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IT'S AN EAST END LOVE-IN! Stones' Tarryn Allarakhia, who was born in Redbridge, celebrates the clinching goal on Saturday with his jubilant Uncle 'Cookie' who was just one of many joyous Allarakhia family members at the game. PICTURE: JON TAFFEL



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By Mark Hyde

# Written in Stone

## Festive Football Feast

**A very festive welcome to you all here at Grosvenor Vale for either our Pre Christmas game against Hartlepool or our first home game of 2024 against local rivals Maidenhead United.**

This time of year will amplify life's struggles for many and it is important that as a community we look out for each other. Football is a great release from the daily grind for many so take a look at the person standing next to you, spare five minutes for a chat or a cup of coffee, it really could make a big difference.

As always at this time of year the glut of fixtures, staff holidays and increased shipping times take their toll on our ability to produce multiple programmes so please accept my apologies for this double and slightly dated double issue.

As I write these notes (An indication of our early deadlines) we have just recorded our first away win of the season at Dagenham & Redbridge so I am unable to comment on our much delayed entry into the FA Trophy but fingers crossed for a positive result

and a trip to Chelmsford.

There is much to be excited about as we look forward from the clubs perspective, not least the prospect of finally having a ground that we can relax and grow with for generations to come. I look forward to more details as they become available as I am sure you all do too.

As 2024 begins we also tend to reflect on the year we are leaving behind and more poignantly the many loyal and much missed supporters who will not be joining us in the next chapter of Wealdstone's journey. Raise a glass to them all and let's take their memories and contributions with us.

To you all then.. Please have a very merry Christmas and a fantastic new year from all of us here at Wealdstone Football Club and

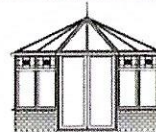
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With seasonal weather and Aldershots continued participation in the FA Cup, keep a close eye on the clubs social media outlets for up to date fixture news.

Mark

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# Nine months later and Stones finally chalk up that next away win... and it was well worth the long wait!



Tarryn Allarakhia salutes the fans after his clinching goal at Dagenham. Pics: Jon Taffel



**BY SUDHIR RAWAL**

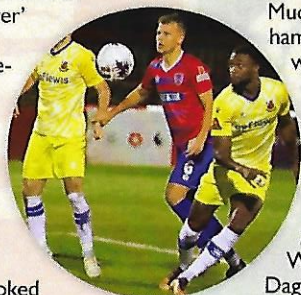
**TWO HUNDRED and eighty seven days, eight months and ten days.**

That's how long had elapsed between Micah Obiero scoring a last-minute goal to snatch the points at Torquay United in March, Wealdstone's last away win, to last Saturday's dramatic success at an East London ground where we 'never' win.

Our record at Victoria Road is remarkably poor. We have never beaten Dagenham & Associated East London Clubs and our last win at that ground was on Boxing Day 1987 when they were still called just Dagenham. Our home record against them isn't much better either.

After a three-week hiatus, we looked rather ring rusty in the first half against a side that used a high press designed to stop us playing. The game was rather bitty, we never got going and rarely controlled the half. Too many rushed clearances, passes going astray, it was attritional stuff. That said, Dagenham didn't really force Marcus Dewhurst into an important save despite having more of the ball.

The second half was a different kettle of fish. We were much more on the front foot and once we took the lead from the knee of Sean Adarkwa



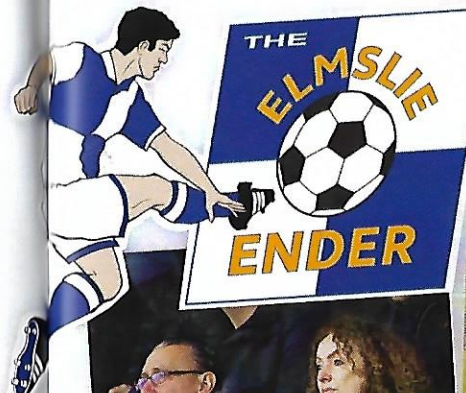
(above), there was only going to be one winner. Tarryn Allarakhia added the icing on the cake with a second in injury time to make sure that the final few moments were without incident.

Much had been made of Dagenham's awful home form, five wins in a year, nine matches lost this season alone, verses our away record, one win in 13 months and nine away defeats on the spin. A Dagenham fan called it *The Elcrapico* on social media.

Much had also been made about Dagenham being a club in chaos and turmoil, with chanting for their ownership group to depart the club along with their CEO, during the game - yet on current form and league position, they were similarly placed to Wealdstone. With the huge investment they have had in their playing side by their American ownership, including former Wealdstone investor Todd Johnson, the Daggers have massively underperformed and with crowds dwindling fast and those that do attend in uproar, you wonder where it will lead. Ultimately at heart, Dagenham and Redbridge are a non-league club, not a former Football League side that part of their short history has had. Are their expectations realistic?

On one of the Stones *WhatsApp* groups of which I'm a member, it was mentioned that for much of our time before we came to Ruislip after we lost Lower Mead, our expectations have been about survival and simply existing as a football club and not much else.

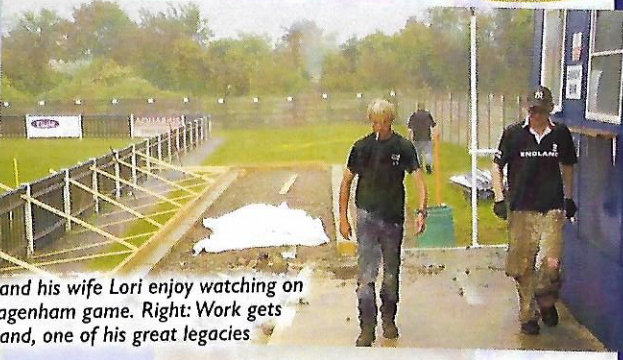
Now, with potentially a new stadium on the horizon, even if distant, will our expectations as a supporter base exceed realism?



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 very first football fanzine in Britain when it published in 1971



Above left: Paul Rumens and his wife Lori enjoy watching on among the fans at the Dagenham game. Right: Work gets underway on the Bulla stand, one of his great legacies



You can say that that has already started to happen. Our aim now is merely to survive at this level as a part-time club, yet some expect us to be challenging for the play-offs.

**TALKING of survival, in the last week or so, it was announced that Paul Rumens has stepped down from his honorary role as President of the club.**

It struck me that many of our newer supporters will only see Paul as someone who represented the club at away matches, hosted guests in the boardroom and played an important role in bringing in commercial income into the club over the more recent years... and have little knowledge of the hugely important part he played in the survival of the club.

As the Stones moved into administration in our second season at Vicarage Road, Paul (a long-term supporter living in Northampton) stepped out of the shadows to take over the club. He brought a huge amount of enthusiasm and drive at a time when the club lacked the where-withal to understand how it would survive.

Phoenix clubs hadn't become vogue then, but with no money and no ground, the chances of any long-term survival would have been slim to nil. Paul, along with the fundraising efforts of the supporters through sponsored walks and the Blue-Ribbon scheme, persuaded the administrators not to close the club. That in itself was a huge achievement, and probably an unrealistic scenario at the time. He then took on the lawyers with a negli-

gence case under their professional indemnity cover and secured just shy of a million pounds which kept the club going and also helped our ill-fated contribution to the PEPF project.

He then brought Gordon Bartlett in from higher-level Yeading, and whilst we did take a demotion to the bottom of the Isthmian League, kick-started the revival of the club.

Fast forward a few more years, he was part of the fab four that took over the ownership of Ruislip Manor Social Club, with Quentin Fox, Dom Whyley and Peter Worby... and but for them the club would not have a home of their own and be where we are now.

The other pivotal event that I am going to mention is the building of the Bulla Stand. We had just lost in the play-offs to Concord, the club was at a low ebb and the Vale still a rather rustic stadium; sensing this Paul embarked on an idea to build that stand

behind the goal and re-energise the fans. Fundraising, enthusing a huge team of volunteers to give up countless weekends to build the stand, the Vale started to look like a football stadium.

As this column has mentioned previously, there are many who have played their part in Wealdstone's survival and return to the top of the Non-League game. Paul has more than played his part.

**Finally, season's greetings. Who'd have thought we'd see out the old year with an away win, victory over Barnet and, genuinely, a new stadium on the horizon. Roll on 2024!**

## Paul Rumens brought a huge amount of dedication, enthusiasm & drive to WFC



The iconic Elmslie Stand at the Stones' former ground, Lower Mead in Harrow. Can this be replicated at our new permanent home?



THE STONES INTERVIEW BY TIM PARKS

# ten minutes with... BROOKLYN ILUNGA

**THE CURSE of the Stones interview' will doubtless be trotted out if anything untoward happens to our MK Dons loanee Brooklyn Ilunga over the Christmas period... for that's exactly what occurred when he originally joined the Stones last January.**

There had been a spate of interviewees suddenly suffering injury or loss of form once they'd been featured in these pages. Brooklyn had starred in nine games, figuring in six wins, three draws and just three defeats when he gratefully appeared in print for the Chesterfield home game in March last year - and promptly had his jaw broken in the first 20 minutes. His replacement, Joel Taylor, then played three games (all defeats) and wasn't even in the match-day squad when his 'cursed' interview appeared in the Oldham home programme!

So let's keep our fingers crossed for 20-year-old Brooklyn after he'd made the brave decision to opt for playing for the Stones over sitting on the bench for the League Two Dons.

"MK Dons have some strong players on the left side" said the left-sided wing back. "And after a discussion with my agent I've thought it would be best for me to go out on loan again... I wasn't getting any game time and at my age you just want to be playing football".

The Stones were absolutely raving about Brooklyn in the week at the beginning of the year. His debut as sub saw a 3-1 win over Eastleigh, and we went on to

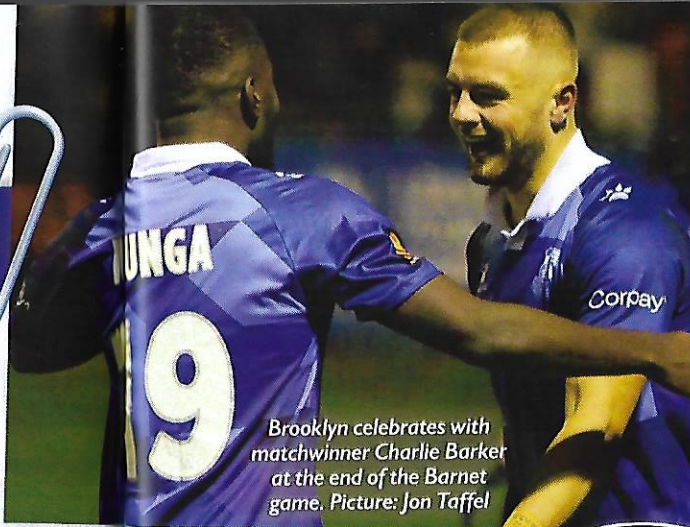
beat Dagenham, York, City, Altrincham, Maidstone and Torquay in a run that hoisted Stuart Maynard's boys up to eighth in the table. Brooklyn had contributed half a dozen assists for goals in that golden period. We then faced Chesterfield at The Vale and had hopes of at least repeating the 1-1 draw we'd pulled off at

their Technique Stadium three weeks earlier (Brooklyn crossing for Mica Obiero's goal) but there was absolute disaster when he was carried off after a collision in the early stages of the game.

"Was that foul deliberate?" I asked the young defender. "No, I don't think he meant to break my jaw, but he certainly meant to leave something on me. I was disappointed as I knew I was playing well - it took three weeks to heal, and then six or seven weeks to get back to full fitness so I was back in the squad with MK Dons for the last game of the season".

Brooklyn has been named in the 18 for most of the current EFL League Two season but only started one game: the 1-0 defeat to Harrogate Town in September, when he was named man of the match. "That was really frustrating as Harrogate parked the bus and stole the game. But I was pleased with my performance".

Despite the sponsors' accolade he was back watching three days later at Walsall with regular left back Cameron Norman reinstated. Apart from that, Brooklyn has only started games twice in the EFL Trophy - the 1-0 win at Oxford United in August and then the 3-2 win at the MK Arena v Northampton last month. He then returned to the bench... and



Brooklyn celebrates with matchwinner Charlie Barker at the end of the Barnet game. Picture: Jon Taffel



On his debut v Dagenham Brook runs 'em ragged... and assists for Ashley Charles' winning goal (right)

was delighted when the Stones inquired about bringing him back on loan, and MK Dons sanctioned the deal.

"When you made your second debut against Barnet you started off in the right wing-back slot. Are you happy to play on both sides?" I asked him.

"I'll play anywhere so long as I get a game!" he said eagerly. "I'm more used to playing on the left but on the right I can cut in and cause problems. But I can use my right foot too! It's not just for standing on.

"It's been disappointing though, having the Southend and Billericay (twice) games called off because we're all fit and ready to go. We've been training at Harefield when the games are called off but i've been going into MK Dons as well, of course."

Brooklyn's style of play is contrary to the old-fashioned full-backs that I grew up with in the 1970s. His first touch is always to go for-

ward and he is ideally suited to the attacking wing-back role.

"Yes, I like to run into open spaces and sometimes that is easier away from home.

The surface is very decent at the Vale, but teams come here to defend and some of the away pitches like Chesterfield and Halifax seem enormous when we counter-attack".

When I last interviewed Brooklyn, on the eve of that fateful Chesterfield game, he was having to get lifts down from his home in Luton with his elder brothers Brandon and Bradley... and was just about to take his driving test. But he passed!

"Yeah, I've got my own wheels now which is a big advantage. I can now go places!"

How far, football-wise, do you think you can go Brooklyn? I asked him. What level do you aspire to?

"Well, I don't put a limit on it. I just want to play as high as I can, and I really think I could play at any level that I set my mind to".

"Which top level player is similar to you? I asked him.

"Ah that's a good question. I'm not sure... maybe Alphonso Davies at Bayern Munich, or

Sadio Mane when he was at Liverpool" (I must admit that my knowledge of international football is limited, but Wikipedia describes Davies thus: "Considered one of the best full-backs in the world, Davies has earned the nickname "The Roadrunner" for his exceptional pace, dribbling ability, and creativity.")

That's not a bad benchmark! Here's hoping that Brooklyn can have as much impact in his second loan spell with the Stones as he did in his first.

## Quick questions

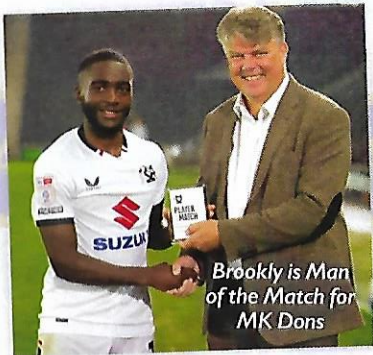
**What's your favourite meal?** Spaghetti and meatballs.

**And your favourite restaurant?** Per Tutti in St Albans. A great pasta place

**Last film you saw?** The Equalizer II, with Denzel Washington

**... And what is your dream holiday destination?**

Either Marbella, in Spain, or the Dominican Republic. Anywhere with a bit of sun!



Brooklyn is Man of the Match for MK Dons





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# All you need to know about... Hartlepool United FC

## The opposition in focus

**H**artlepool were founded in 1908 as Hartlepoons United Football Athletic Company.

West Hartlepool won the FA Amateur Cup in 1905 and after the club was dissolved in 1910 its assets and liabilities were subsequently taken over by Hartlepoons United, who were then playing in the North Eastern League. Hartlepoons United were elected into the Football League in 1921 and would spend the next 37 years in the Third Division North, at which point they were placed into the Fourth Division. In 1968, the s and the United of the club's name were removed due to the merger of West Hartlepool with the town of Hartlepool and the village of Hart – forming the new borough of Hartlepool. The club won promotion in

1967–68 for the first time, though were relegated out of the Third Division the following season. In 1977, the United was added back to the team's name. They won another promotion in 1990–91, though were relegated in 1993–94. They won further promotions out of the fourth tier in 2002–03 and 2006–07, having been



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relegated again in 2005–06 after losing the 2005 League One play-off final to Sheffield Wednesday in the previous season. Hartlepool were relegated again in 2012–13 and ended their 96-year run in the Football League with relegation into the National League in 2016–17. Hartlepool achieved promotion back to the Football League in 2020–21, beating Torquay United in the 2021 National League play-off final. However, Hartlepool returned to the National League after two seasons following relegation in 2022–23.

Hartlepool have played home games at Victoria Park throughout their history. Their main rival is Darlington. Between 1924 and 1984, Hartlepool had to apply for re-election on fourteen occasions (a record) in the fourth tier of English football; however, they were not relegated from this level until 2017. The club is also known for being the one that Brian Clough started his managerial career. The club's record appearance holder is Ritchie Humphreys, who made 543 appearances, while their leading scorer is Joshie Fletcher with 111 goals.



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# OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

## Hartlepool United FC



### 1. JOEL DIXON - GOALKEEPER

A National League winner with Barrow in 2020, a product of Sunderland's academy, had loans at Workington and Boston United then joined Barrow and made over 200 appearances for the Bluebirds during a six-year spell. He then gained League One experience with Bolton Wanderers, winning the EFL Trophy.

### 2. DANIEL DODDS - DEFENCE

Dodds first played for Newcastle United as a youngster before a five-year stint in Boro's academy. He became a regular for their U23s and made his first-team debut in the EFL Cup against Barnsley in August 2022.

### 3. DAVID FERGUSON - DEFENCE

The left-back played for Darlington and Sunderland early in his career before appearing in the Championship for Blackpool. He also earned three caps for the England C team in 2017 following a spell at Shildon and return to Darlington. Ferguson enjoyed three years with York City between 2017 and 2020, playing more than 100 games. He then switched to Hartlepool and played a vital role as Pools were promoted to League Two, earning a place in the 2021 National League Team of the Season.

### 4. MATTHEW DOLAN - MIDFIELD

Hometown midfielder Dolan returned to Hartlepool in 2023, having played on loan at the club in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 seasons. Dolan, a product of Middlesbrough, had spells with Bradford and Yeovil following his departure from the Riverside. He then enjoyed a five-year stay with Newport County, making over 200 appearances for the Welsh outfit.

### 5. ALEX LACEY - DEFENCE

Lacey came through Luton Town's youth set-up and made 50 senior appearances, winning the Conference in 2014. He then moved to Yeovil and was named the 2017 Supporters Player of the Season. After playing in League One with Gillingham, Lacey enjoyed three years with Notts County and later made the move to Pools.

### 6. KIERAN WALLACE - DEFENCE

A former England youth international, Wallace signed for Pools in the summer of 2023 after spending 18 months with Mansfield Town. Wallace came through Nottingham Forest's youth ranks before a spell with Sheffield United. He then enjoyed three years with Burton Albion, and also had brief loan under Pools manager John Askey at York City.

### 7. JAKE HASTIE - FORWARD

Scottish winger Hastie moved to Hartlepool in June 2022 after a three-year spell with Rangers. He came through Motherwell's academy and played 17 times in the Scottish Premiership, alongside loan moves to

Airdrieonians and Alloa Athletic. Hastie, capped by Scotland U21s, then gained experience on loan at the likes of Rotherham United and Linfield.

### 8. ANTHONY MANCINI - MIDFIELD

French midfielder Mancini signed for Hartlepool in July 2023 after impressing during a pre-season trial. He spent his entire youth career in his homeland and gained his first senior experience with the Angers second team. Mancini also represented France at U19 level. The midfielder moved to England and enjoyed a two-year stay with Burnley. He then had a spell with Accrington Stanley in League One before joining Pools.

### 9. JOSH UMERAH - FORWARD

The powerful forward joined Hartlepool in July 2022 and finished as the club's top scorer during his first season at the Suit Direct Stadium with 15 goals. London-born Umerah came through Charlton Athletic's youth set-up and played three times at senior level, alongside loan moves to Kilmarnock, Wycombe Wanderers and Boreham Wood. He had spells with Ebbsfleet, Torquay and Wealdstone before putting pen to paper for Pools.

### 10. CALLUM COOKE - MIDFIELD

The playmaker, who previously represented England at U18 level, rose through Middlesbrough's academy set-up. He had loans to Crewe and Blackpool before he signed for Peterborough. Cooke then enjoyed a spell with Bradford City, making over 100 appearances for the Bantams before making the switch to Pools.

### 11. CHRIS WREH - FORWARD

The forward, who is the son of former Liberia and Arsenal attacker Christopher Wreh, joined Pools ahead of the 2023/24 campaign. Wreh, born in New York, had spells in non-league with the likes of Rushden & Diamonds, Newport Pagnell and Banbury United. He spent last season in the National League with Southend United, making 27 appearances.

### 12. JOE GREY - FORWARD

After impressing for the Hartlepool United youth team, Grey signed a professional contract with Pools in 2020. The attacker has played nearly 100 times at the Suit Direct Stadium, including a memorable victory where he came off the bench to net the winner against Championship side Blackpool in the 2021/22 FA Cup.

### 13. PETE JAMESON - GOALKEEPER

The former Middlesbrough youngster signed for Darlington after spells in the Northern League with Conssett and Sunderland RCA. He then played over 100 times for Blyth In the 2022/23 campaign. Jameson gained experience in League Two with Harrogate before making the temporary move to Hartlepool.

### 15. EDON PRUTI - DEFENCE

Capped by Albania at youth level, Pruti joined Pools in January 2023 before his contract was extended in the summer. The former Stevenage and Burnley youngster earned a contract with Brentford in 2022 after impressing in the National League South with Slough Town. He spent six months with Brentford's B team, playing 14 times, before making the move to Hartlepool.

### 18. KIERAN BURTON - DEFENCE

Burton became Pools' first signing of the 2023/24 campaign after leaving Scarborough Athletic. The left-sided defender played for Barnsley's development side before enjoying a year in the Northern Premier League with Tadcaster Albion. Burton spent last season in the National League North with Scarborough, making 34 appearances as they recorded a top half finish.

### 19. JOE MATTOCK - DEFENCE

The 33-year-old holds nearly 500 career appearances. He played for England at youth level and spent 12 seasons in the Championship with the likes of Leicester City, West Brom and Sheffield Wednesday. Most notably, Mattock spent seven years of his career at Rotherham United, playing 225 games. He twice achieved promotion from League One, and also won the EFL Trophy at Wembley with the Millers.

### 20. MANI DIESERUVWE - FORWARD

The towering frontman, who has twice won promotion to the Football League, joined Hartlepool in the summer after winning the 2023 FA Trophy with Halifax Town. After progressing through Sheffield Wednesday's academy, Dieseruwwe played for the likes of Chesterfield and Kidderminster Harriers. He joined Salford City in 2017 and won back-to-back promotions with The Ammies, scoring in the 2019 National League play-off final. He then helped Salford win the 2020 EFL Trophy. Dieseruwwe also won promotion to League Two with Grimsby Town in 2022, on loan from Tranmere Rovers. Last season was spent with Halifax.

### 21. CHARLIE SEAMAN - DEFENCE

Hailing from London, the right-back joined Hartlepool in July 2023 on a season-long loan from Doncaster Rovers. Seaman played for West Ham and Bournemouth growing up. His first taste of senior football came on loan at Weymouth before he was sent to Dundee United, Eastleigh and Maidstone.

### 22. TOM CRAWFORD - MIDFIELD

Central midfielder Crawford joined Pools in August 2020 and, despite struggling with injury, made 20 appearances as the club were promoted to League Two. He played for Stoke City and Chester as a youngster before a two-year spell with Notts County, as well as a brief loan move to Fylde where he won

the 2019 FA Trophy.

### 23. MANNY ONARIASE - DEFENCE

Onariase signed for Hartlepool in July 2023 from Dagenham & Redbridge, where he made over 100 appearances in the National League. The centre-back played for West Ham, Brentford and Rotherham when he was younger. His first exposure to senior football came on loan at Cheltenham Town in 2017.

### 24. BRODY PATERSON - DEFENCE

He turned professional with Celtic and spent a total of nine years with the Scottish giants, as well as earning experience on loan at Queen's Park and Airdrieonians.

### 26. ZAK JOHNSON - DEFENCE

Eighteen-year-old Johnson joined Pools on loan from Sunderland in September 2023, where he was a mainstay for their U21s and played in cup competitions at senior level. Johnson also captained the England U18 team in June as he travelled to Portugal with the Young Lions.

### 27. LUKE HENDRIE - DEFENCE

Experienced centre-back Hendrie returned for his third spell at the Suit Direct Stadium, after signing on a season-long loan from Bradford City in August 2023. The former Manchester United and Derby County youngster made his professional debut back in 2015 for Pools, on loan from Burnley.

### 33. MITCH HANCOX - MIDFIELD

Versatile midfielder Mitch Hancox joined Pools on loan from York City in November 2023. He has previously worked under John Askey twice in the past. A product of Birmingham City, Hancox played 33 times in the Championship before moving to Askey's Macclesfield and winning promotion to the Football League. After spells at Solihull Moors and Hereford, the 30-year-old moved to York in 2021 and won the National League North play-offs under Askey.

### 34. CIARAN BRENNAN - MIDFIELD

The 23-year-old came through Wednesday's academy set-up and played 18 times for the first-team. Brennan also represented the Republic of Ireland at youth level. Brennan has enjoyed previous loan spells with Gainsborough Trinity, Notts County and Swindon Town, playing 17 times in League Two last season.

### 35. NICKY FEATHERSTONE - MIDFIELD

Featherstone is currently seventh in the all-time appearance list for Hartlepool United. The central midfielder played for Hull City, Wallsall and Hereford before making his way to Hartlepool in October 2014. Featherstone's time at Hartlepool includes a great escape from League Two relegation in 2015 and a National League play-off final win in 2021.





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# Hartlepool United Greatest Seasons CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

1956/57

Hartlepool United narrowly failed to win promotion to the Second Division in 1956/57. Hartlepool kicked off with a 5-1 victory at home to Chesterfield and raced to the top of the table with just two defeats in their first 16 matches. Ace marksman Ken Johnson scored four goals in both games as they hammered Southport 6-1, then Tranmere 5-1. Long-serving manager Fred Westgarth died in February, shortly after Hartlepool had lost 4-3 at home to Manchester United in an epic FA Cup third round tie watched by a record 17,246. Hartlepool were shocked by his death and finished Third Division (North) runners-up.

1967/68

Hartlepool United won promotion for the first time in 1967/68. Gus McLean replaced Brian Clough as manager and new signings included George Smith, Alan Goad and Wilson Hepplewhite. Hartlepool were unbeaten in their opening four games and overcame a lean spell to surge up the Fourth Division table with ten wins in 13 games, including a Christmas double over Walsall and Darlington. Bobby Lumppings arrived in February and partnered top scorer Terry Bell as Hartlepool were undefeated in their last 16 matches and clinched promotion with a 2-0 win at Swans. John McGovern soon followed Brian Clough to Derby.

1974/75

New manager Ken Hale topped Hartlepool's best-ever League Cup run in

## Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects ten post-war Hartlepool United 'Classic Campaigns'.

1974/75. They beat Workington 2-1 in the first round, then Bournemouth 1-0 in a second round third replay and Blackburn 2-1 in a third round replay to reach the fourth round for the first and only time. Malcolm Moore's goal clinched a 1-1 draw at home to eventual winners Aston Villa: Barry Watling, Rob Smith, Jimmy Shoulder, Malcolm Dawes, Alan Goad, George Potter, John Honour, Allan Gauden, Malcolm Moore, Frank McMahon, Mick Spelman. The highlight of the League campaign was a 5-0 win over Rochdale as they finished mid-table.

1988/89

Hartlepool United featured in the FA Cup fifth round draw for only the second time in 1988/89.

They were early pace-setters in the Fourth Division with five wins in their opening six games before a barren spell led to Bobby Moncur replacing John Bird as manager in October. Hartlepool beat Wigan Athletic 2-0, Notts County 1-0 and Bristol City 1-0 in the FA Cup before drawing 1-1 at home to Bournemouth in the fourth round: Rob Moverley, Tony Barratt, Rob McKinnon, John Tinkler, Wayne Stokes, Paul Baker, Brian Honour, Andy Toman, Joe Allon, Simon Grayson, Paddy Atkinson. They were defeated 5-2 in the replay.

1990/91

Joe Allon scored 28 goals as Hartlepool United won promotion in 1990/91. Hartlepool began with a 3-2 victory at Chesterfield and John MacPhail arrived from Sunderland in September as they overcame

a barren spell to soar up the Fourth Division table with six wins in seven matches. Brian Dalton grabbed a hat-trick in Hartlepool's 5-1 win at Aldershot and Alan Murray replaced the dying Cyril Knowles as manager in March. Loan keeper Kevin Poole took over in goal as Hartlepool remained unbeaten in their last 14 games, starting with a 4-1 victory at Maidstone and clinching promotion with a 3-1 win at home to Northampton.

1999/00

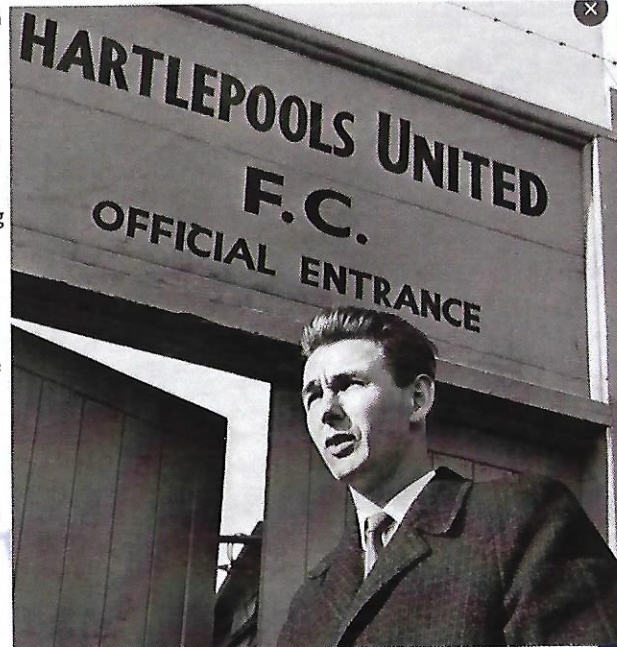
Chris Turner guided Hartlepool United to the Third Division play-offs for the first time in 1999/2000. They made a disappointing start, with a 3-0 victory at Carlisle the only win in their first seven games, but results improved as Martin Hollund kept a clean sheet in nine successive home matches. Leading marksman Tommy Miller grabbed a hat-trick in the 3-0 win over Barnet and Hartlepool climbed into the promotion frame by January after four straight wins. Paul Stephenson was ever-present as they pipped Cheltenham to the final play-off place with a 3-0 win at Hull on the last day but lost 3-0 to Darlington in the semi-finals.

2000/01

Kevin Henderson and Tommy Miller scored 33 goals between them as Hartlepool United qualified for the Third Division play-offs again in 2000/01. Tony Lormor made his debut as Hartlepool began with a 2-0 victory at Lincoln but they were languishing in mid-table by November before the arrival of Mark Tinkler and return of Micky Barron sparked a record 21-match unbeaten run. Craig Midgley netted a hat-trick as they hammered Barnet 6-1, their biggest League win for 41 years, and Chris Turner's side remained in fourth place for the last three months of the season. Hartlepool lost 5-1 to Blackpool in the play-offs.

2002/03

Hartlepool United won promotion for the third time in their history in 2002/03. They stormed to the top with just one defeat in their opening ten games, including a 4-1 victory over Darlington. Mark Tinkler netted a hat-trick and newcomer Marcus Richardson scored as Hartlepool beat Wrexham 4-3, shortly before Mike Newell replaced Chris Turner as manager in November. They remained in pole position for seven months but finished runners-up after drawing 1-1 at Rushden in a last day title decider. Eifion Williams was leading scorer, while Anthony Williams, Richie Humphreys and Chris Westwood were ever-present.



The late Brian Clough started his managerial career at Hartlepool in 1965

2004/05

Hartlepool United maintained their upward progress as they were League One play-off finalists in 2004/05. Early form was inconsistent and they were mid-table by December before a nine-match unbeaten run lifted them into the promotion race, slamming five goals past Wrexham and MK Dons, then taking Brentford to an FA Cup fourth round replay. Top scorer Adam Boyd netted a hat-trick in a 3-0 win at home to Sheffield Wednesday in April, then Martin Scott replaced Neale Cooper as manager just before Hartlepool drew 2-2 at Bournemouth to pip them to the last play-off place. They lost 4-2 to Sheffield Wednesday in the final.

2006/07

Hartlepool United regained League One status at the first attempt in 2006/07. They gained just two points from their opening five games under new manager Danny Wilson before results improved, winning 5-3 at Peterborough. Captain Micky Barron returned from injury, while Andy Monkhouse and Richie Barker arrived from Swindon and Mansfield respectively. Hartlepool soared to the top of the table by March after a club record 23 match unbeaten run, including a record nine successive wins. They clinched promotion with a 1-0 victory at Wycombe but were pipped to the title by Walsall on the final day of the season.

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## James Klarfeld WFCSC Update

**Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Xmas and prosperous New Year.**

Although this is my very first time writing notes for the Supporters Club, many will know me around the club, and also posting on Twitter/X as @Wealdstonejames

A little about me: for the past 15 years I have been Events Officer for the club, running various events aiming to raise funds for the football club, which I am pleased to say have been very successful. Over the past years we have hosted many bands from Soul, Motown, to Ska which have resulted in sold out gigs. Recently, with our newly formed sub committee, along with Peter Worby and John Young, we plan to expand the variety of events we put on such as the recent Comedy Night and Xmas 80's Disco, again the latter selling out due to phenomenal demand.

The first gig of the New Year will be a Ska Night featuring Big 10 a ten piece band from Cambridgeshire. If you are planning to come to this gig, it is advisable to purchase tickets early, as whilst writing this article fifty per cent of the tickets have already been sold! Tickets are available at the bar **CASH ONLY** or contacting me on my mobile **0797979 5414**.

Some of the other events we are planning that are at present TBC are a Motown/Northern Soul Disco Night, Shorts and Shades 70's Disco, plus live tribute bands UB40, The Jam and one for the diary that has been confirmed is tribute band OASIZ who will be playing at the club on Saturday 6th April, details to follow.

One of the other main events that we organise as a committee which are held in very high esteem by

Premier, EFL and National League clubs are our Fan Zones, where we offer the use of our facilities at The Vale to fans visiting Wembley. This includes car parking, bar facilities and us at the supporters club providing a bbq which always goes down well with fans before and after the game. This year we invited the most clubs we have ever hosted including Newcastle Utd, League Cup Final, Bolton Wanderers, Papa Johns Final, Coventry City, Stockport County, and Sheffield Wednesday for play off finals plus Notts County NL play off final and Man City for the FA Cup final.

This culminated in us having the highest number of fans so far using our facilities, with numerous accolades being fed back that it was way beyond what they were expecting, one even going as far to say it was the best welcome he had received in over 50 years of watching football! These events can only happen if we have people to run them so if you are reading this article and would like to get involved please speak to our Chairman Mark or any other committee member, who will be only too happy to take your details so we can give you a call back nearer to the time. This year we had a few newbies helping who all said that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will be back for more.

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# All you need to know about... Maidenhead United

## The opposition in focus



The origins of senior football in Maidenhead can be traced back to October 1870 with the formation of Maidenhead Football Club, who subsequently played their first ever fixture on December 17th, 1870 against Windsor Home Park at Bond's Meadow near Maidenhead bridge.

On Thursday, February 16th 1871 the club played their first game on the York Road site against Marlow. This ground, which was then shared with the cricket club, is now officially acknowledged as the oldest continually used football ground in the world by the same club, eclipsing Northwich Victoria's old claim by five years. Maidenhead were one of the original 15 entrants for the first ever FA Cup competition in 1871-72 and the following season reached the last four before losing to Oxford University. Maidenhead reached the quarter-finals in the next two seasons, but in 1876 did not enter, although this was the only season they failed to participate. They also entered the first ever Berks & Bucks Cup competition in 1878 - winning the competition for the first time in 1895 - and the first FA Amateur Cup in 1893. The adopted club colours were Red & Black, initially worn as halved shirts, but changed to stripes in 1904.

Maidenhead FC merged with three sides before the Great War. Maidenhead Excelsior were founded in 1877 and joined forces with the Red & Blacks in 1885. Maidenhead Temperance - originally known as Maidenhead Band of Hope - amalgamated with the club in 1891 and Boyne Hill FC did likewise later that year. After many seasons of playing friendlies and Cup matches, Maidenhead FC were founder members of the Southern League in 1894 but competing in Division 2 with the likes of Watford, Brentford, Fulham and Brighton proved too demanding and the club consistently struggled. Eventually in 1902, after eight years of membership, they resigned and joined both the West Berkshire League and the Berks & Bucks League. In 1904 Maidenhead became members of the Great Western Suburban League where they remained until

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the outbreak of the Great War. Spartans and Corinthians. After the Great War the two remaining town clubs - Maidenhead and Maidenhead Norfolkiens (founded 1884) - decided to join forces. The conflict had meant that it was unrealistic to run two senior clubs, so after a meeting in April 1919, the Norfolkiens were incorporated into the Maidenhead club, and soon afterwards a kit of black and white was adopted as club colours. There was immediate success in the first season of structured league football as Maidenhead FC won the Great Western Suburban League. In August 1920 the

suffix "United" was added but, more importantly, the freehold of York Road was purchased for £1,450 from William Grenfell, later to become Lord Desborough. Two years later the club joined the Spartan League and the 500 seater grandstand - at the time considered one of the best of its kind - was opened by Club President, Ernest Dunkels.

Maidenhead United won the Spartan League title three times during their nineteen year stay. In 1929-30 season the club's goal-scoring record for a season was set when Jack Palethorpe notched 65 goals in 39 games, including an individual post 1919 record of seven in one game against Wood Green Town. Jack went on to play for Sheffield Wednesday and scored in the Owls FA Cup win in 1935. In 1936, Maidenhead reached the semi-final of the FA Amateur Cup losing 4-1 to Ilford at West Ham in front of 18,000 spectators. It was during that season



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that the record attendance for a Maidenhead home match of 7,989 was set when Southall visited York Road in the quarter-final. During the Second World War, the club competed in the Great Western Combination.

In 1945 the club were founder members of the Corinthian League. After many seasons of relative mediocrity, fortunes changed under the guidance of ex-Brentford forward, Len Townsend, and then former Slough Town manager Jimmy Price, and the Magpies enjoyed the first real "purple-patch" in their history. In seven seasons between 1956 and 1963 the club won the league three times, were runners-up twice and also reached the third round of the FA Amateur Cup in 1960, losing to West Auckland at York Road in front of a post-war record attendance for a Maidenhead game of 5,597. As well as County Cup, County Benevolent Cup and League Memorial Shield successes during this period, the 1st round proper of the FA Cup was reached in 1960 (losing 5-0 away to Colchester United), 1962 (losing 3-0 at home to Wycombe Wanderers) and 1963 (losing 2-0 to Bath City at York Road). Athenians and Isthmians In 1963, United joined the Athenian League finishing a best placed 3rd in 1965-66. In 1973, the Magpies were elected into the newly created second division of the Isthmian League. They made a concerted effort to

achieve promotion to the Premier Division in 1979 and 1980 when managed by Geoff Anthony (finishing 3rd on both occasions), and then again in 1985 under Brian Caterer and Colin Lippiatt, when they finished 4th. They remained in this division until 1987 when the Club suffered relegation for the first time in its history, and the dark days were made worse with the destruction of the main grandstand by an arson attack in December 1986. It

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took four seasons to get out of Division Two South, and this was achieved under the guidance of Martyn Spong in 1991. An Isthmian League record of 13 straight wins at the start of 1990-91 season was the springboard to success, but the club lost out on the title to Abingdon Town on the last day of the season.

During this season, however, the team established a club record of 19 league games without defeat. Following the unexpected departure of Spong to Enfield in the summer of 1991, Gary Goodwin, John Clements and then John Watt took on the manager's job with generally moderate results and the club regularly finished in or around mid-table.

In 2016-17 Maidenhead won the renamed National League South, earning promotion to the National League with 98 points and remain at National League level to this day.

Maidenhead finished the 2022/23 season in 20th place.



# OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

## Maidenhead United FC

### DANIEL JINADU - GOALKEEPER

Danu joined the Magpies in 2023 following his release from Dartford. The young keeper has featured at youth level for both Chelsea and West Ham before moving to Barnsley where he would spend two seasons in Yorkshire. Jinadu would then play for both Margate and Dartford before moving to Maidenhead.

### ZICO ASARE - DEFENCE

Asare would spend his youth career playing for Premier League side Fulham developing through the ranks while also picking up England caps at the U15 level. Asare moved to Oxford City in 2021 and after an impressive season with the Hoops, the full-back could move to Maidenhead United in 2022.

### SAM BECKWITH - DEFENCE

Beckwith's career started at Luton Town where he could feature regularly at youth level. The full-back's next senior move would be to Biggleswade Town on loan in 2020. Beckwith first moved to Maidenhead United on loan in 2021 and after impressing Alan Devonshire would be signed permanently in 2022.

### WILL DE HAVILLAND - DEFENCE

De Havilland started his career with Millwall and played for the likes of Wycombe Wanderers, Aldershot Town, Maidstone United, and Dover Athletic before signing for Maidenhead United in 2021. The central defender has been a successful signing for the Magpies and features regularly for Alan Devonshire's side.

### KEVIN LOKKO - DEFENCE

The former England C international has had a successful career playing for the likes of Maidstone United, Stevenage, Dagenham & Redbridge, Aldershot Town, and Farnborough before making the move to Maidenhead United in 2023. Lokko impressed in his first pre-season for the Magpies scoring against Hitcham Town.

### HARRY PARSONS FORWARD

Parsons arrived at Maidenhead United on a free transfer at the beginning of the summer, after 12 years at Swindon Town. The 20-year-old played 25 games for the Robins, as he mostly spent his time on loan, with spells at Chippenham, Banbury, and Farnborough.

### ASHLEY NATHANIEL-GEORGE - MIDFIELD

Nathaniel-George spent his youth career at Arsenal, Watford, Wycombe, and Wealdstone, before moving to Potters Bar Town. After an impressive season at Hendon, he joined League 2 side Crawley Town. Nathaniel-George joined Maidenhead in 2022 after spells at Southend and Torquay and won Supporters Player of the Year last season. The winger has also been capped for Antigua and Barbuda on seven occasions, scoring once.

### 9. SHAWN MCCOULSKY - FORWARD

McCoulsky started his career at Dulwich Hamlet and impressive performances saw him sign for Bristol City. The striker would then spend the next few seasons on loan at a number of clubs, most notably Southend and Newport. After leaving Bristol City, McCoulsky would have spells in League 2 with Forest Green and Colchester before signing for the Magpies in January 2022..

### 10. KANE FERDINAND - MIDFIELD

Ferdinand started his career at Southend United and spent a number of seasons in the Football League with Peterborough, Northampton, Cheltenham, and Dagenham. He joined Maidenhead from fellow National League side Woking in 2021 and now is a regular in the Magpies midfield. Ferdinand was also named Alan Devonshire's Player of the Season for 2022/2023.

### 11. JAYDEN MITCHELL-LAWSON - MIDFIELD

Mitchell-Lawson spent his early career in the Swindon and Derby academies, and after a period on loan at Bristol Rovers, he would rejoin Swindon Town. The winger would play one season in League 2 before joining Ayr United in the Scottish Championship, where he also spent one season. Mitchell-Lawson eventually joined the Magpies on a free transfer in July 2023.

### 12. BRADLEY KEETCH - MIDFIELD

After spending time in the Reading Academy, Keetch joined Maidenhead in 2018. The midfielder has since spent time on loan at both Walton Casuals and Farnborough on two occasions.

### 16. TOBY SHO-SILVA - FORWARD

Sho-Silva joined Maidenhead this summer on a free transfer and is a product of the Charlton Athletic Academy. The forward adds National League experience to the Magpies, as he has previously had spells in the league with Welling, Bromley, Dover, Halifax, and Sutton. He also has

spent time in the Football League with Sutton and Carlisle.

### 17. REECE SMITH - MIDFIELD

After working his way through the youth ranks at Maidenhead, Smith is now a regular for Alan Devonshires' side, playing 38 times in the league last season. He is able to play in central midfield or out wide and is a fan favourite due to his coming from the club's youth system.

### 18. CHRISTIAN JOHNSON - FORWARD

Christian has had two successful seasons with Maidenhead United Academy scoring over 30+ goals in the National Academy South League. The Wycombe teenager spent this season playing for Holyport FC under the guidance of former assistant manager, Sam Lock, gaining valuable experience and notching 14 goals in 32 starts playing as a winger and a striker. Christian is currently part of the talented Maidenhead United Academy which allows talented young footballers the chance to continue their academic studies through BCA..

### 20. REMY CLERIMA - DEFENCE

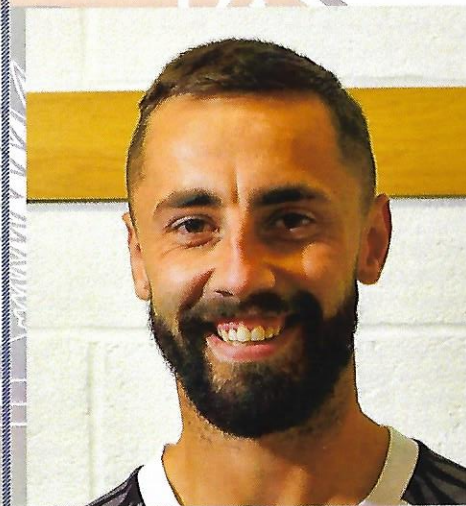
Clerima spent his career in France playing for Lorient B before making the move to England to play for Histon FC back in 2010. The Frenchman would stay at Histon for four years before moving to Brackley Town in February 2014 and then Braintree Town in August 2014. Clerima signed for the Magpies in 2016 and has been a key member of the side ever since

### 24. ALAN MASSEY - DEFENCE



Massey started his career at Wycombe Wanderers where he would be sent on loan to Hendon and Wealdstone with the latter signing Massey in 2008. The central defender would spend four years with the Stones before signing for Braintree Town on a free transfer. Maidenhead United would sign Massey in 2015 who would prove to be a major success for the Magpies and is now the club captain.

### 26. LEWIS KINSELLA - DEFENCE



Kinsella's youth career started at both Arsenal and Aston Villa before he would have back-to-back loan moves to Luton Town and Kidderminster Harriers. The full-back's most known for his time at Aldershot Town where he spent four seasons and played over 100 times. Kinsella has also played for Colchester United and Wealdstone before signing for the Magpies in 2023.

### 27. CHARLEE ADAMS - MIDFIELD

Adams played for both West Ham and Birmingham City at youth level, and after loans at Lincoln City and Kilmarnock, he would drop down to the National League to play for Dagenham and Barnet. The midfielder joined Maidenhead in August 2021 and made 42 league appearances last season, scoring 7 goals.

### 38. DAVID OMILABUT - MIDFIELD





# Maidenhead United Greatest Seasons

## CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

**Football historian  
LEIGH EDWARDS  
selects ten post-war  
Maidenhead United  
'Classic Campaigns'.**

### 1957/58

Maidenhead United won the Corinthian League title for the first time in 1957/58. Grays Athletic held a seven-point advantage over the Magpies in mid-March but Maidenhead won 13 and drew one of their final 15 games. They gained a vital 2-1 victory at Grays in their penultimate match, then clinched the title with a 2-0 win at bottom club Worthing. The Magpies had trounced Worthing 7-1 at York Road six months earlier and finished with 43 points from 28 matches. They also reached the Berks & Bucks Cup final but lost 1-0 to Wycombe Wanderers. Ron Barrett, who later joined Grimsby Town, was leading marksman with 23 goals from 22 games.

### 1960/61

Maidenhead United won the Corinthian League title again in 1960/61. The Magpies went to the top of the table in October and remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 0-0 draw at Edgware in their penultimate match. They gained 43 points from 30 games, finishing three ahead of runners-up Chesham. Maidenhead beat Windsor & Eton, Uxbridge, Edgware and Erith & Belvedere to reach the FA Cup first round proper and faced Football League opposition for the first time, losing 5-0 at Colchester. They also won the Berks & Bucks Cup, defeating Chesham 2-1 in the final replay. Wally Beevers and Peter Lowen scored 40 goals between them.

### 1961/62

Maidenhead United achieved the Corinthian League and Memorial Shield 'double' in 1961/62. The Magpies began with a 5-2 win at Wembley and also slammed five goals past Letchworth, Erith & Belvedere and Dorking, then hammered Epsom & Ewell 7-0. They achieved a then club record 18 match unbeaten run and won the Corinthian League title by a massive seven point

margin, gaining 49 points from 30 games and boasting the best defensive record. The floodlights at York Road were officially switched with a 1-1 draw in a friendly against Reading watched by 2,150. Maidenhead beat Wokingham 6-2 on aggregate in the Memorial Shield final.

### 1990/91

Maidenhead United won promotion for the first time in 1990/91. They set an Isthmian League record by winning their first 13 games and a club record of going undefeated for 19 matches. The latter run started with a 3-0 win at Harefield in December and ended with a 2-0 defeat at Ruislip Manor in mid-April. Maidenhead clinched promotion with a 4-2 win at Eastbourne United with two games remaining. The Isthmian League Second Division (South) title race went to the final day but Abingdon Town won the title after Maidenhead were held to a 1-1 draw at Leatherhead and finished runners-up. Benny Laryea was top scorer with 35 goals

### 1996/97

Maidenhead United won the Isthmian League Full Members Cup in 1996/97. Alan Devonshire's side defeated Molesey 2-0 and Walton & Hersham 1-0, then Chuk Agudosi scored to give the Magpies a 1-0 quarter-final victory at eventual Isthmian League champions Yeovil Town. Goals by Francis Duku, Obinna Ulasi and Tyrone Houston gave Maidenhead a 3-1 semi-final win over Sutton United. The Magpies beat Aylesbury United 3-0 in the final with goals from Micky Creighton, Gary Attrell and Duku. It was the first trophy won by Maidenhead since the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup in 1970. They finished mid-table in the Isthmian League First Division.

### 1999/00

Maidenhead United won promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division in 1999/2000.



### NLS Champions 2016/17

Alan Devonshire's side began with a 3-1 defeat at home to Leyton Pennant but then surged up the table with a 12 match unbeaten run. The Magpies gained a thrilling 4-3 victory at home to Braintree as they lost only twice in 14 games. Chuk Agudosi was leading marksman as they finished third in the Isthmian League First Division with 75 points. Maidenhead also defeated Bromley, Basingstoke Town, Whyteleafe, Bishop's Stortford and Billericay to reach the Isthmian League Cup final for the first time. They were beaten 1-0 after extra-time by Farnborough Town

### 2003/04

Maidenhead United reached the FA Trophy quarter-finals in 2003/04. The Magpies drew 3-3 at Swindon Supermarine before goals by Steve Hale and Lawrence Yaku secured a 2-1 win in the replay at York Road. Hale scored twice as Maidenhead won 3-1 at Histon in the third round, then two goals by Yaku plus others from Hale, Steve Sanders and Brendon Gallen secured a 5-1 fourth round win at home to Wealdstone. Hale and Yaku scored again as Maidenhead won 2-0 at Halifax Town in the fifth round before the FA Trophy run ended with a 4-0 defeat at Canvey Island. John Dreyer's side finished mid-table in the Isthmian League Premier Division.

### 2006/07

Maidenhead United regained Conference South status at the first attempt in 2006/07. The Magpies began with a 2-1 defeat at Gloucester City, then drew their next five Southern League games. Dwane Lee scored as they took Stafford Rangers to an FA Cup first round replay. Johnson Hippolyte's side won three successive matches in January and they surged into the promotion race with eight straight

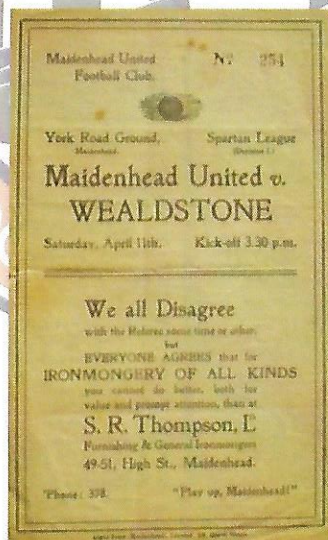
wins in March. Lee Newman was leading scorer as Maidenhead qualified for the Southern League Premier Division play-offs in fourth place after winning their final four games. They beat King's Lynn 1-0 in the semi-finals, then beat Bath 1-0 in the play-off final.

### 2011/12

Maidenhead United took Football League opposition to an FA Cup replay for the first time in 2011/12. The Magpies won 3-2 at Farnborough in the second qualifying round replay, then beat Woking 4-1. They stormed to a 5-0 win at Godalming to reach the FA Cup first round proper. Anthony Thomas' early goal gave the following team a 1-1 draw with Aldershot Town in front of 2,283 at York Road: Sam Beasant, Bobby Behzadi, Leon Solomon, Daniel Brown, Leigh Henry, John Scarborough, Martel Powell, Will Hendry (Andrew Fagan), Ashan Holgate, Anthony Thomas (Alex Wall), Reece Tilson-Lascaris (Manny Williams). They lost 2-0 in the replay, history.

### 2016/17

Maidenhead United won the Conference South title in 2016/17. Alan Devonshire returned as manager and the Magpies stormed to the top with a 19 match unbeaten run, going nine points clear with a 5-0 win at home to Dartford in mid-December. The run ended with a 2-1 defeat at Wealdstone on Boxing Day but Maidenhead remained in pole position with nine straight wins. They lost 2-1 at home to rivals Ebbsfleet United in their penultimate match but clinched the title with a 3-0 victory at Margate. The Magpies boasted the best defensive record and won 30 of their 42 games, gaining 98 points. They also won the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup.



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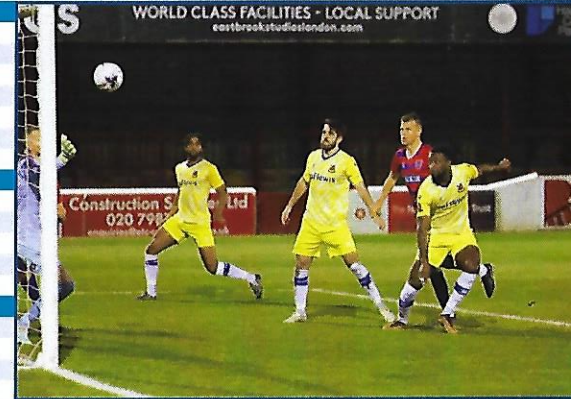
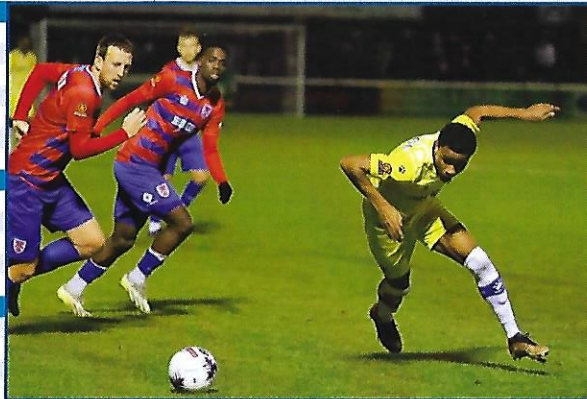
# FIRST TEAM RESULTS 2023/2024

## KEY

- P FILLED-IN = STARTED THE MATCH
- P OUTLINED = CAME ON AS SUBSTITUTE
- P GREEN = FIRST SUBSTITUTION
- P PINK = SECOND SUBSTITUTION
- P BROWN = THIRD SUBSTITUTION

AUGUST		Comp	Score	(Total)	(Away)	Lge	Goal scorers
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	EBBSFLEET UNITED	VNL	2-1	1,422	186	11	Campbell 2 (1 Pen)
16	ALTRINCHAM	VNL	0-0	1,302	70	11	
19	Dorking Wanderers	VNL	1-3	1,389	150	12	Bowen
23	Chesterfield	VNL	2-3	7,301	140	15	Smith, Adarkwa
26	WOKING	VNL	1-0	1,310	250	13	Bowen
30	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	VNL	1-1	1,640	385	15	Bowen
OCTOBER							
3	Gateshead	VNL	1-2	896	54	16	Allarakhia
7	Kidderminster Harriers	VNL	0-1	2,546	190	15	
14	Bromley	FAC4Q	2-3	1,933	195	15	Kretzschmar, Ferguson
21	BOREHAM WOOD	VNL	1-1	1,505	73	16	Allarakhia
24	OXFORD CITY	VNL	3-1	1,029	35	15	Smith, Bowen (2)
28	Solihull Moors	VNL	0-1	1,281	108	16	
NOVEMBER							
11	ROCHDALE	VNL	3-2	1,470	220	12	Cook (2), Adarkwa
18	FC Halifax Town	VNL	0-1	2,119	92	16	
25	BARNET	VNL	3-2	2,515	556	13	Cook (2), Barker
DECEMBER							
16	Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	2-0	1,318	173	13	Adarkwa, Allarakhia
19	BILLERICAY TOWN	FATO3					
23	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	VNL					
26	Maldenhead United	VNL					
JANUARY							
1	MAIDENHEAD UNITED	VNL					
9	ALDERSHOT TOWN	VNL					
6	Ebbsfleet United	VNL					
16	Southend United	VNL					
20	Rochdale	VNL					
23	SOUTHEND UNITED	VNL					
27	FC HALIFAX TOWN	VNL					
FEBRUARY							
3	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							

Dante BAPTISTE	Jack COOK	Charlie BARKER	Ashley CHARLES	Alex DYER	Mason BARRETT	Tarryn ALLARAKHIA	Nathan FERGUSON	Olufela OLOMOLA	Max KRETZSCHMAR	Corie ANDREWS	Jed WARD	Micah OBIERO	Luke DREHER	Dom HUTCHINSON	Kyle SMITH	Charles CLAYDEN	Brooklyn LUNGA	Abdul ABDULMALIK	Sam BOWEN	Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH	Sean ADARKWA	Tahvon CAMPBELL	Marcus DEWHURST	Brandon MASON	Eric NEGRARU	Joseph CULLIS				
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## PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

8th July	Bracknell Town	N	W	3-2	Campbell, Allarakhia, Mundle
10th July	Milton Keynes Don	H	W	2-1	Dyer, MacGregor
15th July	Farnborough	A	W	4-2	Olomola, Campbell, Trialist C
18th July	Billericay Town	H	D	0-0	
22nd July	Charlton Athletic	H	L	0-5	
25th July	Wycombe Wanderers	H	L	0-1	
29th July	AFC Wimbledon	H	L	0-2	

(Date in RED = midweek fixture) Pictures from our first away win since March against Dagenham & Redbridge - pictures courtesy of Jon Taffel @RonnieRaffle



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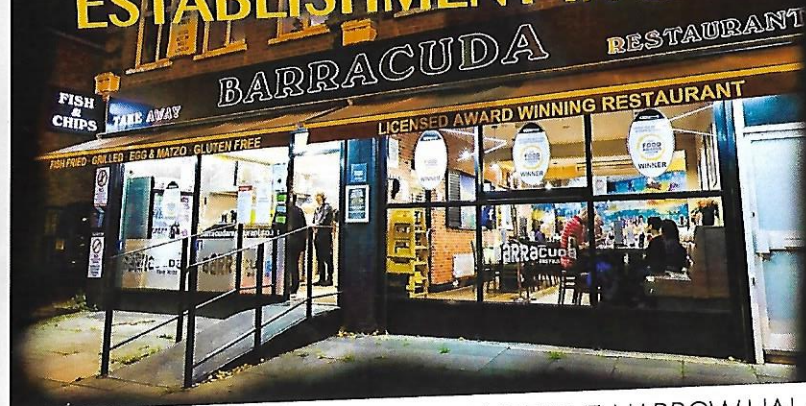
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# January the first.. what a fantastic start to the year that was in 1975 and 1983

**"People often ask me: 'Why the 'Rewind' and 'On this day' pages so often feature matches from the 1970s and 1980s?'**

Well, with respect dear reader, it's very obvious. It's because a) we were, until very recently our most successful years as a football club and b) because myself and my fellow Rewinder Gordon may be old gits, and something that happens in school days is necessarily more exciting than in your 30s years.

A few years ago we discussed the excellent football nostalgia 'Got, Not Got' in the programme and the authors reckon that anything that happens between the ages of 10-13 years old is the bedrock of your sport-obsession. Without the distraction of major exams and adult pressures, you live in a world where your football team and all ephemera that surrounds it becomes ultimately important.

Personally, nothing has changed in the intervening 50+ years! And without any prelude, let me take you back to January 1st 1975....

the glorious mid-Seventies! The Stones had shaken off the cobwebs of the amateur years, moved into the semi-professional Southern League and after two years finding their way won the Division One championship by 11 goals from runners-up Bath. We were in THE BIG

LEAGUE. The Southern League Premier Division. Or so it seemed. From a club that four years earlier was playing in the parochial Isthmian League with trips to Clapton, Walthamstow Avenue and Barking along with the bigger fry of Wycombe, Enfield and Hendon, we were now just one level below the Football League and our new opponents - clubs like Kettering Yeovil, Chelmsford, Weymouth, Nuneaton, Telford and Cambridge City - were all big noises who had campaigned for promotion to the EFL in recent years.

They played in big stadiums with big support. And, to be honest, the Stones were worthy of a place in that company as we had our then-13,000 capacity Lower Mead and crowds that had grown from 700 to over 2,000

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WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY 1975  
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SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION



**A HERO'S MADE: Keeper Dickie Guy and Wimbledon have grabbed a Leeds United... weeks after losing to**

in our successful 1973-74 season. Thus the 74-75 season dawned with great optimism. As the League table showed (on opposite page) we were holding our own in that exalted company. Coming up on the rails, though, was Wimbledon. The Dons manager Allen Batsford had been recruited from Walton & Hersham together with his assistant Brian Hall (do that pair sound familiar?) the previous summer and brought four of the Hersham Boys outstanding players from their FA Cup run the previous season (when they knocked out Brighton, and manager Brian Clough, 4-0).

When we faced Wimbledon on New Year's Day we were seventh and the Dons were third, but with three and four games in hand on top two Yeovil and Nuneaton following an excellent FA Cup run. They were featured in the national Press that week ahead of their Third Round tie at First Division high-flyers Burnley just three days after the game at Lower Mead (where they were to famously win 1-0).

It was the perfect storm for an enormous Lower Mead crowd. We had been cooking up some big attendances with barnstorming



**saves Peter Lorimer's penalty-0-0 draw at the Champions Wealdstone at Lower Mead**

wins over champions Dartford (4-1), Tonbridge (4-1), Atherstone (2-0) and Stourbridge (3-0) and could field a side that was arguably at its peak after a tremendous calendar year.. and in front of 3,400 that New Year's Day we matched the awesome Dons in every area of the pitch. This was the Wimbledon side that would go on to giant-kill Burnley (as mentioned) and then take League Champions (and eventual European Cup finalists) Leeds United to a replay before losing to an unlucky own goal in the Fourth Round.

This was the Wimbledon side that would end up as 1975 Southern League Champions, and then repeat that success in 1976 and '77, forcing the Football League 'closed shop' to creak open its doors and admit them to membership of Division Four.

The Dons were undeniably the non-League team of the 70s, but they left Lower Mead with bloody-nosed that New Year's Day thanks to an heroic Stones display and a rather fortunate deflection that left Wimbledon's legendary goalkeeper Dickie Guy flat footed. Guy was the hero of the Dons' 0-0 draw at Leeds just

three weeks later, saving a Peter Lorimer penalty. But here he had no chance as our Dutch winger Adrian Eglite switched feet out on the right touchline at the Cinema End, and whipped the ball in left-footed into the Wimbledon six yard box where the despairing left back Jeff Bryant deflected it with his head into the net. The roar nearly took the roof off the stand!

Wimbledon shrugged off the setback, however, and ended up winning the league by three points from runners-up Nuneaton while the Stones were 12 points further back in 8th. We nearly derailed the Dons' title charge by completing an unlikely league double, 2-1 at Plough Lane in April - and talking to their manager Allen Batsford half a dozen years later, he admitted that it was those Wealdstone performances of the mid-70s that helped persuade him to take over the Lower Mead manager's job when Ken Payne was sacked in 1980.

I interviewed him for the Har-

**SOUTHERN LEAGUE — PREMIER DIVISION**  
(Up to and including Saturday, 28th December, 1974)

Team	Home			Goals			Away			Goals		Wendstone	Results
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	A	Pts		
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Nuneaton Borough	20	10	1	0	23	5	4	1	4	11	30	L 1-2	Away
Wimbledon	17	7	1	0	19	7	6	1	2	15	28		L 1-4
Kettering Town	22	7	1	2	23	10	4	4	4	15	27		W3-2
Telford United	25	6	4	2	19	13	4	3	5	18	27	L 1-3	L 0-2
Bath City	18	7	2	3	22	15	3	2	2	8	24	D 0-0	
Wealdstone	21	6	3	3	22	15	3	2	4	11	23		
Margate	21	4	4	2	16	10	4	3	4	15	23	L 0-3	
Stourbridge	23	4	5	3	23	20	4	2	4	15	23	W3-0	D 1-1
Tonbridge	21	5	3	2	12	7	3	3	5	10	23	W4-1	L 0-1
Grantham	23	6	5	0	21	8	1	2	9	12	28		
Cambridge City	22	3	4	3	15	13	4	3	5	16	20		W2-0
Burton Albion	20	4	2	1	9	5	3	5	6	14	20		
Dover	24	4	4	6	9	12	2	5	3	11	17		
Chelmsford City	22	5	3	4	21	19	1	5	4	6	11		
Weymouth	21	4	3	2	15	11	1	4	7	12	17	W2-1	
Atherstone Town	18	5	4	1	16	11	1	1	5	4	17	W2-0	
Dartford	23	2	4	5	13	13	2	4	3	14	26	W4-1	
Barnet	22	5	2	4	15	12	1	2	8	8	26		D 1-1
Maidstone United	18	2	1	4	9	8	2	6	3	11	15	L 1-3	
Guildford & Dorking	23	2	3	6	18	23	1	2	8	5	15	D 1-1	W2-1
Romford	21	2	4	4	8	11	0	3	8	10	23	W3-2	

- Goalscorers:**
- League—G. Duck 8, J. Godfrey 6, J. Henderson 5, W. Byrne 4, A. Eglite 4, R. Fulton 2, T. Evans 1, P. Fairclough 1, B. Moss 1, J. Watson 1.—Total 33
  - League Cup—G. Duck 2, T. Evans 2, P. Fairclough 2, J. Godfrey 1, J. Henderson 1, Own Goal 1.—Total 9
  - FA Cup—G. Duck 2, W. Byrne 1, P. Fairclough 1, R. Fulton 1, Own Goal 1.—Total 6
  - Mid-Surrey League—G. Duck 3, T. Evans 2, T. Dyson 1, A. Eglite 1, J. Henderson 1, J. McCormick 1.—Total 9
  - Friendlies—T. Evans 3, G. Duck 1.—Total 4

**WEALDSTONE (o)**

(Royal Blue and White)

- J. Morton
- C. Kinnear
- J. Watson sent off
- P. Fairclough
- J. McCormick
- J. Godfrey
- R. Fulton
- J. Henderson
- B. Moss
- G. Duck
- A. Eglite
- W. Kitchener

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- J. Bryant own goal
- D. Donaldson
- W. Edwards
- D. Bassett sent off
- I. Cooke
- S. Rice-Kilick
- R. Connell
- K. Somers
- M. Mahon
- D. Lucas-Rice

Linesmen

Mr. D. G. Matham (Yellow Flag)

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(Coastal Flag)

row Observer and he mentioned the potential at Wealdstone as being greater than Wimbledon at that time. "There are so many clubs in South and Central London, I really think Wealdstone can go places if we can attract the sort of crowds that the club had in the mid-70s" he said.

Sadly, even after Batsford and Hall had propelled the club into an echo of Wimbledon by winning the Conference title in 1985 (and even bettering that with the FA Trophy too) we never again saw the like of a 3,000 crowd for a league game. Not until we met Barnet at the Vale last season, in fact, when 3,012 saw the National League clash. Harrow's football-

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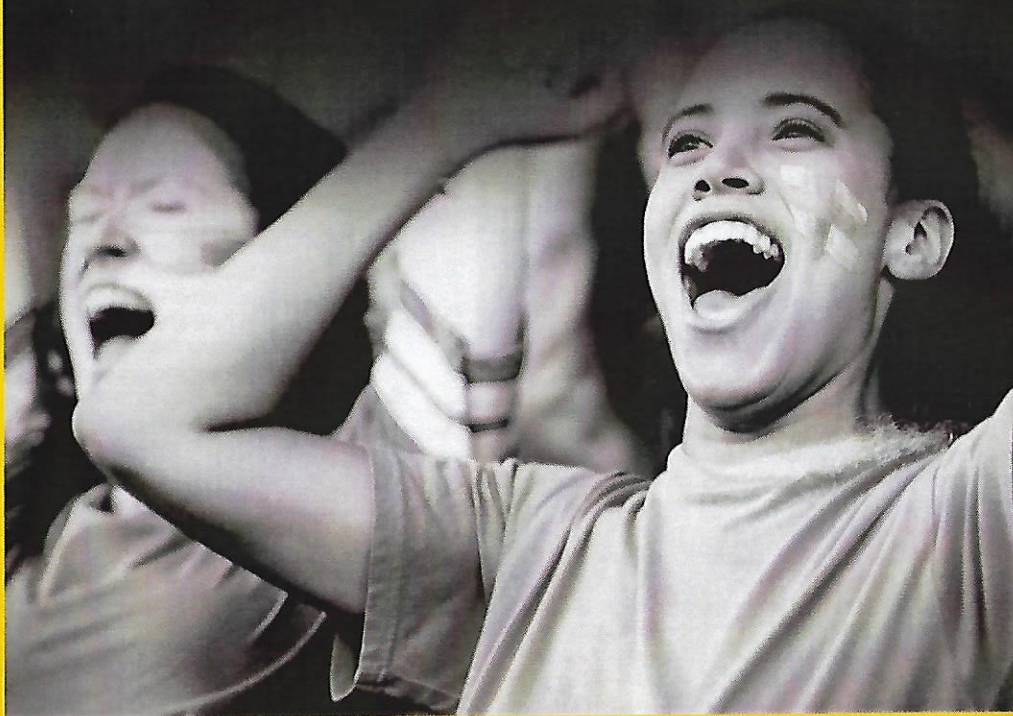




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**ON THIS DAY continued....**



*New Year's Day 1975: Wimbledon keeper Dickie Guy plucks this cross off the head of Bobby Moss in front of the 3,400 crowd at Lower Mead*

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watching flame seemed to die out in the 1970s and it's only since the move to Ruislip and the rekindling of that sporting passion, that the flicker has been reignited. Add on a new stadium and crowds of the size of Wimbledon 1975 could be the norm.

Now then, let's visit...  
**January 1st 1983**  
ISN'T THAT opening paragraph on the match report (opposite page) one of the greatest in Wealdstone history?  
"Stones followed up their 6-0 drubbing of Barnet with the best possible start to the second half of the season as they beat mighty Enfield at Southbury Road on Saturday".

This was our first season back in the Conference (or APL as it was known in those days) and we had quickly established ourselves among the front runners after winning a clean sweep of Southern League trophies in 1981-82. But Enfield were the bench-

mark. Enfield, who had rubbed our noses in their superiority right through the 60s and 70s (firstly when we were Isthmian League rivals and then in Cup games with successive 3-0, 4-0 and 5-0 wins) and then, when they finally decided they were too big for the Isthmian pond, took the APL by storm by finishing runners up in their first season and winning the FA Trophy.

Now they were title favourites. Personally, I was in a cleft stick. I was Sports Editor of the Enfield Gazette and wearing my Enfield hat most weeks, revelling in their performances while secretly hoping the Stones would regain their place at the top table and take on the Es... which they did.

The previous season we'd beaten Enfield in the Middlesex Senior Cup at Lower Mead, but Es' boss Eddie McCluskey wrote it off as 'a blip, and a competition we weren't taking seriously'.

But he wasn't smiling after this

epic 1-0 win at unbreachable Southbury Road as 1983 dawned in front of a 1,280 crowd. I watched on, enthralled, from the Press Box as the brilliant Enfield side - who had swept aside all opposition almost contemptuously for years - were stopped in their tracks by Allen Batford's superbly organised team.

Enfield were hampered by having to play influential midfielder Nicky Ironton as a stand-in centre back, but men I had watched dismantle all-comers in the previous seasons (including league teams Wimbledon and

Port Vale in the FA Cup) were simply out-thought by the fired-up Stones.

Alan Cordice and Mark Graves were the perfect match of pace and guile up front; Robin Wainwright and Neil Cordice in central midfield were powerful and talented; Nigel Johnson and Roy Davies on the flanks weren't true wide men but clever and technically ex-

**1983 Alliance Prem League Enfield.....0 Wealdstone 1**

# Stones so slick as Enfield go down

Enfield 0, Wealdstone 1  
STONES followed up their 6-0 drubbing of Barnet with the best possible start to the second half of the season as they beat mighty Enfield at Southbury Road on Saturday. Alliance League leaders Enfield ran into a Wealdstone brick wall as Allen Batsford's side constantly stifled the table toppers and turned in a watertight defensive display in the second half. And the result — and subsequent re-emergence of Stones title challenge — will have Enfield looking anxiously over their shoulders as the championship battle enters 1983.

Two minutes later it should have been 2-0 when stand-in defender Nicky Ironton presented a weak back pass to Alan Cordice — only for the striker to run into 'keeper Jacobs. Enfield's best effort came from striker Dave Flint who brought a diving save from Ray Goddard late in the game.

### Booked

On the break Stones frequently threatened but Alan Cordice lacked the imagination to match his outstanding pace.

Twice he was forced wide by centre-half Dave Waite — but on a third occasion the defender was forced to take Cordice's legs from under him, and earned a booking in the process.

### Poise

It was exactly the start to the New Year that Wealdstone wanted with a display of poise, competitive spirit and sheer good organisation that successfully snuffed out all Enfield's attacking intentions. And 'Stones looked far more likely to score on the break.

Enfield's total of nine attempts on goal with just two on target was the lowest in any game since joining the Alliance.

Missing the suspended Keith Barrett, Enfield never looked happy as the 'Stones plied front men Alan Cordice and Mark Graves with long and accurate passes.

But Wealdstone's goal — as it turned out, the only one of the game — came from a set piece in the 22nd minute.

Dennis Byatt's free kick from the left touchline picked out Paul Bowgett at the far post and he directed the ball back across goal to where the diving Mark Graves headed past the wrong footed Jacobs.

With seven minutes left Enfield produced a late effort when Noel Ashford headed just over from 12 yards — but by then the home side had been effectively stonewalled by 'Stones masterful brickwork.

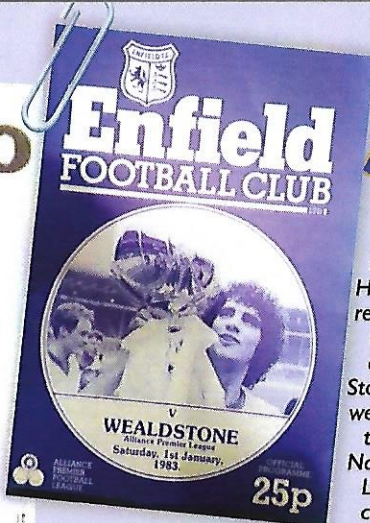
Wealdstone: Goddard, Barwick, Perkins, Wainwright, Davies, Johnson, Cordice (A), Graves, Cordice (N), Waite.

**DELIGHTED** Wealdstone boss Allen Batsford said afterwards: "We played very well. I thought we performed excellently in the first half — closing them down quickly and not allowing them to play at all.

"The only disappointing thing was that we only went in one up — I thought we were worth more than that."

The 'Stones boss went on: "Five players got knocks in the first half and that obviously affected our second half performance.

"But having said that I thought that we defended very well."



Far left: The Harry O match report of one of the greatest away wins in Stones' history as we challenged at the top of the National League. Left: The program cover that day

cellent; Paul Bowgett and Dennis Byatt at the back were simply the best central defenders in non-League; and Fred Barwick and Steve 'Polly' Perkins were strong and experienced full backs, Fred deputising for our emerging star Stuart Pearce who had suffered a stress fracture of his left leg. Oh, and in goal was the peerless ex-Orion and Wimbledon pro Ray Goddard.

Enfield's Noel Ashford, Paul Taylor and Dave Flint just couldn't find a way through and a goal from Mark Graves (below) saw us worthy winners.

I dutifully went down to the bar to speak to the players and boss McCluskey, but on my way out realised I'd left my car at the other end of the car park. So I doubled back and, overjoyed at the 1-0 win, jumped in the air like Eric Morecambe to click my heels... just as Messrs Ironton, Ashford and Taylor barged out of the doors of the clubhouse.

I think my allegiance was confirmed at that moment. They gave me a funny look and but then just laughed, and Ironton said: "We'll have your boys next time!"

As it turned out, four months later they did. A roller-coaster match ended 3-1 in Enfield's favour at Lower Mead in front of a 1,700 crowd - and virtually assured the North Londoners of the title.

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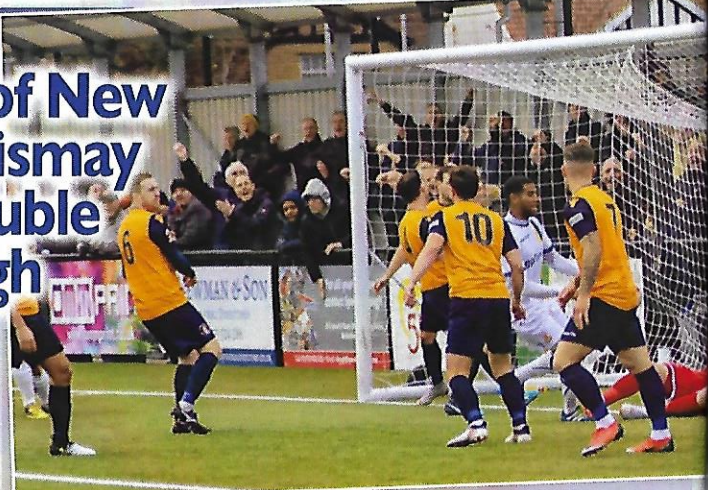
**After years of New Year's Day dismay...finally a double against Slough**

**OUR record on New Years Day is pretty lamentable... in the years following the games mentioned on the previous pages we managed just ONE win in ELEVEN January 1st games between 1991 and 2019!**

That was a memorable 0-0 win at Hendon at the start of 2006 with Armaine Beckford, Richard Jolly and Gary Surrall on target. But if you had to choose a less likely scenario for Stones to break their dismal New Years Day duck you'd be hard pressed to choose Slough Town way on the first day of 2019.

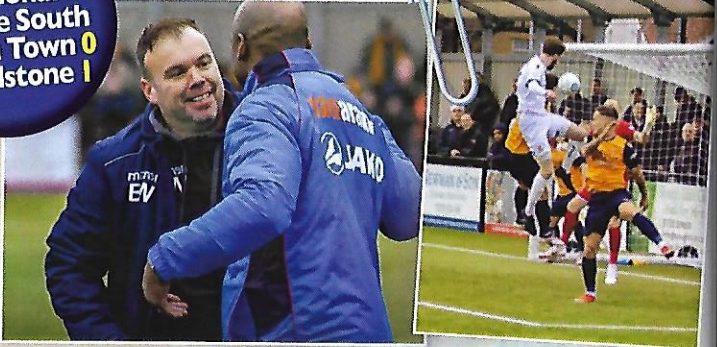
Remember December 2018? Under Bobby Wilkinson, we were tumbling like a blind man without a stick to the end of the year. That month had encompassed this set of results:

Dec 1 Eastbourne (H) L 0-3 Lge  
 Dec 8 St Albans (A) D 0-0 Lge  
 Dec 15 Biggleswade (A) L 0-1 FAT  
 Dec 26 Slough (H) L 0-3 Lge  
 Dec 29 Oxford City (H) L 0-2 Lge  
 Biggleswade, losing to a team two divisions lower and with Matt all scoring the winner on a foul in the afternoon, was BAD. Miserable doesn't come close to describing



Above: Connor Stevens is as delighted as the fans as his second half header hits the Slough net. Below (right) you can see the height Stevens jumps to score. And (left) it's a huge relief for under-fire boss Bobby Wilkinson

**2019 National League South Slough Town 0 Wealdstone 1**



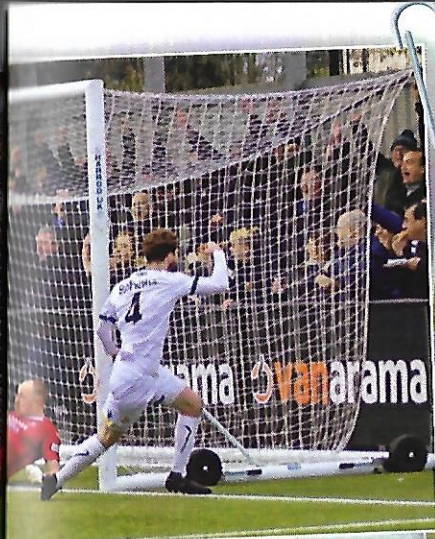
were turning a corner... only two defeats followed in the whole of January, February and March to give Stones a foothold on the play-off places and, as we all know, the season ended in heroic failure as we made the play-off semi-finals only to fall to a 3-2 defeat at Woking.

At kick-off at Arbour Park, though, it was all about self preservation and Wilkinson set his team up in a stifling formation to prevent a repeat of the 3-0 defeat to The Rebels only a week previously. Even worse, our former midfielder Scott Davies was in imperious form and clearly enjoyed putting one over his previous employers (as had the jubilant, mocking Matt

Ball, of course, for Biggleswade). But half time arrived with the Stones intact, and with new-found belief. Even so it was surprise and a delight to the 200 or so away fans when centre-back Connor Stevens met Danny Green's corner with thumping header to give us the lead.

And, remarkably, we held on to start the New Year with three points and a whole new outlook. Good old Bobby, whatever happened to him?

**Wealdstone: North, Shephard, Medford-Smith, Stevens, Okimo, Poku, Monakana, Mensah, Pratt, Green, Hudson-Odoi. Subs used: Kowalkowski, Lench. Unused: Wilson, Smith, Obi.**



Left: Michee Efete rocks Slough from a sharp angle after just a few minutes... and (left, below) Ross Lafayette runs to celebrate after beating Turner from another narrow angle

**ONE YEAR down the line it was a very different story.**

Stones had jettisoned Wilkinson & Co in the summer and the new dream team of Dean Brennan and Stuart Maynard had made an immediate impact - with the emphasis on flowing football and overloading the opposition in key areas (it almost sounds like I know what I'm talking about).

By the time Christmas 2019 came around we were seven points clear at the top of the National League South with crowds surging over the 1,000 mark for the first time in 45 years. In second and third spot were Slough and Havant & Waterlooville... and the two Christmas games against The Rebels suddenly assumed great importance.

Slough were totally up for it in the Boxing Day game and inflicted a 2-1 defeat thanks to two controversial moments: firstly a penalty when our short-lived French centre-back Connor Edjenguélé was adjudged to have fouled Harris in the box - and Harris scored. Then Billy Clifford's pass sent Dennon Lewis away to equalise... only for a late flag to rule it out. A preposterous decision, according to a fan (me) who was standing directly in line. Michee Efete's goal came too

late to save us as Max Worsfold had banged in a second for Slough... and the 1,300 crowd celebrated.

Five days later, Slough made the return journey and were sunk by an early Stones barrage in front of a bouncing 1,289 holiday crowd. First Efete and then the excellent Ross Lafayette smashed shots past the odious Jack Turner in the Rebels goal (odious for his time wasting and simulation in the Boxing Day defeat) and we were so, so happy to point out to the keeper that he should have done better with both. Now 2-0 ahead, we had chances to bury the Berkshire side but the ball just wouldn't go in again... and there were a few nervy moments when Ryan Bird pulled one back

with a stonking header in the 81st minute. Goalie Turner even came up for a corner in injury time, got his head on the ball... but unbelievably saw it fly over the Bulla crossbar. Shame.

**What happened next?** Well, I think we all know what happened next.... The pandemic struck and

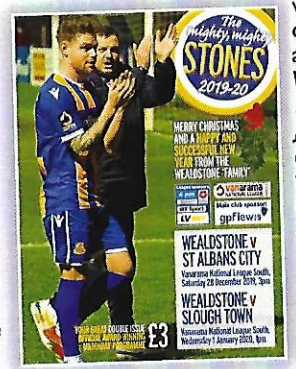
the Stones were denied a glorious end to the season, securing and celebrating the title in front of 2,000 crowds at the Vale. Instead the title was decided in mid-March by points per game, with Stones' 70 points from 33 games easily eclipsing the chasing Havant's 67 from 34.

Slough finished fifth but were beaten in the play-offs, with third-placed Weymouth winning a place in the National League for that strange behind-closed-doors 2020-21 season.

Slough Town are potentially a bigger club than the Stones, with a large population in a provincial town and with Reading their only close neighbours. They have a tidy new ground and a loyal fanbase, but the X-factor always seems to elude them. The Rebels were in the Conference though, back in the 20th century and would be welcome rivals once again.

**Wealdstone: Isted, Efete, Edjenguéle, Clifford (Green, 74), Stevens, Okimo, Phillips, Mendy (Charles, 86), Lafayette, Jebb, Lewis. Subs not used: Coombes, North, Smith.**

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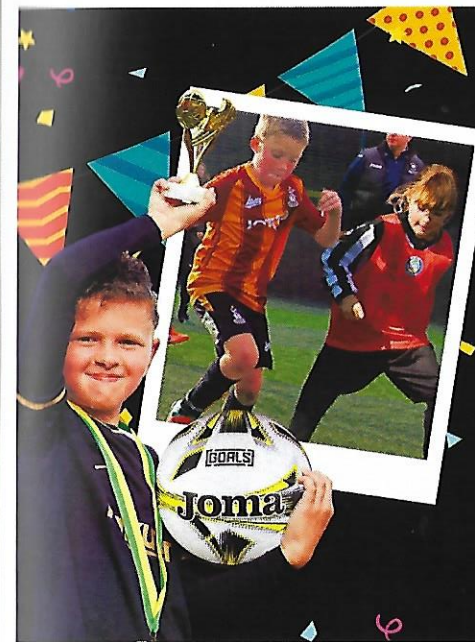
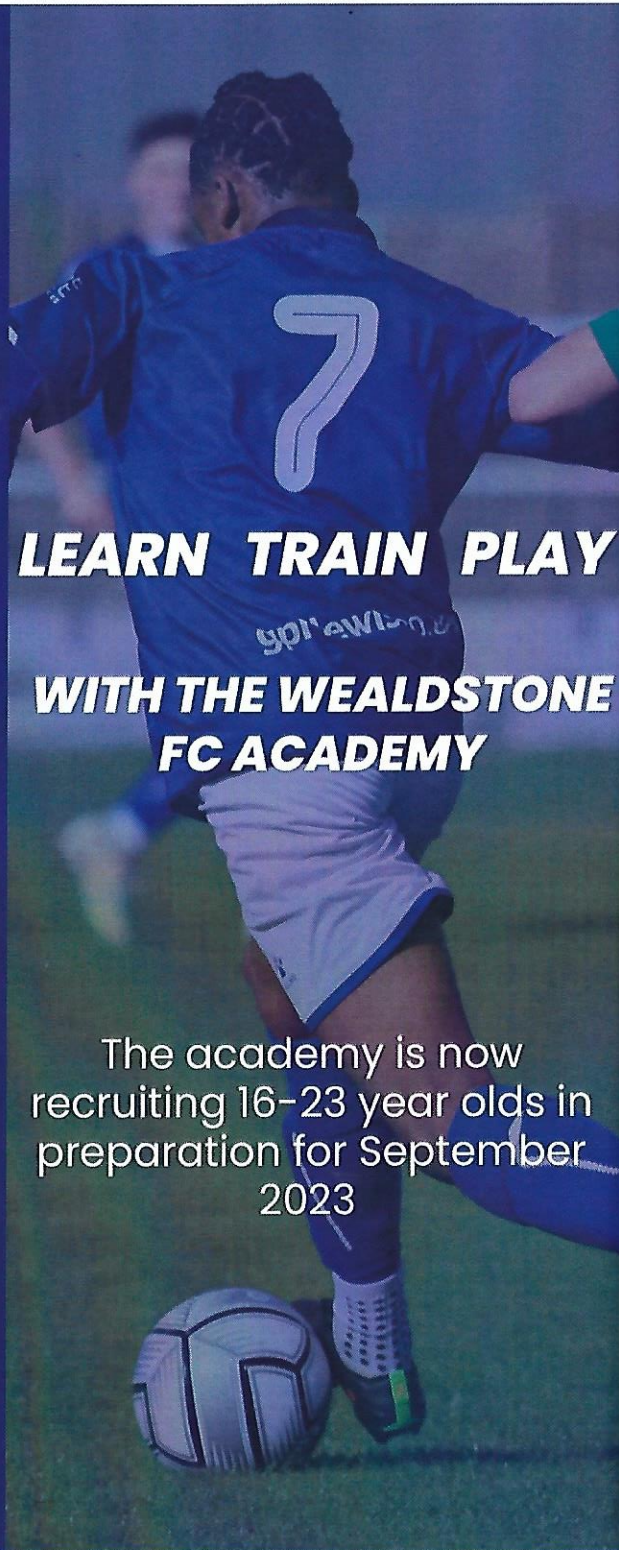
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REWIND SPECIAL >>>> by tim parks

# It happened 50 years ago

## Part 14: Stones chalk up a real season-defining win at Minehead pre-Xmas

*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.*

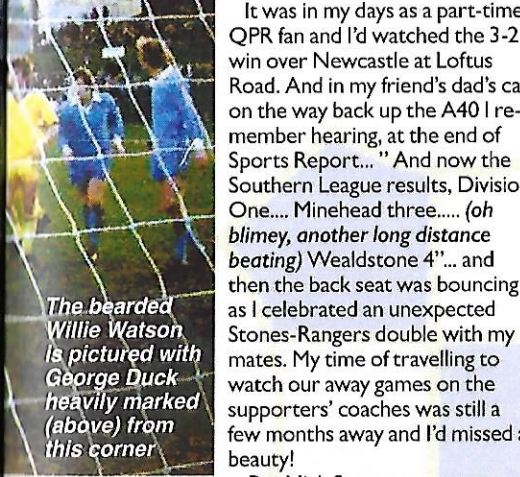
Saturday December 22, 1973, Southern League Division 1 South: Minehead 3 Wealdstone 4  
THIS Christmas period, five decades ago is one I've been dreading recounting. Not for the results - goodness no, the Stones were absolutely flying - but because there are no match reports to go on, due to industrial unrest.

It was the time of the three-day week and the unions were at loggerheads with Tory PM Ted Heath. The print unions were caught up in it too, hence the lack of the twice-weekly Harrow Observer to keep us updated on all things Wealdstone. For the teenage football fans of today that must be totally baffling. No social media? No instant gratification?

We had to wait until the appearance on Tuesdays (with the weekend match reports and Tuesday night previews) of the midweek Harry O, and then the big Friday paper with the Tuesday night happenings and the weekend match previews.

That came pretty close to bliss, as you opened up the paper and absorbed all the latest news.

A taste of Irnham Road, Minehead as Stones (in yellow) attack in January 1978, captured by a young Jon Taffel



The bearded Willie Watson, is pictured with George Duck heavily marked (above) from this corner

But now not even the local newspapers were publishing! Our only source of news was the odd mention in the National Press, and the printed programme in which our 'head of communications' Colin Pope manfully tried to keep us abreast of the news. Especially with kick-off times varying from week to week depending on whether floodlights were being allowed.

In the midst of all this our beloved Stones were fighting for promotion to the Southern League Premier Division - just one rung outside the hallowed Football League. The programme had news of our Christmas 1973 fixtures:

- Sat Dec 22 (2.15pm) v Minehead (away)
  - Weds Dec 26 (2.15pm) v Gravesend (home)
  - Sat Dec 29 (2.15pm) v Hastings Utd (home)
  - Tues Jan 1 (3pm) v Ashford Town (home)
  - Sat Jan 5 (2.15pm) v Bognor Regis (home)
- A veritable feast of holiday football!

For reasons best known to themselves, Gravesend requested to play their scheduled home game on Boxing day at Lower Mead and we weren't complaining.

But before that little lot came the trip to high-fliers Minehead. Going into the game the Somerset side were top of the table on 21 points from 16 games (in the days of two points for a win) while we were second with 18 points, with three games in hand. It was going to be a crucial clash.

Back in the early 70s we were used to long away days but the trips to Bridgend and Barry (both South Wales) in 1972,

and then Bideford (Devon) in '73 all had one thing in common: We'd never won. The mould was broken this winter's afternoon in 1973, and what a game it was!

It was in my days as a part-time QPR fan and I'd watched the 3-2 win over Newcastle at Loftus Road. And in my friend's dad's car on the way back up the A40 I remember hearing, at the end of Sports Report... "And now the Southern League results, Division One.... Minehead three.... (oh blimey, another long distance beating) Wealdstone 4"... and then the back seat was bouncing as I celebrated an unexpected Stones-Rangers double with my mates. My time of travelling to watch our away games on the supporters' coaches was still a few months away and I'd missed a beauty!

But Nick Symmons, our ex-chairman and still a director, was also a teenager back then and fondly remembers the adventure of trying to catch a train to this awkward awayday.

"It was the 'winter of discontent' with train strikes, miners' strikes, the three-day week and no floodlights due to the power crisis" recalls Nick.

"And the disruption on the railways meant that my train only went as far as Taunton. I was stranded and didn't think I'd make the early 2pm kick-off... then luckily I spotted a bus to Butlins at Minehead and jumped on that. The holiday camp was open over Christmas and that saved my bacon.

"And then came one of my most-favourite Wealdstone games of all time. There was a lot riding on it and we were fantastic in the early stages, taking a 3-0 lead with George Duck scoring twice and Chris Kinnear firing in the other.

"This was a bit of a theme in Wealdstone-Minehead games for, the previous season, we'd been losing 3-0 to them at Lower Mead before coming back to draw 3-3... we never thought that could happen again but Minehead staged a comeback of their own to tie the scores up at 3-3 with just moments left.

"Bill Byrne, our centre-forward, had been left out of the team for a couple of games for 'a breach of club discipline', whatever that meant, after the trip to Gibraltar but he was on the bench and he came on for Keith Bristow for one final throw of the dice from manager Sid Prosser... and it paid off! Bill scored the

last-minute winner; we took both points; we went top of the table and pretty much stayed there for the rest of the season."

And how did Nick get home? "I can't honestly remember, but I didn't care about that very much. It was all about winning the game." **Stones' line-up at Minehead: Roy Mackenzie, Eddie Presland, John Watson, Eric Burgess, John McCormick, Chris Kinnear, Paul Fairclough, Ray Fulton, Keith Bristow, George Duck, John Henderson. Sub: Bill Byrne.**

### What happened next?

WELL things were a little less complicated for the programme editor in those days with just six pages to fill but he did have three issues in the space of a week... although Boxing Day saw just a team sheet for the Gravesend game. It was a happy holiday for the treasurer, with the crowd for each game close to the 1,000 mark.

Title challengers 'Fleet were pipped 2-1 on Boxing Day, thanks to the persistence of winger Johnny Henderson (circled, below) who chased a lost cause in the dying seconds of the game at the Elmslie End, just beating the Kentish keeper to the ball and netting from an incredible angle. Amazing what lingers in the memory 30-odd years later!

What lingers in the memory of the Hastings game, just a few days later, is catching a later-than-usual 183 bus from my home in Pinner to Lower Mead. It should still have arrived with 10 minutes to spare, but every possible mishap occurred on the three-mile journey, including an accident involving a motorbike and then (as school-boy me was fretting about missing the kick-off) a little old lady actually dropping her shopping basket on a pedestrian crossing, and then spending several minutes collecting broken eggs from the roadside. The sort of thing that only happens in Carry On films!

By the time I got in the ground we were 1-0 ahead, thanks to the goal-poacher supreme George Duck. Hastings, who were also up at the top of the table, levelled before half time but we won the points when Bill Byrne lashed in the winner in front of the ecstatic Cinema End fans with 20 mins remaining.

Three days later, mid-table Ashford Town were beaten 4-1 in front of a 1,211 Lower Mead crowd (goalscorers George Duck 2 (1 pen), Billy Byrne and Henderson) and it was the perfect start to the New Year. Were Sid Prosser's side on course for the title? And could they win the FA Trophy too? **Stay tuned....**



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with the stones academy by Dale Welch

## The Stones academy is on course for huge early success, both academically and out on the pitch

The Wealdstone Academy under-23s face the camera before the recent home National Youth League cup game against Macclesfield



**WE HAVE reached the midpoint of the year for the Wealdstone FC Academy... and the Christmas period allows the players / students and coaches a short break and time to reflect.**

Most Stones' fans will be chiefly interested in the pathway from the academy to the 1st XI: clearly there is a large gap to bridge but it's hugely encouraging that the academy has already provided players to train regularly with the first team - and even break into Stuart Maynard's squad.

Gibraltar under-21 international Jaiden Bartolo is the most obvious example, signing National League forms last week and handed the No.25 shirt. The first team management team have been fantastic by involving academy youngsters, including Cougar Debny and Jamie Pottle on a regular basis.

The academy expanded this year with over 100 students/players overall in a full-time environment under the supervision

of Cameron Mawer, Dale Welch and Kenny Mutsyana. The Stones' general manager Richard Hopwood has also been excellent in supporting academy operations and has helped to build a bond with the club and the academy.

A lot of the players are working through an A Level equivalent programme / BTEC Sport and we have been pleased overall with their attendance, commitment and behaviour. We are on track to experience very high success rates academically at the end of the year in July.

On the pitch, the teams have had a hugely successful time and team 'results' have been very strong. We have seen the Na-

tional under-19s Alliance squad progress quickly up to 4th place after a slow start, and we also sit on top of two divisions in the Tactic League (T3 and F2 Divisions) with a good goal difference emerging as well as an advantage over other teams in points.

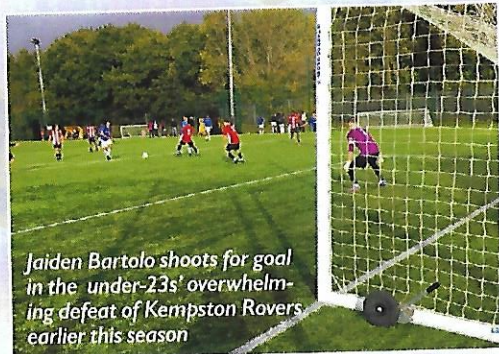
The consistency the players have shown has been excellent and this is testament to the strength in depth that the academy possesses this year.

We also continue to progress in the National Youth Alliance Cup and Tactic League Cup.

The U23s also had a strong start to the season and a relatively young under-23s squad sits third in the table in the National Football Youth under-23s league.

League games recommence early in January and if the second half of the season is anywhere near as good as the first then we could be on course for a hugely successful season.

● We are accepting applications for our intake for 2023/24. Potential players/students aged between 16-22 should email [academy@wealdstonefc.com](mailto:academy@wealdstonefc.com)



Jaiden Bartolo shoots for goal in the under-23s' overwhelming defeat of Kempston Rovers earlier this season



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 <b>BILLERICAY TOWN</b> Tuesday 19th December FA Trophy 2nd Qualifying Round	<b>Wealdstone FC Supporters Club</b>	
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 <b>MAIDENHEAD UNITED</b> Monday 1st January Vanarama National League	<b>Steve, Megan &amp; Rebecca Wood</b>	
 <b>ALDERSHOT TOWN</b> Tuesday 9th January Vanarama National League	<b>Wealdstone FC Supporters Club</b>	<b>Sponsor 2 Available</b>
 <b>SOUTHEND UNITED</b> Tuesday 23rd January Vanarama National League	<b>Sponsor 1 Available</b>	<b>Sponsor 2 Available</b>
 <b>FC HALIFAX TOWN</b> Saturday 27th January Vanarama National League	<b>Toby Jackson (Lapels Badges)</b>	<b>Sponsor 2 Available</b>
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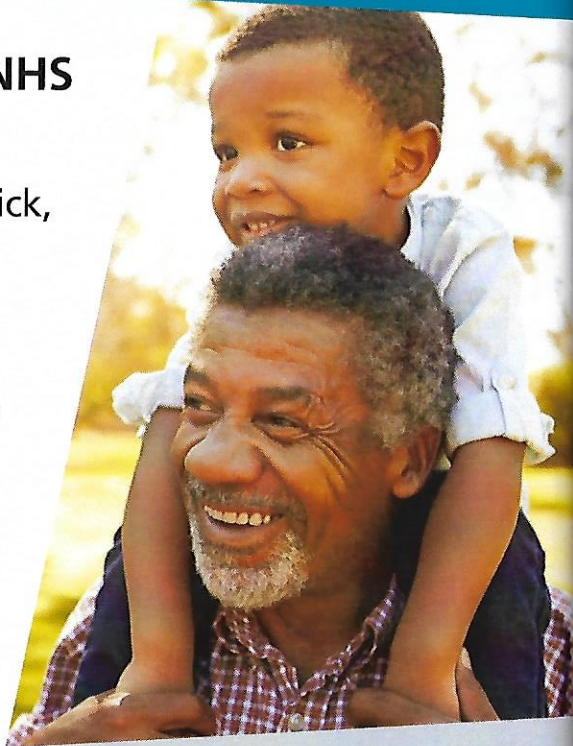


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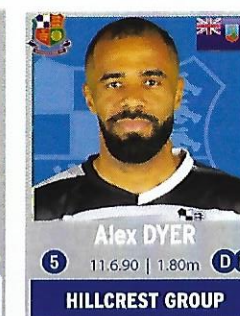
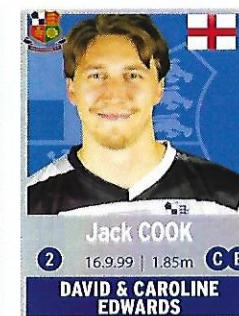
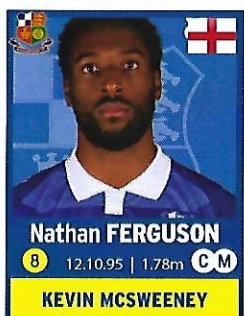
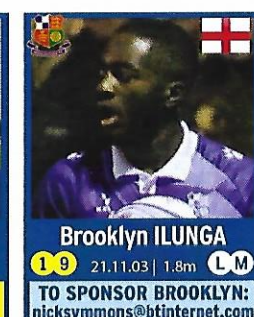
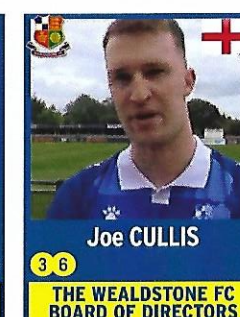
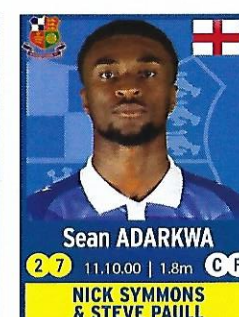
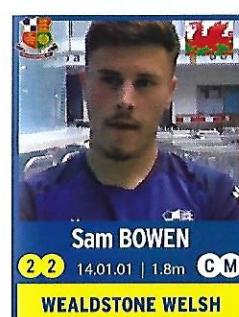
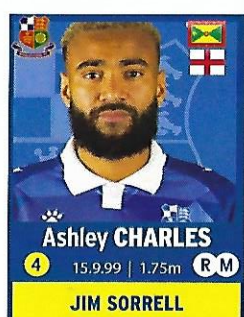
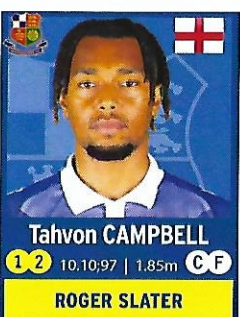
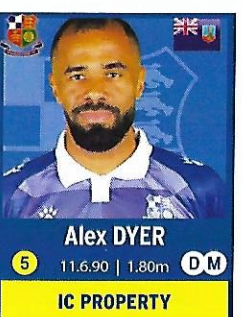
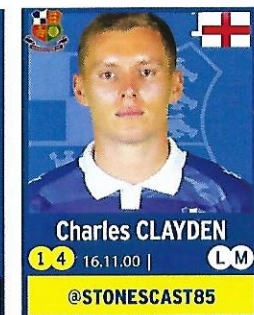
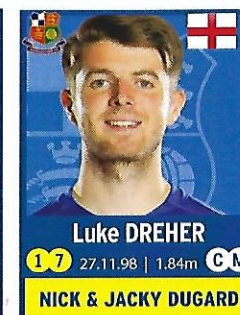
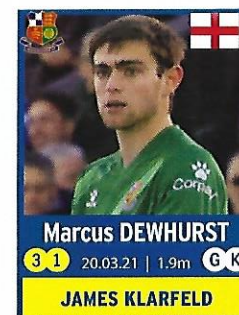
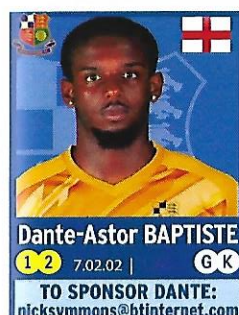
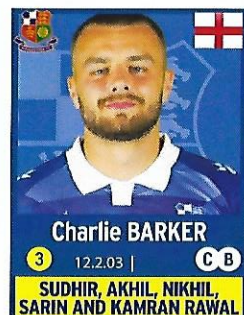
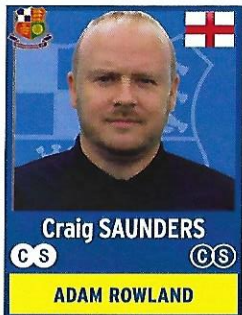
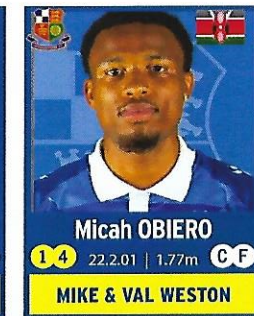
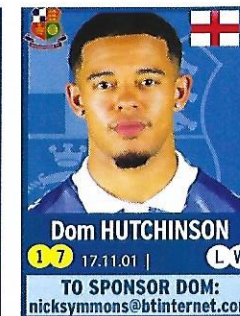
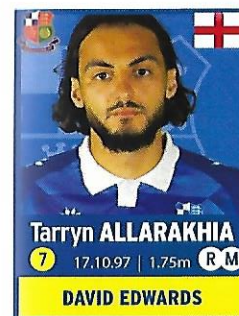
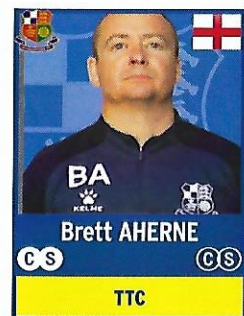
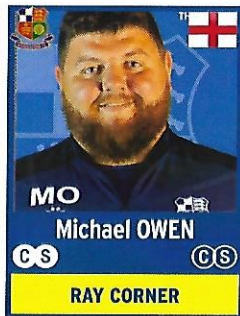
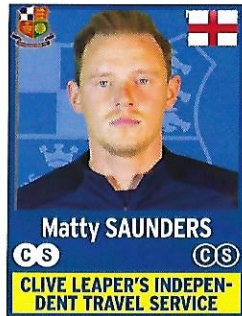
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	(H)
1 Chesterfield	22	18	2	2	54	28	10	9	1	0	30	15	12	9	1	2	24	13	26	56	3-3
2 Bromley	24	14	6	4	39	24	12	9	1	2	23	11	12	5	5	2	16	13	15	48	1-1
3 Barnet	23	13	4	6	44	36	11	7	2	2	20	15	12	6	2	4	24	21	8	43	3-2
4 Altrincham	22	10	8	4	42	30	11	6	4	1	26	12	11	4	4	3	16	18	12	38	0-0
5 Solihull Moors	23	10	7	6	34	33	12	4	4	4	18	15	11	6	3	2	16	18	1	37	0-1
6 Gateshead	22	10	6	6	47	29	12	5	3	4	24	18	10	5	3	2	23	11	18	36	1-2
7 Aldershot Town	23	11	3	9	41	41	12	7	3	2	28	20	11	4	0	7	13	21	0	36	3-3
8 Halifax Town	23	9	8	6	26	21	11	4	5	2	13	10	12	5	3	4	13	11	5	35	0-1
9 Rochdale	24	9	7	8	40	35	12	4	4	4	21	17	12	5	3	4	19	18	5	34	3-2
10 Oldham Athletic	23	8	9	6	36	35	11	3	5	3	18	14	12	5	4	3	18	21	1	33	1-1
11 Eastleigh	23	9	6	8	39	40	11	6	3	2	22	18	12	3	3	6	17	22	-1	33	0-0
12 Maidenhead United	24	7	9	8	28	33	12	4	6	2	12	10	12	3	3	6	16	23	-5	30	
13 Wealdstone	22	8	5	9	28	30	11	7	3	1	19	13	11	1	2	8	9	17	-2	29	
14 Boreham Wood	23	6	9	8	29	33	12	4	4	4	14	13	11	2	5	4	15	20	-4	27	1-1 0
15 Hartlepool United	23	8	3	12	36	43	12	5	1	6	18	21	11	3	2	6	18	22	-7	27	1-2
16 Southend United	22	10	5	7	38	24	11	8	0	3	26	9	11	2	5	4	12	15	+14	25	
17 Woking	23	7	4	12	26	31	11	2	2	7	11	17	12	5	2	5	15	14	-5	25	1-0
18 Dagenham & Redbridge	23	7	4	12	24	31	12	3	0	9	12	21	11	4	4	3	12	10	-7	25	0-2 2-0
19 Dorking Wanderers	22	7	4	11	27	39	12	4	2	6	16	19	10	3	2	5	11	20	-12	25	1-3
20 York City	23	5	9	9	31	41	11	2	5	4	18	20	12	3	4	5	13	21	-10	24	2-1
21 Ebbsfleet United	24	6	5	13	31	45	12	4	2	6	15	15	12	2	3	7	16	30	-14	23	2-1
22 Oxford City	24	5	6	13	35	48	12	4	2	6	20	21	12	1	4	7	15	27	-13	21	3-1
23 Kidderminster Harriers	24	4	7	13	17	30	12	2	5	5	8	11	12	2	2	8	9	19	-13	19	0-1
24 AFC Fylde	23	4	6	13	34	46	11	2	4	5	17	22	12	2	2	8	17	24	-12	18	3-2



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