters had a great time.

Football today at National League level is, I believe, much faster as a result of greater fitness levels. I don't think the skill factors have improved that much, we still see a lot of misplaced passes and some bad decisions made by the players. Refereeing also hasn't improved much either.

That said I don't know how some of the referee's put up with the comments that supporters make nowadays and that includes me!

I wouldn't want to be a referee no matter how much I was paid. However I do believe football at our level is far better value than that in the Premiership. We do get to see some extraordinary skills, but they may not be as

regular as in the professional game. For me I do want to see Wealdstone win, but I do appreciate watching good football and can appreciate the opposition skills as well as our own.

WHAT is my favourite Wealdstone game of all time? It would have to be the 1965/66 3rd Qual round FA Cup match against a semi-pro Stevenage side which we won 6-5, with Hugh Lindsay hitting his fourth in the dying seconds of the game after we trailed 5-3. I was right behind that ball as it absolutely flew into the net. This was a match that had everything, drama, goals and good fast unrelenting football. I don't think I'll ever see a game that good again, although the night at Dulwich in the play-off in 2004 came close.

If I had to pick one Wealdstone player as a favourite it's tough - we have had many great players go through our ranks too may to pick out just one really. But someone who was a great asset to the club from an all round perspective - not so much on the skill front it would be Sean Cronin - if we were in trouble player wise, and we were on a regular basis, it seemed as though Sean could fill

WEALDSTONE TRIUMPH AT TORPOINT

Torpoint Athletic 2, Wealdstone 4 (Attendance: 1,500)

WEALDSTONE battled through appalling conditions to land a worthy 4-2 F.A. Amateur Cup first round win against equally determined South Western League champions, Torpoint Athletic, on Saturday. The goals came from Dave Swain (two), Bernie Bremer and Johnny McCormack, against a penalty by Barrie Stephens and a 21-minute score by Dave Underhay.

But such were the playing conditions, a midheap of 21 inches allied to driving rain and sleet throughout, that all 22 players really endured an F.A. Cup of their own. Swain and McCormack, par-otherwise, were now the

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any position and not let you down. Sean is still playing and doing well since leaving us but I do admire his professionalism and ability. I hope he doesn't get to see this comment!

I've also been asked to name my favorite current line up. I still think we are a work in progress. We have several very good players but there are one or two positions that I don't believe we have the right players and therefore have not chosen to name a squad.

As for my all time squad, that's difficult as well but here goes.... Bill Fowler (GK), Micky Doyle (RB), Stuart Pearce (LB), Paul Bowcott (CH), Tom Hamblin (CH), Alan Cordice (M), Scott Davies (M), Britt Ossombalanga (M), Richard Jolly (F), Jermaine Beckford (F), Simon Garner (F). There are many others that could have been picked but these players have just thrilled me with their skill.

My favourite away grounds? I like old-style venues, I'm not one for modern grounds, so the likes of Bromley, Bath and Havant are the sort of ground I like to visit. The likes of East Thurrock, Concord and Hornchurch or any ground with a running/dog track around the outside that have no or allow no atmosphere to be built up are on my 'dislikes' list.

I usually watch our games, home and away from about half way inside the half we are attacking, this gives me the chance of a good view at the goals we score but allows me to have a good view of any talent on the pitch.

Fortunately the eyesight isn't failing yet! I usually get into position 10 or so minutes before the game to have a quick browse through the programme. Although I haven't been to every away game this season we seem to have the best programme on offer throughout the

league - the only other one close to our standard this season was Ebbsfleet's.

It's fair to say they had more statistical data than our's which is one area that I think our programme could improve on, although with the improvement of technology in the past few years some of this data could be made available on line to allow more room for all the articles that our numerous excellent contributors seem to keep coming up with.

I DO read some of the comments made on our Forum and in general choose not to join in and comment. That said I do feel that this is a positive step forward and should allow the club officials to understand the underlying good or bad things that the supporters feel and help them to make the right decisions in taking our club forward.

For my sins I try to help Leo Morris run the Social Club Bar and usually spend half to one day in doing any job - including some pretty dire maintenance to help keep the Social Club operating!

I've also run the Predict-a-score competition for quite a few years now which helps with the Commercial income for the Football Club but really I just want to come and watch **GOOD FOOTBALL AT A GREAT CLUB!!**

As to where we'll be in five years, I do care, as long as we are still going and playing at a good level, preferably National League South or better would be success for me. Too many clubs have been lost or reformed in the past few years and I don't want us to be one of them.

We're at the crossroads of change what with new a Chairman and Lease negotiations ongoing, but whatever happens we should get behind who comes along to run the club and make sure it survives for many years to come. UTS!

Torpoint in '66 was when the singing started!

TONY'S mention of Torpoint in the rain in 1966 - and then Ray Kemp - reminded me of a chat I had with Kempy during our game at Maidenhead earlier this season. Ray doesn't get to many games these days but is his usual voluble self when he does... and as we joined in with a few lusty verses of the Stones songs I asked him when that phenomenon first appeared at Wealdstone games.

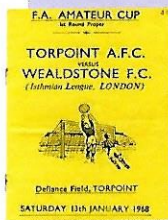
"That's a good question!" he enthused. "And you know, it all started in 1966 when the club ran half a dozen coaches to the game in Cornwall, at Torpoint. The week before, me and Peter Fuller were talking about

copying some of the songs that were sung at Liverpool, and making up our own ones, and with the enthusiasm of youth we actually duplicated loads and loads of copies of song sheets and distributed them on the coaches. And we had a good old sing song!"

I remember Ray starting the singing back in the 1970s when Beatles songs were the vogue - as "Hey Jude" still is today.

Wealdstone will forever be known for its passionate singing and long may it continue!

Tim Parks



MAX KRETZSCHMAR

Taking it to the

M₃ A₁ X₈

Our erudite striker/midfielder Max Kretzschmar explains the frustration of being sidelined with a recurring hamstring injury...

Hello again Stones fans!

IT'S BEEN a while since my last column and it feels like a while since our last win; that dramatic encounter against AFC Fylde. In reality, it's only been three games but it's important we get back to winning ways today at home to National League South winners Ebbsfleet.

As of the time of writing I'm awaiting scan results for my hamstring injury. It's a very unnerving and frustrating time.

I recently discussed in an interview that the player often gets criticised or bemoaned when he/she is injured.

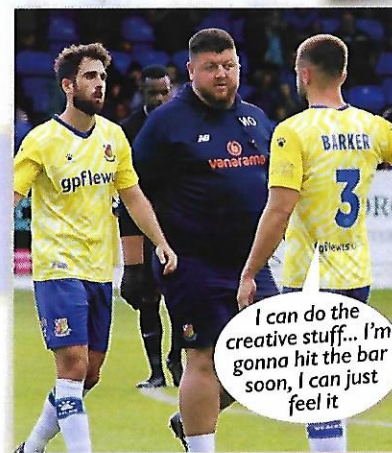
Of course, as players we can't really control what is said about us but I feel the emotions and feelings of an injured player are often overlooked and ignored. Injuries in football I feel are like nothing in the so called 'normal' working world.

You are prevented from both working and doing the thing you love most in the world. This can't always be said of a 9-5 job. It can be a lonely time.

All I want is a definitive outcome from the scans so I can rehab meticulously for the injury and come back stronger. But realistically, that can't really begin until the results come back. Hopefully, by the time you're reading this I will have clarity.

The injury did allow me to do the live stream video commentary for the match versus Dagenham & Redbridge alongside Paul Franklin. I have some experience doing commentary in my years at Woking for BBC Surrey Radio.

That was perfect work experience for my degree in professional sports writing



Barks pleads to take on Max's role when he comes off injured at Aldershot.;

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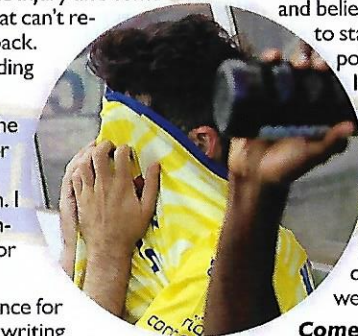
good performance but not enough for the three points. Huge respect and thank you to the 115 fans that travelled up. That is a magnificent effort and I know the players love the commitment.

The gaffer and his team are performance-based and believe that if performances continue to stay strong, the rewards of three points will be around the corner. I believe this too.

But it's important that we, as players, go the extra mile and ensure we take our chances at both ends.

Be ruthless with that finish in front of goal, be precise with that cross and above all leave everything we have on that pitch.

Come on you Stones!



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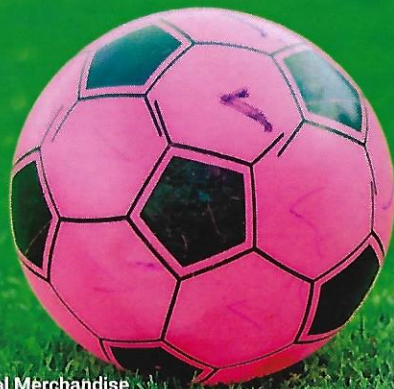
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NICK DuGARD WFCSC Update



We welcome the fans and everyone connected with newly promoted Ebbsfleet United to The Vale. We look forward to a great match!

As President of the Supporters Club It's been a real pleasure to be back involved in a more active role over the past year or so and I have enjoyed working with a resurgent committee.

With the Stones back in the top tier of football outside the EFL we in WFCSC are striving hard to up our game with several experienced former committee people rejoining the group working alongside established members and helpers.

An important part of the SC mission is to raise funds for the main club, funds needed more than ever of course in a demanding tough and professional National League. This we are doing increasingly successfully as recently by a £10k donation to the main club but this is far from our only purpose as we regularly debate at our meetings!

Traditionally, since the SC was founded way back in 1958 we have proudly provided an innovative range of fan services over the years, but recently, perhaps, more expansively - as an example delivering the demanding but highly successful Wembley Fan Zone days. We have also completed a fans survey and more on this will be available soon. Again, great work.

Club social events are an essential part of enjoying a proper club atmosphere within our family of fans; a common purpose in coming together to support the football club we love. We have recently formed a sub committee that will re-focus on providing such events and new activities and we are looking to provide some attractive stuff

so look out for news on these. In fact we are now promoting a TOP COMEDY NIGHT scheduled to take place in the RSC after the home match vs Rochdale on Saturday November 11th. More details are being announced but in the meantime please contact James on 07979 795414. We hope you will all support this event and book your tickets ASAP that are very reasonably priced at only £15!

A huge achievement this season is the soon to be re-opened and much loved and very successful WFCSC MEGASTORE match-day shop and base. I don't mind saying that getting this off the ground after the loss of the previous half way line shop has been a lengthy challenge for the guys but following productive talks with directors we have resolved the premises issues and are proudly back in business very soon. Please do visit the new Megastore shop situated next to DD's to the left of the side road entrance and check out some great new stock lines and special reopening news. Our thanks to the main club for also providing a much needed storage facility close by.

There's always loads going on behind the scenes, too much to include in these notes but you can best keep up to date by joining the SC and by visiting the WFCSC website and checking out our various social media channels.

May I lastly thank all the guys and girls on the committee and helpers for their hard work during the summer and so far this season and most of all you the fans for supporting our activities!

UTS!

Nick



The club were incredibly grateful to receive another £10,000 donation from the Supporters Club before the AFC Fylde game

getting to know the stones with tim parks
ten minutes with...

SEAN ADARKWA

Just look at the picture on the cover of this programme.

There's not a bit of Sean Adarkwa's shirt that's not being grabbed by our ex-defender Nik Tavares... yet referee Greg Rollason chose to turn a blind eye, as so often happens after these incidents in the box. Weren't you furious, I asked our big new 22-year-old striker?

"No, not really" he replied. "Referees let it go, it's part of football... but I think sometime the pressure gets to them and they can't give those decisions. Outside the box it would be a foul".

Maybe you are too honest, I told Sean. "Well, I try and turn and shoot if I can, but it's frustrating".

Sean, our new capture from Arbroath in the Scottish Championship (via West Ham and QPR) is the epitome of 'laid back'.

Even breaking clear of defenders and rolling the ball across the six-yard box appears to be child's play for the 6ft 3in East Londoner.

And his first competitive goal for the club at Aldershot - not to mention the brace he netted at Farnborough in preseason - was simply and efficiently despatched.

"I just want to get on the pitch and play" he says. "I have to admit that I didn't know much about the club, and only recognised the Ruislip area because

of driving to QPR for training. And the Wealdstone Raider of course, does he still come to games?"

"The move to the Stones came through my agent and as soon as I'd started training I knew that the style of play would suit me. We have some very good players!

"Seriously, the

way we play you have to be very good technically and it's been impressive. I like the build-up style, it's different and much better than most full-time clubs, let alone part-time ones... most others play direct football and I find myself just fighting for the ball all the time".

Sean's mentor at West Ham was the former Hammers and England striker Carlton Cole, another big awkward customer who eagerly took the teenage Sean under his wing.

From East London to West London, to Scotland and back again... our new striker's done it all except tried an Arbroath smokie!

"He taught me how to roll defenders, how to turn and get shots off and run in behind; where to be to attack the ball successfully from goalkicks and dead balls. Everything tactically".

Sean was at West Ham from the age of six and starred in the Barking & Dagenham District team that produced such luminaries as Bobby Moore, Jimmy Greaves and John Terry. He

signed his first pro contract at 18, one year with an option for a further year - which was triggered as he played his part in the successful Hammers under-23 side.

"But injuries slowed me down" he says ruefully. West Ham released him in 2021 but he impressed in a trial at QPR to win a contract after scoring four goals in five games pre-season. He was a fixture in the Rs' B team, playing against other under-23s and B sides in friendlies... but then came a pars fracture of the lower spine.

"It is a stress response to overuse and it put me out for



Sean celebrates his goal for Arbroath against Greenock Morton



Sean (right) receives the acclaim for a goal scored for QPR under-23s

ten months" Sean explained. "Not surprisingly they released me, but Arbroath in the Scottish Championship then came in for me and I had an enjoyable time up there... it's very different to East London, very quiet and peaceful and I was staying in a clubhouse with a couple of other players which was an experience for me, the first time away from home.

"It is an 8-hour drive from London though, or just over an hour by plane which I did once or twice" **Arbroath, on the East coast of Scotland are one of the smallest clubs in the Scottish Championship (second tier) - and like ourselves are one of very few part-time clubs at that level.**

"It's actually more a hybrid model" said Sean. "Some players came in every day, others less frequently. The standard is probably the equivalent of the National League or League Two - I don't think there is really much different between the levels. I scored a couple of goals (against Ayr United and Greenock Morton) in a dozen games and had an assist but the back trouble flared up again and my deal ran out at the end of that season."

Sean interviewed on the West Ham Academy website three years ago...

My Roots

The first football team I ever played for was a side in Dagenham, where I'm from, called Cobra FC. I joined them when I was eight, and it wasn't long after that I went on trial at West Ham.

My brother Nana (who's played for Thurrock) was my footballing role model. From a young age he was so self-disciplined.

I haven't always been a striker. I spent some time playing on the left wing at U14s. I didn't move back to striker until U16 level, but since then I've always played up top. There are a lot of challenges - injuries are huge, and it's important not to get distracted. A lot of things are given to you, it's easy to become complacent. I try and stay focused on my goals at all times, and so I don't forget why I want to play football.

My Inspirations

Thierry Henry was my idol growing up. I never

Shockingly, Sean left the idyllic Scottish seaside town without even trying one of its famous 'smokies' - fresh salted haddock cooked over a hardwood fire. A taste which has to be experienced to be believed - smokies were recently given the same cultural status as Parma Ham and Champagne. Shame on you Sean!

"I'd heard of them but never tried them - I'll have to go back there on holiday and try them out" he laughed.

Quick-fire corner

Best goal you've ever scored? Mmm, been quite a few but when I was really young I scored a volley from out near the corner flag, when playing for the district team, I still remember it clear to this day!

Favourite meal? Jollof rice

Favourite restaurant? A bit boring but I'll say Nandos

Favourite holiday destination? Ghana

Favourite run-out music? Gospel music

Last film you saw? The Dark Knight Rises
Last book you read? Think and Grow Rich by Napoleon Hill, which I'm reading for the second time



Sean in action for the Hammers

really used to watch him, but since he finished playing, I've gone back and watched all his clips on YouTube. My brother was a big fan of his as well - he was just a natural goalscorer who'd do anything to put the ball in the net.

An individual performance that stands out to me is probably Zinedine Zidane against Brazil in the 2006 World Cup. Zidane made some of the best players in the world look average that day. I remember watching it and being amazed at just how good he was.



All you need to know about... **EBBSFLEET UNITED**

The opposition in focus

EBBSFLEET UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB was born as **Gravesend & Northfleet**, a merger of two existing neighbouring clubs – **Gravesend United** and **Northfleet United**. Both had been playing football in the area since the 1890s, with **Northfleet** in particular notable as a **Tottenham nursery side** in the 1930s.

The newly merged club formed in April 1946, moving into Northfleet's superior facilities at their Stonebridge Road ground, with most of the directors coming from Gravesend United. The Fleet played their first ever game on 31 August 1946, against Hereford United, and ran out 3-0 winners in front of over 5,000 fans.

Despite lofty ambitions and full-time investment, the Fleet teams of the Forties and early Fifties

yielded only two Kent Senior Cups and it was not until 1957-58 that the club tasted league success, with manager Lionel Smith's star-studded and attacking side claiming the Southern League title and scoring 135 league and cup goals along the way.

But the success did not last, and financial concerns meant that the Sixties were a torrid time for Fleet fans. Nevertheless, during this period the club enjoyed their best ever FA Cup run when they reached a Fourth Round replay at Sunderland, setting an existing record of five months as the longest cup run of any team in the long history of the competition.

Relegation and promotion seasons came and went, notably in 1967 when the entire Board resigned en masse, leaving the club with nothing but a ground and considerable debts. Things picked up after Tony Sitford's appointment as manager in 1974, and the Fleet duly won the Southern Division title in 1974-75.

Despite a hoped-for Premier Division title challenge over the next few years, consolidation instead followed. A brief title challenge was mounted in 1976-77, but the Fleet did take home the Southern League Cup that season, following victory over Weymouth in the final.

Fleet's decent showing over the next two seasons meant they qualified as founder members of the



newly created Alliance Premier League (later Conference) in 1979-80, finishing an excellent fifth in its inaugural season.

But the Eighties spelled more hard times for the club and relegation followed in 1981, and a further relegation to the Southern Division in 1985-86 meant Fleet were back in the doldrums of non-league football. Having almost gone to the wall as financial

problems beleaguereed the club, a group of directors under new chairman Lionel Ball rescued the Fleet and were rewarded with a promotion back to the Premier Division in 1988-89 and a best-ever FA Trophy run, with two Conference scalps claimed along the way.

Following relegation once again in the early Nineties, the Fleet won the Southern Division by a country mile in 1993-94, with hot-shot goalscorer Steve Portway netting goals for fun.

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Another cup run followed in 1995-96, Fleet playing 10 games to reach Round 3 and lose out 3-0 to Aston Villa at Villa Park.

In May 1997, the club transferred to the Ryman Premier Division in an effort to cut travelling distances and reduce costs, and after a few seasons in mid-table, came from nowhere under manager Andy Ford to land the Ryman League Championship in 2001-02, following a nervous and titanic struggle with Canvey Island, which saw the two meet at Stonebridge Road in April 2002 in front of an official 4,068 (but probably more like 6,000) fans.

Back in the top-flight of non-league football, the Fleet had a few narrow brushes with relegation, with Andy Ford stepping down in January 2005. New manager Liam Daish oversaw a move to full-time football and made slow but steady progress. 2007 was the year it all changed for the Fleet. First, in May, 61 years after the formation of Gravesend & Northfleet, the club announced a change of name to Ebbsfleet United to take advantage of the massive regeneration of their locality. Then in November 2007, it was announced that the club was to be taken over by internet venture MyFootballClub.co.uk, a revolutionary idea involving paid members owning the club, voting on decisions and picking the team, a deal that was ratified in February 2008.

On the footballing side of things, the Fleet enjoyed their most memorable moment in more than six decades, clinching victory in the FA Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium, a 1-0 win over Torquay United in front of 40,186 proving enough to take home the silverware.

With hopes high for 2008-09 and the club's highest-ever playing budget voted on by MyFC members, the eventual league position of 14th was disappointing.

With the fall in MyFC membership in February 2009, Fleet faced an uncertain future, releasing almost their entire first-team squad. Liam Daish remained as manager and rebuilt a squad that almost, heroically, defied the odds but fell to relegation on the final day of the 2009-10 season.

The manager was forced to rebuild again in 2010-11 as the club embarked on its first season at a lower level in nearly a decade and Fleet unexpectedly won promotion back to the Premier Division at the first attempt. It came courtesy of a third-place finish in the league and a 4-2 win at Farnborough in the play-off final.

Returning to the Conference Premier for the 2011-12 season, the club finished a creditable 14th in their first season back in non-league's top flight. The following season, however – despite much initial optimism – saw the Fleet struggle to compete and a relegation that looked inevitable from early on was confirmed in April 2013, Fleet finishing second bottom of the division, a long way adrift of safety. Off-field matters dominated, with several appeals for investment throughout the season until fans were faced with the very real threat of the club closing or taking voluntary demotion down the non-league Pyramid.

In May 2013, a purchase proposal from a Kuwaiti company, KEH Sports Ltd, was put to MyFC who voted to sell their interests in the Fleet and so began a new era for the club as it pulled back from the brink of closure. KEH – with former Charlton CEO Peter Varney as vice chair – began an immediate ground restoration programme, with the long overdue replacement of two roofs at Stonebridge Road and refurbishment of the entire stadium. Ex-Charlton defender Steve Brown replaced Liam Daish, his record-breaking eight-year term ended by mutual consent, with ex-Charlton manager Steve Gritt as assistant, while KEH promised a competitive transfer budget in a bid to propel the Fleet back towards the Conference Premier. That season Fleet were just pipped to promotion by Dover Athletic, losing the promotion final 1-0. With promotion still very much a target, former Welling United boss Jamie Day took over in mid-season 2014/15. His considerable shake-up of the squad didn't quite produce the desired effect

and although Fleet reached the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy, they dropped away badly in the league to finish 8th. Former club skipper Daryl McMahon was handed the manager's reins in time for the 2015/16 season and began with a bang, winning 10 of his first 11 matches in charge. Fleet led the league for eight months of the season but were pipped to the title by Sutton United and lost a second promotion final, this time to Maidstone United, on penalties. There was no mistake in 2016/17 with Fleet getting over an indifferent start to remain unbeaten throughout 2017. Despite

amassing 96 points, Fleet were just beaten to the title by Maidenhead United on 98 points, but erased the previous season's play-off heartache by coming from behind with 10 men to overhaul Chelmsford City 2-1 in the final and spark joyous celebrations at the club. Off the field, the club demolished the Liam Daish Stand in 2016 to build a new £5m Main Stand and the Plough End behind the goal will soon follow to incorporate a hotel during 2018/19 as the Fleet seek to redevelop the entire site for the benefit of the club and local community.

In our first season back at National League level, the club reached the play-offs for the first time before succumbing to eventual winners Tranmere Rovers. Daryl McMahon departed the club after three-and-a-half years in charge in November 2018, making way for the appointment of the experienced Garry Hill who oversaw a major reshaping of the squad amid a financial restructuring off the pitch. But with Fleet rooted to the bottom in his second season, Hill parted ways with the club in October 2019, to be replaced by his assistant Kevin Watson who gained sufficient points to see the Fleet climb out of the dropzone by March 2020. That, however, coincided with the global Covid pandemic and Fleet were one of only three clubs to be relegated on points per game, our total of 0.02 points difference deemed enough to send us down.

Fleet headhunted new boss Dennis Kutrieb from Germany in the summer of 2020, who came with an excellent reputation as a go-ahead coach and had just won promotion with Tennis Borussia Berlin. He recruited a whole new side and in 2021/22 the Fleet finished in third place, making it to the promotion final where despite taking the lead in time added on, a late equaliser and subsequent extra-time goal denied the club promotion.

The manager and his squad weren't to be denied a return to the National League for much longer, however, and the Fleet romped home to the National South title in 2022/23.



OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

EBBSFLEET UNITED

MARK COUSINS - GOALKEEPER

Signed from Bromley in summer 2022, the experienced and highly rated Cousins made his league debut in the Championship with Colchester United in 2007 after progressing through the club's youth ranks, going on to play 70 games in the League for the Essex side before a move to Dagenham & Redbridge in 2014.

LUKE O'NEILL - DEFENCE

Summer 2022 signing, the full-back boasts more than 300 Football League appearances through his career. The former Leicester City academy product, who made his senior debut in the Championship for the Foxes, helped Mansfield Town into the Conference play-offs in 2011/12. Burnley paid a fee to take him to Turf Moor in 2012. He also played for York City and Scunthorpe United before two seasons at Southend United. He also represented Gillingham and AFC Wimbledon.

JOE MARTIN - DEFENCE

Defensive defender signed in June 2021 after leaving Woking. He is a former England youth international who started out in West Ham's youth side, where his brother Alvin made almost 600 appearances. Martin made his senior debut in the Championship with Blackpool in 2007/08, going on to play for Gillingham where he won the League Two title in 2012/13. He also represented Millwall clinching promotion to the Championship in 2016/17.

JOSH WRIGHT - MIDFIELD

Wright has played more than 400 games and signed for the Fleet from Billerica Town in 2022. Wright was a former Charlton Athletic and England international youth who spent two seasons with Scunthorpe United & Millwall before the first of a couple of spells at Leyton Orient. He was back in Kent in 2015, as Gillingham's captain. Wright also represented Southend United, Bradford City and Leyton Orient.

JACK WAKELY - DEFENCE

Wakely signed on a season-long loan from Wycombe Wanderers in summer 2023. He rose through the ranks at Chelsea and was at Stamford Bridge from the age of nine until turning professional with the Blues aged 17 in 2019.

OMARI STERLING JAMES - MIDFIELD

James joined the Fleet from Kidderminster Harriers in summer 2022. The Saint Kitts and Nevis international, who holds 13 caps for his country, received his football grounding as a youth player with Birmingham City before making his name for Alvechurch and

Redditch United. He moved to Cheltenham Town in 2014 and after loan spells with Oxford City and Gloucester City, and a successful period with Solihull he had three seasons at Mansfield Town.

8. OUSSEYNOU CISSÉ - MIDFIELD

A French-born former Paris Saint-Germain youth who played five times for Mali. AHW moved to Amiens in the French second tier as well as Dijon and Tours, with time in Spain and Belgium in between. His first taste of English football was in 2017 with MK Dons. After that, Cissé played for Gillingham before joining Leyton Orient. A spell at Oldham Athletic was followed by a season at Eastleigh.

9. RAKISH BINGHAM - FORWARD

Bingham arrived at the Fleet in September 2020 and was top scorer last season. The forward has a strong background north of the border, having played for Falkirk, spent two seasons in the SPL with Hamilton Academical and most recently helped Dundee United achieve promotion to the Scottish Premiership.

10. CRAIG TANNER - MIDFIELD

Signed from Aldershot Town in 2021, Tanner began his career with Reading's academy and he made his debut in the Championship in 2014/15. He became a regular with AFC Wimbledon on loan in and then enjoyed a two-season spell with Plymouth Argyle from 2015-17. His next move was to the Scottish Premiership with Motherwell. He returned to England in September 2019 to sign for Aldershot Town.

11. DARREN MCQUEEN - MIDFIELD

Rejoined the Fleet for a second spell in 2022, having fired the club into the National League in 2017 courtesy of his winning goal in the promotion final. A former Tottenham youth player, he was originally signed by the Fleet after a spell at Maldon & Tiptree. Darren was capped by England C before moving on to Sutton United in 2018 and from there to Dartford. He signed for Dagenham & Redbridge off the back of that success and spent last season on loan with Dulwich Hamlet.

12. CHRIS HAIGH - GOALKEEPER

Signed from Concord Rangers in June 2021, the goalkeeper had made headlines with a man-of-the-match performance for the Beachboys in their FA Trophy Final at Wembley.

14. DOMINIC POLEON - FORWARD

Dominic has played more than 200 matches in the EFL, he signed for the Fleet in 2021. An ex-Chelsea and Southend United youth player, he was the leading scorer in Leeds United's U18s before turning out 36 times for the Whites across three seasons in the Championship from 2012-15. He spent four years in with Bury and Sheffield United on loan and then

permanently with Oldham Athletic, AFC Wimbledon and Bradford City. An undisclosed fee took him on to Crawley Town in 2018/19 after which he spent time with Newport County and Dover Athletic.

15. GREG CUNDLE - MIDFIELD

Cundle came through Gillingham's youth ranks and made his debut in 2017. He played eight times for the Gills also appearing on loan for East Grinstead Town, Tilbury, Margate, Billerica Town, Bishop's Cleeve and Kingstons. Following his release by Gillingham, he returned to Kingstons and then East Grinstead before a move to Concord Rangers last summer but injury prevented him establishing himself in the side.

16. FRANKLIN DOMI - DEFENDER

Domi arrived from QPR in 2022 after his release from Loftus Road. The Albanian U20/21 international had been in West London since 2019 and has previous loan experience in the National League South with Concord Rangers and Eastbourne Borough. The promising young player started out with Enfield Borough.

17. TOBY EDSEY - MIDFIELD

Signed following a successful trial period in July 2022, Edsey moved from Aldershot Town where he'd spent the last two seasons in the National League. He spent his formative years with Fulham and Charlton Athletic, moving on to Nottingham Forest on a two-year scholarship in 2018 and had a loan spell with Woking.

18. BILLY CLIFFORD - MIDFIELD

Signed in 2023 after departing Havant & Waterlooville. Having served Chelsea as a youth and played for Colchester United and Royal Antwerp on loan, he played in the Football League for Walsall and Crawley Town. His experience in the National League came in two spells with Boreham Wood and following short stays with Hemel Hempstead Town and Billerica Town, Clifford tasted success in 2019/20 when he won the National League South title with Wealdstone and was named in the Team of the Season.

19. MATTHIAS FANIMO - MIDFIELD

Signed in July 2023 after carving out a career in the Balkans, where he spent the last five years. Starting out in West Ham's Academy system, Fanimo played in the FA and League Cups for the Hammers and earned his first EFL start on loan with Tranmere Rovers. He gained experience of the English non-league scene with Bishop's Cleeve, Eastleigh, Margate and Hornchurch before moving abroad, signing for Slovenian club Drava Ptuj in 2017. Fanimo skippered the England U16 side to Victory Cup success in his youth and also played for the U17s and U18s.

20. CHRIS SOLLY - DEFENCE

Played more than 300 times for Charlton since making his debut in the Championship at the end of the 2008/09 season. Joined the Fleet in 2020.

21. NATHAN ODOKONYERO - FORWARD

Promising young forward signed from Bognor Regis Town for an undisclosed fee in July 2023 following a successful trial.

22. BEN CHAPMAN - MIDFIELD

A former Crystal Palace youngster, Chapman turned professional at Gillingham being handed his senior debut in 2017. Ben joined the Fleet after a season at Dulwich.

23. HAYDEN WHITE - DEFENCE

A former Sheffield Wednesday youth player, the full-back broke into senior football at Bolton Wanderers. Loan spells for Carlisle United, Bury, Notts County and Blackpool followed before he signed for Peterborough United and then settled at Mansfield Town in 2017.

24. DAVID AMOO - MIDFIELD

David started in Millwall's youth then Liverpool, where he signed for in 2007 aged 16. He broke into the first-team squad under Roy Hodgson and played in the UEFA Europa League. He had loan spells with MK Dons, Hull City and Bury before permanent stays with Preston North End, Tranmere Rovers and Carlisle United. Amoo spent the next two years in Scotland at Partick Thistle. He has spent the past seven seasons in League Two with Cambridge United, Port Vale, Stevenage and Crewe Alexandra.

25. SHAQUILE COULTHIRST - FORWARD

A February 2022 arrival signed after leaving Billerica Town, Shaq is an experienced front man who came through Tottenham's academy, earning loan moves to clubs including Torquay United, Southend United and York City. Peterborough United paid a fee to sign him permanently in 2016 and he also played in the EFL for Mansfield Town and Barnet.

26. HAYDN HOLLIS - DEFENCE

Signed from Chesterfield in 2022, Haydn played almost 140 games at Notts County in a nine-year spell at Meadow Lane after graduating from their youth system in 2009. In addition to loan spells with Barrow and Darlington, Hollis also spent half a season with Forest Green Rovers.



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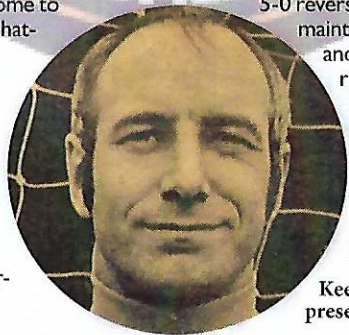
Tom Thomas and Eric Day scored 67 goals between them as Gravesend & Northfleet won the Southern League title in 1957/58. Lionel Smith's side kicked off with a 5-2 win at home to Yeovil and bounced back from a 3-1 defeat at Chelmsford to win seven successive Southern League and Cup games, then became a lean spell to hammer Guildford 6-0 and Weymouth 5-5 with Kettering. Jimmy Logie, Eric Day, Tom Thomas, Jimmy Scarth and Jimmy Robertson formed a lethal attack as Gravesend netted 109 goals, winning the Southern League title with 59 points. They lost 4-1 to Cheltenham in the Southern League Cup final.

1962/63

Alan Lane guided Gravesend & Northfleet to the FA Cup fourth round in 1962/63. They beat Chatham Town 2-1, Sutton United 2-1, Erith & Belvedere 5-0, Exeter City 3-2, Wycombe Wanderers and Carlisle United 1-0 in the FA Cup before beating Sunderland to a 1-1 fourth round draw in front of 12,032 at Stonebridge Road. Gravesend lost the replay 5-2 watched by 29,659 at Roker Park. In contrast, they struggled in the Southern League and in just nine matches, remarkably trouncing Weymouth 8-1, Wisbech Town 7-1, Clacton 6-1 and Yeovil Town 5-1 as they battled vainly to avoid relegation.

1970/71

Gravesend & Northfleet won promotion back to the Southern League Premier Division in 1970/71. Ackerman built an experienced team and after failing to win any of their opening five matches, Gravesend completed an early double over Ramsgate and triumphed 5-1 at home to Weymouth. Brian Coates grabbed a hat-trick in Gravesend's 5-0 win over Weymouth in January and Brian Ackerman emulated the feat in a 3-1 victory at Tonbridge. They lost one of their final 20 Southern League games, conceding Barry 6-0 and missing promotion in third place with a 4-0 win at home to Tonbridge. Brian Hughes was ever-present.



Keeper Brian Hughes was an ever-present in the 1970/71 campaign

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects ten post-war Fleet 'Classic Campaigns'.

1974/75

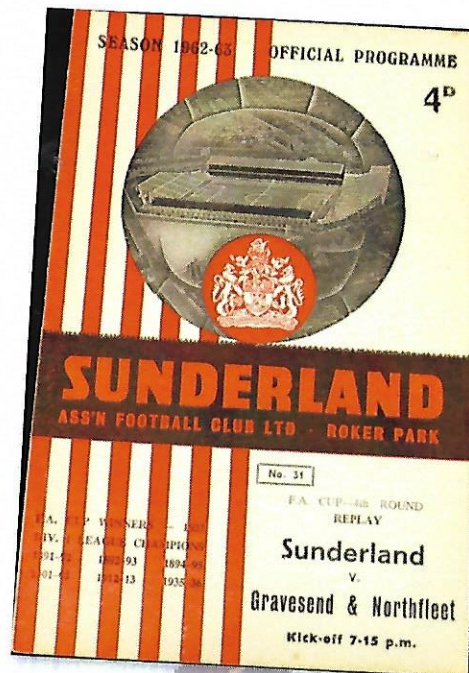
Tony Sitford managed Gravesend & Northfleet to the Southern League First Division (South) title in 1974/75. They started with a 4-0 victory at Andover and remained unbeaten in the Southern League for 18 matches until losing 2-1 at Ramsgate in January. Gravesend bounced back to secure four-goal wins over Crawley and Folkestone in quick succession and their only other Southern League defeat came at the end of March, losing 3-0 at Bexley. John Cowan, Phil Debnam, Colin Norman, Ken Pearce, John Thurgood and Tony Weston were ever-present as they scored 70 goals and won the title with 60 points from 38 games.

1977/78

Gravesend & Northfleet won the Southern League Cup for the first time in 1977/78. Tony Sitford's side beat Ashford Town 3-2, Maidstone United 3-2, Dartford 1-0, Nuneaton Borough 2-1 and Grantham 3-1 en route to the Southern League Cup final, beating Weymouth 2-0 on aggregate with extra-time goals from Steve Brown and Brian Woolfe in the second-leg watched by 2,607 at Stonebridge Road. They were in contention for the Southern League title with Bath City and Weymouth before fading in the closing weeks and finishing fifth. Steve Brown was top scorer, while Dave Sargent and Lee Smelt were ever-present.

1988/89

Dennis Moore guided Gravesend & Northfleet back to the Southern League Premier Division in 1988/89. They raced to the top of the table with five straight wins, including a 5-0 demolition of Tonbridge. A 5-1 victory at home to Ruislip was quickly followed by a 5-0 reverse at Salisbury, but Gravesend maintained their promotion challenge and reached the FA Trophy third round before losing 2-0 at Macclesfield. They clinched promotion as runners-up to Chelmsford after losing just once in 14 matches and Gravesend's experienced squad included Colin Dalton, Mick Crowe, Mark Penfold, Ron Pountney and Paul



In 1962/63 Gravesend took Sunderland to an FA Cup 4th round replay at Roker Park

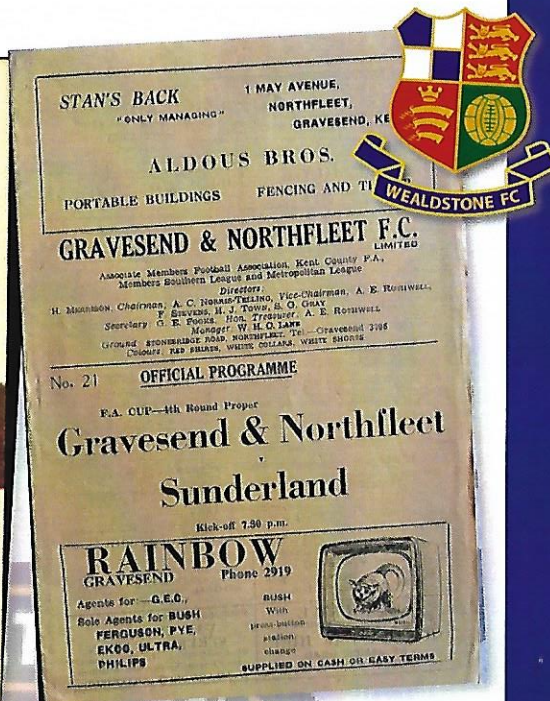
Currie.

1993/94

Ace marksman Steve Portway scored 37 goals as Gravesend & Northfleet won the Southern League Southern Division title in 1993/94. Garry Aldous' side kicked off with a 2-0 victory at Buckingham and bounced back from a 2-1 defeat at home to Baldock to remain unbeaten in their next 25 Southern League games, with Steve Portway netting hat-tricks against Poole, Bury Town, Burnham, Salisbury, Dunstable and Braintree. They also reached the FA Cup first round proper, losing 2-1 at Leyton Orient. Matt Gubbins and Lee Turner were ever-present as Gravesend scored 87 goals, winning the championship with 92 points.

2001/02

Gravesend & Northfleet won the Isthmian League Premier Division title with a club record 99 points in 2001/02. They had a season-long battle with Canvey Island and the 2-0 victory at their rivals in January was watched by 2,111, while a crowd of 4,098 saw Canvey's 1-0 win at Stonebridge Road two months later. Other notable wins included 2-1 home and away to Aldershot Town, 6-1 at home to Croydon and 5-1 at Enfield. The 'Fleet scored 133 goals as they finished four points clear of Canvey Island. They also reached the FA Trophy fifth round and the FA Cup first round proper, losing 2-1 at Huddersfield



Town.

2007/08

The newly re-named Ebbsfleet United won the FA Trophy in 2007/08. Liam Daish's team defeated Carshalton Athletic 4-1, Dorchester Town 2-0, Weymouth 1-0, Burton Albion 1-0 and Aldershot Town 4-2 en route to the FA Trophy final. Chris McPhee missed a penalty but his goal on the stroke of half-time gave Ebbsfleet a 1-0 victory over Torquay United at Wembley Stadium. Lance Cronin, Peter Hawkins, Sacha Opinel, Michael Bostwick, James Smith, Paul McCarthy, Chris McPhee, Neil Barrett, Luke Moore, John Akinde, Stacy Long (Gary MacDonald). The 'Fleet finished mid-table in the Conference Premier.

2010/11

Ebbsfleet United regained Conference Premier status at the first attempt in 2010/11. Owned by the web-based venture MyFootballClub, they lost just eight of their 42 Conference South games and qualified for the play-offs in third place. Michael West scored four goals as they defeated Chelmsford City 6-2 on aggregate in the semi-finals. Two further goals by West plus others from Ricky Shakes and Calum Willock gave Ebbsfleet a 4-2 win over Farnborough in the play-off final. Liam Daish's side took AFC Wimbledon on an FA Cup first round replay before losing 3-2 after extra-time watched by 2,306 at Stonebridge Road.



FIRST TEAM RESULTS 2023/2024

KEY



PLAYERS IN FILLED-IN CIRCLES STARTED THE MATCH
 PLAYERS IN OUTLINED CIRCLES CAME ON AS SUBSTITUTES
 PLAYERS IN GREEN INDICATE FIRST SUBSTITUTION
 PLAYERS IN PINK INDICATE SECOND SUBSTITUTION
 PLAYERS IN BROWN INDICATE THIRD SUBSTITUTION

MONTH	Comp	Score	(Total)	(Away)	Lge	Goal scorers
AUGUST						
5 YORK CITY	VNL	2-1	1,805	680	6	Kretzschmar (P), Mundle-Smith
12 Eastleigh	VNL	0-0	2,030	172	8	
15 Bromley	VNL	1-1	1,810	159	8	Campbell
19 AFC FYLDE	VNL	3-2	1,145	20	5	Campbell 2, Ferguson
26 Aldershot Town	VNL	1-3	1,860	149	9	Adarkwa
28 DAGENHAM & RED.	VNL	0-2	1,513	275	12	
SEPTEMBER						
2 Hartlepool United	VNL	1-2	4,072	115	15	Allarakhia
9 EDBSFLEET UNITED	VNL					
16 ALTRINCHAM	VNL					
19 Dorking Wanderers	VNL					
23 Chesterfield	VNL					
26 WOKING	VNL					
30 OLDHAM ATHLETIC	VNL					
OCTOBER						
3 Gateshead	VNL					
7 Kidderminster Harriers	VNL					
14 TBD	FAC40					
21 BOREHAM WOOD	VNL					
24 OXFORD CITY	VNL					
28 Solihull Moors	VNL					
NOVEMBER						
11 ROCHDALE	VNL					
18 FC Halifax Town	VNL					
21 Southend United	VNL					
25 BARNET	VNL					
DECEMBER						
2 ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL					
9 TBD	FAT30					
16 Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL					
23 HARTLEPOOL UNITED	VNL					
26 Maldenhead United	VNL					
JANUARY						
1 MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL					
6 Ebbsfleet United	VNL					
20 Rochdale	VNL					
23 SOUTHEND UNITED	VNL					
27 FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL					
FEBRUARY						
1 Barnet	VNL					
10 Altrincham	VNL					
17 GATESHEAD	VNL					
20 DORKING WANDERERS	VNL					
24 Woking	VNL					
MARCH						
2 York City	VNL					
9 EASTLEIGH	VNL					
12 BROMLEY	VNL					
16 AFC Fylde	VNL					
23 KIDDERMINSTER	VNL					
29 Oxford City	VNL					
APRIL						
1 SOLIHULL MOORS	VNL					
6 Boreham Wood	VNL					
13 CHESTERFIELD	VNL					
20 Oldham Athletic	VNL					
TO BE ARRANGED						

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Dante BAPTISTE	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Jack COOK	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Charlie BARKER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Ashley CHARLES	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Alex DYER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Mason BARRETT	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Tarryn ALLARAKHIA	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Nathan FERGUSON	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Olufela OLOMOLA	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Max KRETZSCHMAR	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Conie ANDREWS	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Clayton MCCOBB	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Michael OBERO	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Luke DREHER	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Dom HUTCHINSON	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Charles CLAYDEN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sam BOWEN	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sean ADARKWA	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Tahvon CAMPBELL	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Eric NEGRARU	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Joseph CULLIS	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	



PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

8th July	Bracknell Town	N	3-2	Campbell, Allarakhia, Mundle-Smith
10th July	Milton Keynes Dons	H	2-1	Dyer, MacGregor
15th July	Farnborough	A	4-2	Diomola, Campbell, Trialist C 2s
18th July	Billerica Town	H	0-0	
22nd July	Charlton Athletic	H	0-5	
25th July	Wycombe Wanderers	H	0-1	
29th July	AFC Wimbledon	H	0-2	

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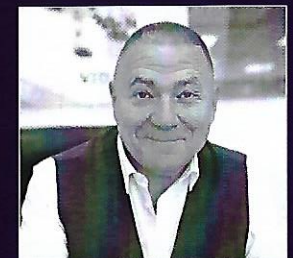
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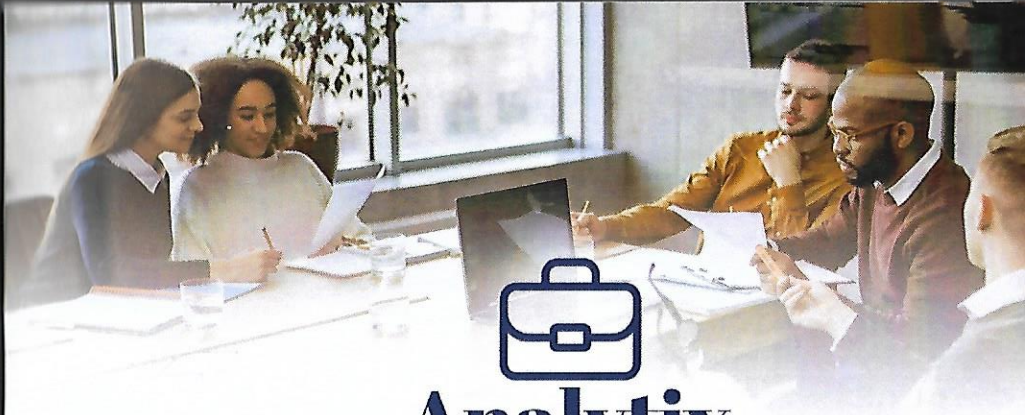
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APPEARANCES



2023/2024

CORRECT AS AT 15/8/2023	VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE			FA CUP			FA TROPHY			MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP			MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP			TOTALS			STONES CAREER		
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It happened 50 years ago

Part seven: why canterbury tales became my least favourite text the painful world of a-levels

This season we are reliving the extraordinary campaign fifty years ago... which ended with the Stones' very last promotion in its long history and our first league title in 22 years.

Saturday September 8 1973, Southern League Div One South: Canterbury City 3 Wealdstone 0. AS literally one week into the term sixth at school and trying to decipher the almost-impenetrable 14th century works of Chaucer.

How ironic then that my team were facing a trip to Canterbury, the subject of his famous Tales, that weekend. If Chaucer was emittingly put-downable, I was riveted by our start in the Southern League Division One South and not much of the Eng Lit lessons

gazing out of the classroom window dreaming of the mazy runs of Johnny Henderson and the sublime finishing of George Duck.

Surely the unbeaten start to the season would continue as we travelled down into Kent to face perennial strugglers Canterbury? Three coachloads of supporters were in happy anticipation of a win to follow the beatings of Salisbury, Minehead and Bexley in the league, and Bletchley (twice) in the Southern League Cup and Marlow in the FA Cup. Who could stop us?

Well the completely unlikely answer to that came in the form of well-respected ex-League goalkeeper Chic Brodie, who had signed as cover for Roy Mackenzie - and was fully expected to replace the affable keeper.

Brodie had pedigree, listing Manchester City, Wolves and Brentford on his CV - but he also had a pedigree chum....

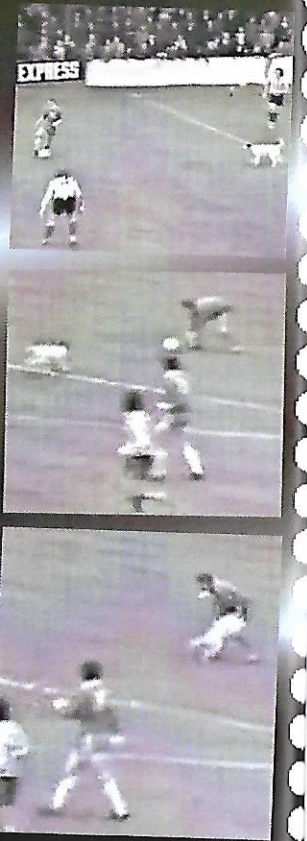
There had been much merriment two years before when Chic, playing in goal for the Bees at Colchester, went to gather a back pass and was struck by a small dog that had encroached on the pitch and was chasing the ball.

Brodie went down in a heap, much to the glee of ITV's Brian Moore on the following day's 'Big Match' programme, which had shown highlights of the game. But it was no laughing matter for the goalkeeper, whose professional career

Brodie is struck by the rogue hound



The strange case of Chic Brodie and the dangerous dog: stills from the ITV coverage at Layer Road in 1971 show the dog chasing down a back pass before colliding with the unfortunate keeper



ended right there.

The knee injury put him out for months; Brentford ended his contract; and he was next seen playing for Margate as they crashed out of the FA Cup 11-0 to Bournemouth. Ted MacDougall (later to play for Man Utd) scored NINE goals that day and, again, Chic's canine incident was brought up on the telly.

Not funny. And certainly not funny when, two years later he was playing for us! Small boys behind the goal at Canterbury were heard to bark unkindly at Brodie, and that can't have helped his confidence when he trotted down the tunnel at White Hart Lane two days later to face an impressive Tottenham line-up in the London Challenge Cup... in what proved to be his final game. Barry Daines in the Spurs goal was imperious form as the Stones were

A sad from Canterbury

Brodie slips twice and 'Stones' crash to defeat

Canterbury City 3, Wealdstone 0

The perils of adopting a squad system (when 16 or 17 players all have to be kept in competitive trim, resulting in fairly frequent team changes irrespective of results) was dramatically highlighted on Saturday when Wealdstone's run of five successive victories was shattered.

Shattered, let it be said, by a team of limited skills who had little in the way of football to offer, and who will surely finish well in the bottom half of the table.

Wealdstone lost this match at 2-30 pm when the team sheet was put up. McKenzie, generally regarded as number one goalkeeper was replaced by Chic Brodie, and the former Brentford man, signed during the close season from Margate, gave away the first two goals and showed an astonishing display of hesitancy.

One could be forgiven for believing that he was a youngster, new to senior football, rather than Armstrong in the Canterbury goal. Hapless Chic seemed mesmerised, and his penchant for leaving his line could have been even more heavily punished.

To be fair, equal blame for the first goal must be shared with the defence but the second, when he raced out, then stopped and was caught in no-man's land, was exclusively a goalkeeping error. 'Stones' were completely demoralised.

Yet the ridiculous part was that just one Wealdstone goal in the first half must surely have led to an avalanche. Kicking up the slope against a stiff wind, their football was good, and Canterbury's attacks (perhaps five in the half) were confined solely to punts up the middle and hard but ineffective running.

Two chances, both by Godfrey, should have put the issue beyond doubt by half-time, but each time his header scraped the wrong side of the post, and then Henderson fell over when in full flight and with only Armstrong to beat.

But the fact is that Weald-

stone were "phyched" out of the points. Canterbury were continually penalised for fouls in the first-half, played it very physical indeed and some of the 'Stones' players were taking hard knocks.

In the second half, instead of continuing to meet force with skill, they played it Canterbury's way, started to dish it out themselves, lost their cool in the process, and found the Kent side better at the hard stuff than they were.

Thus Canterbury (admittedly playing better in this half) got on top yet a goal looked a long way off until the 16th minute when too much cleverness in defence allowed Gemmill to slip the ball wide of a stranded Brodie, and 10 minutes later Wiltshire made it two and could hardly believe such goalkeeping generosity.

On the stroke of time Hare scored a splendid goal to make the scoreline a travesty of justice.

OUTSTANDING

Outstanding for Wealdstone was John McCormick but even he, with his great experience, and Ray Fulton fell into the trap of playing Canterbury at their own game. As a result,

Fulton had one of his poorer games.

Four names went into the book. Burgess and Watson for Wealdstone and Bayliss and Harrop for Canterbury, and one felt that Bayliss was lucky not to have an early bath.

Manager Sid Prosser has problems in Wealdstone's midfield, where Paul Fairclough, an ever-present so far, shows no sign of playing himself out of the doldrums.

Striker Bill Byrne is another just not doing it at present, and he may well have cause to be grateful that John Henderson started a two week suspension immediately after the Canterbury match.

Wealdstone's downfall, quite apart from anything else, stemmed from midfield, where both Godfrey and Watson struggled. The tragedy is that three coaches of 'Stones' supporters made the trip.

Finally, the only comment on the Canterbury pitch, lumpy, barren and like a desert waste, is that one can only marvel at the tolerance of the league's Management committee.

Wealdstone: Brodie; Burgess, Fulton, Kinnear, McCormick; Godfrey, Fairclough, Watson; Byrne, Duck, Henderson. Sub: Barnes.

beaten 4-0 while Brodie was a picture of indecision as he flapped at crosses and waved at every shot that passed him.

Brodie later signed for Maid-

stone United as cover but doesn't appear to have made an appearance for them, and died from prostate cancer in 2000 at the age of 63.

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MATCH REPORTS

Dagenham & Redbridge (H)



Grosvenor Vale Monday August 28th 2023

Wealdstone 0 - 2 Dagenham Attendance - 1,513

Manager Stuart Maynard made two changes from the side that lost to Aldershot Town at the start of the weekend, with Max Kretzchmar and Olufela Olomola making way for Nathan Ferguson and Sam Bowen.

Wealdstone started the match with great possession and comfort on the ball in the first half and saw a chance just five minutes into the game, when Bowen's shot on goal went just wide following a great string of play by Tahvon Campbell who set him up.

Moments later, Nathan Ferguson ran through the Daggers defence but his shot deflected just wide and earned the Stones a corner.

Just before the half hour mark, the Stones were

denied an opener due to a great save from Elliott Justham, who tipped over a Ferguson shot headed for the top corner.

A loose back pass by Alex Dyer played Mussa through on goal but Jed Ward made a crucial save with his leg just before half time to preserve the scoreline.

It didn't take long for the Daggers to find the back of the net after half time, with the visitors breaking the deadlock after only three minutes courtesy of Hill, who saw his strike take a heavy deflection off of Jaydn Mundle-Smith leaving Ward stranded.

Wealdstone kept to their attacking intent in searching for an equaliser, and went close again through Ferguson, who's low free kick into the

bottom left corner went into the hands of Justham.

Another great chance followed for Campbell, this time taking a shot which was saved by the Daggers keeper's leg.

A minute later and with six to go, Mussa sealed the win with a 25-yard strike that sailed through the arms of Ward and into the net.

Wealdstone had time to find one more dangerous chance when substitute Olomola saw a great strike bounce off the side post.

WEALDSTONE:

Ward, Cook (c), Barker, Mundle-Smith, Clayden, Charles (Adarkwa 59), Dyer, Ferguson (Olomola 81), Obiero, Bowen, Campbell. Subs not used: Barrett, Andrews, Hutchinson

Report by **Libby McElhinney**



HARTLEPOOL UNITED (A)



Victoria Park Saturday September 2nd 2023

Hartlepool 2 - 1 Wealdstone Attendance - 4,072 (115 Wealdstone)



A late Wealdstone onslaught almost pulled a draw out of the fire at the Suit Direct Stadium against high-flying Hartlepool United.

Cracking late efforts from substitute Olofela Olomola and Charlie Barker so nearly poached an unlikely point after a goal in each half from the prolific Tom Crawford and Manny Dieseruvwe had given the home side a 2-0 lead.

After 10 minutes of cat and mouse football Hartlepool went ahead. A low cross from the left was teed up for Crawford to crack a low right footer past Jed Ward from 16 yards.

It might have been 2-0 as Brody Paterson fired wide - and then Ward used his legs to deny Callum Cooke when a defensive mistake gave the striker time inside the box.

Stones were growing into the game though and Nathan Ferguson flashed 20 yarder just too high, matched by a low effort from Pools' Cooke which Ward saved comfortably.

But as the visitors' passing game struggled to make headway against the well-drilled Pool, Cooke raced away down the left and squared the ball to the lively Crawford. He seemed certain to score but Stones' Charlie Clayden appeared from nowhere to block his shot.

The second half flared into life as Cooke's rifled 25 yarder drew a brilliant flying save from Ward. And then Stones substitute Tarryn Allarakhia was flattened on the edge of the Hartlepool box and Ashley Charles was a yard off target with the freekick.

Stones were looking to get on the front foot with

the introduction of Allarakhia clearly unnerving the home defence - and a genius turn by Tahvon Campbell on the hour gave Onaraisie his first uncomfortable moment before keeper Pete Jameson made a brave block to keep Pool 1-0 ahead.

Then after a flurry of corners, Jaydn Mundle-Smith picked out Jack Cook at the far post and the skipper's header dribbled just wide.

The introduction of former Stone Josh Umerah seemed to spur Hartlepool on and Ward saw two snap shots sail narrowly over.

The all-important second goal wasn't long coming though, Paterson breaking away on the left and his precise cross finding the towering Manny Dieseruvwe who climbed above the Stones defence to plant his 67th minute header past Ward.

It was all Hartlepool for five minutes and the visitors' goal led a charmed life, yet a quick Stones break then saw Allarakhia swapping passes with Ferguson to found the far corner from 20 yards via the post. Stones had a lifeline.

With five minutes to go, Stones third sub Olufela Olomola saw his powerful left footer pawed away by Jameson and, as Hartlepool hung on, defender Charlie Barker let fly from 25 yards only to see his shot skim the crossbar with Jameson beaten.

WEALDSTONE:

Ward, Barker, Cook (c), Mundle-Smith, Clayden, Charles, Dyer (Olomola 80), Ferguson, Obiero, Bowen (Allarakhia 45), Campbell (Andrews 73). Subs not used: Barrett, Adarkwa.

Report by **Tim Parks**

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28 years ago: A real FA Cup classic sees the Stones David slay the Goliath known as Grays

ON THIS DAY  **by Gordon McKay**

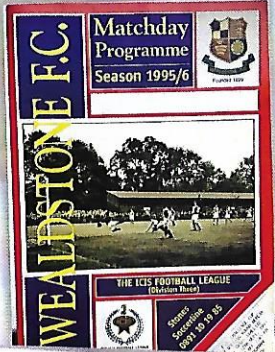
On September 1995: Grays Athletic (FA Cup 1st Qual Rd, away) Drew 2-2
 This game was early in Gordon Bartlett's reign and came on the back of an unbeaten start to the season. A totally new side had been put together and it was at the stage where everything was going for us. Confidence was high and the football world was raring for the taking.
 Grays were in the Ryman Premier whilst we had just transferred across from the Southern League and had been unceremoniously dumped in Ryman Division Three - so this fixture saw a gap of 4 divisions. This was a cracking cup tie which saw two evenly matched sides going toe to toe in the sultry late summer conditions. A final result of 2-2 with two goals from Paul Sheldrick was fully deserved and provided great entertainment for the 291 crowd



(half of what Sudhir Rawal estimated) with most having travelled across London.
What happened next? Well, an absolutely stonking replay the following Tuesday under the White Lion Ground lights followed with the Stones winning 4-3 to complete a real giant killing.
 However the euphoria of that night quickly evaporated in the next round when we lost 1-0 away to Hertford Town - a team that would finish near the bottom of our division and a team we would beat 7-0 later in the season.
 This was the first crack that started to appear in this new team and by the end of the Autumn it had developed into a chasm. Once the doubts crept in it was clear things were not as they should be so changes were made but not enough to give us the season we had hoped for or indeed expected. We missed out of promotion, the very least we had anticipated.

FA Cup 1st Qualifying
 WEALDSTONE 2
 GRAYS ATHLETIC 2

How the Supporters Club magazine 'Emslie Ender' reported on the Grays games in September 1995. The picture above is of goal hero Paul Sheldrick and (right) the programme for the replay at the buzzing White Lion ground



...nd cup game on the trot,
 ...attention turning to the romance of the FA Cup
 ... classic cup tie, with both teams going hell for leather at each others throats from the start.
 ... backed by some 150 fans, came under early on with the Grays' tricky winger causing trouble. However Wealdstone started their feet and soon had Grays' keeper at full stretch to save a Roddy shot and then having to be alive at Sheldrick's feet.
 ... came when Crowd challenged at a corner and all fell loose for Shelly to slam home. Grays took levelling almost on the break from one of the crosses to the tall front men. The half square.
 ... half started where the first ended.
 ... put the Premier division side under as they closed down the tricky winger by kicking Birch to cover.
 ... the lead when Shelly glanced the ball and had a half chance as his shot just went

past the post. Again Grays drew level with a header just minutes from the end.
 By the end both sides had run themselves into the ground in a breathtaking match. (FF)
12.09.95 - FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round Replay WEALDSTONE 4 (Sheldrick (2), Birch, Braithwaite) GRAYS ATHLETIC 3
 att: 209 (Double it and you might get close)
 A classic match, that left the crowd gasping for air.
 Forget the official gate, more than 400 fans flocked to the White Lion ground and created an electric atmosphere. Packed into the stand, the atmosphere was reminiscent of Lower Mead.
 But it was Grays that took the lead. A corner wasn't cleared and was thumped back into the net from the edge of the box, signalling the stupid Grays' celebrations.
 Wealdstone weren't ruffled as they played by far the better football urged on by the vociferous crowd.

Birch volleyed Stones back into the game and two minutes later Shelly scored a magnificent goal to put Stones ahead.
 The second half saw Grays equalise minutes into the half and once again the silly celebrations were on show. But they really did look stupid, when a corner a minute later was dropped by the Grays' keeper and Roddy slammed home. The crowd continued to roar on Wealdstone and Sheldrick scored another glorious goal. Running from the half way line before curling the ball round the keeper.
 Then Grays pulled a goal back and Stones were left to hold on for fifteen tortuous minutes. But it was over, and the crowd and players celebrated together in match that will take some beating. (SR)

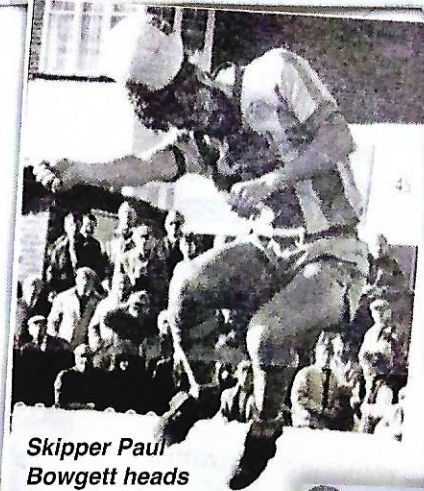
While 39 years ago Brian Hall had good reason to be a happy man Stones' boss is smiling at last

Wealdstone 3 Nuneaton Boro 1
WEALDSTONE boss Brian Hall has got a smile on his face at last. He is finally happy with the way his side is playing after seeing them stretch their lead at the top of the Gola League with a 3-1 win over Nuneaton Boro on Tuesday night, writes William Bull.
 After surviving a ninth minute scare when Stuart Hammill rifled a 20-yard

free kick against the underside of the bar, Stones turned in the sort of disciplined performance Hall has been clamouring for all season.
 Steve McCargo fired Stones into a 21st minute lead, bundling the ball over the line after Paul Bowgett had knocked a Brian Greenaway corner back across the goal.
 Eight minutes later Mark Graves

made it 2-0 from the penalty spot after Alan Cordice had been sent tumbling by Richard Hill and after 65 minutes Bowgett stretched Stones' lead, heading a Dennis Byatt free kick over a stranded Steve Clay in Boro's goal.
 With the threat of Paul Culpin, last season's leading scorer, and Trevor Morley, Boro's most influential player, being snuffed out Stones never seemed to be in any trouble.
 Morley broke free of his shackles only twice. Eight minutes from time he rounded off a fine move with a replay drive which brought a super save from Stones' rookie 'keeper' Vili McGinness.
 McGinness, deputising for Boro's Iles who injured knee ligaments at Boston, made a sound, if at times uncertain, debut.
 With Iles also ruled out of Saturday's FA Cup trip to Hounslow, the 18-year-old McGinness will be between the sticks again.
 He was left with no chance on Boro's consolation five minutes from time. Morley turned well on the edge of the box and curled a shot past the young 'keeper'.
 Stones boss Hall said: "I am happy at last. I was pleased with our attitude and our discipline, both tonight and at Boston. There can be no complaints."
 Wealdstone: McGinness, Davies, Byatt, Bowgett, McCargo, Wainwright, Greenaway, Holmes, A. Cordice, Graves, Donnellan. Subs: N. Cordice, Wedderburn.

Tuesday September 11 1984 (Gola League): Nuneaton Borough Home W3-1
WEALDSTONE went into this fixture unbeaten after their first six league games in what was to be a championship-winning season in the Gola League.




Skipper Paul Bowgett heads the clinching goal

Nuneaton were a very good side too at this time and they would eventually finish runners up behind the Stones. Over 800 watched this one under the Lower Mead lights and saw Nuneaton make the early running with some crisp inventive football. Nuneaton had the likes of Paul Culpin and Eddie McGoldrick in those days - as well as a few others who would go onto have successful pro careers - so we had to ride the storm.

Although you could argue we faced better footballing sides, there were few who could match Stones' resilience and mentality and eventually we were able to impose ourselves on the game to come away with a hard earned win. Full-back Steve McCargo got a rare goal to put us ahead with Mark Graves (penalty) and Paul Bowgett wrapping it up. The quality of this game belonged to a much higher level and I would say it was as good as any game I ever saw at Lower Mead.

What happened next? Well, our electric start to the season continued for a few more weeks before we got bogged down a bit in October and November when we had a seven-game run without a win in the league. However we managed to turn it around to eventually win the league despite seldom regaining the early fluency. But what a record-breaking season it was!

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Six years ago: A Greenie special batters Bognor

ON THIS DAY by Tim Parks

9th September 2017: Bognor Regis Town, National League South (Home) Won 3-0

WE WERE struggling. The new manager Bobby Wilkinson had been in charge for four games and his first three ended in 1-1 draws - and the last a 5-1 defeat at Weston Super Mare. We were third from bottom and although most people agreed with the parting of ways with the previous long-serving boss Gordon Bartlett, there were rumblings of discontent.

The up and coming ex-Hungerford manager Wilkinson was upbeat and confident of turning things around of course... but that Walloping at Weston was a concern, not least for chairman Peter Marsden.

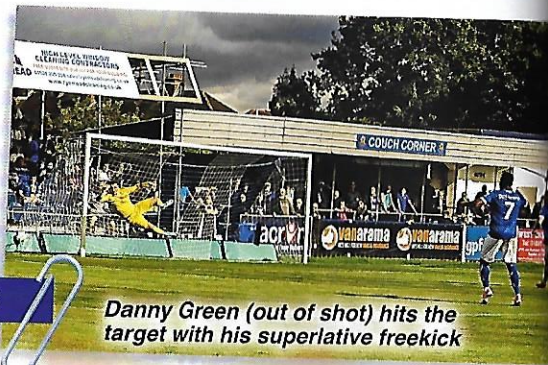
We had a great chance to climb the table though with two home games in three days: against mid-table seaside outfits Bognor Regis and Poole Town.

Left-back Ryan Sellers, mid-field icon Danny Green and electric winger Abobaker Eisa returned to the starting eleven with Josh Hill and and Wilkinson recruits Stephane Ngamvoulou and the much-vaunted striker Aid Mohamed either on the bench or left out completely.

It was a period of turmoil as the new boss brought in a raft of players who had served him well at Hungerford - Matty Day and Alan O'Brien among others, while 'Bomb' Harry Goodger was on his way - but the bottom line was six points from these next two games.

Thank goodness for Greenie and Eisa!

I genuinely think we might have had the shortest Wealdstone managerial tenure EVER if Wilkinson had not trusted the mercurial talents of Green and Eisa this September afternoon. For with 38 minutes played and Bognor looking as likely as ourselves to score, we won a freekick 25 yards out. Our ability to hit the target from a freekick was about as good as now (and I'm not denying what an incredible talent it is to score with dip and bend from that dis-



Danny Green (out of shot) hits the target with his superlative freekick

... but Danny Green did just that to raise our spirits at the Gun Turret end. Bognor keeper Dan Lincoln was grasping at thin air as the ball thudded superbly into the top corner, and we danced around like loons up in the cheap seats, all claiming that we knew Danny was deadly from that distance.

It never happened again.

But no matter; we were on our way to a much-needed win and Jerome Okimo set up the rampaging Sellars for a lovely second goal on 71 minutes in front of a raucous Bulla Stand... and Ciaran Brown then headed his only Stones goal six minutes later from a Greenie corner. As we were playing home games on Monday nights in those days, we had just 48 hours to wait for our next Stones fix and Poole Town obligingly rolled over for a 4-1 defeat with Eisa, this time, the star man. Gordon Bartlett had spotted the teenager's potential when playing for Uxbridge the previous season but was loath to play him too often, citing his youth... but he never looked back after this weekend as he became a fixture in Wilkinson's side.

It was little surprise when the big clubs came sniffing around the winger, and 12 goals and five months later he was snapped up by Shrewsbury. He is still playing EFL football six years later at Grimsby Town - and we still hope that he'll 'come home' to the Vale one day!

What happened next?

Well of course this was the season of the FA Trophy semi-final run when we slalomed past Chelmsford, Wingate & Finchley, Hereford

and Warrington to set up that epic quarter-final at Billericay. The 5-2 win had us all believing in a Wembley trip only for eventual winners Brackley to prove just too good in the semis. Oh, and Bognor and Poole Town were both relegated that season while came 11th.

WEALDSTONE line-up v Bognor: North, Oshodi, Sellers, Brown, Day, Wellard (Ngamvoulou 84), Whichelow, Okimo, Fitchett (Osei 84), Green, Eisa. Subs not used: Hill, O'Brien, Godfrey.



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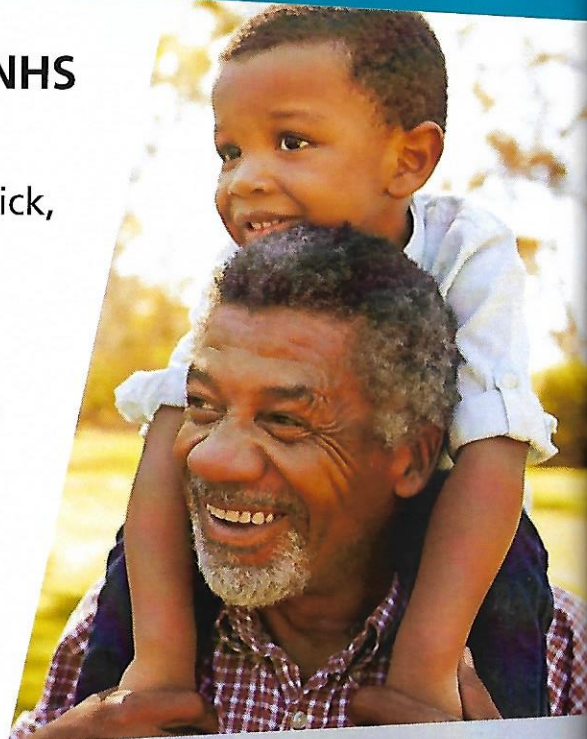
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 MAIDENHEAD UNITED Monday 1st January Vanarama National League	Steve, Megan & Rebecca Wood	
 SOUTHEND UNITED Tuesday 23rd January Vanarama National League	Sponsor 1 Available	Sponsor 2 Available
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 GATESHEAD Saturday 17th February Vanarama National League	Sponsor 1 Available	Sponsor 2 Available
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 EASTLEIGH Saturday 9th March Vanarama National League	Sponsor 1 Available	Sponsor 2 Available
 BROMLEY Tuesday 12th March Vanarama National League	Sponsor 1 Available	Sponsor 2 Available
 KIDDERMINSTER HARR. Saturday 23rd March Vanarama National League	David, Adam & Guy Edwards - in Memory of Rowland Edwards	
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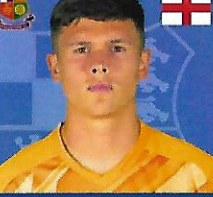
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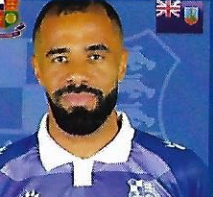
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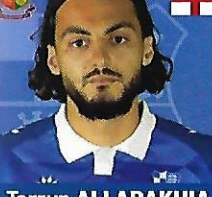
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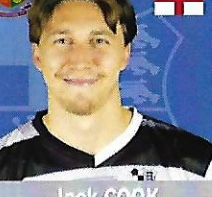
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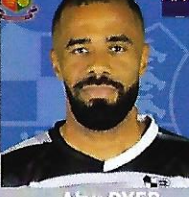
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Saturday
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FINAL VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE @ 4/9/2023

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

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Tuesday
19th September
7:45pm

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Saturday
23rd September
3:00pm

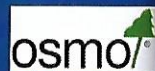
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