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INSIDE:
 Our new keeper Marcus Dewhurst on his derby delight!

Wealdstone v Billericay Town

ISUZU FA TROPHY THIRD ROUND
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DELIGHT AND DELIRIUM! Last time around it was skipper Jack Cook grabbing a glorious injury-time winner... this time it was Charlie Barker who whoops with joy after scoring the goal that sunk Barnet here at the Vale. PICTURE: ION TAFFEL

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By Tim Parks

Written in Stone

WELCOME BACK to the Vale for this rare beast: a home draw in a cup tie!

We like to make out we'd rather be drawn away, as it means we don't have to produce an award-winning programme... but of course it's all about progressing and after nearly three years without having a home game this is a bit of a novelty.

Our last Isuzu FA Trophy tie at The Vale was in January 2021 when Gloucester City were our opponents in the Fourth Round. We won that one 3-1 but of course went out in the next round at Darlington.

Since then we've been drawn in the FA Cup at Boreham Wood (lost 2-4) and Bromley (lost 2-3), and in the Trophy at Needham Market (lost 1-2) and Chelmsford City (lost 1-2). Gary McCann's Billericay, riding high in the Isthmian Premier Division, will be tough opponents this afternoon and they possess the deadly Moses Emmanuel up top... a man we know all about! Moses was excellent for us as we won the National League South (on points per game) in 2020 and even as we briefly topped the National League in Autumn that year. One of my favourite goals from the

promotion season was his contortionist header from Dennon Lewis's cross in the 3-0 win over Billericay (funnily enough) in February 2020.

And of course we have a bit of history with the Essex side in the FA Trophy. There is a two-page spread later in this programme on the stunning 5-2 win at New Lodge in the quarter-final in early 2018, a day famous for the antics of Billericay's owner/manager Glen Tamplin. The Stones fans felt a little disrespected and the 500 travelling army thoroughly enjoyed that thumping victory.

● Don't forget that the game will be decided on penalties today if the scores are level after 90 minutes.

WELL, what an exultant afternoon it was a fortnight ago when Stones won the derby with Barnet in dramatic circumstances!

Jack Cook scored two of the finest goals ever struck by a centre-back and we all have our golden

memories of the moment the winner went in. There are so many and varied videos and phone pix to go alongside Jon Taffel's brilliant snapshots to fill an online album.

My own magical moment surrounds bringing my six-year-old grandson Charlie to his first-ever football match - and seeing the wonder in his eyes during

that final, injury-time drama. Twenty minutes earlier I had looked down at him, standing with me fence-side and realising that he was in tears. It was the emotion of seeing Jack Cook's wonderful equaliser, I thought.

But no. 'Grandad, my feet are freezing' he sobbed. Should I take him home? Would we miss the rollercoaster last quarter of the game?

Instead, I took him into the main stand, sat him on my lap, took off his trainers and massaged his feet until the circulation returned. The Stones were pummeling the Barnet goal. Charlie looked up and smiled. "Are Wealdstone going to score a winner?" he asked.

Always the optimist, I said: "Well we've got one last chance". We could barely see the Holywell end

goal as people stood up to leave at 90 mins and crammed the corner of the stand.

Then uproar! Pandemonium! The ball was in the net and we didn't care how it had got there! I was bouncing Charlie on my lap and, all around us, people were jumping and shouting. It was the strangest circumstances I've ever celebrated a Wealdstone goal... and totally unforgettable.

As for Charlie, well, his mum Kate asked him the following day what was the best bit about going to Wealdstone. "The chocolate bars at half time" he said. "And it was nothing like the television. Can we go again soon?"

● After the postponement of the Southend United game last Saturday, with Roots Hall frozen solid, our next VNL game is the visit to Dagenham & Redbridge next Saturday. And then we take on Hartlepool United here on December 23 before the Christmas festivities begin. **Up the Stones!**

Welcome to old protagonists Billericay as we look back on a derby day of unexpected joy



Joy at the Holywell End and (below) grandson Charlie before the freeze!



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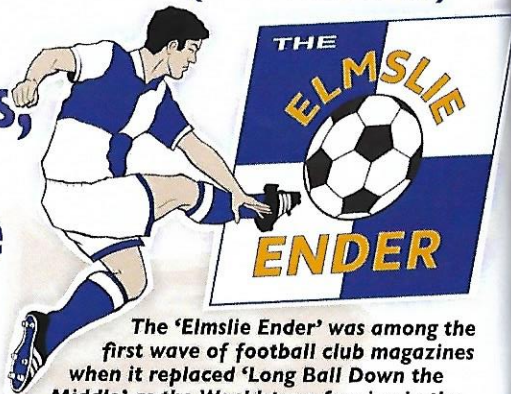
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Looking back on that worst of days; a football-free Saturday, and the best of days: the late, great win over the Bees



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



BY SUDHIR RAWAL
It is just past three on Saturday afternoon. We should be at Southend, having had a few hours in Carter USM's favourite Essex seaside town, Leigh-on-Sea.

Of course, the weather played its frosty hand. The night before was as cold as ice, but when we awoke on Saturday morning frost-free, many of us hoped that a seaside trip in December would be as enticing as those we have had in sunny spring. Many started the trek across London but were cut short as the match off signs were hung out.

When the news came through that Daniel Kanu had been recalled from his loan with immediate effect by Charlton, it wasn't a great surprise the game fell to the icy climes. We at Wealdstone call it pulling the Jolly card. That said, the video circulating the night before of the hard clunk of shovel against rock hard



pitch probably was nearer the truth. Despite all of the trials and tribulations befalling the Shrimpers, it is a surprise that they don't have decent frost covers. You can imagine the outcry if it had been the other way around, though games locally were played.

I ended up having a saunter through Coals Drops Yard in Kings Cross and Marylebone High Street, a nice way to spend a morning, whilst our Middle Youth (some pictured left) carried on to the coast for their bottomless brunch, others went shopping or watched football elsewhere, Harefield United was a popular choice.

Postponed matches can kill the vibe on a Saturday and other halves' plans are ruined by bored partners with nothing to do.

A week earlier saw probably the greatest moment at the Vale since the Stones moved in.

At just before five, as the clock ticked onto the 98th minute, an Ashley Charles corner swung into the box, Kretzschmar dumps his defender to the

ground, opening up some space, Charlie Barker flings himself at the ball and his header thumps into the net.

LIMBS in the Bulla, LIMBS in the BC Stand, and even LIMBS in the main stand as the Vale erupts.

Paul Franklin's now infamous commentary screams "Barnet are dead and buried" as Stones take the lead 3-2. Has a Wealdstone goal ever been seen from so many angles and viewpoints as footage goes viral from behind the goal, from the BC Stand, from the main stand but above all from the dugout?

The now legendary *Dugoutcam* footage shows our bench erupting and Matt Saunders sprinting down the line...but there in the midst, Stuart Maynard initially stays calm, stops himself and then seems to say "fudge it, I'm off too" as he charges down the line, stops in front of the BC Stand, offers to cuddle Neil "Ginger" Tobin as all hell breaks loose! Has a goal at the Vale ever been celebrated more?

I said that this was the greatest moment at the Vale. Trawling through the memory banks I recall the great triumph over Barrow in the Trophy in 2012 (needing to score a late winner as we couldn't get a team together for the midweek replay) being absolutely brilliant. Also the first time we had beaten a fully-pro side since Reading in 1977.

Humiliating Bath 7-0 in the promotion season, beating Concord 2-1 - scoring twice in the final moments whilst the Cowley brothers were trying to get the game abandoned due to fans being on the pitch - Jake Sheppard's chip against Hemel that took us into the play-offs (when we needed four results to all go our way) were all up there... but two weeks ago was the big, big Vale moment, beating our local rivals deep into injury time and seeing their fans pour out to get the early train home.

All rather delicious. Of course, the Cuckoos



The Cookie & Barks show: our centre backs record their viral TikTok sensation after Jack's sensational double

claim that it doesn't matter that much to them, they hark back to the 80s when they claim Enfield mattered more, a club that barely exists in name nowadays, or in later years when Stevenage and Orient took over their malign affections. The truth though, especially from their social media postings,

was that it *did* matter. Probably not as much as it does to us, but despite their protestations to the contrary, it would have hurt. Their record since we started playing them again is in our favour, despite the paltry resources that we have in their comparison.

The scenes in the bar afterwards need to be bottled up and kept like a fine wine, to be uncorked in later years to relive the moment. People who don't go to football don't understand why you traipse up and down the country to watch your team, even when you haven't won for aeons. It's for moments like the 98th minute at the Vale on 25th November 2023.

Despite their protestations to the contrary, that defeat really did hurt Barnet



Nobody knows!
Which side ref?
Barnet corner
Let's guess

The iconic Elmslie Stand at the Stones' former ground, Lower Mead in Harrow. Over 100 years after its construction we now have concrete plans for a new home in Hillingdon





THE STONES INTERVIEW BY TIM PARKS

ten minutes with...

MARCUS DEWHURST

MARCUS DEWHURST has heard all the jokes associated with his surname. His dad, Rob Dewhurst, was known as The Master Butcher during his six years as Hull City's hatchetman centre back... while his grandad actually WAS a butcher in Leeds!

"I just don't respond to the banter now" said the Stones' new goalkeeper, signed from Premier League Sheffield United on a permanent deal until the end of the season.

"I got a lot of stick from the Barnet fans last week - when I was a teenager I'd have reacted to it but now I just enjoy it to be honest".

He was the talk of social media after his 50-yard sprint to the dug-outs to celebrate Charlie Barker's injury time winner.

"I was praying we'd score and when the ball went in I just lost control" he laughs. "I was going to sprint right down to the corner to join the lads but Barnet would probably have kicked off again with me out of the goal!"

I told the 22 year-old that he was part of probably the greatest moment in the club's 15-year stay at The Vale. "It was amazing, that's for sure, but personally I was just happy to be involved in that sort of thing again.

"There were three keepers ahead of me at Sheffield United and realistically I wasn't going to get on the bench, let alone get a game. I've been out on loan at Carlisle, Boston and Guiseley and last year I spent the first half of the season on loan at

Why Stones' new keeper doesn't mind the cutting comments

Scunthorpe - then it was one of the other lads' turn to go out on loan.

"So I was back in the under-23s, craving a bit of action. I heard that the gaffer (Stuart Maynard) enquired about me on loan in the summer but Sheffield were being a bit awkward at the time... so Jed Ward came in for Wealdstone. Then when he was recalled by Bristol Rovers, the gaffer couldn't get me in on loan because the transfer window was closed for Prem clubs. So then I decided to end my contract 18 months early (with a year's option) and sign a permanent deal.

I know Sam Howes and he sent me a 'congratulations' text saying *well done and good luck, you'll enjoy it there as it is a great club with great staff.*

"My aim now is to do as well as I can for Wealdstone, hopefully earn a new deal and see where it takes me. I'm only

young so the money doesn't matter so much - the strangest thing is coming out of a full-time environment and commuting down from Hull!"

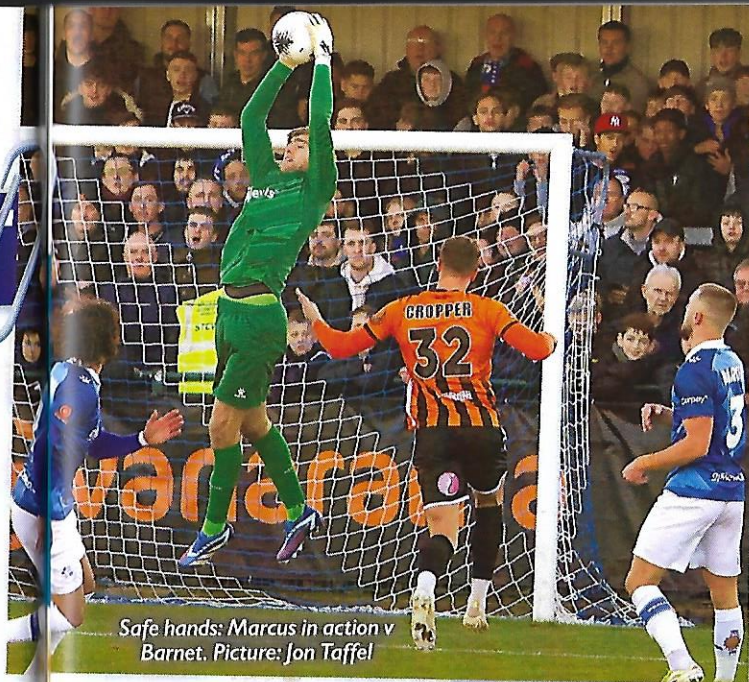
Marcus is still living in the Yorkshire town, or Ferriby to be more precise. He says he travels down to training (or a match) on Tuesday morning, stays over at a hotel for two nights then travels back on the Thursday night after training... unless there's a game in the South on the Saturday when he'll stay an extra night.

"One of the Barnet lads, Zac Brunt, is also ex-Sheff United so I've arranged to stay at his shared place in Milton Keynes. During the week it's a

matter of staying fit and going to the gym to keep on top of things".

Did he know any of the Stones players before signing?
"You know it's a small world: I stayed in digs with Micah (Obiero) for six months when we were both playing for Carlisle and I know Charlie Barker through mutual friends as he grew up in Yorkshire...and last weekend we played Southend and their striker Harry Cardwell was at the same secondary school with me at South Hunsley near Hull. And their winger Jack Bridge was at Carlisle the same time as Micah and me!"

Safe hands: Marcus in action v Barnet. Picture: Jon Taffel



tall for my age as a kid and then shot up in my mid-teens to 6ft 2ins... now I'm 6ft 3in".

Marcus used every inch of that frame to keep out a point-blank header from Halifax's Millenic Alli in the first half hour of his debut, but had no chance later in the game when the deadly Alli gave him no chance with a rasping angled drive. "Sometimes you just have to hold your hands up and say that was a great finish" says the keeper. And he had no chance with either of Barnet's close-in goals in the rollercoaster 3-2 win.

"But I'm not surprised we bounced back to win because it's a great set-up here" says the keeper.

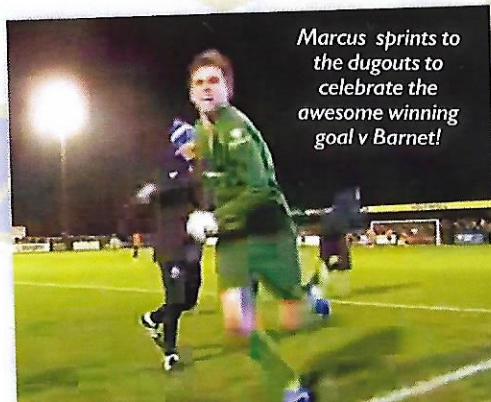
"The Vale is a difficult place to come as I found out last year (he was in goal, on loan at Scunthorpe when the Stones won 3-1) with the crowd right at your back as you come down the slope. And I enjoy being part of the playing out from the back, as an extra defender almost... at Scunthorpe there wasn't really any game plan, they just kicked it long.

"Boston United, on loan, was better but the playing out didn't involve the keeper; and Sheffield United of course use the keeper all the time as a Prem club".

So is Dewhurst Senior, aka The Master Butcher, still involved in football? After nearly 200 appearances in the League for Blackburn, Hull, Huddersfield and Exeter?

"Well my dad coached briefly at North Ferriby, and managed them for a few games, but he's now a schoolteacher in Hull. He came over to Halifax to watch my first game for Wealdstone."

Meanwhile, Marcus' girlfriend Tillie Oxley (pictured above left, who plays in midfield for Hull City ladies) travelled down to see the Barnet game. She and the rest of her teammates were in London for the Neverland Christmas party venue in Fulham, but won't have experienced as many Xmas tingles as the last few minutes at The Vale!



Marcus sprints to the dugouts to celebrate the awesome winning goal v Barnet!

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MAX KRETZSCHMAR

Taking it to the



Our striker/midfielder Max Kretzschmar reflects on the dramatic win last week, and today's 3rd round FA Trophy clash...

Hello Stones' fans and welcome back to The Vale. How are we... and have we all recovered from our last home 3-2 win against Barnet?

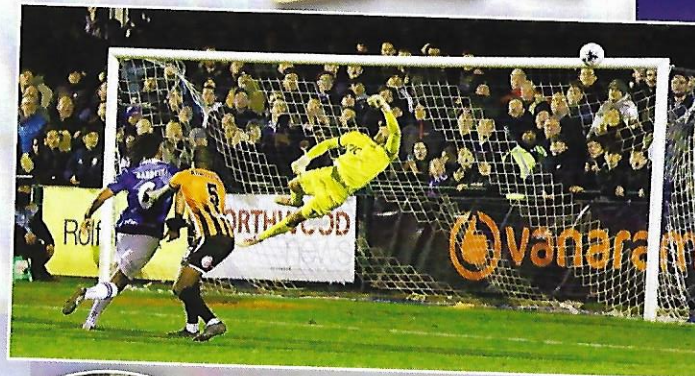
It's a fantastic feeling scoring a last minute winner but with the added fact it was against the Bees made it even more sweeter. If you do feel like reliving the derby day magic, there is a Barnet matchday vlog on my YouTube channel *Max Talks Football*. It was great to make and I appreciate all the positive comments I've had so far.

In the run-up to the game the gaffer was keen to highlight that this fixture was for the fans primarily. It's important in these big derby matches that as players we stick to our philosophies and don't get carried away with emotions of the day. The extreme emotions are for you guys in the stands.

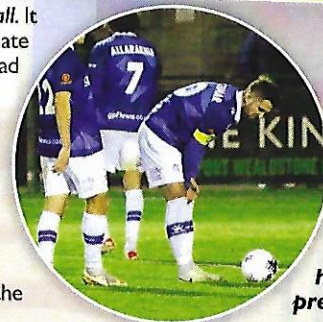
A sign of overawed players would look like panicking on the ball, playing 'safe' and long under no pressure and not communicating on the pitch. Sometimes when you feel like the occasion is taking over as a player, you tend to just stay in your own bubble and focus strictly on your own performance. But it's vital as a player that you're making your teammates around you perform better too, especially in such a hostile environment.

But what a moment for Charlie Barker! He really did pick the perfect time to score his first goal for Wealdstone over three spells. A fantastic header worthy of the three points.

Barks and I travel to training together with Luke Dreher, often stopping for a coffee on the way up.



Left: Max shapes up for the injury-time freekick that rattled the bar, leading to the late, late winner Pix: Jon Taffel



These journeys serve as great team bonding opportunities and it's nice to chat to these boys even if they are ten years my junior in Charlie's case!

Looking at today's fixture we face a familiar side in Billericay having played out a 0-0 in pre season at home.

In that evening fixture there was a familiar look to the game with the Stones dominating possession and chances with Billericay looking dangerous on the odd counter attack.

I expect today's game to look similar and that's not to underestimate Billericay whatsoever. Gary McCann, a manager I know well although I've never played for him, is someone I respect greatly.

His side sit 4th in the ever-more-affluent Isthmian League Premier Division and have plenty

of attacking threats who have played much higher up the footballing pyramid. We will have to be wary from the first minute.

I know plenty of Wealdstone fans have been eagerly awaiting a home cup draw and lamenting previous away ties in recent years, so let's make sure we make up for that time and create a fantastic atmosphere at The Vale today!

Come on you Stones!

What a moment it was for Charlie Barker! Perfect header and the perfect time to score his 1st goal for the Stones

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ADAM EDWARDS WFCSC Update

Good afternoon one and all and welcome to The Vale for this afternoon's game versus Billericay. We trust every fan has a pleasant stay here with us in the heart of Middlesex, and also has time to share a drink with the supporters in the clubhouse after the game.

Since my previous notes the New Megastore (4.0) has been opened and has been trading in all things Wealdstone FC for a few months. As I probably mentioned then we also hoped to open a new 'Old Programme Hut' that would trade, as the name would suggest, in old Wealdstone home and away programmes, football league programmes, England & FA Cup finals programmes and more. I am happy to report we opened this new establishment on the 11th November 2023. Also known as the Megastore 4.5, it is located directly opposite the new Megastore outside of the stadium on the service road. The Old Programme Hut is the battleship grey container and houses several shelves containing all those valuable pieces of paper (sorted by opposition team, as well as by season), as well as old books and basically anything we cannot fit inside the new Megastore opposite. With a few blank Saturdays we have gone through, reordered and sorted much of the stock. We have also bagged up bundles of seasons worth of programmes. You can't go wrong with £3 a bundle for basically 25-30 home programmes. I have twisted my father's arm to help run it before the game, at half time and at the final whistle. In those few games since we opened it has proved very popular and it is always great to see people leaving with bags full of programmes that have been given a new home. David (my Dad) has been told to offer great bargains to help get the stock moving, so pop in and have a look around. You might find something you never knew you wanted.

2023 Xmas Raffle – The WFCSC will again be running the hugely popular Xmas raffle. Tickets are priced at £1 each and can be brought in person from any committee member, as well as inside the Megastore or online (www.wfcmegastore.co.uk). The draw will take place on the 1st January 2024 after our home game. Fabulous prizes include a Coffee Maker, Air Fryer, Lego, Scalextric, Table Football, Champagne Hamper, Theatre Vouchers and more.

What is New to the Megastore – As you can imagine in a newish shop most things are new. I have recently, and just in time for the cold weather and Christmas, taken delivery of the grey woven

Wealdstone hats / beanies. We have sold these in the past and they proved very popular amongst fans and now is the right time to reintroduce them. Priced at £12 each what better way to keep you warm and stylish. We have also taken delivery of Football Manager 2024 games, where you can plot a clubs (even the Stones) rise through the football league. If you had to put a price on your kids face this festive season £23 does not seem too much to part with. We have also expanded our range of Caps since first opening and they now come in a number of colours and styles. We also have stock of the navy bucket hats championed by many of you. Likewise, we have also added a few more types of Wealdstone Teddy Bears who sport different variations of Wealdstone Badge on their clothing.

& what is the same – We still have a large range of Wealdstone inspired t-shirts, the blue and white quartered polos, scarves, mugs, programme binders, fridge magnets, aprons, glass and ceramic coasters (which have proved very popular), notebooks, Stones & football league artwork, keyrings in a range of materials and designs, footballs, clocks and many more items. There is no need to leave your relatives sad this Xmas by not filling their stockings with just one of our Wealdstone treasures.

Away Travel – For those who have not seen the Supporters club has announced a coach to our away game vs Rochdale on 20th January 2023. Adults are priced at £35 each and U16's are available for £15. Bookings can be made in person at the Megastore or online at www.wfsc.co.uk and follow the link to 'Away Travel'. You better hurry as train prices are only going up (currently sitting at £90 return) so get booking to help yourself enjoy a day out 'Up Norf' and to get you through the winter blues.

Big Thanks – To James, John, Wobs, Tony and bar staff for putting on a very successful 80's disco down at the club on 2nd December. It was a sell out and by all accounts an enjoyable evening. Watch out for more Supporters Clubs events as they greatly help with fundraising and generating income for the club.

Both shops will be open, as always, before the home games from about 1:30pm until kick off, at half time and after the game until the last customer leaves. If you cannot make a game in the next few weeks check out the website that has 99% of our stock listed on there... wfcmegastore.co.uk

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The remarkable comeback win over Barnet was a reminder of the emotions that unite fans the world over



The Verona hardcore fans get the atmosphere cranked up

...st, a suggestion for a Christmas book, if you hadn't already consumed it 20 years

...Season with Verona has much to commend it apart from the obvious: and I have to admit that I had taken aback to learn that there was another Tim Parks. Yes, the effrontery! And one who can write much better than wot I can - not surprisingly, as he is a professor of literature.

...his T.Parks is a few years older (yes, that's possible) than a Mancunian who settled in Northern Italy in his late 20s. Since then he's written a host of books relating to the Italian way of life... especially comparing his adopted homeland to his birthplace in North London where his family moved to Manchester.

...at A Season with Verona has become a cult classic among football fans right across Europe. The 2002 book distills the essence of what it is to be a fanatic. It is all the more powerful to hear our own obsession with the beautiful game coming from the lips of someone so... well... different from your average football follower.

As you'd imagine, his book tracks the fortunes of his own adopted team, Hellas Verona, across the course of a whole season. It's a warts-and-all, eye-popping account of the sexism, racism (and almost any other ism you can imagine) spouting from the hardcore Hellas Ultras on the supporters coaches as they travel the length and breadth of a very long country. The *Brigate Gialloblu* makes our own coach

crew look like choirboys. Drink, drugs and deliberately provocative language are all employed by the Verona boys (and a few girls) but it's all just a game confined to Saturday or Sunday afternoons. Their jousts with the police and acceptance of being badly treated themselves is what keeps them going all week: the anticipation of being back on the *Curva*, singing their songs and abusing the opposition - and being painfully aware of their place in the Serie A food chain - is addictive.

I'm only halfway through the book, re-reading it some two decades later and I have no recollection whether Verona successfully battle relegation. For the smaller provincial clubs, that is all they can dream of in the face of blatant manipulation of officials, pitches and kick-off times by the powerhouses of Italian football: AC Milan and

Inter, Roma and Lazio, Juventus and Napoli.

In an 18-club Serie A with four relegated, at least two into the Champions and several more in the Europa League and Conference, every match is crucial in this dog-eat-dog division. The narrative is compelling and in this issue of the prog I've plucked three pages that reminded me strongly of how emotions can churn in the course of 90 minutes.

Yes, I'm thinking of the Barnet game!

He writes of the previous season, with Verona mired in the bottom two, and the miracle comeback against high-fliers Parma.

Remarkably, Verona followed up this win with FIFTEEN unbeaten games to end the season in mid-table safety.

Read on, fellow fans...you'll love it!

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to start the season with an away game against a direct relegation rival. Bari are fielding the same team they had last year, with the same manager. They will be solid and determined.

'Open the doors, the yellow-blues are coming through!' Sober and drunk alike, the *brigate* sing with all their might. Am I myself so fanatic? I've often wondered about the way I switch back and forth from 'we' to 'they' when I talk about Verona. I've often wondered over the years how badly the team would have to play for me to stop going to watch. It almost happened last season. There was a moment when I gave up, when I lost faith. It was a game that, had it finished as it was at half-time, would have meant the end for me.

This was immediately after Christmas. Halfway through the season, Verona were second to bottom. We had come up to Serie A three years before, promptly gone back down again, come up once more after two seasons in the miserable and violent Serie B, and now it looked as though we were going right back down again. The opposition that particular Sunday was Parma, a classy side, winners of the penultimate Cup Winners' Cup, participants in the Champions' League. They had international stars like Crespo, Thuram, Cannavaro, Benarrivo, Amoroso.

To keep hopes alive, Verona needed a result at all costs and started out with great determination, scoring after only three minutes. Parma didn't even look perturbed. Rightly so. It wasn't long before they had equalised and by half-time they were ahead three-one. 'This is it,' I told my son. 'We're going down. I can't bear it. I can't watch it.' It wasn't just the result, it was the extent to which the team were outclassed, the ease with which Parma were dismissing us. If football were purely an aesthetic experience, I should have been able to enjoy this, to admire it, but I couldn't. I couldn't enjoy the absolutely splendid way Crespo & Co. were destroying us. I have invested too much emotion in this team, I thought. And I thought: with the excuse of being with my son, of coming to the stadium with my son, I have embarked, over a period of some years now, in supporting a second-rate provincial side, to wit Hellas Verona F.C., something I am no doubt doing to satisfy all kinds of infantile dreams which hardly bear investigation.



A Season With Verona
Travels Around Italy in Search of Illusion,
National Character and Goals

TIM PARKS

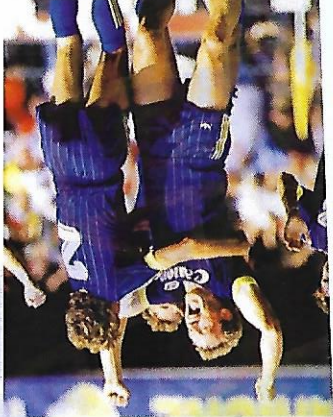
'Like all great books, it's one that was crying out to be written'
MICHAEL DIDDY



amid much fanfare and media attention. Those eager to see the world's most expensive player strut his stuff would be disappointed, however, as Maradona and his new team were humbled by the uncredited provincial club.

Verona's own new signing, German international Hans-Peter Briegel, neutralised his more glamorous Argentine counterpart. Briegel would also score the opening goal of the game, sending Verona on their way to a 3-1 victory and top spot in the league, a position from which they never looked back.

Briegel's contribution to Verona's opening day victory would set the tone for a season in which he and fellow new signing, the energetic Preben Elkjær, would prove decisive. Briegel, a versatile and physical midfielder, joined the Gialloblu from Kaiserslautern as a regular for the German national team. Briegel's exploits in Verona would see him receive the 1985 German Footballer of the Year award, the first foreign-based player to do so, as the midfielder's energy and skill proved pivotal to Bagnoli's side. We might feature a few more pages of the book in a forthcoming issue...



Above: Verona win their shock title in 1985 in a familiar-looking kit...

ONE OR TWO PARALLELS

joined Napoli for a world-record fee that summer. It is, in fact, with Maradona that Verona's incredible story would begin. The Partenopei travelled to Veneto with their new superstar on the opening day of the season,



Left: The fans. Right: The enigmatic Maradona, hero of the hour

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wanted to put on the field. His name was Morfeo. 'We're second from bottom and he gets hold of a player not even the bottom team will field! What can Morfeo do? It's incredible,' the pessimist said, but without anger. 'What has he done in the first half? Nothing. Because he can't do anything. We're going down,' he said. 'Next week Milan away. We're finished.'

The team had left the field to whistles. They returned to the kind of cheers and chants that are shouted against the grain through gritted teeth. Duty chants. We have to support you, we're going to support you, but you don't deserve it. Then another chant began, to the tune of a clock chiming the hour: 'Pas-to-ri-to-naj-far-a-to', 'Morfeo's useless', the guy in front kept saying. 'He's too small, he's too slight. He tries to do everything himself. Not even Cagliari would play him. What did we get Morfeo for? Within five minutes Morfeo had scored. Then he set up the equaliser from a beautifully placed free kick. Ten minutes from time, the big Thuram fumbled in the box and we had the winner. In injury time Morfeo struck a bouncing ball from thirty yards and hit the bar. We left the stadium euphoric. We had destroyed Parma. They had been routed, humiliated. Humiliated! What a wonderful word that is when you're not on the receiving end. The emotion was uncontrollable. We killed them! People were on the edge of tears. My son was shaking his head, endlessly repeating, 'We did it, we did it, we did it. Siamo grandi. Siamo grandissimi! Great. Truly great.' Sitting in the car, taking hold of the wheel, I found my hands and wrists were trembling.

'Unrestrained joy and deep depression always and only occur in one and the same person,' wrote Schopenhauer, since each provokes the other and both are the result of a great vivacity of spirit. 'Less flatteringly he goes on: 'Behind any experience of excessive grief or extravagant jubilation, there is always an error of thinking and a false belief.'

on the amazing Morfeo. Why had Cagliari let us have him? He was response to the team, his home team. And above all I was hooked did it to me. I was hooked on the team, I was hooked on my son's blood. He didn't suffer when Verona lost. What had he done on loan we started losing? What had he done? He had found a player on loan again. On loan! A player, what's more, from the only team that was below us, Cagliari. Could you believe that, a player not even Cagliari

WEALDSTONE, HELLAS VERONA AND SERIE A: MAYBE JUST



A SEASON WITH VERONA

And now the side is letting me down. The boys are making a fool of me. Hellas Verona football club is not my destiny, I decided, not in the way it is for these people around me, these people who grew up speaking the local dialect, who cannot imagine a different life. I can tear myself away from this, I thought. I can say 'they' not 'we'. I can and must detach myself.

Before the half-time break was over I had formally and finally decided to become less interested, to forget next year's season tickets to call it a day. It's a reaction I often have with Italy in general. This is not necessarily my destiny, I will tell myself, when something goes seriously wrong, something particularly and miserably Italian some tussle with Bourbonic bureaucracy, or the nth wildest strike on the Milan metro. You could leave this place, Tim, I announce. I say these things out loud sometimes. You are merely resident here. You could go tomorrow if you wanted to. Tomorrow! How many times have I told myself that?

'We're not getting a season ticket next year,' I told Mitchell. 'This is it. It's over. I can't face another season in Serie B.' My son was gloomy, watching his feet as he scuffed up the glossy match programme in disgust. 'We can fly to Old Trafford twice a year,' I said. 'Why not? I was born in Manchester,' I insisted. 'I saw my first games at Old Trafford. It's perfectly acceptable for me to support United.'

But I was born here,' he said. He ground the programme hard into the cement. 'And the team stinks.' Everybody around us on the terraces agreed that we were going down. There was resignation in the air. Why weren't they angry? I wondered. Why weren't they furious? We were going down, the pessimist know-all who always sits in front of us was explaining resignedly, because the owner Pastorello was no more than a businessman. The man had no passion for the team. He wouldn't spend money on it. He was tight. He didn't have Verona in his blood. He didn't suffer when Verona lost. What had he done on loan we started losing? What had he done? He had found a player on loan again. On loan! A player, what's more, from the only team that was below us, Cagliari. Could you believe that, a player not even Cagliari



was on the 12th of May back in 1985.. well would you believe it, Verona won the Italian title!

You want another parallel to Stones, the one and only a that unfashionable and won The Scudetto (he A) was one day after the league double with Italy over Boston United at Wembley. Yes, just 24 hours after the title was a distant dream for the Chinese faithful and an unlikely prospect for outside observers. Favoured Serie A in which the traditional players, from Michael Platt to Rossi and Zbigniew Boniek to Falcao and Roberto Pruz-Roma, and Alessandro Alcobelli to Karl-Heinz Rummenigge at Inter Milan. It was also the debut season of Gian Diego Maradona, who



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All you need to know about... Billericay Town

Opposition in focus



Little is known about the formative years of the club, but Billericay Football Club was formed in 1880. The 1977 F.A. Vase Final programme suggested the club celebrated its centenary in 1976.

From the 1900's Billericay F.C. was playing its matches on Archers Field, Laindon Road. The Memorial Hall was built there in the 1930's.

The earliest known honour the club lifted was the 1912-13 Mid-Essex League, Division Two title.

Billericay F.C. weren't the only club to represent the town. Billericay Albion F.C. played on a pitch at Newlands Road and Billericay Thursdays F.C. sometimes played near the current site of New Lodge as well as sharing Archers Field with Billericay F.C. either side of the war.

During the early years the club competed in the Romford & District League and the Mid-Essex League.

By the 1930's Billericay were competing in the Chelmsford & District League, winning Division Three in 1933. The Mid-Essex League, Division Two was also won on another two occasions, along with the Mid-Essex League, Division Two League Cup, also twice.

After the Second World War the clubs name was extended to Billericay Town, a choice that was not popular with a lot of fans at the time.

They were members of the South Essex Combination League until they became founder members of the Essex Olympian League for the 1966-67. Burnham Ramblers were crowned Champions with Town finishing seventh, below Bowers United and Essex Police.

John Newman joined as manager for the 1969-70 season which finally saw Billericay Town topped the Essex Olympian League table, winning the title on goal difference over Chadwell Heath. The following season they retained their title, only losing one match, this triumph was added to with the club lifting the Essex Olympian League Senior Division Cup and Challenge Cup.

In 1971 Billericay Town was one of nine founder members of the Essex Senior League for its inaugural season.

They had been granted senior status and moved in to their current home at New Lodge,

which had previously been used by Outwell Common F.C. New Lodge was named after the hospital, which stood at the corner of Blunts Wall Road and Tye Common Road.

They finished that season as runners-up behind Witham Town.

It was also around this time that the club badge was designed. The badge features an image of the Mayflower, which set sail for North America in 1620. Some of the ship's passengers were from Billericay.

They lifted the Essex Senior League title for the first of three times at the end of the 1972-73 season, also picking up the Essex Senior League Challenge Cup, beating Saffron Walden Town in the final.

RICKAY

HOME GROUND NEW LODGE

CAPACITY - 4,800

MANAGER - GARY MCCANN

2022/23 - 10TH ISTHMIAN PREMIER

The 1974 season saw Town finish second behind Saffron Walden but the title was reclaimed the following season, and reclaimed the season after that. The Essex Senior Cup was added to the Essex

Senior League success when Epping Town were beaten 3-2.

The first of five consecutive J. T. Clark Memorial Trophies was won in 1975.

The 1975-76 season saw the club make its first trip to the famous twin towers of Wembley Stadium as they competed in the final of the F.A. Vase. This was the second season since the Vase had been created, Billericay were beaten by Hoddesdon Town the previous season as Hoddesdon went on to lift the Vase. Billericay Town played Stamford in the '76 final with Geoff Aslett scoring the only goal of the match. The people of Billericay lined the High Street as the team paraded the Vase from the top deck of an open top bus.

On 5 May 1976 Billericay Town recorded their biggest victory, an 11-0 victory against Stansted.

1976-77 would be Billericay's last season in the Essex Senior League, finishing third but winning another Essex Senior League Cup.

Town made a second trip to Wembley in 1977. They faced Sheffield, the oldest club in the world. On the way to this season's final they played two replays and a 1-1 draw was the outcome of the final, with Freddie Clayden scoring Billericay's goal. The day after the final they won the Phillips Electrical Floodlit Trophy, a 6-a-side tournament held at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre

winning a set of floodlights for the ground.

The following Wednesday the two clubs met again, this time at Nottingham Forest's City Ground.

Geoff Aslett scored another F.A. Vase final goal with Paul Woodhouse scoring the eventual winner as Town triumphed 2-1.

To celebrate the installation of the new floodlights a friendly was held with West Ham United. A club record crowd of 3,841 fans turned up.

The following season they switched to the Athenian League and they were crowned champions for the 1977-78 and 1978-79 seasons before joining the Isthmian League. The Athenian League Cup was also lifted at the first attempt.

The 1977-78 season was the first time Billericay Town would compete in the F.A. Cup. Harwich & Parkeston visited New Lodge in the 1st Qualifying Round, earning a draw. Billericay won the replay 4-1.

John Newman left the club and his assistant, Colin Searle, stepped in to the managers' role.

Billericay Town made their third, and final, appearance in an F.A. Vase Final at Wembley in 1979. This time they faced Almondsbury Greenway and won the match comfortably 4-1 with Freddie Clayden scoring another finals goal and Dougie Young scoring a hat trick.

Young's hat trick was the first in a Wembley final since Geoff Hurst's for England in the 1966 World Cup Final against West Germany.

Success continued in the Isthmian League as the Division Two title was lifted at the first time of asking, earning promotion to Division One. The 1980-81 season ended with the runners-up position, behind Bishop's Stortford, and another promotion.

Five seasons were spent in the Isthmian League, Premier Division before Billericay Town suffered their first relegation as a senior club. The Blues wouldn't return to the top levels of the Isthmian League until 1999.

Town reached their second Essex Senior Cup Final in 1986, losing to Chelmsford City 3-0 on aggregate. The season after, 1986-87, the Essex Thameside Trophy was won for the first time.

The Essex Thameside Trophy was won again in 1992. Third place finishes were recorded in the Isthmian League, Division Three in 1991 and Division Two in 1992. Between 1994 and 1996 Billericay lost three consecutive Essex Senior Cup finals.



The 1997-98 season ended with The Blues finishing as runners-up in Isthmian League, Division One. The club also reached the F.A. Cup First Round Proper for the first time, losing out to Wisbech Town. Another F.A. Cup First Round appearance was made in 2004-05, this time losing out to Stevenage Borough. Three years later the club made their third First Round appearance. They went ahead against League One Swansea City before losing 2-1.

Thirty-five years after the clubs first Essex Senior Cup success the title was won again, this time after a 2-0 victory over Aveley. This was the clubs first trophy win for 19 years. The following season, 2011-12, saw the clubs biggest success since the 1970's. Having lead the club to Essex Senior Cup success manager Craig Edwards lead his side to the Isthmian League, Premier Division title and promotion to the

Conference South.

The Blues were relegated after only the one season in the Conference South but in December 2016 the club was bought by Glenn Tamplin who immediately set about improving the wage bill and the clubs facilities.

The 2016-17 season ended with the club having lifted the Isthmian League Cup for the first time.

Billericay Town went in to the 2017-18 season as favourites to win the Isthmian League Premier Division title.

It was during the 2017-18 season that Billericay Town had their first player capped at international level. Ricky Modeste was called up to the Grenada squad for a friendly in Trinidad. Grenada took a 2-0 lead with Ricky scoring their second goal. The match ended 2-2.

During March 2018 The Blues beat Chelmsford City 2-1 at Colchester United to lift the Essex Senior Cup. The following month Town beat Met Police 5-3 in extra time at Aveley to become the first club to retain the Isthmian League Cup in 34 years.

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OPPOSITION IN FOCUS BILLERICAY TOWN FC



DANIEL WILKS - GOALKEEPER

Dan joined Billericay in July 2023 from Dartford. He started his career with Watford U18's in 2014 and has spells between the sticks at St.Mirren, Maldon & Tiptree, Whitehawk, Welling United & Biggleswade Town before he joined Dartford.

ARCHIE ALDOUS - GOALKEEPER

TOM BENDER - DEFENCE

Bender is a product of the Colchester United Academy. Tom has also spent time at Accrington Stanley, Chelmsford, Welling United, Dartford, Forrest Green, St.Albans City & Hanworth Villa who he joined from in May 2023. Tom has also represented Wales at U17, U19 & U21 Levels.

BEN WELLS - DEFENCE

Wells played youth football for West Ham United and Queens Park Rangers. He has had spells at Concord Rangers, Welling United & Crawley Town who he joined from in September 2023.

UNIOR VELASQUEZ - DEFENCE

Unior joined from Brentwood in August 2023. He has also represented Woodford Town, Sutton United, Caracus, SC Farense at various age groups and levels.

RYAN HENSHAW - DEFENCE

Ryan started his career with Billericay back in

2010 before moving to Sudbury. Further moves to Chelmsford, Haverhill, Heybridge Swifts, Bishops Stortford & Braintree have preceded his return to Billericay in October 2023.

HENRY LUKOMBO - DEFENCE

ARON POLLOCK - DEFENCE

Drafted into the Leyton Orient first team squad during early 2016, Pollock went on a work experience loan to Isthmian League club Wingate & Finchley in March 2016. Following a short-term loan spell at WEALDSTONE in 2017 Pollock joined Isthmian League Premier Division side Leatherhead before making his spell permanent, following his release from Leyton Orient. Prior to the 2018-19 campaign, Pollock reunited with former manager, Sammy Moore at Concord Rangers. In May 2023, he joined Billericay Town following Concord's relegation.

JAY PORTER - DEFENCE

Jay started his career at Dartford in 2012 and has since represented Redbridge, Thamesmead Town, Hornchurch, Margate and Braintree before his move to Billericay in July 2023

LOUIS RAMSAY - DEFENCE

In July 2014, Ramsay joined Norwich City on a scholarship having previously been with Tottenham Hotspur. In July 2017, he joined Woking on a season-long loan deal. In 2018, he signed a deal with Leicester City, spending the season with their under-23 side.

In 2019, he joined Billericay Town before spending time on loan at Hornchurch the following year. In June 2021, Ramsay headed abroad to sign for USL Championship side Rio Grande Valley. In February 2022, Ramsay returned to England and signed for Concord Rangers. In May 2023, he returned to Billericay.

GEORGE WIND - DEFENCE

George started at Colchester as an U18 before joining Bowers & Pitsea in 2021 from who he joined Billericay in 2021.

ADAM LEATHERS - MIDFIELD

Leathers began his career with Leicester City as a youth player. Adam has also represented Wycombe Wanderers, Dulwich Hamlet, Hampton & Richmond Borough & Maidenhead Utd.

MATT JOHNSON - MIDFIELD

Matt joined Rushden & Diamonds from Avely in 2011 and has since represented Dover Athletic, Braintree, Bishops Stortford, Billericay for his first spell in 2017, Chelmsford, Enfield Town, Hornchurch and Braintree from who he joined for his second spell at Billericay in July 2023.

BRADLEY STEVENSON - MIDFIELD

Bradley began his career in 2006 with Gillingham. Bradley has had loan spells at Hastings United, Cray Wanderers, Tonbridge Angels & Margate before he joined Herne Bay in 2019. He has also represented Chelmsford City, and Welling United before joining Billericay in June 2022.

JAMES BLANCHFIELD - MIDFIELD

James started with Arsenal Youth in 2014 before spells at Ipswich, Aldershot, Dagenham & Redbridge, Concord Rangers and Chelmsford from who he sign for Billericay in July 2023.

FRANKIE MERRIFIELD - MIDFIELD

Merrifield signed his first professional contract with AFC Wimbledon in December 2011, having joined the club's youth system at the age of 16. Frankie has also had spells at Harrow Borough, Hayes & Yeading United, Bishops Stortford, Chelmsford City, Canvey Island, East Thurrock United before joining Billericay in 2023.

MALACHI NAPA - MIDFIELD

Malachi played youth football with Reading and Oxford United's Academy before signing his first professional contract with Oxford United in May

2017. Malchi has also spent time at North Leigh, Hampton & Richmond Borough, Macclesfield Town, Woking, Maldon & Tiptree, WEALDSTONE & Dartford before joining Billericay in 2022

JAYDEN ROBINSON - MIDFIELD

MOSES EMMANUEL - FORWARD

Emmanuel joined Cray Wanderers at a young age[vague] and eventually left in 2004. After scoring 19 goals for Croydon Athletic in the Isthmian League Division One South in the 2007-08 season, Emmanuel was spotted by scouts from teams in the Football League. Spells at Brentford, Welling United, Woking, Eastleigh, Dover Athletic, Canvey Island, Bromley, Dover Athletic, Sutton United, Maidenhead United, WEALDSTONE & Hayes & Yeading before joining Billericay in 2023.

ADE AZEEZ - FORWARD

Ade began his career with Charlton Athletic and had loans at Wycombe Wanderers, Leyton Orient, Torquay United and Dagenham & Redbridge before a permanent move to AFC Wimbledon. Ade has also had spells at Partic Thistle, Cambridge United, Dover Athletic, Newport County, Torquay United, Dartford & Welling before signing for Billericay in May 2023.

ALFIE CERULLI - FORWARD

Alfie joined from Hemel Hempstead in July 22 having also represented Braintree & Whitham Town

RICHARD ASAMOAH - FORWARD

MANAGER - GARY McCANN -

Gary joined on a 3 year contract in april 2023. He arrived at New Lodge following a recent spell at Vanarama National League South side Hampton & Richmond Borough where he spent four years in charge. Before his time with the Beavers, McCann was manager of Hendon and he was a mainstay in North London, remaining at Avenue Park Stadium for 13 years. McCann nearly lead the south-London-based side to a play-off place in the 2019/20 campaign in the National League South but were denied on Points-Per-Game (PPG), due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also led Hampton & Richmond to a number of Emirates FA Cup first round ties as well.



Billericay Town FC Greatest Seasons

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

1975/76

Billericay Town won the FA Vase for the first time in 1975/76. John Newman's side beat Hatfield Town 2-0, after a 1-1 draw, Crown & Manor 2-0, Epping Town 1-0, CNSOBU 2-1, Hungerford Town 2-0, Cadbury Heath 3-0 and Farnborough Town 2-1 to reach the FA Vase final. Geoff Aslett scored to give the following team a 1-0 win over Stamford after extra-time at Wembley Stadium: Griffiths, Foreman, Bone, Payne, Pullin, Coughlan, Geddes, Aslett, Clayden, Scott, Smith. They retained the Essex Senior League title, winning 23 of their 28 games and gaining 49 points. They also won the Essex Senior Cup, beating Epping Town 3-2 in the final.

1976/77

Billericay Town retained the FA Vase in 1976/77. John Newman's side beat Swanley Town 2-0, Hoddesdon Town 4-1, Redhill 3-1, after a 0-0 draw, Almondsbury Greenway 6-2, after a 2-2 draw, Winterton Rangers 1-0 and Farnborough Town 6-2 to reach the FA Vase final. Fred Clayden's goal gave them a 1-1 draw with Sheffield at Wembley Stadium. Geoff Aslett and Billy Woodhouse scored to give the following team a 2-1 victory in the replay at the City Ground: Griffiths, Payne, Pullin, Whettell, Bone, McQueen, Woodhouse, Aslett, Clayden, Scott, Wakefield. They also won the Essex Senior League Cup, beating Bowers United 1-0 in the final.

1978/79

Billericay Town won the FA Vase for the third time in four seasons in 1978/79. They beat Rainham Town 2-1, Epping Town 5-0, Royston Town 2-0, Worthing 2-1, Eastbourne United 1-0 and Shephed Charterhouse 2-0, after a 2-2 draw, to reach the FA Vase final. Doug Young's hat-trick plus a goal from Fred Clayden gave the following team a 4-1 victory over Almondsbury Greenway at Wembley Stadium: Norris, Blackaller, Bingham, Whettell, Bone, Reeves, Pullin, Scott, Clayden, Young, Groom. Billericay retained the Athenian League title under Colin Searle, winning 26 of their 36 games and gaining 57 points, finishing three ahead of Burnham.

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

1979/80

Billericay Town stormed to the Isthmian League Second Division title at the first attempt in 1979/80. Paddy Betson replaced Colin Searle as manager during the summer. Billericay won 31 of their 36 games and were the highest scorers with 100 goals, slamming five past Barton Rovers, Feltham, Southall & Ealing Borough, Willesden and Worthing. They also had the best defensive record, conceding just 18 goals and losing only twice, 3-1 at home to Hornchurch and 1-0 at Hungerford Town. Gaining 96 points, they finished 17 ahead of runners-up Lewes. Billericay also won the Essex Senior Trophy and were East Anglian Cup finalists.

1980/81

Billericay Town won promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division in 1980/81. It was a two-horse title race between Billericay and Bishop's Stortford for most of the season. John Newman returned as joint manager with captain Steve Bone and Billericay won 29 of their 42 games. They were Isthmian League First Division runners-up with 93 points, finishing three behind champions Bishop's Stortford who also won the FA Trophy. It was the first time a new club had achieved back-to-back promotions in the Isthmian League. Dave Groom was leading marksman alongside former Brentford striker Gary Rolph, while Phil Whettell was ever-present.

1997/98

Billericay Town regained Isthmian League Premier Division status in 1997/98. John Kendall's side began with a 4-0 win at home to Worthing, then a 5-1 victory at Berkhamsted. They gained six straight wins before losing 2-1 at home to title rivals Aldershot Town in mid-October. Leon Gutzmore was top scorer with 34 goals as they finished Isthmian League First Division runners-up with 81 points. Billericay also reached the FA Cup first round proper for the first time, beating Tooting & Mitcham 2-1, Dulwich Hamlet 2-1, Erith & Belvedere 4-1 and Camberley Town 1-0, after a 1-1 draw, before losing 3-2 to Wisbech Town in front of 1,065 at New Lodge.



1976: Impressive FA Vase victory parade

2004/05

Billericay Town qualified for the Isthmian League Premier Division play-offs in 2004/05. Danny Hockton grabbed a hat-trick as they hammered Kingstonian 6-1. Billericay also won 6-0 at Leyton on New Year's Day and 6-0 at Slough Town in mid-April with Paul Armstrong scoring four goals. Nathan Elder was top scorer as they finished runners-up with 80 points but lost 2-0 at home to Leyton in the play-off semi-finals. Justin Edinburgh's side also reached the FA Cup first round proper, beating Southend Manor 3-0, Dorking 1-0, East Preston 2-0 and Flackwell Heath 3-0 before losing 1-0 to Stevenage Borough in front of 1,804 at New Lodge.

2006/07

Billericay Town reached the Isthmian League Premier Division play-off final in 2006/07. Matt Jones' side made a five-match unbeaten start, then won 1-0 at home to eventual champions Hampton & Richmond Borough and 5-0 at home to Ashford Town (Mx). They triumphed 4-0 at East Thurrock on Boxing Day. Chris Whelpdale grabbed a hat-trick in their 5-0 victory over Slough Town in mid-March. Joe Flack was top scorer as Billericay qualified for the play-offs in fourth place with 77 points. They beat local rivals Chelmsford 5-3 on penalties in the semi-finals after a 1-1 draw but lost 4-2 on penalties to Bromley following another 1-1 draw in the final.

2011/12

Player-manager Craig Edwards guided Billericay Town to the Isthmian League Premier Division title in 2011/12. Billericay lost just one of their opening 17 games, sharing eight goals with Bury Town and trouncing Kingstonian 6-0 in consecutive home matches. They also won 5-1 at home to Tooting & Mitcham and 5-1 at Horsham. Leading marksman Jay May grabbed a hat-trick as Billericay won 6-0 at Aveley during the closing weeks of the season. They won 24 of their 42 games and gained 85 points, finishing three ahead of runners-up AFC Hornchurch as they secured promotion to the Conference South for the first time in the club's history.

2017/18

Billericay Town achieved the Isthmian League Premier Division title and League Cup 'double' in 2017/18. Jake Robinson scored a club record 34 goals as Billericay won 30 of their 42 Isthmian League Premier Division games and secured the title with 99 points. They retained the League Cup, beating Metropolitan Police 5-3 in the final. Jamie O'Hara, Jermaine Pennant and Paul Konchesky also featured as Billericay reached the FA Cup first round proper again, drawing 1-1 at Leatherhead before losing 3-1 in the replay. They also beat Chelmsford City 2-1 in the Essex Senior Cup final and defeated Harrogate Town en route to the FA Trophy quarter-finals.

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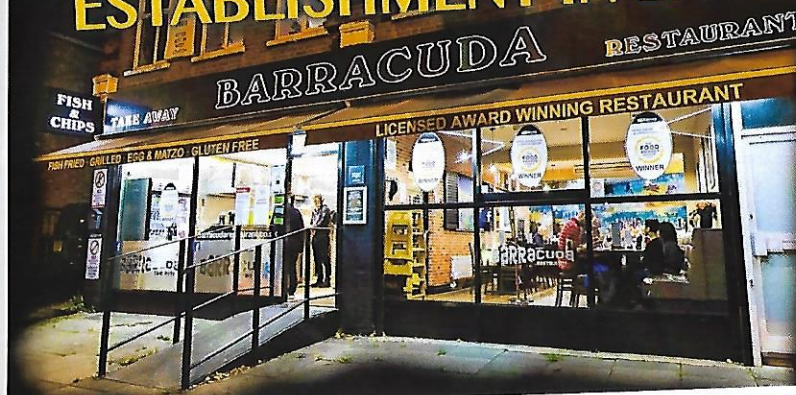
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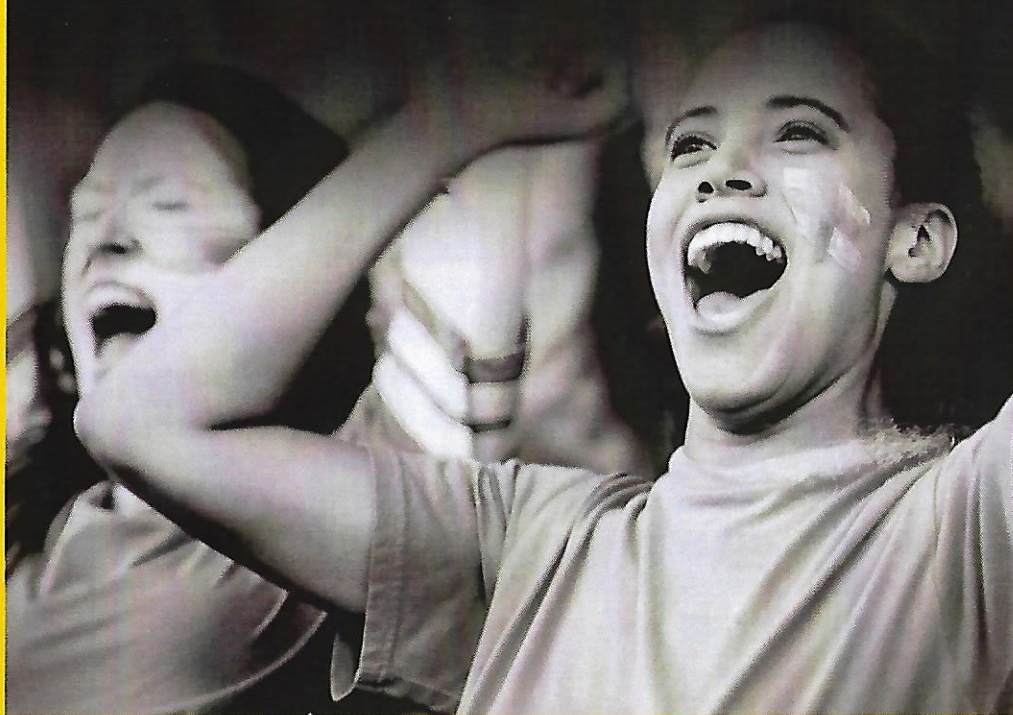
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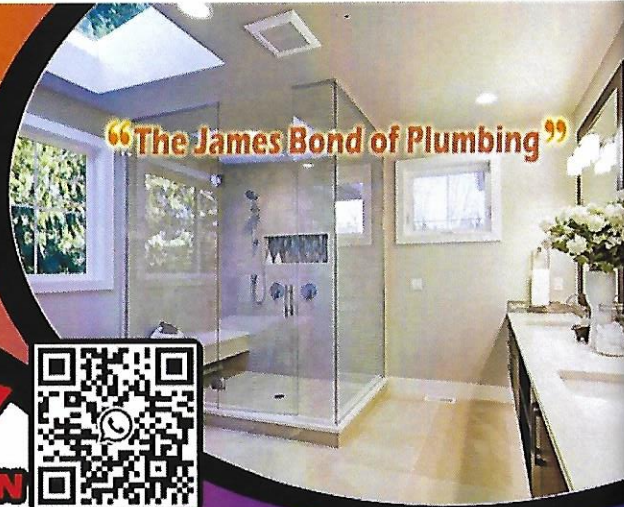
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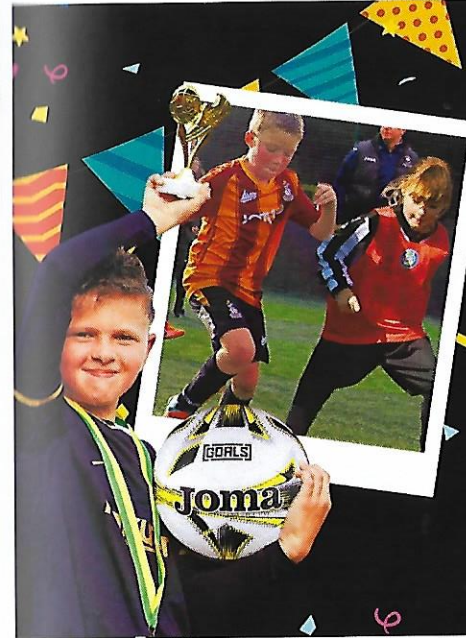
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Bradley Bubb's debut hat-trick to sink Riccay's pantomime villains will never, ever be forgotten

Saturday February 24, 2018, FA Trophy quarter-final: Billericay Town 2 Wealdstone 5
TO SCORE three goals on your debut is to guarantee your place in that club's folklore - and etch a place in the heart of the fans that will last forever.

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Bradley Bubb, signed just hours before the kick-off from National League Ebbsfleet, did just that after being pitched straight into a last-eight battle against a side who were in the middle of a media frenzy. Billericay were steered by the distasteful, attention-seeking Glenn Tamplin who had appointed himself as team manager a few months previously - and announced that he would resign if his Ryman League top dogs failed to overcome the mid-table National League South Stones.

So far once the football world were on our side! Riccay, with their star-studded, expensively-assembled squad were the favourites against Bobby Wilkinson's boys. But the Stones had resilience and self-belief after this run to the quarter-finals ... and with close to 500 fans travelling over from Middlesex had an awesome backing.

But did we expect Bradley Bubb to etch his place in Wealdstone folklore?

The circumstances surrounding the Harrow-born striker's explosive debut put him way ahead of other

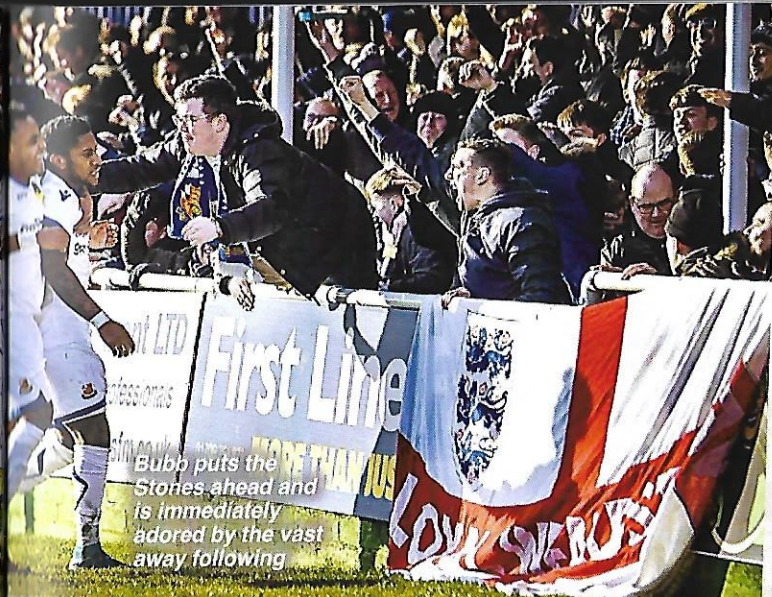
notable first-game hat-tricksters like Alan Shearer for Southampton, Tony Cottee for Everton and Fabrizio Ravanelli for Middlesbrough.

Wayne Rooney netted three for Man Utd against Fenerbache in his first Champions League game and further back, in 1961, Jimmy Greaves stamped his name in Spurs' history with a first-game hat-trick at Blackpool.

But to Stones fans, Bradley takes top spot. "It was pretty special for me" admitted the then-29-year-old afterwards. "Winning promotion from the Conference South with Ebbsfleet last year was amazing but the game at Billericay was my best debut, that's for sure!"

What most people didn't know was that this game was Bradley's first start since the previous April... almost ten months!

He ruptured an achilles tendon before Ebbsfleet clinched promotion and struggled to break back into the Fleet's National League team since



Bubb puts the Stones ahead and is immediately adored by the vast away following



react. I thought 'I'm quicker than you' and got to the ball first, though he tried to tug me back, but when I saw the keeper coming out I knew what I was going to do... just roll the ball between his legs and it was great to see it go in.

"The second goal was a lovely cross from Reagan. Same defender I think. I managed to chest it down and just poke it past the keeper. And the third... well my confidence was up so I thought 'one touch and get a good connection'. The keeper didn't have time to

recovering. "It was awful timing. I had scored 14 goals in 16 starts - then the injury. It meant I missed the play-offs and the glory - but now I just want to get back to scoring and helping Wealdstone up the table - and maybe even to Wembley."

Bradley had scored a cracking goal against us for Oxford City two years earlier and had nearly joined the Stones before the deal fell through. He also netted against the Stones for Farnborough in an FA Trophy tie in Hampshire in 2009, the week after our long unbeaten run had been ended by Rotherham at The Vale in the FA Cup.

"So talk us through the three goals at Billericay. It was your first start for nearly ten months so you must have been a bit apprehensive?" "No, not really, I felt good from the start and the keeper saved my first shot, early on. But the first goal was a great ball from Matty Whichelow, with the defender a bit slow to

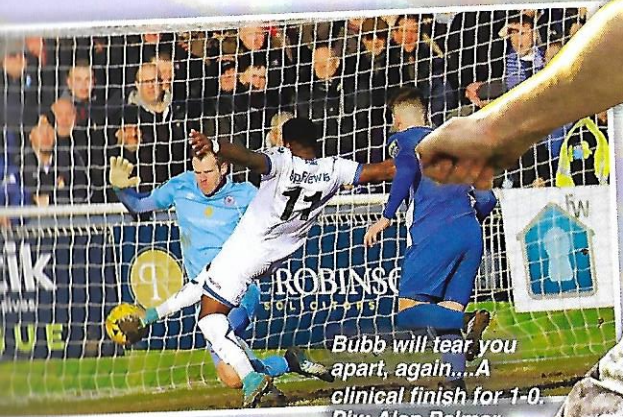
set himself and the ball found the far corner."

Stones were an astonishing 4-1 ahead at half time with Ricky Wellard, from a tight angle at the near post, and then Matty Whichelow straight from a corner putting the fans in dreamland at that point, bouncing around behind the goal.

Bradley's final strike, on the volley, led to the glorious realisation sunk in that we were in the FA Trophy semi-finals. Just one two-legged tie from Wembley.

In the days before the draw, with bad weather affecting the other matches, we knew that Bromley (who beat Spennymoor), Orient (who beat Gateshead) or Brackley (who beat Stockport) would be our opponents. Of course we drew the awkward and unglamorous Brackley - who'd knocked us out the previous season - and we were edged out 0-1 away and 0-2 at home. And the Northants side went on to lift the trophy against Bromley in a low-key final.

It should have been us, but it wasn't. Still, no-one can take away those memories of Billericay 2017...



Bubb will tear you apart, again... A clinical finish for 1-0. Pix: Alan Palmer



Bubb celebrates with Danny Green



The Stones line up in that lovely all-white strip on a terrible pitch

REWIND SPECIAL >>>> by tim parks

It happened 50 years ago

Part 13: Trip to Gibraltar bonds the Stones before the hectic Xmas period

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

Saturday December 8, 1973, Southern League Division 1 South: Wealdstone 1 Waterlooville 1
THIS season would conclude on a high, five months later, but prior to Christmas 1973 this teenage supporter saw all the worrying signs of a repeat of the disappointing 1972-73 season.

We had lost consecutive games at Wimbledon in a Southern League Cup 3rd replay (understandable as they were a division higher), at home to strugglers Andover (5-1, definitely not understandable) and then failed to beat high-flyers Waterlooville (acceptable, I suppose). Sid Prosser's side were on course to match the previous season's eighth place... but surely we were going to do better than that?

This was a team laced with Football League exper-

ence (defenders John McCormick, ex Crystal Palace, Eddie Presland, ex West Ham and Eric Burgess, ex Colchester), plus ex Spurs double winner Terry Dyson, and with some talented youngsters who'd not quite fulfilled their promise (like Willie Watson, Ray Fulton and Chris Kinnear, all ex West Ham, and George Duck, ex Spurs).

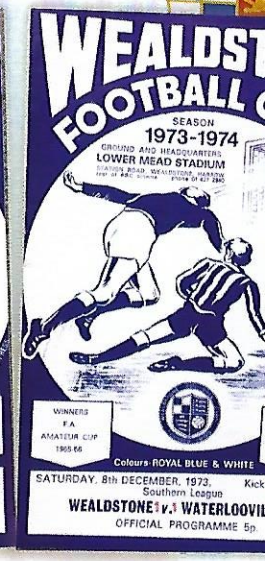
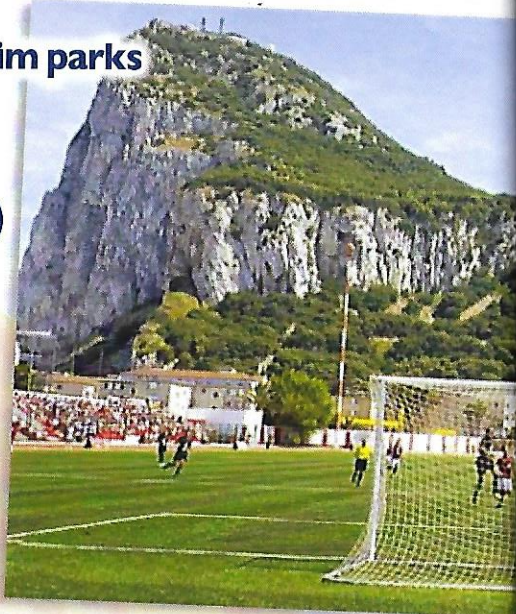
Maybe what they needed was a bit of bonding to improve their understanding...

Well, the Stones financial director Harry Benjamin ran a travel business back in the 70s and he arranged a 4-day tour of Gibraltar in the week after the Waterlooville game. Not all

the squad could travel but with a trio of Edgware Town players filling in (goalkeeper Mike Coffey, striker Mickey Ryan and midfielder Vince Summers) the Wealdstone XI beat a Gibraltar National XI 4-1 in the tidy new stadium alongside the airport with goals from Bill Byrne, Fulton, Summers and Ryan.

They flew out on the Monday, played the game on the artificial shale pitch, saw the sights on the Thursday and flew back late that night. A whistle-stop tour but a great success, as seen in the programme article (left).

Watson and Fulton were the jokers of the tour and Willie likes to tell the story (even now) of the high jinks resulting from the arrival of a plane at the neighbouring air-



Above: the quirky 73-74 programme covers for the Boston and Waterlooville games...

Above: A match takes place in the Victoria Stadium with the brilliant backdrop of the Rock of Gibraltar. The scene in 1973 was more like below with the oval running track and the airport in the background



...while (above) everyone seems to be getting in the act with a new stadium... even with the nearby equivalent of Northolt aerodrome! Work on the intended 8,000-seat ground will cost £100m and starts later this year, ready for completion in 2030

port.... apparently the floodlights had to be turned off for 30 seconds as the plane landed so as not to dazzle the pilot, and the referee blew his whistle to stop the game with the ball in the Stones' penalty box.

In the pitch blackness, Willie and Ray tiptoed up the pitch with the ball and when the lights came on were inches from the Gibraltar goalline for a tap-in!

That trip seemed to wipe out the memories of the disappointing home draw with Waterlooville who, to be fair, were three places ahead of us in the league table having played four more games.

In the continued absence of the Harrow Observer (due to the work-to-rule that was paralysing the country) I have no cuttings to corroborate the story, but according to the next week's programme the

Hampshire side's goalkeeper Dambrell was the star:

Winger Manns gave Waterlooville the lead and we huffed and puffed until George Duck levelled with his 31st goal of the season. Not bad for mid-December!

The Gibraltar trip seemed to galvanise the squad ahead of the run-in towards Christmas when we faced FIVE successive home games at Lower Mead, with just the solitary away trip to second-in-the-league Minehead on December 22.

That game falls 50 years before the arrival of Hartlepool here for our National League clash in a fortnight so I won't spoil it by revealing the scoreline. But it was a cracker!

Gibraltar Trip A Great Success

I am writing these notes flying at 35,000 feet over the Bay of Biscay at 11 p.m. on Thursday night and can report that Wealdstone's short tour to Gibraltar was an outstanding success. The party landed at Gatwick shortly before midnight and arrived back at Lower Mead at 1.30 a.m.

But first to the football. That too was a great triumph for we beat the Gibraltar F.A. National XI 4-1, in the new National Stadium leading Summers. It was exhibition stuff in the second half and after Gibraltar had made it 3-1 Mick Ryan got the fourth and Wealdstone then treated the Watson especially delighting the crowd with a repertoire of skills he would never dare attempt in the Southern League! Perhaps the best goal was Fulton's. Ray played midfield, and scored with a mighty volley from 20 yards which never left the hard sandy pitch.

Socially, too, the trip was magnificent. Before the match both teams were presented to Mr. Horace Zammit, the Minister of Information and Sport in the Gibraltar Government, and on Wednesday evening the Minister, with the Gibraltar F.A. gave a reception to Wealdstone in the ancient City Hall. The Minister presented every member of the Wealdstone Party with a beautiful tie, with a plaque to skipper Eric Burgess, and said Wealdstone would always be welcome in Gibraltar.

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- APA Events & Security
- ASL Executive
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- Barton Petroleum
- Bathroom Complete
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- Chandlers Roofing Supplier
- Count Creation
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- Greenking
- Goals
- GO Sport Travel
- GPF Lewis
- Groundtel
- Guy Mummery Roofing
- Homeflair
- HNC Empire Estates
- Lawrence Rand
- Lewis Decorators
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- Merchandise.co.uk
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- Middlesex Hose & Fittings
- Nagle Flooring
- NHS Lung Health Check
- Northwood & Ruislip news
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- Orbital Fasteners
- R&S Automotive Ltd
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- S&D Timber
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- The Vale
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- Wells Glass

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- Barton Petroleum
- Goals
- GO Sport Travel
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 ALTRINCHAM Saturday 16th September Vanarama National League	The JD Football Academy
 WOKING Tuesday 26th September Vanarama National League	The Vale Social Club
 OLDHAM ATHLETIC Saturday 30th September Vanarama National League	Tony Pauley
 BOREHAM WOOD Saturday 21st October Vanarama National League	Stuart Kane
 OXFORD CITY Tuesday 24th October Vanarama National League	Vinusan Padmarasa
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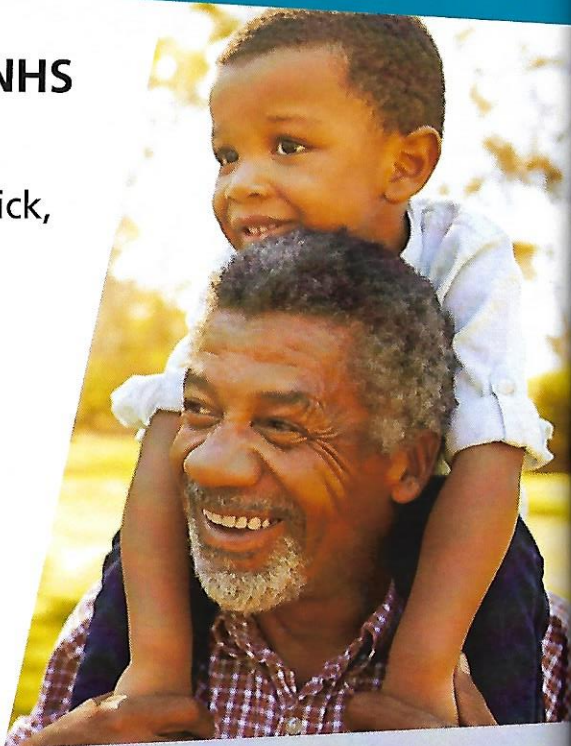
 BARNET Saturday 26th November Vanarama National League	Adam Rossington	
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 SOUTHEND UNITED Tuesday 23rd January Vanarama National League	Sponsor 1 Available	Sponsor 2 Available
 FC HALIFAX TOWN Saturday 27th January Vanarama National League	Toby Jackson (Lapels Badges)	Sponsor 2 Available
 GATESHEAD Saturday 17th February Vanarama National League	Sponsor 1 Available	Sponsor 2 Available
 DORKING WANDERERS Tuesday 20th February Vanarama National League	Sponsor 1 Available	Sponsor 2 Available
 EASTLEIGH Saturday 9th March Vanarama National League	In memory of Tony Drew	Sponsor 2 Available
 BROMLEY Tuesday 12th March Vanarama National League	Wealdstone FC Supporters Club	Sponsor 2 Available
 KIDDERMINSTER HARR. Saturday 23rd March Vanarama National League	David, Adam & Guy Edwards - in Memory of Rowland Edwards	
 SOLIHULL MOORS Monday 1st April Vanarama National League	Terry Hissey	Sponsor 2 Available
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National League
Tuesday
9th January
7:45pm

For all Vanarama National League fixtures:

£15 admission for EFL or Premier League season ticket holders and members of the armed forces

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE AS AT SUNDAY 5/12/2023

	ALL					HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	RESULTS			
	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F			(H)	(A)		
1 Chesterfield	21	17	2	2	53	28	10	9	1	0	30	15	11	8	1	2	23	13	25	53	2-3
2 Bromley	23	13	6	4	37	23	12	9	1	2	23	11	11	4	5	2	14	12	14	45	1-1
3 Barnet	22	13	3	6	43	35	11	7	2	2	20	15	11	6	1	4	23	20	8	42	3-2
4 Solihull Moors	22	10	7	5	32	30	11	4	4	3	16	12	11	6	3	2	16	18	2	37	0-1
5 Gateshead	21	10	6	5	47	27	11	5	3	3	24	16	10	5	3	2	23	11	20	36	1-2
6 Aldershot Town	22	11	3	8	38	36	11	7	3	1	25	15	11	4	0	7	13	21	2	36	1-3
7 Altrincham	21	9	8	4	40	29	10	5	4	1	24	11	11	4	4	3	16	18	11	35	0-0
8 Rochdale	23	9	6	8	40	35	11	4	3	4	21	17	12	5	3	4	19	18	5	33	3-2
9 Halifax Town	22	8	8	6	24	21	11	4	5	2	13	10	11	4	3	4	11	11	3	32	0-1
10 Oldham Athletic	22	7	9	6	33	33	11	3	5	3	18	14	11	4	4	3	15	19	0	30	1-1
11 Eastleigh	22	8	6	8	34	37	11	6	3	2	22	18	11	2	3	6	12	19	-3	30	0-0
12 Hartlepool United	22	8	3	11	36	42	11	5	1	5	18	20	11	3	2	6	18	22	-6	27	1-2
13 Maidenhead United	23	6	9	8	27	33	11	3	6	2	11	10	12	3	3	6	16	23	-6	27	
14 Wealdstone	21	7	5	9	26	30	11	7	3	1	19	13	10	0	2	8	7	17	-4	26	-- --
15 Southend United	21	10	5	6	37	22	10	8	0	2	25	7	11	2	5	4	12	15	+15	25	
16 Dagenham & Redbridge	22	7	4	11	24	29	11	3	0	8	12	19	11	4	4	3	12	10	-5	25	0-2
17 Dorking Wanderers	21	7	4	10	26	37	11	4	2	5	15	17	10	3	2	5	11	20	-11	25	1-3
18 Boreham Wood	22	5	9	8	27	32	11	3	4	4	12	12	11	2	5	4	15	20	-5	24	1-1
19 York City	22	5	8	9	31	41	11	2	5	4	18	20	11	3	3	5	13	21	-10	23	2-1
20 Woking	22	6	4	12	24	30	11	2	2	7	11	17	11	4	2	5	13	13	-6	22	1-0
21 Ebbsfleet United	23	6	4	13	30	44	11	4	1	6	14	14	12	2	3	7	16	30	-14	22	2-1
22 Oxford City	23	5	6	12	34	46	12	4	2	6	20	21	11	1	4	6	14	25	-12	21	3-1
23 Kidderminster Harriers	23	4	7	12	17	29	12	2	5	5	8	11	11	2	2	7	9	18	-12	19	0-1
24 AFC Fylde	22	4	6	12	33	44	11	2	4	5	17	22	11	2	2	7	16	22	-11	18	3-2



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